



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

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



New Date - Sat, Oct 14th
Croydon Hall 11am-4pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Join us for Middletown Day on Saturday, October 14th 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!

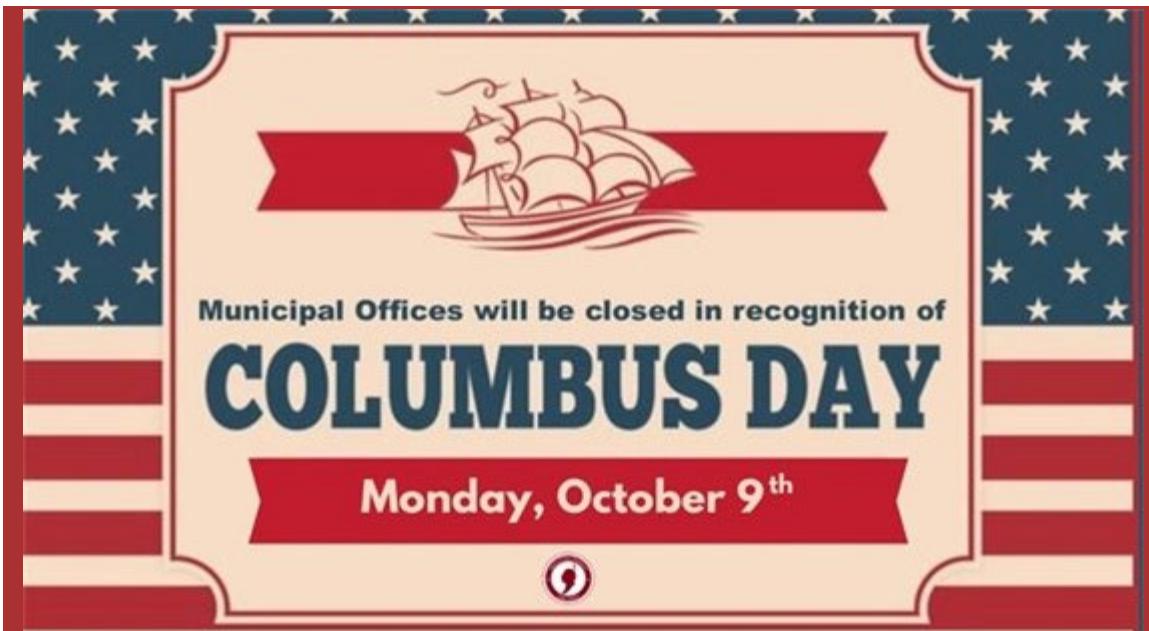
Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletowntday for more information.

**Register for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run
Happening Next Weekend 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.



The Middletown Recycling Center, Middletown Township Public Library, and Middletown Arts Center will remain open.

Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening on Monday, 10/9



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on Monday, October 9th! The MAC offers full- and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. 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.

Mayor Helps Kick Off Oktoberfest at Belford Brewing Company



On Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke stopped by Belford Brewing Company (84 Leonardville Road) to help kick off its multi-day “Belftoberfest” event. Mayor Perry had the opportunity to tap a special cask of Lobster Pot ale and successfully didn’t spill a drop! This 10th annual celebration featured 20+ festive German-style brews and performances. Prost!

No Limits Café’s Mission Spreads Sunshine at Rainy 3rd Annual 5K and Half Marathon



Photo courtesy of No Limits Café

Despite the rain on Saturday, the enthusiasm was palpable for all who came out for No Limits Café's 3rd annual 5K race and half marathon at Thompson Park! Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kim Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke stopped by to support the local lunch café co-founded by Stephanie and Mark Cartier.

They had loads of runners of all ages and levels there to honor the café's mission to empower adults with intellectual disabilities by providing jobs and job training to help them lead fulfilling lives within our community. To learn more about No Limits Café (418 Route 35), visit www.nolimitscafe.org. #eatwelldogood

Westminster Presbyterian Church Hosts Fun Fall Festival



*Photos courtesy of
Westminster
Presbyterian Church*



A little rain didn't dampen the spirit of Westminster Presbyterian Church's (94 Tindall Road) Fall Festival last Saturday. Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kim Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke stopped by to support the event and mingle with community members. Middletown's first responders also showed up in full force for the Touch-a-Truck activity. The festival also included fall favorites like a mums and pumpkins sale, as well as face painting, baked goods, and live music.

Yee-Haw! Family Barn Dance Benefits Special People United to Ride



Guests having fun learning how to country line dance! (Photo courtesy of BTK Entertainment)

On Sunday, October 1st, nonprofit Special People United to Ride (SPUR) held a country line dancing and 50/50 raffle event at the Thompson Park Activity Barn in Lincroft to help raise money for the organization.



River Plaza Hose Company #1's 9th Annual Barrel of Bucks Huge Success



Photo courtesy of River Plaza Hose Company #1

The members of River Plaza Hose Company #1 had an amazing turnout for its 9th annual Barrel of Bucks fundraiser last weekend. Mayor Tony Perry stopped by to support the firehouse and thank its members for everything they do for our town.

There were 21 raffle prize winners this year, and the grand prize was \$25,000! All other proceeds are invested in equipment, maintenance, and training that helps protect our community.

Tickets go on sale for the 10th annual event in mid-to-late May. Visit www.riverplazahose.org or follow them on social media for more information.



Middletown Selected as Location for U.S.S. NEW JERSEY SSN 796 Commissioning Ceremony in April

Mayor Perry and the Township Committee are beyond honored and excited that our town will be on full display throughout this week-long ceremony. The submarine arrives on Monday, April 1st and Commissioning Day is on Saturday, April 6th. Visit www.njcommissioning.org and social media (USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Committee) to check out the schedule of community events.

U.S.S. New Jersey Commissioning Committee Holds Souvenir Coin Design Contest: Deadline Tuesday, 10/31!

U.S.S. NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING COIN DESIGN CONTEST



TO CELEBRATE THE 2024 COMMISSIONING OF THE USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796), THE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE IS HOSTING A COIN DESIGN CONTEST.

WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP & TRIP TO COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

REQUIREMENTS:

- THE CONTEST ENDS OCTOBER 31, 2023.
- MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF NEW JERSEY AND ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL.
- EACH STUDENT CAN SUBMIT ONLY ONE ENTRY (EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A TEAM OF UP TO THREE STUDENTS).
- SUBMIT DESIGNS TO: USSNJCOINCONTEST@GMAIL.COM
- QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: 732-395-9656 OR PENGELII21@GMAIL.COM
- THE ENTRY SHOULD INCLUDE A SKETCH OR DRAWING OF THE COIN DESIGN, ALONG WITH A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF ITS SYMBOLISM AND SIGNIFICANCE.
- THE COIN DESIGN SHOULD FIT WITHIN A CIRCLE OF 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND REFLECT THE REVERSE (BACK) OF THE COIN.
- THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE (A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OVERSEEING THE COMMISSIONING EVENT) WILL DESIGN THE OBVERSE (FRONT) OF THE COIN.

The Commissioning Committee is organizing a commemorative Coin Design Contest for high school and middle school students across the state. The deadline is **Tuesday, October 31st**.

Each county will select a first and second place winner and the Committee will select an overall winner whose design will be featured on the back side of the souvenir coin to be sold at the commissioning ceremony. The main prize is a \$1,000 scholarship and a ticket to the ceremony at NWS Earle's waterfront in Leonardo.

Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the contest and how to submit your entry.

Watch the Thursday, 10/5 Township Committee Meeting



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 15th.

Honor Fallen Heroes at WPC Field of Flags Events

Flag Installation Next Weekend on Saturday, 10/14 at 9 AM

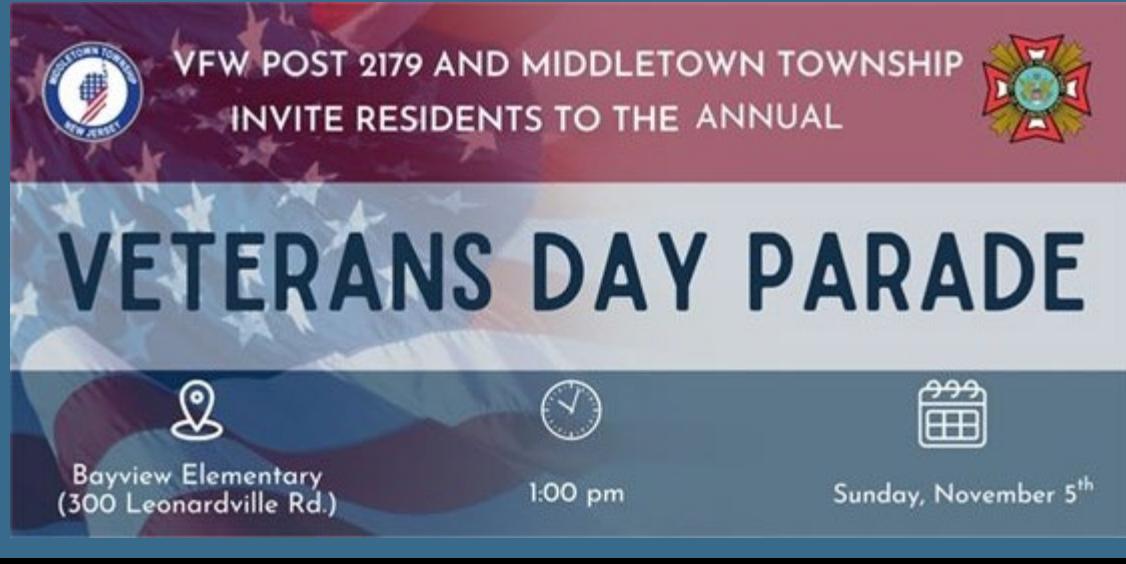


Westminster Presbyterian Church (94 Tindall Road) will be holding its annual Field of Flags ceremony on Saturday, October 21st at noon. The service is a solemn display of patriotism that pays homage to the men and women who have served our nation. This year, they will plant 5,000 flags to honor veterans from every branch who served in every war and conflict in U.S. military history.

The Township Committee encourages community members to help plant the flags next Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 AM. All are welcome.

Save the Date for our Annual Veterans Day Parade:

Sunday, 11/5 @ 1:00 PM



Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2023 Veteran of the Year Award by Friday, 12/1



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

3 Ways to Vote in Upcoming General Election

 **ATTENTION**
MONMOUTH COUNTY VOTERS 

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th!

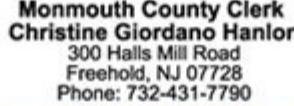
New Jersey now has 3 Voting Options

1 VOTING BY MAIL - Apply by filing an application with the County Clerk. Voted ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections by 8:00 P.M. on November 7:
• Hand deliver to 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold
• Via Drop Box
• By mail – must be postmarked on or before 8:00 P.M. on November 7

2 EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING - October 28 through November 5, Monday through Saturday, 10 A.M. to 8 P.M., Sundays 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. (You can vote at any location regardless of where you live in the County!)
• Colts Neck Township - Colts Neck Public Library, 2 Veterans Way, (Formerly 1 Winthrop Drive)
• Hazlet Township - Monmouth County Library, Hazlet Branch, 251 Middle Road
• Howell Township - Adelphia Fire Company Sta. No. 2, (Rear Entrance), 993 State Rt. 33, Freehold
• Little Silver Borough - The Women's Club of Little Silver (Main Lobby), 111 Church Street
• Long Branch City - Brookdale Community College, Long Branch Campus (2nd Floor), 213 Broadway
• Manalapan Township - Monmouth County Library Hq., (Meeting Rooms 1, 2 & 3), 125 Symmes Drive
• Middletown Township - Croydon Hall (Senior Center), 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
• Neptune Township - Neptune Senior Center (Fitness Center), 1607 Corlies Avenue
• Spring Lake Heights - Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center, 902 Ocean Road
• Upper Freehold Township - Hope Fire Co. No. 1, 82 Route 526, Allentown

3 ELECTION DAY VOTING NOVEMBER 7 - Polls are open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M.

For polling and drop box locations and other information, visit MonmouthCountyVotes.com or download our free "Monmouth County Votes" Mobile App.

Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.

Where to Drop Off Your Mail-In Ballot



**ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**
- CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**

By now you should have received your November General Election mail-in ballot.
Please feel free to drop it off at one of Middletown's two ballot box locations:
Croydon Hall or the MTPL.

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to vote by mail.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's election services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Go Under the Sea and Watch *The Little Mermaid* at the
MTPL's Family Movie Night on Tuesday, 10/10 at 5:45 PM**



Grab your fins and come to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) and watch Disney's *The Little Mermaid* in the Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). The movie is about a young mermaid who makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and get to know the prince of her dreams. The film is PG and perfect for a family movie night! Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Get Ready for Halloween by Watching *Halloweentown* at the MTPL on Wednesday, 10/11 at 7 PM

Movie Night for Teens

Wednesday, 10/11 @7PM



VISIT THE MTPL.ORG CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION



MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07746
Phone: 732-471-3700 • www.mtpl.org



**Teens, come to the MTPL's Computer Lab to enjoy spooky treats and watch
Halloweentown! Registration is required.**

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Register Now for Middletown Recreation's
Halloween Hullabaloo**



The flyer is for the "HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO" event. It features a purple background with a large orange jack-o'-lantern in the center. The text "HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO" is in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below it, "PORICY PARK" is written in smaller letters. At the top, there are logos for the Middletown Arts Center (a stylized flower), Middletown Recreation (a person running, a person on a bike, and a musical note), and the Middletown Township Education Association (a red apple with a bite taken out of it). The date "Friday, October 27 - 5:30pm-8pm" is in green text. Below that, the activities are listed in yellow text: "Costume Contest, Hayride, Inflatable Corn Maze, Bonfire, Doodle Dude, Miss Fish & More!". A note at the bottom says "Free for Residents! Goodie bags for the first 500 kids in attendance".

This spooktacular evening presented by Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center, and the Middletown Township Education Association is free for residents and includes a costume contest, cartooning with the Doodle Dude and Miss Fish, craft vendors, an inflatable corn maze, a bonfire, hayrides, goodies, and more! Trick-or-treat bags will be given to the first 500 kids at the event. Registration is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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 to pre-register.

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RESOURCES

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 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 to register for Nixle.

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.

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

Looking for a vaccine?

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



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP NJ

Department of Health



[Click on the graphic to find vaccines.](https://www.vaccines.gov)

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.



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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