



Join Us for Middletown Day This Sunday, 10/22!



### Entertainment & Activities

11:00am	<b>Festival Opens</b> - Official Welcome from Mayor Tony Perry National Anthem performed by Navesink Brass Quintet Children's Inflatabales and Games Open (\$5 wristband required) Cartooning with the Doodle Dude & Miss Fish All Day Car Show Voting Opens Hayrides and Petting Zoo Opens	Info Booth Main Stage Kids Area Art Tent Parking Lot Front Entrance
11:10am	Navesink Brass Quintet	Main Stage
11:10am	Crunchy the Dinosaur Performance #1	Near Flagpole
11:30am	Princess & Character Meet & Greets until 3:30pm	Near Flagpole
11:30am	Soccer Shootout (Winners announced at 12:30pm)	Turf Field
12:00pm	Crunchy the Dinosaur Performance #2	Near Flagpole
12:15pm	VFW Post 2179 Jazz Band	Main Stage
1:00pm	Rizzo's Reptile Show	Field House
2:15pm	Ping Pong Ball Drop	Turf Field
2:30pm	Casey Sky Noon and the "Vibe Tribe"	Main Stage
3:30pm	Car Show Winners Announced	Parking Lot
4:00pm	<b>Festival Closes</b>	Info Booth

## Sun, October 22nd

## Croydon Hall 11am-4pm

[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)

Get ready for Middletown Day by checking out the entertainment and activities schedule above!

Please 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!

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

## Participate in the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run This Sunday, 10/22!

A promotional poster for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run. At the top left is the Middletown Township seal. The title 'Mayor's CHALLENGE' is in a mix of script and bold block letters. Below it, '5K + 1 MILE' is in white on a red background, and 'FUN RUN' is in white on a green background. The location 'PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK' and date 'SUN, OCTOBER 22 - 8:45AM' are listed. A green long-sleeve shirt with the event logo is shown on the left. On the right, it says 'ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:' followed by logos for Middletown Recreation, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, and RallyCap Sports. A small text box says 'JOIN US FOR A TRAIL RUN WITH AWESOME PRIZES!'.

Exercise for a great cause at the annual Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run, which is now rescheduled to Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>! 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. All participants receive a medal. Long-sleeve t-shirts are included while supplies last.

Sign up today at [www.middletownnj.org/5K](http://www.middletownnj.org/5K).



## 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.

## Township Committee Celebrates MSC U8 Courage Red's Championships and Perfect Seasons!



*The Township Committee presented Assistant Coach/Manager Antonio LaMota and the soccer players with certificates recognizing their hard work! The team showed off one of their well-earned trophies and surprised Mayor Tony Perry with a thank you card.*



At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee recognized the Middletown Soccer Club (MSC) U8 Courage Red team for winning the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Monmouth Ocean Soccer Association Championships! The undefeated team completed two back-to-back perfect seasons with an impressive record of 20-0-0 while competing in the Premier bracket. With their team's 108 goals for and only 11 against, they truly represented Middletown like champs. We are so proud to celebrate this amazing accomplishment with them!

*Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the meeting.*

## Monmouth County's America250 Committee Presents Vision and Ideas for 2026 Anniversary Celebration



*Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone passionately discuss this patriotic initiative while the Township Committee and Middletown representatives listen intently.*

Prior to Courage Red being recognized for their championships, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone spoke about the County's America250 campaign as chair and co-chair of that committee. Ted Maturo, the committee's executive director, was also in attendance. America250 is the County's years-long initiative to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026 and the significant role that Monmouth County played in the fight for independence, as well as our rich history.

The Committee is visiting municipalities across Monmouth County to generate awareness about activities leading up to this historical milestone, and Middletown



was honored to be the first stop! The Township Committee recently passed a resolution endorsing [RevolutionNJ](#), New Jersey's organization that will spearhead the state's celebration, and Monmouth County's America250 initiative.

Visit [www.monmouthNJ250.org](http://www.monmouthNJ250.org) for more information and follow @MonmouthNJ250 on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly known as Twitter), and YouTube.

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, November 19<sup>th</sup>.



## St. Agnes Church Hosts Annual Blue Mass to Honor First Responders

On Wednesday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz attended the Annual Blue Mass at St. Agnes Church (103 Center Avenue in Atlantic Highlands). The mass honors our local first responders and acknowledges all the good work they do. We are so thankful for our first responders and wish them safety.

## MTFD Promotes Fire Prevention Month and Safety



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Preschool*



October is Fire Prevention Month! The Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) recognized this by making special visits to Middletown Preschool and New Monmouth Elementary School.

Belford Engine Fire Company stopped by New Monmouth Elementary School last week to share safety tips and other critical information about what to do if a fire starts at home. The firefighters brought their mobile fire safety training unit, which is a portable trailer that resembles what students may encounter in their home setting before and during a fire emergency. The mobile fire safety training unit offered students a hands-on experience where they could apply the knowledge they learned from the safety demonstration in an authentic environment.



*Photo courtesy of New Monmouth Elementary School*

Port Monmouth Fire Company came to Middletown Preschool earlier this week and taught the students about fire drills and allowed them to explore different types of equipment. This visit gave the preschoolers a new appreciation for firefighters and how they keep us safe!

## Belford Engine Fire Company Christens New Truck



*Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke were happy to celebrate the new engine! (Photo courtesy of Belford Engine Fire Company)*



**Last weekend, Belford Engine Fire Company held a wetdown - both literally and ceremonially - for the newest engine in the MTFD's fleet! Thank you to all our volunteers for their continued dedication to serving and protecting our residents. The MTFD is the world's largest all-volunteer fire department, and it is important that they have the best equipment possible so they can stay safe and successfully help others. Middletown is proud to support our first responders!**

## **Middletown Senior Center Hosts Joint Halloween and Birthday Party**



*Middletown Senior Center members jam out to the live entertainment by either running to the dance floor or clapping along from their seats! (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)*

**Middletown Senior Center had a spooky good time at the joint Halloween and Birthday Party last week! Members enjoyed delicious cake, danced to live entertainment, celebrated birthdays from July through October, and competed in a costume contest. Costumes ranged from witches to cowgirls to Star Wars Jedis and everything in between!**

*Visit [www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors) to learn more about our senior center.*



## Middletown Township Offers Grants Up to \$60K to Create Accessory Apartments



*Pictured above are different types of accessory apartments. All are subject to area zoning standards. (Photo courtesy of American Planning Association)*

Middletown Township permits owners of single-family residential dwellings to create an accessory apartment on their property for low- and moderate-income households. It can be either in an accessory building (i.e., a second story apartment over a detached garage) or within the single-family dwelling.

The Middletown Accessory Apartment Program is now offering grants up to \$60K to help build the apartment. Depending on the type of apartment (low- or moderate-income) and the number of bedrooms, you can collect monthly rents ranging from \$800 to \$1,800.

Potential occupants must come from the Township's affordable housing waiting list. Occupants cannot be family or friends.

For more information, please contact Planning Director Amy Citrano at 732-615-2000 x2209.

**Spread Some Cheer with Our Holiday Helpers Program**





Looking to spread some **holiday cheer**? Middletown Township is pleased to present **Holiday Helpers** to support our Middletown families in need with our upcoming **Thanksgiving Food** and **Gift Drives**!

Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers](http://www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers) for a list of food items we are collecting, information about where and when to drop them off, and how to sign up to participate in the Holiday Helpers Gift Drive.

Questions? Call the Middletown Township Health Department at 732-615-2085. Thank you for your generosity and spreading **holiday cheer**!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Commissioning Day is on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.njcommissioning.org](http://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  
PENGELI121@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 OBERSE (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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.



## Save the Date for our Annual Veterans Day Parade: Sunday, 11/5 @ 1:00 PM

A poster for the Veterans Day Parade. At the top, it says "VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE ANNUAL" in white text on a dark blue background. To the left is the VFW logo, and to the right is a red and white Maltese cross. Below this, the words "VETERANS DAY PARADE" are written in large, bold, white letters against a background of a waving American flag. At the bottom, there are three icons: a location pin, a clock, and a calendar. Below the location pin icon is the text "Bayview Elementary (300 Leonardville Rd.)". Below the clock icon is "1:00 pm". Below the calendar icon is "Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>".

VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

# VETERANS DAY PARADE

Bayview Elementary  
(300 Leonardville Rd.)

1:00 pm

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

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

A poster for the 2023 Veteran of the Year award. It features a background of a waving American flag. A central text box with a gold border contains the following text: "The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the" in white, followed by "2023 VETERAN OF THE YEAR" in large, gold, serif font. Below this, it says "All nominations must be received no later than Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/voty](http://www.middletownnj.org/voty) for more information." in white.

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee  
is now accepting nominations for the

## 2023 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

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## 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

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**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](https://MonmouthCountyVotes.com) or download our free "Monmouth County Votes" Mobile App.





**Monmouth County Clerk**  
**Christine Giordano Hanlon**  
300 Halls Mill Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
Phone: 732-431-7790

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**Where to Drop Off Your Mail-In Ballot**



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

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.

## Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Halloween Hullabaloo





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.

**Buy Tickets for *Guys and Dolls* Playing at the MAC Next Two Weekends**





*Guys and Dolls*, presented by The MAC Players, opens today at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)! The show will be playing the next two weekends. Seniors will be given an extra \$5 discount at the show on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM!

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafés of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually, everyone ends up right where they belong.

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

**Register for MTPL's Silly Snakes Show on Monday, 10/23  
at 10 or 11 AM**



MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PRESENTS:  
**SILLY SNAKES**



**Monday, 10/23**  
**10am OR 11am**  
**Ages 3-5**

*Visit [MTPL.ORG](http://MTPL.ORG) for details and registration*



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
Phone: 732-671-3700 • [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is hosting Silly Snake Stories with Live Snakes, presented by the Monmouth County Parks System, in its Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) in two shows on Monday! The first show is from 10:00 to 10:45 AM, followed by the 11:00 to 11:45 AM presentation.

The event is for kids ages 3-5. A parent or guardian must accompany them. Registration is required for all attendees.

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

**Attend the MTPL's Ghost Hunting 101 Program on  
Thursday, 10/26 at 7 PM**





It's spoOoOoky season! Stop by the MTPL's Community Room this upcoming Thursday for a look at the ins and outs of paranormal investigating. Learn about the methods, techniques, and technology used by ghost hunters to capture evidence.

Greg will also share audio and video clips and personal stories of paranormal activity encountered at historic sites in New Jersey. Registration is recommended.

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

**'Tis the Season to Give: Donate Blood at Lincroft Fire Company on Tuesday, 11/7 from 12:30-6:30 PM**



The season to


# GIVE

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, Nov. 7 12:30-6:30pm**


**Lincroft Fire Company**  
601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft





**Appointments recommended.** For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) or scan QR Code and search for sponsor code 70286



Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.  
16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](https://nybc.org/coronavirus) for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

800.933.BLOOD • [nybc.org](https://nybc.org)     [#njbloodservices](https://twitter.com/njbloodservices)

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Please help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to donate a pint of blood. Appointments are suggested and can be made by either calling 800-933-2566, visiting the [New York Blood Center's website](#), or scanning the QR code pictured above. If you register online, please search sponsor code "70286".

Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.

# RES SOURCES



## 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.

**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.](https://vaccines.gov)



## 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](#) (PDF).*

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