



Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 Host 66th Annual Veterans Day Parade



The Middletown High School North marching band and honored guests march along the 2.3 mile parade route.

Last Sunday, Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 partnered to host their 66th annual Veterans Day Parade, which stepped off at Bayview Elementary School and ended at VFW Post 2179. This year's theme was "WWII Veterans, The Greatest Generation".

The event began with an invocation by the Chaplain of VFW Post 2179 and the Chaplain of Auxiliary 2179. Following the invocation were the opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance directed by past VFW Auxiliary Department of NJ



Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee member Bob Siemer proudly wears his original uniform from 1968.

President Lori Cannon. Middletown High School North's marching band led the parade alongside honored guests, including the Middletown Township Committee, Middletown Township Police Department Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chief John Werner, Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee member Bob Siemer, members of the Middletown Board of Education, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, and Senator Declan O'Scanlon.

The parade continued with the Grand Marshal, Buddy Poppy Queen, VFW Post 2179 Commander and Auxiliary 2179, Middletown High School South's marching band, antique cars, local VFW Posts, American Legion Post 515, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 721, Middletown Elks 2179, and local scout troops. Emergency personnel vehicles, including our First Aid and Rescue, Fire Department, Police Department and Explorers, and Office of Emergency Management followed. The parade concluded with a lunch at Post 2179.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parade and, most importantly, thank you to our veterans for their service! It was an honor to come together as a community and thank our nation's heroes.

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

Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 11/10



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

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



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

Girl Scout Troop 355 Earns Badges from Visit with Mayor Tony Perry



Mayor Perry and Troop 355 scouts were all smiles after an exciting and educational meeting!

On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry had the pleasure of meeting Girl Scout Troop 355 from Saint Mary School! Troop 355 is a mixed troop with scouts from grades K-5. With this visit, the Daisies earned their Democracy Badge, the Brownies earned their Celebrating Community Badge, and the Juniors earned their Inside Government Badge.

All the scouts had to come prepared with questions for Mayor Perry, and they did not disappoint! Mayor Perry was impressed by their ideas and so happy to see so many girls want to become leaders in their community. He's pretty sure there were some future mayors in the room with him! Thank you to Troop 355 for a great visit!



Recap of Wednesday, 11/8 Township Committee Special Meeting

Due to technical issues, the Township was unable to record the audio of the Township Committee Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:00 PM.

However, ordinances 2023-3396B, 2023-3397, and 2023-3398 were approved for a public hearing on November 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Main Meeting Room of Town

Hall. In addition, a resolution authorizing the payment of bills was also adopted at this past meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to review the agenda and full ordinances.

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 13th from 5:30-7:30 PM at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

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

Help Our Community This Holiday Season by Signing Up

for Our Gift Drive!



Middletown recently launched its Holiday Helpers program to support Middletown families in need with our Thanksgiving Food and Gift Drives! Our Food Drive has officially ended, but we are now looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to sign up for our Gift Drive! With the Holiday Helpers program, you will receive a list of items that a child would like, as well as items they may need. Sign up soon, as the Township will begin collecting gifts as early as Monday, November 27th!

Visit 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 MATTERS FALL 2023



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS



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.

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



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



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION'S 14TH ANNUAL

Dodgeball Tourney & Toy Drive

\$48/team + 1 unwrapped toy/player
Divisions by grade/age
Max 8 players per team this year!

Practice Week:
Nov 27th-Dec 1st

Tournament Week:
Dec 4th-8th

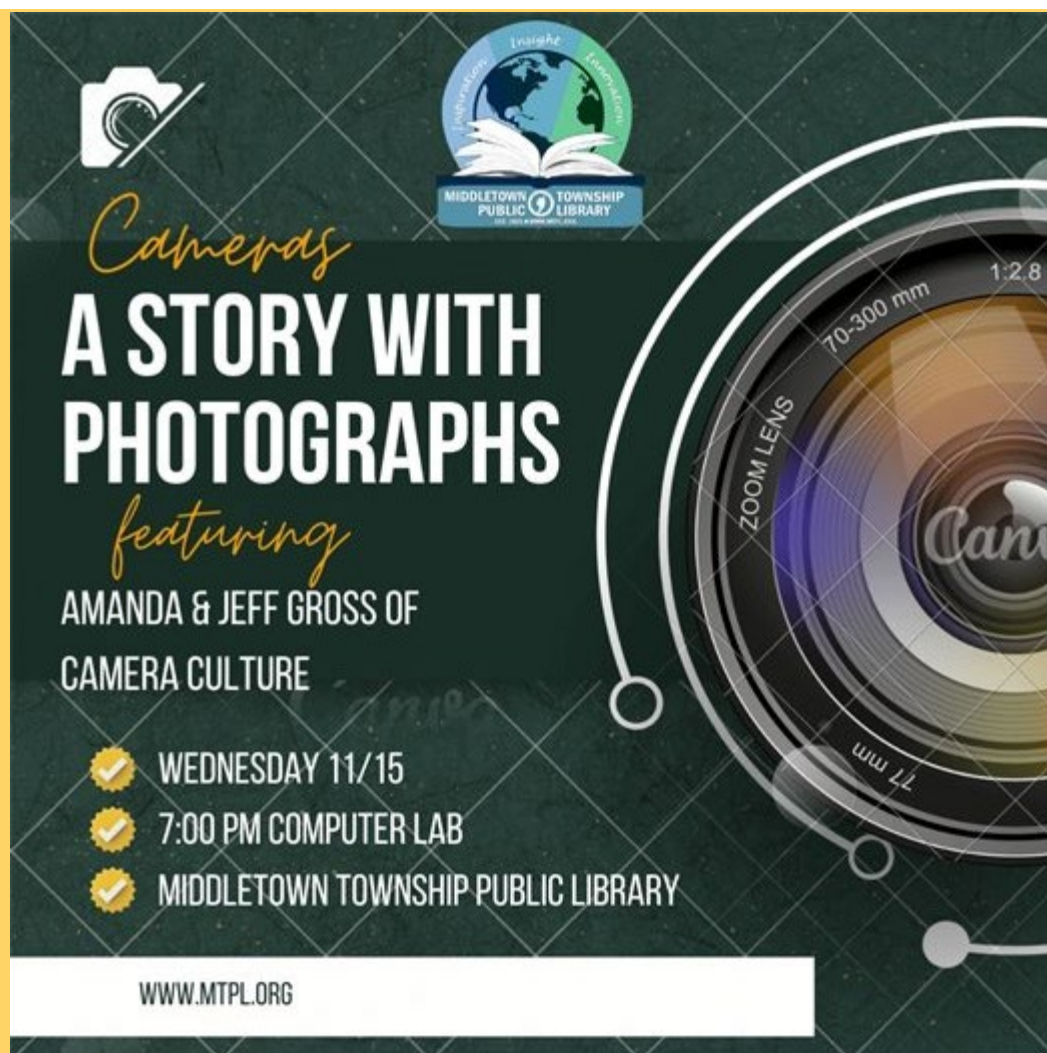
Croydon Hall Gym

Registration & info:
middletownnj.org/dodgeball

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 17th and don't wait - a few divisions are already sold out!

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


Register for MTPL's "Cameras: A Story with Photographs" Program on Wednesday, 11/15 at 7 PM



Love photography? Join Jeff and Amanda Gross of Camera Culture, a camera shop located in Red Bank, at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Wednesday, November 15th. The two will share information about photography, the difference between digital and film, and cameras (e.g., Nikon, Canon, Leica, Pentax, Yashica, and Olympus). The program will begin at 7 PM in the library's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.



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

Test Your *Big Bang Theory* Trivia Knowledge at the MTPL's Computer Lab on Thursday, 11/16 at 7 PM



the BIG BANG THEORY

TRIVIA NIGHT
NOVEMBER 16 @ 7PM

 *Registration is required!* 

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Listen to Live Music at the MTPL's Music Cafe on Sunday,
11/19 from 4-6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, November 19th from 4-6 PM for its monthly singer-songwriters showcase featuring artists Shotgun Bill Anania, Erika Sherger, Rob MacLeod + Rich Adams, and George Wirth. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

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

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School North on Saturday, 11/18 from 9 AM - 1 PM



Monmouth County will be holding its annual paper shredding event in Middletown on Saturday, November 18th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Middletown High School North.

County residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large-sized trash bags. All paper will be shredded on location in a mobile truck, and the event will end either once the mobile truck is full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents, but staples and paper clips can remain.

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

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 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.

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 to find a
location near you.



**MIDDLETOWN
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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).

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



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