



Middletown Township Hosts 2024 Reorganization Meeting



Following his swearing-in by former Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, Mayor Tony Perry takes a photo with his family.

Middletown Township held its annual reorganization meeting on Sunday, January 7th. Ryan Clarke and Kimberly Kratz, who were elected in November, were sworn into the Township Committee to serve their three-year terms. Father Jeff Kegley of Saint Mary, Mother of God Church performed the invocation and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Township Committee selected Tony Perry to serve his sixth consecutive year as mayor. Rick Hibell was chosen to serve as deputy mayor for his fourth consecutive year. Mayor Perry and Deputy Mayor Hibell are also the longest-serving

mayor and deputy mayor leadership team in Middletown's history.

The 2024 Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chiefs were also sworn in by Mayor Perry. Additionally, Middletown volunteers who were appointed to various boards, commissions, and committees were given their Oath of Office.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your dedication to our community!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the 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, January 21st.

All photos courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography



Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone swears in Rick Hibell, surrounded by his family, as the Deputy Mayor for his fourth consecutive year.



After taking her Oath of Office, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz takes a photo with her family and Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch who swore her in to the Township Committee.



Ryan Clarke, standing alongside his family, puts his hand on the Bible as Mayor Tony Perry swears him in to the Township Committee.



Mayor Tony Perry swears in William Kane Jr. as the 2024 MTFD Chief. The other MTFD chiefs sworn in are the following: Deputy Chief Anthony Fulciniti, First Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly, Second Assistant Chief



Mayor Tony Perry swears in Brian McKittrick as the 2024 EMS Chief. The other EMS chiefs sworn in are the following: Deputy Chief Marco Fernandes and Assistant Chief Floyd Goldstein.



Volunteers of Township boards, committees, and commissions recite the Oath of Office.

*Kevin Morrissey, and Third
Assistant Chief Jacob
Lawrence III.*

Municipal Offices Closed on Monday, 1/15



Troop 110 Boy Scout Soars to Eagle Scout Rank



Mayor Tony Perry personally congratulates Eagle Scout Andrew Seckular on his achievement.

Last week, Andrew Seckular from Boy Scout Troop 110 of Lincroft advanced to the impressive rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Tony Perry attended his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony to personally congratulate him and present him with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Eagle Scouts must complete service projects to earn this prestigious title. For his project, Andrew fundraised and installed five bike racks placed conveniently along the boardwalk in Bradley Beach. His goal was to ease congestion in the area as well as promote bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation around town. With the help of many scout and adult volunteers, he was able to prep the land and install concrete bases to create a product that can be used by the community.

Congratulations to Andrew, who was also an intern for the Middletown Clerk's Office this past summer! Please join us in wishing him continued success.

Girl Scout Troops Learn About Power of Local

Government with Mayor Perry



Pictured on the left: Mayor Tony Perry with Girl Scout Troop 60049



Pictured on the right: Mayor Tony Perry with Girl Scout Troop 223

On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry met with two Girl Scout troops back to back! Troop 60049 had the honor of kicking off the eventful evening. The troop, which consists of girls from grades 4-6 at Lincroft Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School, and Saint Mary's School, are focusing on community support and services this year. Their meeting with Mayor Perry taught them a lot about their community from a government perspective.

After Troop 60049, Mayor Perry met with Troop 223 which consists of both Junior and Daisy Scouts. They are currently working toward their Democracy Badges, so they came prepared with lots of questions and excitement to learn about how local government works and how their voices can be heard.

We applaud these troops for their eagerness to learn!

Mean Girls, Filmed in Middletown, Premieres in Theatres

Middletown was thrilled to have *Mean Girls* film in town and at the former Mater Dei Prep High School last spring. Tina Fey was totally fetch and even gave us a shoutout on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*! Check out these behind-the-scenes photos before watching the movie, which is now in theaters!

Click [*HERE*](#) to watch Tina Fey's interview.



Prepare for Stormy Weather: Register for Nixle to Receive Local 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.



NJDEP Places Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Heavy Rain and Wind

Due to the heavy rain and windy conditions predicted to reach our area Friday afternoon through Saturday morning, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) placed the Port Monmouth facility into "Operational Mode" on Friday, January 12th at 1:30 PM.

Click [HERE](#) to read our advisory for more information.

Christmas Tree Collection Dates:
North Zone TOMORROW Saturday, 1/13 & South Zone on
Saturday, 1/20



The poster features a circular logo at the top with the text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP" and "PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING" around a central emblem. Below the logo, the title "CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES" is written in large, green, stylized letters. The dates for the North and South zones are listed in bold blue text. At the bottom, a note states that trees can be recycled at the Middletown Recycling Center during regular business hours. A dark blue box at the bottom contains white text explaining that trees are recycled into wood mulch and providing instructions to remove ornaments and wires.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES

NORTH ZONE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

SOUTH ZONE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Trees can also be recycled if brought to the Middletown Recycling Center during regular business hours.

Middletown Township is proud to recycle all Christmas trees into wood mulch which will be available to residents for free in the spring. Please help make the recycling process easier by removing all ornaments, wires, and plastic bags from your old Christmas trees.

Introducing New Township Tax Estimator Calculator



Middletown Township Tax Estimator Calculator

HOW TO USE IT:

- Enter your 2024 assessment
- Click "Calculate"
- Subtract the amount you were billed for 2023 property taxes from the estimated figure
- Number will indicate the 2024 increase/decrease

Visit www.middletownnj.org/assessment to access the calculator.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/assessment for information about how to understand your tax assessment, frequently asked questions, more details about our new tax

estimator calculator, and an explanation of the tax rate calculation.

Renew Your Dog License by Wednesday, 1/31!

Attention All Dog Owners: **2024 Dog License Renewals Beginning 1/1/2024**

Dog license renewal paperwork was recently mailed and will soon be emailed to you (if you have an email address on file).

Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1st and January 31st.

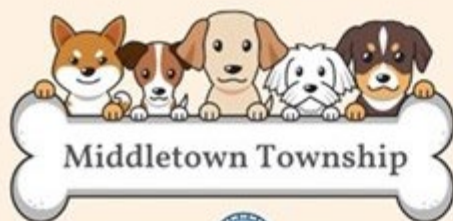
Late fees begin February 1st.



**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097
or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information about our pet licensing policy.

BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



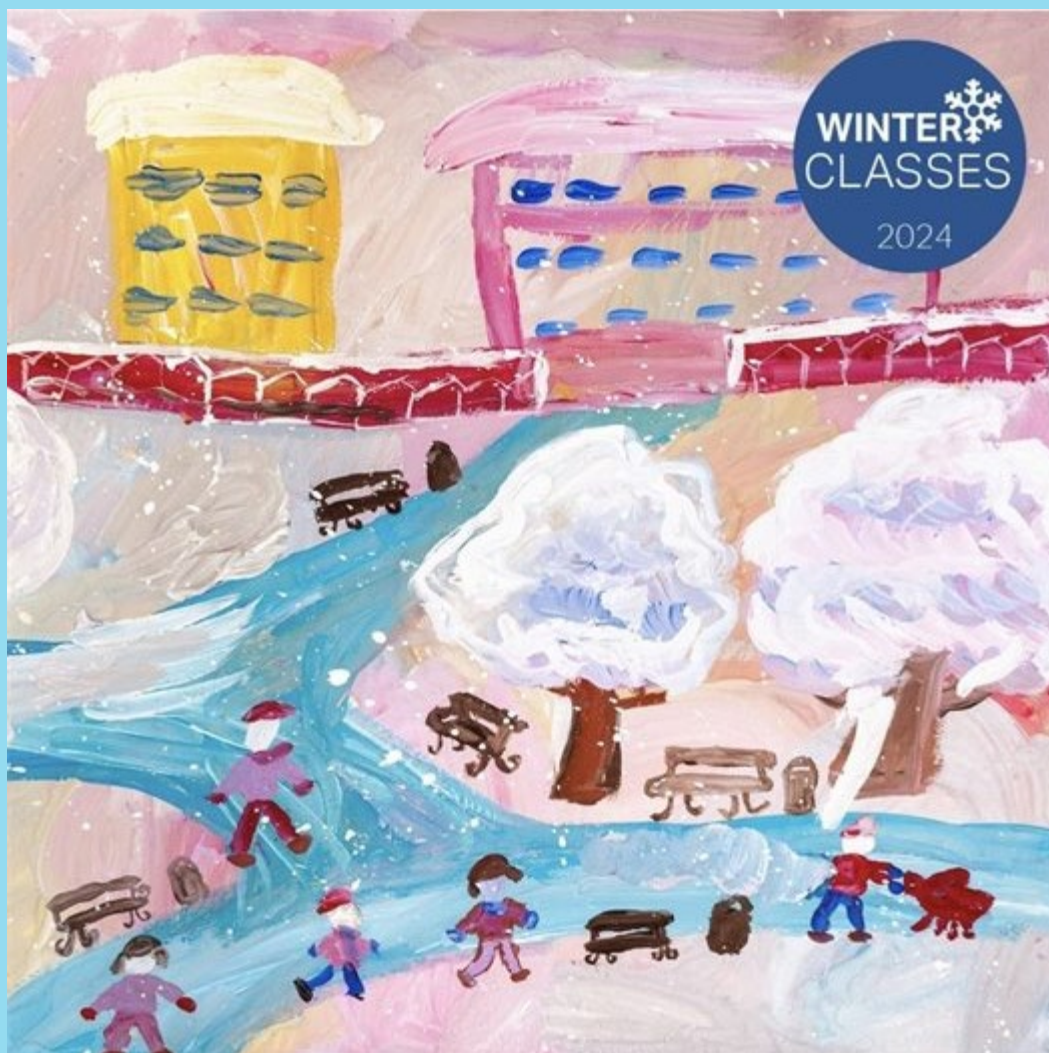
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The annual licensing fee goes directly toward services that benefit your pet.

Licensing fees are divided into several services including free rabies clinics, animal shelter fees, veterinarian fees, Animal Control equipment fees, and more.

With dog license renewals currently taking place, Middletown Animal Control would like to remind residents about the benefits of licensing your dog! Throughout the month of January, we will be sharing these advantages via our communications channels. Be sure to follow Middletown Township on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#)!

New Year, New Hobby: Make an Artistic Resolution and Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Winter 2024 classes recently began, but it's not too late to register! As a special way to thank everyone for their support, the MAC is offering an entire session of the *Relax into Writing* and *Zumbini ("Mommy and Me" Music + Movement)* classes for FREE!

Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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**Register for MTPL's *Mean Girls* Trivia Night Happening on
Wednesday, 1/17 at 7 PM**



The poster features a central image of four girls from the movie 'Mean Girls', with the title 'MEAN GIRLS' in large pink letters above them. To the right of the image is a pink starburst graphic that says 'For Adults 18+'. Below the image, the words 'TRIVIA NIGHT' are written in large, bold, pink letters, followed by 'JANUARY 17TH @ 7PM' in a slightly smaller pink font. At the bottom left is a small logo for the Middletown Public Library, and at the bottom right, the text 'Registration is required at mtpl.org.' is written in a cursive font.

Trivia is so fetch! Come to the MTPL's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) next week to test your *Mean Girls* knowledge. Bonus points awarded for those wearing pink to trivia... because on Wednesdays we wear pink!

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

Read *Can Penguins Fly?* with Author Frank Kozusko at the
MTPL on Monday, 1/15 at 11 AM

AUTHOR FRANK KOZUSKO READS "CAN PENGUINS FLY?"

Monday, 1/15 @ 11am
Ages 3 & Up




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

On Monday, author Frank Kozusko will read his children's picture book, *Can Penguins Fly?*, at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). All are welcome and registration is not required.

Mr. Kozusko is a retired United States Navy submariner, nuclear engineer, and university mathematics professor. He lives in New Jersey where he writes fiction and poetry. He is the author of numerous short stories, a mystery series, and several poetry collections including *Boomer Bounce: Poems on a Generation*. Mr. Kozusko will also have copies of *Can Penguins Fly?* for selling and signing.

Visit www.frankkozusko.com for more information about the author.

**Celebrate National Blood Donor Month by Donating Blood
at Lincroft Fire Company on Tuesday, 1/16**



**NATIONAL
BLOOD DONOR
MONTH**


All types make a strong blood supply

BLOOD DRIVE


Tuesday, Jan. 16
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. Mask requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

 **New Jersey
Blood Services**

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

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

Help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Tuesday, January 16th 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.

**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Maple Tree Tapping
on Wednesday, 2/7 at 4 PM**



In the dead of winter, trees begin to prepare for spring. Join Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to drill holes, hammer in tappers, and hang buckets - the first steps of making maple syrup!

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

Scout Groups: Register for Maple Sugaring at Poricy Park in February or March





CALLING ALL SCOUT GROUPS!



MAPLE SUGARING AT PORICY PARK

Includes science experiments, syrup sampling, and short hike to check on tapped trees. One scout group per session - pick the time that works best for your group!

SAT 2/24 OR SAT 3/2

With cold nights and warm days, the late winter is the perfect time of year for maple sap in New Jersey. Join Middletown Recreation in February or March at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to learn why you can collect sap only during this time, how to identify maples and other trees in the winter, and how boiling increases solution concentrations to create syrup. Bring your scout group out for hands-on learning!

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

Celebrate Lunar New Year at Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Dance in February



Get ready to make some beautiful memories at Middletown Recreation's annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at Jacques Banquet Hall (500 Palmer Avenue). The theme is Chinese New Year – stop by for DJ, dancing, and surprises!

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

Audition on Saturday, 1/27 for MAC's 2024 Summer Intensive Dance Camp

MAC 2024 SUMMER INTENSIVE

DANCE AUDITIONS



Calling all dancers from any studio! The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be hosting five-day dance camp Summer Intensive from Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th. Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 27th at the MAC (36 Church Street).

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pre-register for an audition.

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.

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