



Two Events, One Fun Day!

Community Supports Mayor's Challenge and Middletown Day



Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were all smiles as they cheered on participants at the Mayor's Challenge!



Mayor Tony Perry's son, Grant, plays peek-a-boo with our Middletown Day 2023 sign!

Despite being postponed, our community was finally able to come together for the Mayor's Challenge and Middletown Day this past Sunday! Thank you to everyone who spent their morning racing the trails of Poricy Park with us at the Mayor's Challenge and then coming to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall to celebrate everything that makes our town special at Middletown Day.



The Mayor's Challenge 5K winner crosses the finish line!

We're proud to share that all proceeds from the Mayor's Challenge will benefit RallyCap Sports Central New Jersey, a local nonprofit that brings recreational opportunities to children and young adults with special needs while also providing life-changing volunteer opportunities. Middletown Day was also once again fully funded through our wonderful sponsors, vendor registrants, and patrons.

We had a blast at both events and are excited to announce that next year's Middletown Day will take place on Saturday, September 28th!



Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the Mayor's Challenge and [HERE](#) to view photos

from Middletown Day.

The Dog Barn and Groom Celebrates Grand Opening



Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz had a howling good time at the ribbon cutting! (Photo courtesy of Kaylah Igarta)

Last week, The Dog Barn and Groom (409 NJ-36) opened in Port Monmouth! The canine salon is an extension of Hotel for Dogs (401 NJ-36), a daycare, boarding, and training facility that has been in Middletown for 14 years. Both businesses are owned by Jackie DeGroat and run on both love and PAWSitivity. We wish The Dog Barn and Groom all the best!

Visit www.ahotelfordogs.com for more information about their services.

MTPD Kicks off Spooky Season with Trunk-or-Treat at New Monmouth Baptist Church's Fall Fest



On Thursday, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) participated in the trunk-or-treat at New Monmouth Baptist Church's Fall Fest. Officers had a spooky good time handing out treats and meeting members of our community!

Photos courtesy of MTPD



Skatepark Set to Open in Mid-November



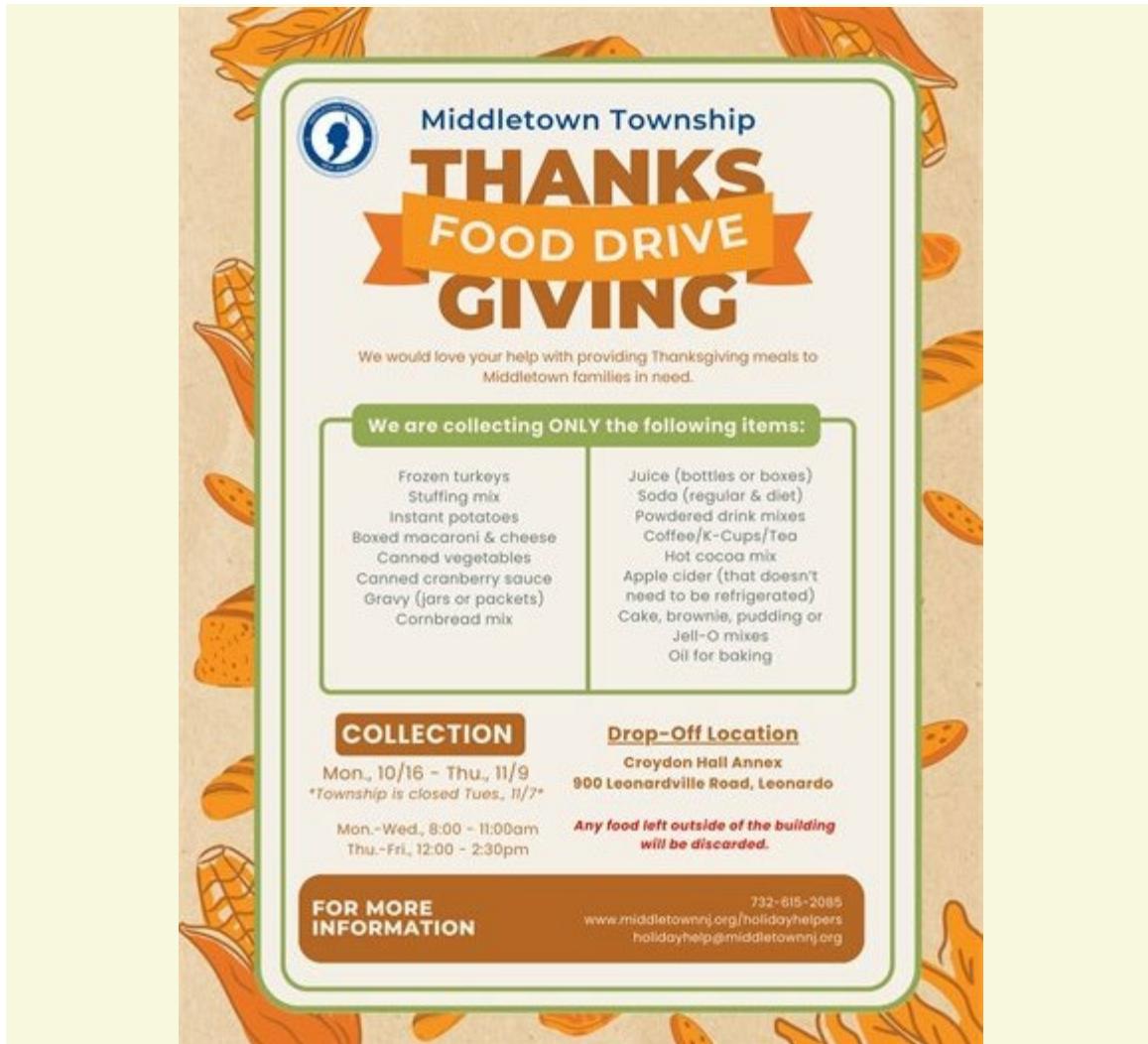
The new Kunkel Skatepark in Leonardo is almost ready for action!

Ramps, jumps, curbs, and rails have been installed in the center of the park, and the final site grading and parking lot have been completed. Finishing touches such as surface coatings, painting, and signage will be done over the next two weeks, weather permitting.

While it may look appealing to use the skatepark now, the site is still closed and not safe to use since construction continues. Anyone accessing the area for any reason will be considered trespassing so do not enter.

A grand opening will be announced soon!

**We Need Your Help!
Township Collecting Donations for Thanksgiving Food
Drive Through Thursday, 11/9**



Middletown Township recently launched its Holiday Helpers program to support Middletown families in need with our upcoming Thanksgiving Food and Gift Drives!

First up is the Thanksgiving Food Drive! If you would like to donate food, please check out our list of items above (or at www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers) for your consideration. We are collecting only these specific items through Thursday, November 9th on the days/times listed below. Expired items will not be accepted. Please keep in mind that the Township is closed on Tuesday, November 7th.

You can drop off items at the Croydon Hall Annex (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) during the following days/times:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 8:00 – 11:00 AM
- Thursdays, Fridays: 12:00 – 2:30 PM

Any food left outside of the building will be discarded.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers for more information about this drive and how 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!

MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in Operation Take Back NJ TOMORROW, 10/28 from 10 AM - 2 PM

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, October 28th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPD's press release for more information.

MTFD Hosts Trick-or-Treating at Firehouses Across Town

COME TRICK-OR-TREAT AT YOUR LOCAL FIREHOUSE ON HALLOWEEN!

TUESDAY, 10/31 4-6 PM

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MTFD FOR A LIST OF ADDRESSES.



Members of the 11 companies of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) will be handing out candy on Halloween from 4-6 PM. Swing by for some treats, meet your local volunteer firefighters, and learn more about the department!

Click [HERE](#) for a list of firehouse addresses.

Show Off Your Halloween Costume in the MTPL's Allergy-Safe Halloween Parade on Tuesday, 10/31 at 10 AM



On the morning of Halloween, bring your child to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to trick or treat throughout the building (55 New Monmouth Road) for non-food "treats." Kids are encouraged to come in costume!

There will be no outside food to keep the event safe for children with allergies and other food restrictions. Please register each child who will be collecting "treats" along the parade route, so that the MTPL can ensure that they have enough items for all. Infants and adults do not need to register.

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

Trick-or-Treating Curfew is 8 PM

The curfew for trick-or-treating
will be 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

from the Middletown Township Police Department

Please note, as per Township Ordinance 202-1, an 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
curfew will be in effect for people under the age of 18 on
October 30th and October 31st.

Visit middletownnj.org/ordinances for more information.



Click [HERE](#) to read the ordinance about curfews.

Honor Fallen Heroes at WPC Field of Flags Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, 10/28 at 12 PM



After being postponed due to bad weather, Westminster Presbyterian Church (94 Tindall Road) will be holding its annual Field of Flags ceremony on Saturday, October 28th 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 planted 5,000 flags to honor veterans from every branch who served in every war and conflict in U.S. military history.

Early Voting Begins Saturday, 10/28

Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2023 General Election



WHEN

★ Saturday, 10/28
through Sunday, 11/5

WHERE

★ Croydon Hall Gymnasium
(900 Leonardville Road)

TIME

★ 10 AM - 8 PM,
Monday through Saturday
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountvotes.com.

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)**



Please feel free to drop off your November General Election mail-in ballot 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.

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

VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Bayview Elementary
(300 Leonardville Rd.)

1:00 pm

Sunday, November 5th

The 66th annual Veterans Day Parade will be held is sponsored by VFW Post 2179 and the Township of Middletown. The parade will assemble at 12:30 PM at Bayview Elementary School and step off at 1:00 PM.

The approximately 2.3-mile route will begin at Bayview Elementary School, travel down Leonardville Road and proceed through Campbell's Junction, turn right at Cherry Tree Farm Road, turn right onto Wilson Avenue, and turn right at Garrett Place, ending at the rear entrance to VFW Post 2179. Refreshments will be served at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth) immediately following the parade. The reviewing stand will be located at Strollo's Lighthouse (83 Leonardville Road) in Belford.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to review the parade route.



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 Souvenir Coin Design Contest: Deadline Extended to Wednesday, 11/15!



The Commissioning Committee is holding a commemorative Coin Design Contest for high school and middle school students across the state. The deadline is Wednesday, November 15th.

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.

Requirements:

- Must be a high school or middle school student who is a resident of New Jersey
- Each student may submit one entry
- The coin design should fit within a circle of 2" in diameter (one side only)
- Each entry should include a sketch of the coin design along with a brief explanation of its symbolism and significance. Include your name, your school's name, and county.

Please submit your design to USSNJCoinContest@gmail.com to enter the contest.

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



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

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.

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.

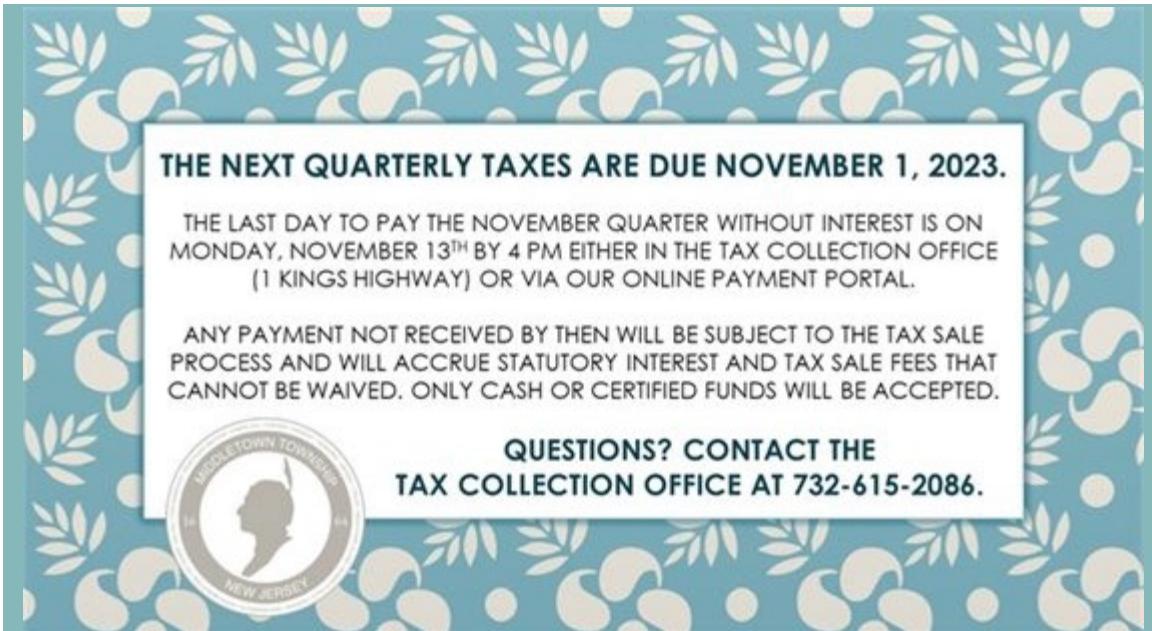
Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Free After-School Open Recreation Program



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 learn more and check out the fun monthly calendar.

Quarterly Taxes Due Wednesday, 11/1



Click [HERE](#) for information about how to pay your taxes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Write Cards for Middletown Veterans at MTPL on Wednesday, 11/1 from 3-7 PM

Cards For a Cause

Wednesday, 11/1 from 3-7pm



*Drop in and make a card for our veterans in Middletown.
Volunteer Hours will be offered for each card. Limit 5 cards.
Grades 6-12*

Visit the MTPL.org Calendar for more information.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Calling all students in grades 6-12! Show your appreciation for our veterans by stopping by the MTPL's Community Room on Wednesday, November 1st between 3-7 PM to make a card for a Middletown veteran. Volunteer hours will be offered for each card you make. There is a limit of 5 cards per person.

**Register Your Child for Middletown Recreation's Kids
Snapology STEM Camp**



Join Middletown Recreation over the public school district's upcoming November break (Monday, November 6th through Friday, November 10th) for some hands-on learning with Legos! Please note the camp will not be offered on Tuesday, November 7th and Friday, November 10th since Township offices will be closed. Choose one day or all three!

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

Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Annual Dodgeball Tourney and Gift Drive by Friday, 11/17



Gather your team and compete for dodgeball glory because Middletown Recreation's annual dodgeball tournament and toy drive is back! Sign up your team by Friday, November 17th and don't wait - a few divisions are already sold out!

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

Buy Tickets for *Guys and Dolls* Now Playing at the MAC



Guys and Dolls, presented by The MAC Players, is playing at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) this weekend!

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.

'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 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 for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

 **New Jersey Blood Services**  800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org #njbloodservices

[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

Please help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Tuesday, November 7th 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.

RESOURCES



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.



MIDDLETON
TOWNSHIP NJ

Department of Health



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



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 \(PDF\)](#).

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



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