

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



**Line the Streets at our Annual Veterans Day Parade this  
Sunday, 11/5 at 1:00 PM!**

**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>

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Parade 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 and travel down Leonardville Road through Campbell's Junction. Parade participants will then turn right on Cherry Tree Farm Road, make a right on 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.

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

**Middletown VAC Dedicates Two Street Signs to Korean**

## War Veterans



Last weekend, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) added two signs to its Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program, an initiative to pay tribute to Middletown veterans who were killed in action from the Revolutionary War to present. Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke joined VAC members to dedicate Arose Lane to Walter Arose and Evans Lane to William Evans. Both men fought in the Korean War. We thank them for their service and will honor their memory forever.



## Westminster Presbyterian Church Honors Veterans with Annual Field of Flags Dedication Ceremony





*Pictured from left: Field of Flags host WPC Elder Dave D'Arcy, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, MTPD Honor Guard members Frank Mazza and Tim Cairns, veteran and Middletown resident John Alonso, MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz*



*MTPD Honor Guard fires their rifles.*



*The 6,000 flags were planted two weeks before the ceremony.*



*Mayor Tony Perry passionately speaks about the importance of honoring our veterans.*

On Saturday, Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) hosted its annual Field of Flags ceremony. At the event, 6,000 flags were on display to honor veterans from every branch who served in every war and conflict throughout U.S. military history. Mayor Tony Perry was proud to address the crowd of attendees and the Middletown Township Police Department Honor Guard rendered a rifle volley.

# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS FALL 2023



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS)

**TRAVEL+  
LEISURE**

## **Middletown Named 9<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in NJ by *Travel + Leisure***

Middletown was recently named one of the best places to live in New Jersey by *Travel + Leisure*!

Middletown ranked number 9 out of 565 municipalities. We are fortunate to live in such a great town which varies from our historical sites to our parks and beyond!

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

**Last Chance to Cast Your Vote Early at Croydon Hall  
Gymnasium is This Weekend**



# 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 [monmouthcountyvotes.com](https://monmouthcountyvotes.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

- 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
- 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
- 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



**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.

**Municipal Offices Closed on Tuesday, 11/7 & Friday, 11/10**





The Middletown Township Recycling Center, Middletown Township Public Library, and Middletown Arts Center will follow usual business hours.



## Township Committee to Host Meeting on Wednesday, 11/8 at 5 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 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 2336 807 3192 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](#).

**Register Your Child for Middletown Recreation's Kids**

## Snapology STEM Camp Starting Monday, 11/6!

A colorful poster for Snapology STEM Camp. At the top left is the Middletown Recreation logo. The main image shows a smiling girl with long brown hair working on a LEGO Technic robot. To her right is a yellow starburst graphic that says "November Break 11/6, 11/8 & 11/9". Below the girl, the text "KIDS Snapology STEM CAMP" is displayed in large, bold letters, with a green LEGO Technic piece to the left. At the bottom, it lists the schedule: "1pm-4pm", "Ages: 6-11", "\$48/Day or \$140/3 Days (R)", and "Poricy Park Nature Center". A small illustration of a rocket ship is on the right side of the poster.

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

November Break  
11/6, 11/8 & 11/9

**KIDS Snapology STEM CAMP**

1pm-4pm  
Ages: 6-11  
\$48/Day or \$140/3 Days (R)  
Poricy Park Nature Center

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

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

## Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening Next Week



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be hosting its School's Out Day Camp from Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>! 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. This special ARTumn camp will focus on the art of North American fall colors, critters, creators, and more!

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.

## Middletown Celebrates Halloween Across Town



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation*

The past few days have been full of fall fun in Middletown! Last week, Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center, and the Middletown Township Education Association hosted their annual Halloween Hullabaloo at Poricy Park. The event was filled with trick-or-treating with craft vendors, navigating the corn maze, riding on the spooky hayride, doodling with Doodle Dude and Miss Fish, and a creative costume contest judged by Committeeman Ryan Clarke (who was dressed as Ken), Doodle Dude, and Miss Fish!

Halloween Hullabaloo was just a start to local festivities. On Saturday, Navesink Hook and Ladder Fire Company held a Halloween parade at its Fall Festival. On Halloween, Middletown Preschool hosted a party, the Middletown Township Public Library held a parade, and all 11 firehouses in the Middletown Township Fire Department gave out treats to children trick-or-treating.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in these fun celebrations!

## Two Ways to Help Our Community This Holiday Season



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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers](http://www.middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers) for more information about how to participate. 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 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 15<sup>th</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.

**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](mailto:USSNJCoinContest@gmail.com) to enter the contest.

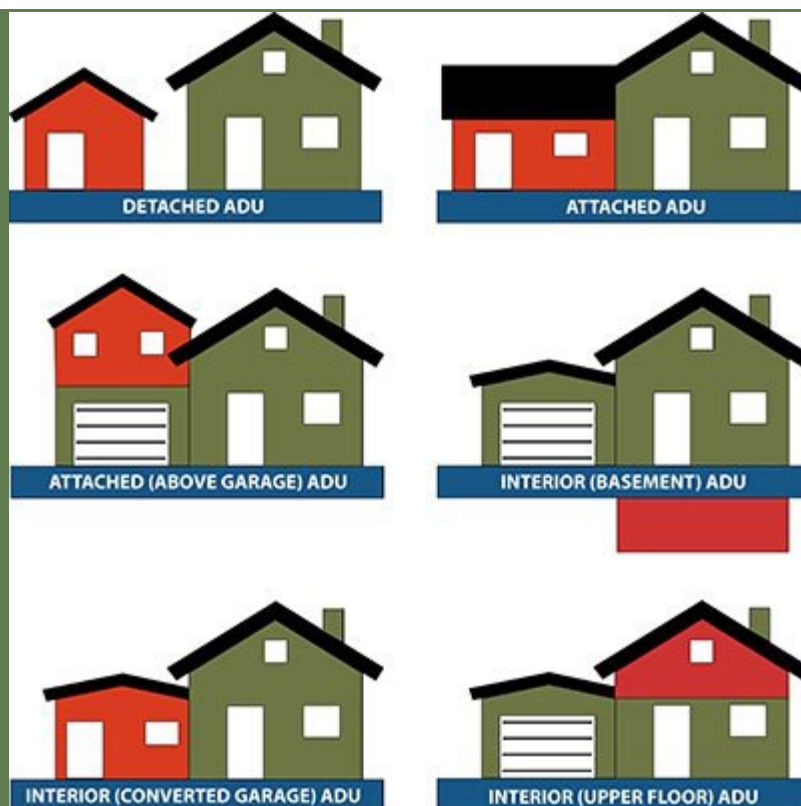
## **Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2023 Veteran of the Year Award by Friday, 12/1**



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/voty](http://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

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NIXLE



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

<https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/215645>[11/6/2023 10:54:02 AM]



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 recommended 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.


**Attend MTPL's The Real History of Thanksgiving Program  
on Wednesday, 11/8 at 7 PM**

# The Real History of Thanksgiving

Featuring local historian Glenn LeBoeuf

Wednesday,  
Nov. 8 | 7 pm



 Registration recommended, not required at [mtplt.org](https://www.mtplt.org).

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) at its Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) as local historian Glenn LeBoeuf tells the story of Thanksgiving as it would have been during early colonial times, including what types of food would have been shared (e.g., nuts, berries, clams, and perhaps a hawk or an eagle). He will also discuss how the holiday was established and has grown in the United States.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Meet Local Authors at MTPL's Community Reads on  
Saturday, 11/11 at 11 AM**



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 11  
11 AM-1 PM



Miranda  
Mathis



Donna  
Pinamonti



Gregory G.  
Allen



Jackie  
Galgey



Tara Lazar



David Udovic



Kathy Humel



Stop by the MTPL's Community Room next weekend for Community Reads! Various local authors will present their books and answer questions. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

**Residents-Only Presale for Santa Ferry is Monday, 11/13  
from 5:30-7:30 PM at Poricy Park**





Middletown Recreation is back on the bay to celebrate Christmas! This yuletide ride features Santa and friends, presents, entertainment, and a scenic ride around the Statue of Liberty. The residents-only presale will be on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

Click [HERE](#) for more details and the registration form.

**Compete in Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer  
Shootout on Saturday, 11/18 at 10 AM**



Think you've got the best penalty kick in town? Put it to the test! Winners in each age range will receive a frozen turkey courtesy of Circus Foodtown. All participants will receive a turkey stuffed animal!

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 & Toy Drive is back! Sign up your team by Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and don't wait - a few divisions are already sold out!

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/dodgeball) for more information and to sign up.

RESOURCES

Apply for 2020 ANCHOR Benefits by Friday, 12/29





**The 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 you have any questions, please call the State at 609-826-4282 or 1-888-238-1233. Visit [www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor) for more information.**

*[Click on the graphic to visit the NJ Division of Taxation's website.](#)*

**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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