

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



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

*Middletown*  *Remembers*

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K on Saturday, 9/9**



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](http://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 Gorseger, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.infinite love for kids fighting cancer.org](http://www.infinite love for kids fighting cancer.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 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](http://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](http://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 returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall this year on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**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](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownday) for more information.**

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



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.

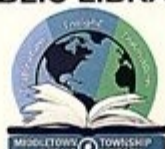
**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month: Get Yours at the MTPL Today!**



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

FIND OUT HOW TO SIGN UP  
FOR YOURS TODAY!

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Phone: 732-671-3700  
[www.mtpl.org](http://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](http://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





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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://thirstyradish.com), will be spearheading the virtual program. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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## MTPL's College Prep Series Begins with Two Programs This Upcoming Week!

A poster for the 'College Prep Series' by MTPL. The poster has a blue background with a faint image of a brick building. At the top left is a graphic of a graduation cap and a clock. The title 'College Prep Series' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, there are two columns of text. The left column lists 'VIRTUAL- 9/13 @ 7PM' and 'How to Get into an Ivy League', followed by the Princeton College Consulting logo and name. The right column lists '9/19 @ 7PM' and 'Trade School Information Session', followed by the Brookdale Community College logo and name. In the center, it says '9/12 @ 7PM' and 'VIRTUAL-The New Digital SAT®: What you Need to Know', followed by The Princeton Review logo. At the bottom, it says 'Virtual SAT/ACT Practice Tests' in large red letters, followed by '9/23 @ 9AM ACT PRACTICE TEST' and '10/21 @ 9AM SAT PRACTICE TEST'. At the very bottom, there is a small logo for Middletown Township Public Library and its contact information.

**College Prep Series**

**VIRTUAL- 9/13 @ 7PM**  
**How to Get into an Ivy League**

**9/19 @ 7PM**  
**Trade School Information Session**

**Princeton College Consulting**  
Navigating Students & Athletes Through Admissions

**BROOKDALE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**9/12 @ 7PM**  
**VIRTUAL-The New Digital SAT®:**  
**What you Need to Know**

**The Princeton Review®**

**Virtual SAT/ACT Practice Tests**

**9/23 @ 9AM**  
**ACT PRACTICE TEST**

**10/21 @ 9AM**  
**SAT PRACTICE TEST**

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

On Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the Middletown Township seal in the top left corner. The main title 'Mayor's CHALLENGE' is in a large, stylized font, with '5K + 1 MILE' in a red box and 'FUN RUN' in a green box. Below this, the location 'PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK' and the date 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15' are listed. A green long-sleeve t-shirt with the event logo is shown on the left. On the right, there are logos for 'ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:', 'PRICES INCREASE CLOSER TO RACE DAY!', 'MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER', 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION', 'MAYORS Wellness CAMPAIGN', and 'RALLYCAP Sports'.

**Mayor's CHALLENGE**  
**5K + 1 MILE**  
**FUN RUN**  
PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:  
PRICES INCREASE CLOSER TO RACE DAY!  
MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER  
MIDDLETOWN RECREATION  
MAYORS Wellness CAMPAIGN  
RALLYCAP Sports

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](http://www.middletownnj.org/5K).



The banner has a black background with white dashed lines at the top and bottom. It features two orange traffic cones on either side of the text. The text 'TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS' is in large, bold, orange letters, and 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP' is in white letters with the township seal in the center.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS**  
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP



- Middletown-Lincroft Road between the Middletown Train Station and Nutswamp Road will be closed on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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 14<sup>th</sup>** and is expected to reopen by the end of the day on **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

# RESOURCES



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

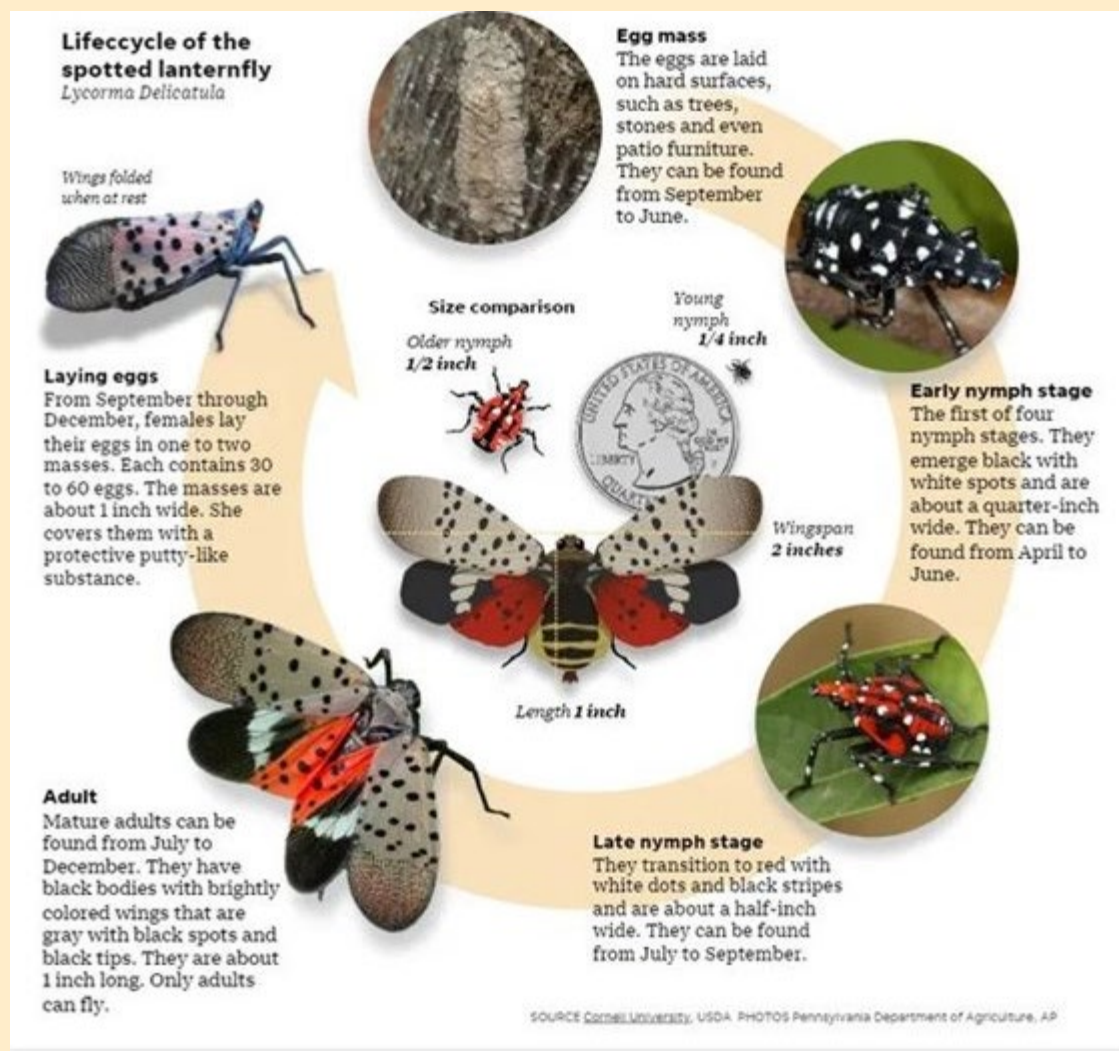
If you want to finance the purchase of a home that needs rehabilitation or finance improvements to your current home, the [Federal Housing Administration's \(FHA\) Section 203\(k\) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program](#) (203(k) Program) may be the right choice for you. This program is available 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](http://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**





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 a General Election. Call the Monmouth County Board of Elections at 732-431-7802 x7150 to register for a training class.

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

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



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