



Mayor Tony Perry Joins Bi-Partisan Mission to War-Torn Israeli Communities



Mayor Itzik Danino is visibly moved after receiving the American flag from Mayor Tony Perry.

This week, Mayor Tony Perry joined a bi-partisan mission of elected officials, educators, and community leaders from across New Jersey to war-torn

communities in Israel.

During his three-day visit, he met with Mayor Itzik Danino of Ofakim which lost 40 residents and more held hostage by Hamas. After the tragic attacks of September 11th, the world rallied in support of the United States and communities like Middletown who lost dozens of loved ones. As a symbol of our shared grief, Mayor Perry presented him with a flag of the United States which flew over Town Hall in honor of those lost on October 7th.

Mayor Perry also delivered homemade cards from Middletown students to the Hand in Hand School in Jerusalem. The school brings together Muslim and Jewish students, fostering unity and mutual growth.

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information about the trip.



Mayor Tony Perry was honored to personally deliver heartfelt homemade cards on behalf of Middletown students.

Bayshore Middle School Participates in Annual Great Kindness Challenge



Committeewoman Kratz was proud to participate in this positive and important initiative. (Photo courtesy of Bayshore Middle School)

On Monday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz joined Bayshore Middle School as a leadership guest to kick off The Great Kindness Challenge! It is a weeklong, global campaign that is dedicated to students performing as many kind deeds as possible while using a provided checklist.

Each leadership guest had a student they were paired with to discuss the importance of leadership and helping others. Committeewoman Kratz was thrilled to chat with 8th grader Anna Doyle.

Middletown commends Bayshore Middle School for uniting our community and spreading kindness!

MTFD Assists North Brunswick with Large Warehouse Fire



Photo courtesy of MTFD

Earlier this week, the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) was requested by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office to assist at an 8-alarm fire in North Brunswick. The Belford Engine Fire Company and River Plaza Hose Company responded with two engines to a lake in East Brunswick to secure a water source to fill tanker trucks for the firefighting efforts. Over the course of 4 hours, MTFD crews filled several tankers in excess of 27,000 gallons!

Interested in learning more or joining the MTFD? Visit www.mtdnj.org.



**Congratulations
to our Recent
Project P.L.U.S.
Graduates!**



*(Photos courtesy of Project
P.L.U.S.)*



This week, fifth grade students from Harmony Elementary School, New Monmouth Elementary School, and Ocean Elementary School graduated from Middletown

Municipal Alliance's Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students)!

The free after school 8-week program teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and prepares them for the upper grades. Thorne Middle School Principal Shannon Smith attended the graduations to meet her incoming students, while Harmony Elementary School Principal Erik Paulson and New Monmouth Elementary School Principal Matthew Ferri were proud to attend and show support.

Middletown Municipal Alliance thanks Prevention Specialists Nicki Francis and Hugh Wallace, as well as MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber, Detective Ric Cruz, Detective First Class Janine Kennedy, Sergeant Mike Heaton, and K9 Titan for their support.

Congratulations to the graduates and good luck in middle school!

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.

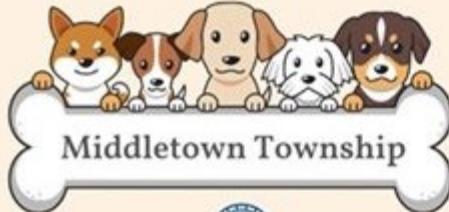


**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097
or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.**

The deadline to renew your dog license is rapidly approaching! Animal Control is extending its hours at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31st to assist residents who may have questions about dog license renewals.

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

BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control

732-615-2097

www.middletownnj.org/petlicensing

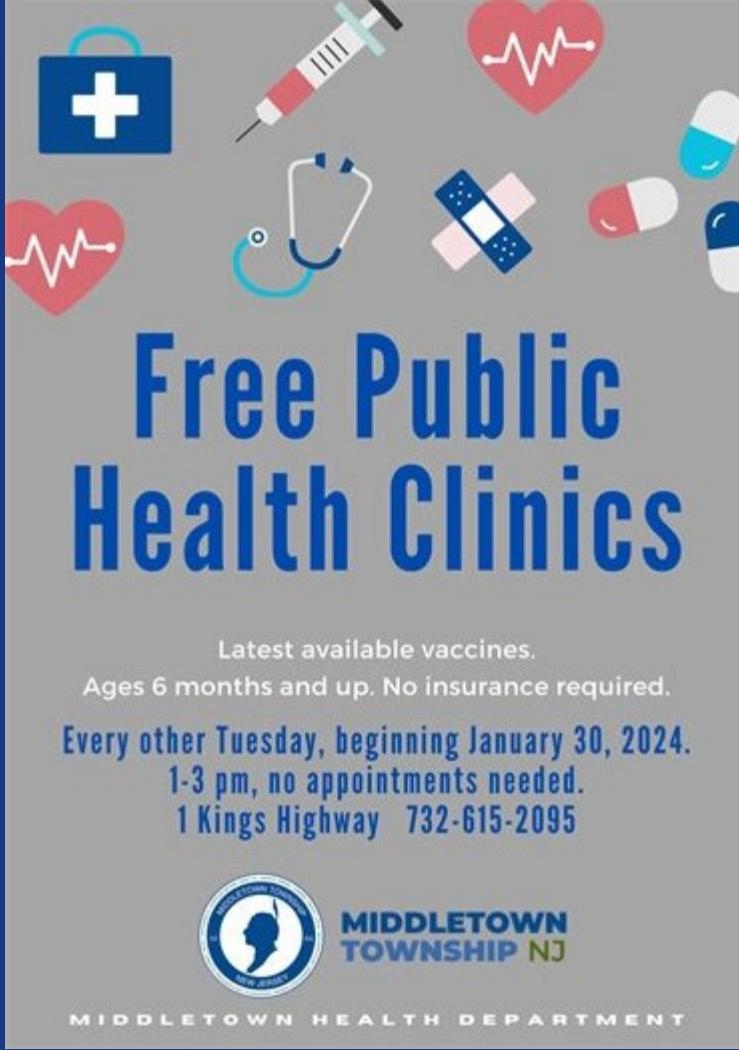
Your pet can have a social life.

Many places (like groomers, dog parks, pet-friendly hotels, airlines, etc.) require pet licenses.

With dog license renewals currently taking place, Middletown Animal Control would like to remind residents about the benefits of licensing your dog!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/petlicensing to read about other benefits and be sure to follow Middletown Township on Facebook, Instagram, and X!

**Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County
Partner for Free Walk-In Vaccine Clinics Beginning
Tuesday, 1/30 from 1-3 PM**



Free Public Health Clinics

Latest available vaccines.
Ages 6 months and up. No insurance required.

Every other Tuesday, beginning January 30, 2024.
1-3 pm, no appointments needed.
1 Kings Highway 732-615-2095

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NJ

MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MTPD Announces Police Youth Week 2024 Dates: Registration Opens Tuesday, 2/20 at 10 AM



Middletown Township
2024
Police Youth Week
Announcement

JUNE 24 – JUNE 28 (8-11 YEAR
OLDS)

JULY 8 – JULY 12 (8-11 YEAR OLDS)

JULY 29 – AUGUST 2 (12 & 13 YEAR
OLDS)



Save the date for MTPD's Police Youth Week registration! Once registration opens, applications can be completed online via CommunityPass.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Police Youth Week.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to access CommunityPass.

Register for Middletown Recreation's FREE Open Recreation After-School Program



Join Middletown Recreation for some after-school fun at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue, North Middletown)! FREE for residents, Open Recreation provides a safe place for children to complete homework or play while being supervised.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the monthly calendar and register.

Beep Beep! Looking for a Job? Become a Bus Driver for the Middletown Senior Center!



WE'RE HIRING!

SENIOR CENTER BUS DRIVER

- **\$20/HOUR**
- **CDL PREFERRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED**
- **3 DAYS A WEEK, FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the job responsibilities and schedule.



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.

Quarterly Taxes Due Thursday, 2/1

THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE FEBRUARY QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.

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Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Monthly Music Cafe on Sunday, 1/28 from 4-6 PM



FRANK PATROUCH
BARBARA PASKIN
DANIEL RAVAGLIA
KATHY MOSER



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, January 28th from 4-6 PM for its monthly singer-songwriters showcase featuring artists Frank Patrouch, Barbara Paskin, Daniel Ravaglia, and Kathy Moser! 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.

Attend MTPL's Art Show Featuring Resident Bob Wille's Artwork from Tuesday, 1/30 - Thursday, 2/29

IN THE GALLERY



ART SHOW

featuring local artist Bob Wille

January 30th - February 29th, 2024



Celebrate the 13th Annual Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, 2/3 at the MTPL

IT'S COMING! THE 13TH ANNUAL

**Take Your Child
to the Library Day**

Saturday, February 3, 2024

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3rd**



Storytime at 10am!
Craft, activities,
displays & more!
Get to know your library!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR STORYTIME!
CRAFT AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!
VISIT MTPL.ORG FOR DETAILS!

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

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) next weekend for Take Your Child to the Library Day! Get to know the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) with crafts, activities, displays, and a special storytime at 10 AM! Registration is required for storytime.

Click [HERE](#) to register for storytime.

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.

RESOURCES



Stay on Top of Winter Weather Advisories:

Register for Middletown's 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.

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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