



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

Middletown Hosts 22nd Anniversary of 9/11 Memorial Service on Monday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM

A graphic for a memorial service. The background features a stylized American flag with stars on the left and stripes on the right. The text is centered and reads:

Middletown  *Remembers*
22nd Anniversary of the
World Trade Center Tragedy
Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.
Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)
Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.
Tribute will be held rain or shine.

The community is invited to attend our memorial service to honor and remember those we lost in the World Trade Center attack 22 years ago. There will be a moment of silence, wreath tribute, and a candlelit walk through the Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street next to the Middletown Arts Center).

Click [HERE](#) to read our community advisory for more information.

MTPD Invites Community to Support PBA Local 124's 4th Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K on Saturday, 9/9

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Middletown Train Station

9/11 MEMORIAL 5K

3.1 MILES & KIDS RUN

www.911middletown5K.com

Proceeds from the 5K will go to a memorial scholarship fund created in honor of late Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti. As "keeper of the list" of the 37 residents we tragically lost on 9/11, Capriotti personally notified every single Middletown family who had lost a loved one that day. As a result of his response to Ground Zero, he contracted cancer and lost his battle in June 2019. The memorial scholarship fund was created as a way to pay tribute to the tremendous impact he has made to the families of the victims and to our community.

Registration is \$40 for the 5K Run + Walk and \$20 for the Kids' Race.

Visit www.911middletown5K.com for more information and to register.



Photo courtesy of Laura Mattes, Assistant to the Mayor

NWS Earle Hosts Annual 9/11 Remembrance Run

This morning, Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter Reagan joined U.S. Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle Captain Kent Smith, USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee's Treasurer Military Liaison Peter Engelman, and Assemblyman Gerry

Scharfenberger at NWS Earle's annual 9/11 remembrance run. The run/walk spanned a course of approximately two miles with the New York City skyline in the background.

Mayor Perry was humbled to participate in this important event prior to the Township's annual 9/11 service on Monday and Middletown PBA Local 124's annual 9/11 5K on Saturday.

Monmouth County Welcomes 40 New American Citizens



Mayor Perry offers congratulatory remarks and commends the new citizens for their achievement.

On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry attended a naturalization ceremony at Sandy Hook Lighthouse where Gateway National Recreation Area and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services staff welcomed 40 new citizens. All 40 are Monmouth County residents and represent 20 countries.

In addition to witnessing the citizens recite their oaths, Mayor Perry delivered a speech and personally congratulated each one with a handshake while helping pass out their certificates. Congratulations to these Americans on their dedicated journey to citizenship!

Township Committee Proclaims September 2023 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in Middletown



At Monday's meeting, the Middletown Township Committee recognized Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month with a proclamation. Mayor Tony Perry joined representatives of local non-profit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer and the Love for Luca 5K, as well as members of the Adinolfi family, to shine a light on pediatric cancer.

Andrea Verdone Gorsegner, the Founder/President of Infinite Love, began the presentation by promoting the Love for Luca 5K and sharing her gratitude for the event. All proceeds from the second annual Love for Luca 5K, which is taking place on Sunday, September 24th at 9 AM, will be donated to Infinite Love.

Lauren Moore and Sam Cutler, the coordinators of the Love for Luca 5K, also expressed their appreciation for Infinite Love and the entire Middletown community for supporting this important cause. The Love for Luca 5K began last year and is held in memory of Luca Iacono, a beloved 11-year old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019. Lauren and Sam's children were Luca's classmates.

After Andrea, Lauren, and Sam spoke, Mayor Perry gifted the proclamation to Skylar Adinolfi, a 8-year-old resident who is currently in the maintenance phase of her treatment for leukemia. Skylar was thrilled to accept it alongside her big sister Brianne and dad Tom!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Love for Luca 5K and click [HERE](#) to read more about Skylar and donate to her. Visit www.infiniteloveforkidsfightingcancer.org for more information about Infinite Love.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, September 17th.

Township Officials Discuss Storm Preparation



Township officials met this afternoon to discuss Hurricane Lee's path and ways to prepare should Middletown be impacted. The emergency operations team will be meeting again early next week when more information is available.

In the meantime, we encourage all residents to register for Nixle, the Township's emergency notifications system, since important severe weather information will be sent via that platform. Once registered, you will receive alerts about traffic detours, criminal activities, missing persons, and more.

Text MiddletownNJ to 888-777 or visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register.

Pre-Register for Middletown Animal Control's Free Cat

Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, 9/12 from 5:15-6:30 PM

 **FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC**
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TUESDAY, 9/12 FROM 5:15-6:30 PM
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Cats must be accompanied by owner and in its own carrier.

Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions and visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies to pre-register.



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Join Us for the Middletown Day Festival & Car Show on Saturday, 9/23 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM



MIDDLETOWN DAY FESTIVAL 2023
Saturday, September 23

CAR SHOW!
All cars welcome - cool, custom and classic - show off your ride for a chance to win cool prizes! \$10 entry.

Croydon Hall 11am-4pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Middletown Day returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall this year on Saturday, September 23rd!

Join us as a business, vendor, sponsor, or car show participant as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information.

Donate to Middletown's Back to School Supply Drive by Tuesday, 9/26



2023
BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

CUB SCOUTS

Supplies Needed

- Backpacks
- #2 Pencils & eraser caps
- Red & Blue Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Rulers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Washable Markers
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Binders, notebooks & folders
- Plus more!

Collecting Through September 26th

Drop Off Locations

- With any participating Cub Scout Pack
- Middletown Arts Center
- Middletown Library
- Middletown Police Station
- Middletown Senior Center
- Middletown Town Hall
- Poricy Park
- Tonya Keller Community Center

Participating Cub Scout Packs

Pack 22 Navesink, Pack 32 River Plaza, Pack 122 New Monmouth, Pack 142 Middletown Village, Pack 205 Nut Swamp School, Pack 242 Harmony School

Middletown Recreation, Middletown Social Services, Middletown Cub Scout packs, and Memorial Sloan Kettering are collecting school supplies for residents in need.

Please consider donating and helping students get off to a great start.

Click [HERE](#) to view our list of supplies and drop-off locations.

Register for MAC's Fall Classes!



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Fall 2023 classes has officially opened. Pick up a new hobby and check out all the wonderful programs they're offering!

Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult ones.

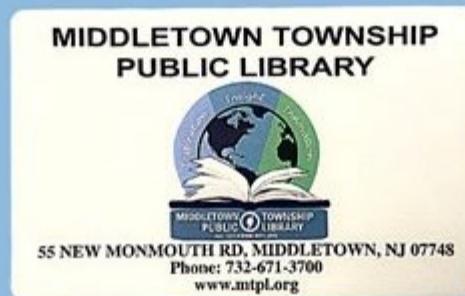
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month: Get Yours at the MTPL Today!



September is
**LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH**

**FIND OUT HOW TO SIGN UP
FOR YOURS TODAY!**

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



55 NEW MONMOUTH RD, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700
www.mtpl.org

INQUIRE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is encouraging all Middletown residents, students, and business owners to sign up for a library card. There will be a free prize given to everyone who comes to the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) during the month of September and signs up for one.

Visit www.mtpl.org to see all the great resources and programs the MTPL offers!

MTPL's "Fall Into Wellness" September Series Begins with Two Programs This Upcoming Week!

Fall Into WELLNESS

at the Middletown Public Library this September

Simplifying Weekly Meal Planning via Zoom  9/13

The Positive Psychology Diet  9/18

Kirtan led by Vivian Taormina  9/14

Optimizing Immunity via Zoom  9/20

 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748
PHONE: 732-671-3700 • WWW.MTPL.ORG

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) invites the community to attend its September series of virtual and in-person wellness programs that aim to provide adults with tools and tips to help them thrive this autumn. MTPL's Wellness Series programs are free and open to all who wish to attend.

Through Simplifying Weekly Meal Planning via Zoom on Wednesday, September 13th at 7 PM, attendees will learn tips on how to make cooking and meal planning less stressful and more fun! Vanessa Young, the cooking instructor and founder of thirstyradish.com, will be spearheading the virtual program. *Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

On Thursday, September 14th at 6 PM in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road), Vivian Taormina will teach you how to foster a sense of calm and positivity at the Kirtan program. Kirtan is a form of singing meditation set to music connecting us to our hearts and divine wisdom. *Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPL's press release for more information.

Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW

**WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING,
OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?**

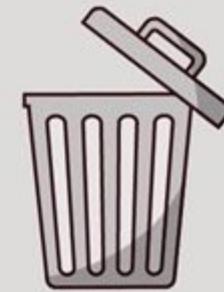
LET DPW KNOW!



Please complete an online form at
www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at
732-615-2090.



THANK YOU!

We encourage you to complete a form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup if
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MTPL's College Prep Series Begins with Two Programs This Upcoming Week!



Thinking of applying to college? Join the MTPL next week for some virtual programs to help you prepare for college applications!

On Tuesday, September 12th at 7 PM, attend **The New Digital SAT®: What You Need to Know** to learn about all the SAT's changes and what they mean for students. *Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

On Wednesday, September 13th at 7 PM, join Princeton College Consulting at **How to Get into an Ivy League** for a detailed behind-the-scenes perspective on what Ivy Leagues consider when evaluating applicants and how to use that knowledge for your own application process. *Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

Register for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run Happening on Sunday, 10/15



The poster features a green circular logo for Middletown Township, New Jersey, with a profile of a person's head in the center. The text "MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP" is at the top and "NEW JERSEY" is at the bottom, with "16" and "64" on either side of the profile. To the right of the logo, the words "Mayor's" are written in a cursive script, followed by "CHALLENGE" in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, a red rectangular box contains the text "5K + 1 MILE" in white. To the right of the red box, a green rectangular box contains the words "FUN RUN" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below these boxes, the text "PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Underneath this, the date "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15" is displayed in a yellow box. To the left of the date is a green long-sleeved t-shirt with a graphic design featuring the "Mayor's CHALLENGE" logo and a stylized figure. To the right of the date, the text "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:" is followed by "RALLYCAP Sports" in a stylized font. Below this, there are logos for "MIDDLETON ARTS CENTER", "MIDDLETON RECREATION", and "MAYOR'S Wellness CAMPAIGN". A small note "PRICES INCREASE CLOSER TO RACE DAY!" is also present.

Exercise for a great cause at the annual Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run! Race the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to compete for an awesome prize while raising money for RallyCap Sports, a nonprofit that brings recreational opportunities to children and young adults with special needs while also providing life-changing volunteer opportunities. Long sleeve t-shirts will be given to the first 150 participants!

Sign up today at www.middletownnj.org/5K.



The sign has a dark background with a dashed white border. At the top, there are two orange traffic cones with white stripes. Between the cones, the words "TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS" are written in large, bold, orange capital letters. Below this, the words "MIDDLETOWN" and "TOWNSHIP" are written in white, with a blue and white logo of a person's head in the center. The bottom of the sign has a dashed white border.

- Middletown-Lincroft Road between the Middletown Train Station and Nutswamp Road will be closed on **Saturday, September 9th** from 9-10 AM.
- Monmouth County will be performing road maintenance to County Route 12A (Navesink River Road) near Browns Dock Road. Beginning on **Tuesday, September 12th**, the eastbound lane of Navesink River Road will be closed. The westbound lane will remain open. Police officers will be alternating the flow of traffic to allow for both directions of traffic to safely drive through the work zone. Beginning on **Monday, September 18th**, both lanes of traffic will be closed for five days.
- Oak Hill Road at the NJ Transit railroad crossing will be closed beginning 9 AM on **Thursday, September 14th** and is expected to reopen by the end of the day on **Friday, September 22nd**.

RESOURCES



FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING



Tap into Federal Housing Administration's 203(k) Program to Help Rehab or Renovate Your Home

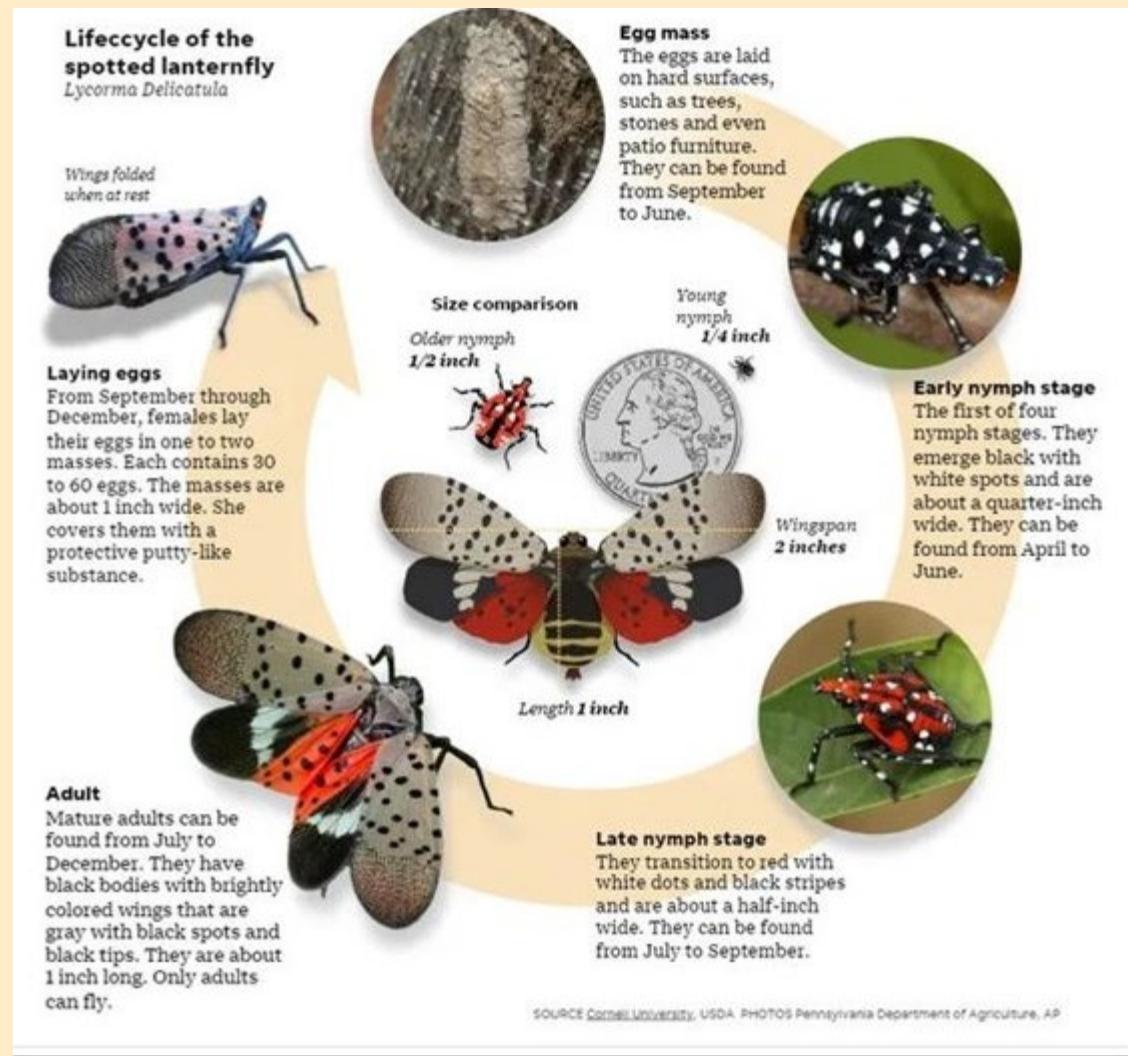
If you want to finance the purchase of a home that needs rehabilitation or finance improvements to your current home, the [Federal Housing Administration's \(FHA\) Section 203\(k\) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program](#) (203(k) Program) may be the right choice for you. This program is available through FHA-approved lenders and allows homebuyers to finance the purchase of a home or homeowners to refinance a current mortgage, combining the cost of renovations, repairs, or remodeling into a single loan.

The program permits homebuyers and homeowners to have home repair improvements incorporated into their mortgage. This way you can quickly and easily tap into cash to pay for property repairs or improvements, such as those identified by a home inspector or an FHA appraiser. Those who are buying a home can make it move-in ready by remodeling the kitchen, painting the interior, or

purchasing new carpet. Homeowners can make property repairs, improvements, or prepare their home for sale. The 203(k) Program is also often used to rebuild or repair after a natural disaster such as a flood or hurricane. It is also available to HUD-approved non-profit organizations and government agencies.

For more information and resources, check out [this pamphlet](#).

Help Stomp Out the Spotted Lanternfly



You have probably noticed Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), an invasive planthopper native to China, India, and Vietnam, everywhere you turn. Starting in September, SLF will lay eggs and die out by October or November (see lifecycle chart above).

This insect is an invasive pest that has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. They feed on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in New Jersey. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily-infested areas.

As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and more.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, help us Stomp it Out!



Board of County Commissioners Reminds Residents About Mosquito Control Techniques

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners would like to remind residents and visitors to be vigilant about mosquito borne illnesses such as East Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, and West Nile virus.

“County residents can do their part in mosquito control by dumping water from tarps, buckets, and other containers around their home,” said Commissioner Susan M. Kiley, liaison to the Monmouth County Mosquito Control. “We are encouraging everyone to protect themselves with an EPA-approved repellent, to limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, and to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when possible.”

Residents who would like to learn more may call the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division at 732-542-3630 or submit a request for a courtesy inspection at www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito.

Click [HERE](#) to read the County's full press release.

**Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for the
November General Election**



**Help Your Community
Exercise Their
Right to Vote!**

**Become a Monmouth County
Poll Worker Today!**

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking poll workers. Call us today to find out more about taking part in this important civic responsibility.

To qualify, you must be a registered voter in Monmouth County and attend a poll worker training class.

You will be paid \$300 for working a Primary Election or General Election. Call us today at 732-431-7802 x7150 to register for a training class.

 Monmouth County Board of Elections
300 Halls Mills Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-7802 x7150

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Click [HERE](#) to complete the application.

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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