



Middletown Philanthropist and Film Writer/Producer George Kolber Receives 2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award



2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award recipient George Kolber is joined by his son Rick and the Township Committee as he proudly shows off his award and Key to the Township.

Longtime Middletown resident, philanthropist, and now film writer/producer George Kolber was recognized as the 2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year at Monday's Township Committee Regular Meeting. He received an award with a Key to Middletown Township.

George has been a Middletown resident for 25 years and has greatly enriched our community with his philanthropic endeavors and charitable contributions. In addition to his generosity, in 2022 he chose Middletown as the main filming location

for *Miranda's Victim*, his movie about how the Miranda Rights came to be.

By bringing *Miranda's Victim* to Middletown, he helped support local businesses and brought attention to our beautiful town. He filmed in and utilized several locations around town including our old Town Hall and Police Department, Belford, Port Monmouth Elementary School, and Saint Mary, Mother of God Church.

Middletown is honored to recognize George for being an exemplary resident. We thank him for supporting local organizations, choosing Middletown as a filming location for *Miranda's Victim*, and memorializing our Town Hall and Middletown Township Police Department.

Miranda's Victim will be available to watch in theatres beginning Friday, October 6th. Click [HERE](#) to watch the movie's captivating trailer!

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, October 1st.

Middletown Proclaims September as National Preparedness Month & Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month



Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy OEM Coordinator Jim VanNest speak about the importance of registering for Nixle as part of National Emergency Preparedness Month.

**Make sure to
watch the
Township
Committee
Meeting so you
can check out the
presentations!**



Mayor Tony Perry and Turn the Towns Teal volunteer Michele Collins smile as she proudly displays the proclamation and a promotional flyer for Turn the Towns Teal.

At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee also proclaimed September 2023 as National Preparedness Month and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Deputy Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Jim VanNest accepted the National Preparedness Month proclamation and encouraged meeting attendees to register for Nixle, the Township's emergency communications platform. With the impending storm, this is especially important! Once registered, you will receive alerts about severe weather, traffic detours, criminal activities, missing persons, and more. Text MiddletownNJ to 888-777 or visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register.

Michele Collins, a Middletown resident and ovarian cancer survivor, accepted the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month proclamation and spoke about Turn the Towns Teal, a national campaign to promote ovarian cancer awareness and its symptoms. The campaign was the inspiration of Gail MacNeil of Chatham, NJ and goes forward in her name and honor. Look out for teal ribbons around Middletown!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/oem for more information about OEM and www.turnthetownsteal.org for more information about Turn the Towns Teal.



September is National Preparedness Month where we emphasize the importance of being ready when disaster strikes. Together we can weather any storm!

Prepare your home and family with these important tips:

- Read OEM's "[Get Ready Middletown](#)" guide as well as FEMA's [Guide to Citizen Preparedness](#).
- Fill out your [FEMA Ready Emergency Supply List](#).
- Prepare your [Ready in a Flash](#) flash drive with important documents.
- Get your kids involved – Make a [Family Plan](#)!
- If you don't already have it, get [flood insurance](#)! Middletown residents get a 15% discount.
- Keep [utility company contact information](#) on hand.
- Review the [Port Monmouth Floodgate Activation Outreach Plan](#).

In the event of a flood or storm hazard, the Senior Center at [Croydon Hall](#) (900 Leonardville Road) is the designated public shelter location. Residents are encouraged to move their vehicles to high ground if needed. Emergency parking would be made available at our high schools and train station parking lot.

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

NJDEP to Place Port Monmouth Floodgate into "Operational Mode" Due to Impending Storm



Due to an impending storm, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will place the Port Monmouth facility into “Operational Mode” on Friday evening at 8 PM.

According to currently available public information, the impending storm is predicted to reach our area late Friday night with heavy rain and windy conditions. The amount of precipitation over the next 72hrs is predicted to be 2-3”. During this time, we are expecting North to Northeast winds at 35 mph with gusts to reach 40-60mph.

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

Register for Nixle to Receive Emergency Alerts & Updates



Township officials met this afternoon to discuss Tropical Storm Ophelia's path and ways to prepare should Middletown be impacted. The emergency operations team will be meeting again over the weekend if necessary.

We strongly encourage all residents to register for Nixle, follow our social media channels, and regularly check our website for important updates.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.

How to Report a Power Outage to JCP&L

To report a power outage:

 firstenergycorp.com/outages

 **Call 888-544-4877**

 **Text OUT to 544487**



Visit www.firstenergycorp.com/outages to report a power outage.

Middletown Day Postponed to Saturday, 10/14 Due to Anticipated Bad Weather



Due to the anticipated bad weather this weekend, Middletown Day is postponed from Saturday, September 23rd to Saturday, October 14th. Same time, same location, same fun!

Join us as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional. The 2023 festival will feature the Business and Community Showcase, the return of the popular Car Show, as well as many familiar favorites including a food court, first responder demonstrations, live entertainment, family activities, and more!

Middletown Recreation is still accepting sponsorship, vendor applications, and Car Show participants through Saturday, September 30th. Space is limited. Please complete a registration form and send it to recreation@middletownnj.org.

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

Meet Your Favorite Heroes and Princesses at a Meet & Greet at the MTPL on Saturday, 9/23 from 11 AM - 3 PM



Middletown Day may be postponed due to the rainy forecast, but some special characters are taking shelter at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) tomorrow! Meet Belle, Rapunzel, Spider-Man, and Superman, take some pictures, and enjoy a storytime! Registration is not required.

Belford-based Nonprofit sMiles for Katie Hosts Annual Beach Cleanup



Photo courtesy of sMiles for Katie

Last Saturday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and his family joined Belford-based nonprofit sMiles for Katie at its volunteer cleanup at Ideal Beach. The nonprofit honors Kathryn Ann (Katie) McCarthy who was diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) in August 2012 and passed away on April 30, 2013 after a valiant fight against the disease.

In 2022, Middletown Township proclaimed April 30, 2022 as Katie McCarthy Day. Deputy Mayor Hibell was proud to support this meaningful event in memory of Katie's life.

Visit www.smilesforkatie.org for more information about sMiles for Katie.

VFW Post 2179 Hosts Annual POW/MIA Service in Memory of Missing Soldiers and Prisoners of War



Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn, and MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber

Last Sunday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief R. Craig Weber were honored to attend VFW Post 2179's annual POW/MIA service in honor of our soldiers who were either prisoners of war or have gone missing. Middletown is very thankful for their service and will never forget them.

Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening on Monday, 9/25



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on Monday, September 25th! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their days off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the

Doodle Dude, and friends!

There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-day costs \$75. Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the program and to register.

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

A poster for the 2023 Back to School Supply Drive. The title "2023 BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive" is at the top in blue and orange. Below it are logos for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Middletown Recreation, and a Cub Scout pack. The poster is divided into sections: "Supplies Needed" with a list of items, "Collecting Through September 26th", "Drop Off Locations" with a list of places, and "Participating Cub Scout Packs" with a list of pack numbers and names. The background features school supplies like markers and a paint palette.

2023 BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

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.

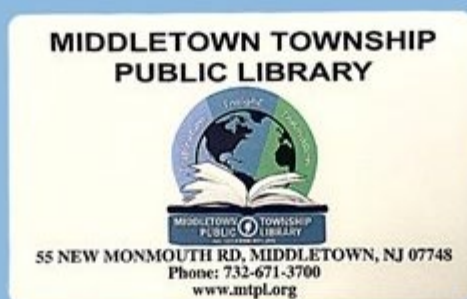
MTPL Closure on Friday, 9/29



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



FIND OUT HOW TO SIGN UP
FOR YOURS TODAY!



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!

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Cafe on
Sunday, 9/24 from 4-6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, September 24th from 4-6 PM for its monthly singer-songwriters showcase featuring artists Patrick Bamburak, Rick Dill, Gwynne Alden, and Frank Patrouch. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the concert.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

**Register for MTPL's Career Spotlight: Law 101 Program
Happening on Tuesday, 9/26 at 7 PM**

Career Spotlight: Law 101

Tuesday, 9/26 @ 7PM

Are you interested in a Career in Law? Join Murielle Stevens Walsh as she explains what it takes to achieve a career in the law field!



Please register at mtpl.org.



Come to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, September 26th to learn about what it is like to have a career in law. The program will take place in the Teen Room (55 New Monmouth Road) at 7 PM. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

**Attend Monmouth County's Fall Job Fair on
Thursday, 9/28 from 10 AM - 1 PM**



The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners is inviting job-seekers to attend the 2023 Fall Job Fair to be held at the Robert J. Collins Arena at Brookdale Community College (765 Newman Springs Road) on Thursday, September 28th from 10 AM - 1 PM.

Participating organizations are expected to offer full-time and part-time jobs, temporary employment, and/or internship opportunities. Early access from 10-11 AM will be available for individuals with disabilities and for veterans. Free parking for attendees will be available in Lot 7.

Job-seekers and employers interested in more information should call 732-683-8850, ext. 6011 or visit www.workinmonmouth.com.

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

MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 9/27 from 2-6 PM at Old Village Fire Company



Residents are invited to a **FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint** hosted by the MTPD on **Wednesday, September 27th** at **Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35)** to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from **2-6 PM**.

Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

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



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!



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.

RESOURCES



Middletown Township Health Department Provides Resource to Find Vaccines



[Click on the graphic to find vaccines.](#)

Middletown Social Services Currently Not Accepting Any Donations

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Middletown Social Services will not be accepting donations of any kind. If you would like to donate food to *Middletown Helps Its Own*, please call (732) 787-3604. For other Social Service needs, contact Monmouth County Social Services at (732) 431-6000.



Middletown Department of Health



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](#).

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



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