



## Middletown Recreation & Local Cub Scouts Fill Over 50 Backpacks for Back-to-School Supply Drive



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation*

On Tuesday, Middletown Recreation and Cub Scout Packs 22 and 242 came together at the Middletown Senior Center for a backpack stuffing event! The scouts used donations from our recent Back-to-School Supply Drive to fill 51 backpacks with school supplies. Memorial Sloan Kettering donated some supplies and backpacks, while the Township is going to work with the Middletown Township Board of Education to make sure these backpacks are given to Middletown students in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!

## Cub Scouts Meet with Mayor



*On the left: Mayor Perry  
and River Plaza Pack 32*



*On the right: Mayor Perry  
and Lincroft Pack 210*

**Mayor Tony Perry recently met with Cub Scout Troops 210 and 32 of Lincroft and River Plaza Elementary Schools. The scouts stopped by the Mayor's Office to learn about how local government works and the importance of being leaders in our community.**

## MTPD Crossing Guard Thomas Dillon Featured in Local Media Outlet



*MTPD Crossing Guard Tom Dillon shows off the uniform he proudly wears!*

The *Middletown-Lincroft Journal*, a local news publication, recently featured MTPD crossing guard Thomas Dillon. Tom has been a crossing guard in Middletown for 10 years now and helps ensure the safety of students at Nut Swamp Elementary School, Thompson Middle School, and Middletown High School South. He takes great pride in his job and we are proud that his hard work is being recognized in this way.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about our awesome crossing guard!



*Photo courtesy of*

## Arts for Autism Event Raises Money for OASIS, tlc

On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Committeewoman Kim Kratz attended nonprofit Under My Skin For Life Foundation's annual Arts for Autism event. The

*Committeewoman Kim Kratz*

event, held at the VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth, featured food, music, semi-pro wrestlers, a motorcycle run, vendors, and more! This year, the organization raised about \$10,000 for OASIS tlc, a local nonprofit whose mission is to promote autism inclusion and acceptance and employs autistic adults to work on its farm.

## NJ DEP Places Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Significant Rain



Due to significant rainfall and windy conditions through Saturday evening, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) has placed the Port Monmouth facility into "Operational Mode".

The Pew's Creek Tide Gate is ready to function as designed and was placed in "Operational Mode" on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2:00 AM. The operation will allow the gates to automatically open and close based on the tides while ensuring the interior drainage basin does not exceed elevation +5.0 NAVD88.

The Road Closure Gate on Old Port Monmouth Road remains open, and no action is planned at this time. DEP will monitor tides and shall coordinate with the municipality and county should weather change and require closure.

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



# NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERTS TEST

**WHO:** Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Communications Commission will be conducting a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts.



**WHAT:** The national test will consist of two portions. The alerts will first go out via wireless carriers on your cell phones, followed by a second test that you will see and hear on televisions and radios. Please do not be alarmed, as it is strictly a test of their alert systems.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 PM



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem) for more information about this nationwide test.



FEMA

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## SEPTEMBER 2023



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

As we close National Preparedness Month, we continue to emphasize the importance of being ready when disaster strikes. Together we can weather any storm!

Stay updated on national and local weather with helpful resources:

- The [National Weather Service](#) will provide information on upcoming weather events
- You can also check out [our website](#) to see real time tide gauge data for different locations in our area

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem) for more information.

## Register for Nixle to Receive Emergency Alerts & Updates

### REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

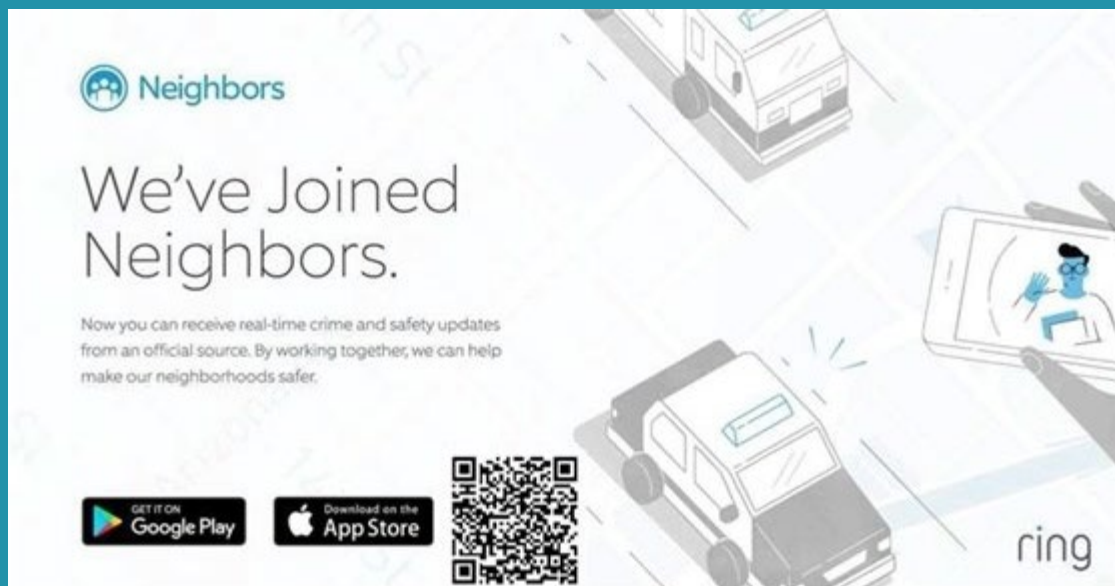
- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register for Nixle.

## Knock, Knock, Meet Your New Neighbor!



The graphic features the 'Neighbors' logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'We've Joined Neighbors.' is prominently displayed. A smaller line of text reads: 'Now you can receive real-time crime and safety updates from an official source. By working together, we can help make our neighborhoods safer.' At the bottom left, there are buttons for 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store'. To the right of these buttons is a QR code. The background includes illustrations of police cars and a hand holding a smartphone displaying a person's profile. The 'ring' logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is excited to join Neighbors in its efforts to connect with residents and improve the safety of our community. Neighbors allows you to share photos, videos, and information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow residents can stay informed.

The MTPD can only view what community members have posted publicly to Neighbors and chime-in with relevant updates or safety alerts to help keep you informed. You do not need a Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone with a

smartphone can download the Neighbors app for free to receive updates and have the option to post photos or videos from any device. Just scan the QR code in the graphic to download the app.

For non-emergency situations please call 732-615-2100. For emergency situations please call 911.

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

## Celebrate Our Community at Middletown Day on Saturday, 10/14!



**New Date - Sat, Oct 14th**  
**Croydon Hall 11am-4pm**  
**[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

Join us for Middletown Day on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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!



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

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



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).

**Township Committee to Host Meeting  
on Thursday, 10/5 at 6 PM**





The Middletown Township Committee Special Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting](http://www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting). If prompted, please enter your name and email address to join. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2338 426 0891 followed by #. Enter 2023 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#). The agenda will be posted next week.

## Important Information about 2020 ANCHOR Benefit



**2020 ANCHOR Benefit Filing Deadline for new applicants is December 29, 2023. If you qualified for a rebate last year, you should have already received a letter confirming you are eligible. If all your information is still the same there is no need to re-file otherwise all changes must be made by September 30, 2023.**

**If you have any questions please call the State at 609-826-4282 or 1-888-238-1233.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## Register for Middletown Recreation's Open Recreation!



Open Recreation is back for the school year! Free for residents, children can enjoy after-school fun, homework help, and supervised play at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue). Registration is quick and easy.

Click [HERE](#) to check out Open Recreation's fun monthly calendar.



## UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION



The following roads will be paved in the New Monmouth section of Middletown beginning Thursday, 9/28/23:

Millbrook Pl.  
Millbrook Dr.  
Chanceville Pl.  
Lone Oak Rd.  
Kenwood Dr.  
Arthur Pl.  
Heather Ln.  
Moore Ct.

The following roads will be paved north of Center Avenue in the Leonardo section of Middletown beginning Monday, 10/2/23:

Burlington Ave.  
Monmouth Ave.  
Thompson Ave.  
Franklin Ave.  
Brevent Ave.  
Chamone Ave.  
Bellevue Ave.

**Residents directly affected will be notified by the paving contractor in advance.  
Please follow local detours.**

**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



**Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Visit with Paul Tremblay on Tuesday, 10/3 at 7 PM**



## Virtual Author Visit with **PAUL TREMBLAY**



**Tuesday, October 3 | 7 PM**

**REGISTER AT [MTPL.ORG](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/212745) FOR ZOOM LINK.**

October is the season for scary stories...and to meet the people who write them! Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) virtually on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM for an author visit with award winning author Paul Tremblay.

Registration is required.

Paul has won the Bram Stoker, British Fantasy, and Massachusetts Book awards and is the author of multiple books (e.g., *The Cabin at the End of the World*, *A Head Full of Ghosts*), crime novels (e.g., *No Sleep Till Wonderland*), and the short story collection *Growing Things and Other Stories*.

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

Come to the MTPL on Thursday, 10/5 from 10 AM - 8 PM to Prepare for Election Day (Tuesday, 11/7)

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF NEW JERSEY

# REGISTER TO VOTE

BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

**Thursday, October 5**

Middletown Township Public Library  
10:00am - 8:00pm

**ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7**

You can do the following things:

- Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request a Vote-by-Mail
- Find Election Information
- Get Your Questions Answered

Need to update your address to vote? Did you just turn 18 and need to register? Stop by the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 8 PM! The League of Women Voters will be in the library's fireplace

area (55 New Monmouth Road) to assist you with registering to vote and answer any questions you may have!

## Pre-Register for Middletown Animal Control's Free Dog Rabies Clinic on Saturday, 10/21 from 8:30-9:15 AM



**FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
SATURDAY, 10/21 FROM 8:30-9:15 AM  
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

*This is a drive-thru clinic, but dogs must still be on a leash and accompanied by their owner.*

*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.*



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletownnj.org/rabies) to pre-register.

## RESOURCES

**Middletown Township Health Department Provides Resource to Find Vaccines**



# Looking for a vaccine?

Visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find a  
location near you.



**MIDDLETOWN  
TOWNSHIP NJ**

**Department of Health**



[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](#).*

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