



Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County Celebrates 61st Home Dedication in Middletown



Mayor Tony Perry was honored to join HFHMC, sponsors, and elected officials in this group photo with the Finn family! (Photo courtesy of John Vitollo)

On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante joined Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County (HFHMC) for the dedication of their 61st home, located at 27 Ideal Avenue in North Middletown! Sponsors, donors, and elected officials joined HFHMC for this special event as they officially presented the house to new homeowner Amanda Finn and her children Savannah



Mayor Tony Perry delivers a speech in front of the beautiful new home. (Photo courtesy of

and Brendan.

John Vitollo

Middletown's involvement in this home began years ago when the Township donated the land to HFHMC. In June 2022, Township officials were honored to visit the property with HFHMC and nonprofit Catholic Daughters of the Americas, who were there to present HFHMC with a generous check.

This past May, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante revisited the site and joined HFHMC and Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the groundbreaking. Many people, nonprofits, and businesses played a part in creating this home, and Middletown is grateful for its role in this journey.

Congratulations to HFHMC for this wonderful success and congratulations to the Finn family on their new home!

Middletown High School North Ice Hockey Team Wins Annual Mayor's Cup!



Mayor Tony Perry kicks off the exciting game by dropping the puck.

On Tuesday night, the arena at Middletown Sports Complex was filled with community spirit as Middletown High School North and South competed for the annual Mayor's Cup. Congratulations to Middletown High School North for winning

the competition for the third year in a row!



Mayor Tony Perry proudly presents the Mayor's Cup to players on the winning team.

Middletown High School North Welcomes Mayor Perry for Civic Leadership Class Presentation



Mayor Tony Perry and Civic Leadership students take a group photo after a great discussion!

On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Middletown High School North to speak to students in Civic Leadership, which is a senior-level class that aims to empower students to become confident leaders and active members in their local communities. During his visit, Mayor Perry discussed the importance of local politics and community engagement. He was truly honored to meet these future leaders and looks forward to seeing them continue to grow, learn, and stay engaged in important issues.

Local Scout Troop Learns About Local Government During Town Hall Visit



Committeeman Ryan Clarke and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante take a break from the visit to take a group photo!

Last week, Committeeman Ryan Clarke met with Nut Swamp Troop 205 Lion Den 5 to discuss the civic responsibilities of elected officials. They discussed Middletown as a whole, and specifically how our Township is run and the duties of the governing body. Township Administrator Tony Mercantante was thrilled to join the meeting and gave the scouts a tour of both the Town Hall and Police Department sides of our municipal building. Shoutout to these scouts for showing interest in local government and our community!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 2/5 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 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. 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 2338 283 5725 followed by #. Enter 2024 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](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the agenda.

Get Involved: Attend Our 2024 Master Plan Public Workshop on Wednesday, 2/21 at 7 PM



The poster features the Middletown Township logo (a circular seal with a profile of a person and the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY 1664') on the left. To the right, a large white speech bubble contains the text 'Join Us!'. Below this, the event title is displayed in large, bold, yellow and white text: 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP'. The location is listed as 'Middletown Arts Center 36 Church Street'. The time is '7:00-9:00PM Free parking across from MAC'. The workshop format is described as 'Short presentation followed by interactive open house stations'. A call to action encourages sharing ideas and vision for future land use, development, and preservation of natural and cultural resources. The date 'Wednesday Feb. 21st' is prominently displayed in a circle with a blue ribbon at the bottom. The website 'middletownnj.org/mpinput' is at the bottom left.

Middletown Township is embarking on a significant journey to develop a comprehensive Master Plan, the first in nearly two decades, to chart the course of our Township's future. This Master Plan, a meticulous roadmap, will guide planning decisions reflecting our community's vision, goals, and recommendations for the economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of Middletown.

Our community's active involvement is an essential pillar of this process. The Master Plan is not only about the Township; it is every bit about its residents who live, work, and contribute to its vibrant fabric daily.

We strongly encourage you to visit www.middletownnj.org/mpinput for more

information and to attend our first public workshop on Wednesday, February 21st at 7 PM at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)!

Join Middletown PBA 124 and Hazlet PBA 189 at Annual Climb With A Cop Fundraiser on Sunday, 2/4 for SONJ

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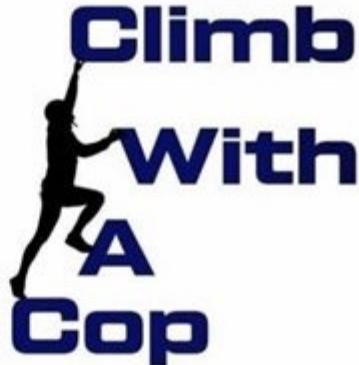
**Special
Olympics**
New Jersey



SUNDAY
February 4, 2024

11:00AM - 3:00PM
37 Kanes Ln.
Middletown, NJ

Entry fee \$30
*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ



Climb
With
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LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW JERSEY



Visit www.gravityvault.com, www.njtorchrun.org or call
The Gravity Vault at (732) 856-9599 for more details.

Must be 5 years old or older to climb. Individuals under 18 must have waiver completed by parent or legal guardian.

Middletown PBA 124 is partnering with Hazlet PBA 189 to host the annual Climb with a Cop fundraiser on Sunday, February 4th. The event will take place at Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Lane) from 11 AM-3 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). We hope to see you there!

**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.

**Save the Date: Middletown Recreation's Summer Camps'
Registration Opens Friday, 3/1 at 10 AM**

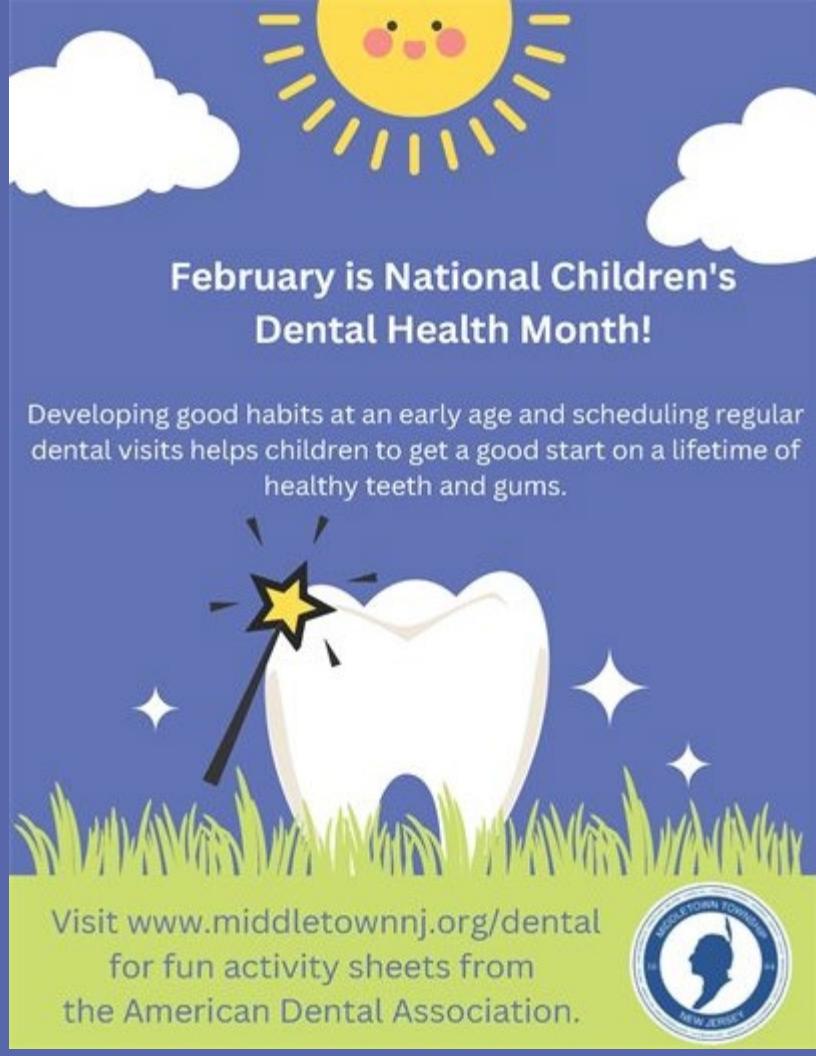


The flyer for Summer Camps '24 features a blue and yellow design. At the top, the Middletown Recreation logo is shown, followed by the text "SUMMER CAMPS '24". Below this, a large image shows children in red shirts at a campsite. To the right, the text "Registration begins:" is followed by "MARCH 1ST (R)" and "MARCH 8TH (NR)" in orange, with "10AM ON COMMUNITY PASS" underneath. A blue starburst graphic in the center says "WEEKLY CAMPS JULY 1 TO AUG 9". To the right, the text "TRADITIONAL CAMPS" is displayed in green, accompanied by a green frog illustration. Below this, a yellow box lists camp options: "TONYA KELLER PIONEERS PREK", "CROYDON HALL CAMPS K-6TH GRADE", "PORICY PARK SCIENCE CAMPS PREK-6TH GRADE", and "TRAIL BLAZERS TRAVEL CAMP 7TH-9TH GRADE". To the right of the box are illustrations of a soccer ball, basketball, and football. The bottom of the flyer features the slogan "the best days are spent at CAMP" with a sun icon.

Join Middletown Recreation for a summer of fun! Camp registration for residents begins on Friday, March 1st at 10 AM. Camp registration for non-residents begins on Friday, March 8th at 10 AM. All registrations are processed through CommunityPass at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/camp to check out pricing, themes, and trips.

Middletown Health Department Encourages YOU to Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month!



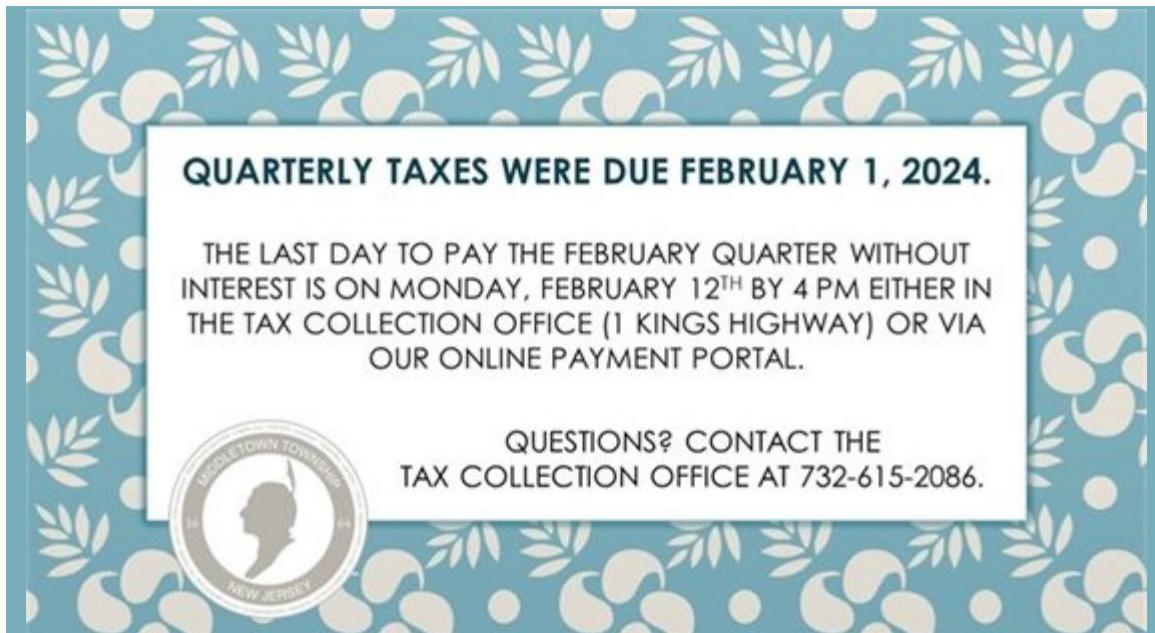
February is National Children's Dental Health Month!

Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/dental for fun activity sheets from the American Dental Association.

Click on the graphic to access the activity sheets and additional resources.

Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Monday, 2/12 by 4 PM



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

New Jersey American Water Plans for Temporary Water Treatment Changes in Monmouth County

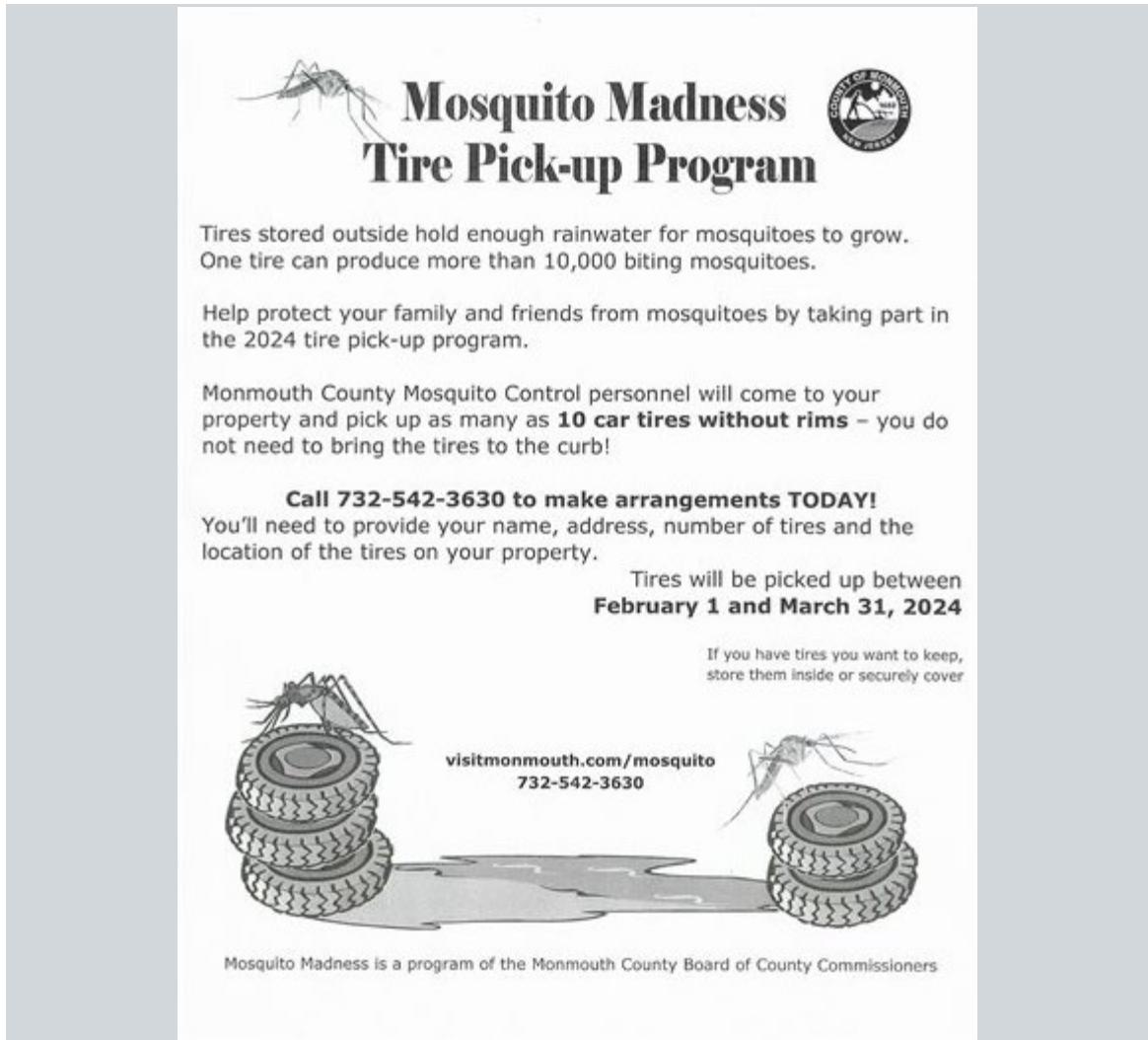
As part of an annual maintenance program for its water distribution system, New Jersey American Water (NJAW) will temporarily change the water treatment process from a chloramine (combination) residual to free chlorine residual at the company's Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune.



The temporary treatment process will begin the week of February 12, 2024 and continue until mid-April 2024. During this period, some customers may notice a slight taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and will only be temporary until the system maintenance is complete. Customers who wish to reduce the taste of chlorine can place water in an uncovered glass container in the refrigerator overnight to dissipate chlorine faster.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's full press release.

Monmouth County Mosquito Madness Tire Pick-up Program is Available through Sunday, 3/31



The poster features a stylized illustration of a mosquito on the left and a stack of tires on the right. The text is centered above the illustration.

Mosquito Madness Tire Pick-up Program

**County of Monmouth
New Jersey**

Tires stored outside hold enough rainwater for mosquitoes to grow. One tire can produce more than 10,000 biting mosquitoes.

Help protect your family and friends from mosquitoes by taking part in the 2024 tire pick-up program.

Monmouth County Mosquito Control personnel will come to your property and pick up as many as **10 car tires without rims** – you do not need to bring the tires to the curb!

Call 732-542-3630 to make arrangements TODAY!
You'll need to provide your name, address, number of tires and the location of the tires on your property.

Tires will be picked up between **February 1 and March 31, 2024**

If you have tires you want to keep, store them inside or securely cover

visitmonmouth.com/mosquito
732-542-3630

Mosquito Madness is a program of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division will be picking up tires through Sunday, March 31st to help prevent mosquitoes from growing in tires that hold rainwater. The division will come to your property and collect up to 10 car tires without rims. Please call 732-542-3630 and provide your name, address, number of tires, and the location of the tires on your property to arrange a pick-up. You do not need to bring the tires to the curb.

The Middletown Township Health Department encourages residents to participate in this program if you have tires that are wet and ready to be discarded. If you have tires you want to keep, please either store them inside or securely cover them if they are outside.

Visit www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Attend MTPL's "How Money Works" Financial Education Seminar on Wednesday, 2/7 at 7 PM



HOW MONEY WORKS financial education seminar

with Miriam Baresh from
Primerica Financial Services



**Wednesday, 2/7 @ 7 pm
Community Room**

Registration strongly recommended.
Visit the calendar page at mtpl.org

Take the opportunity to educate yourself about your finances by attending the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) "How Money Works" financial education seminar on Wednesday! Miriam Baresh from Primerica Financial Services will be leading the program and discussing important financial topics, such as Rule of 72, Theory of Decreasing Responsibility, deferring taxes, and buying the right type of life insurance. Registration is recommended, but not

required.

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

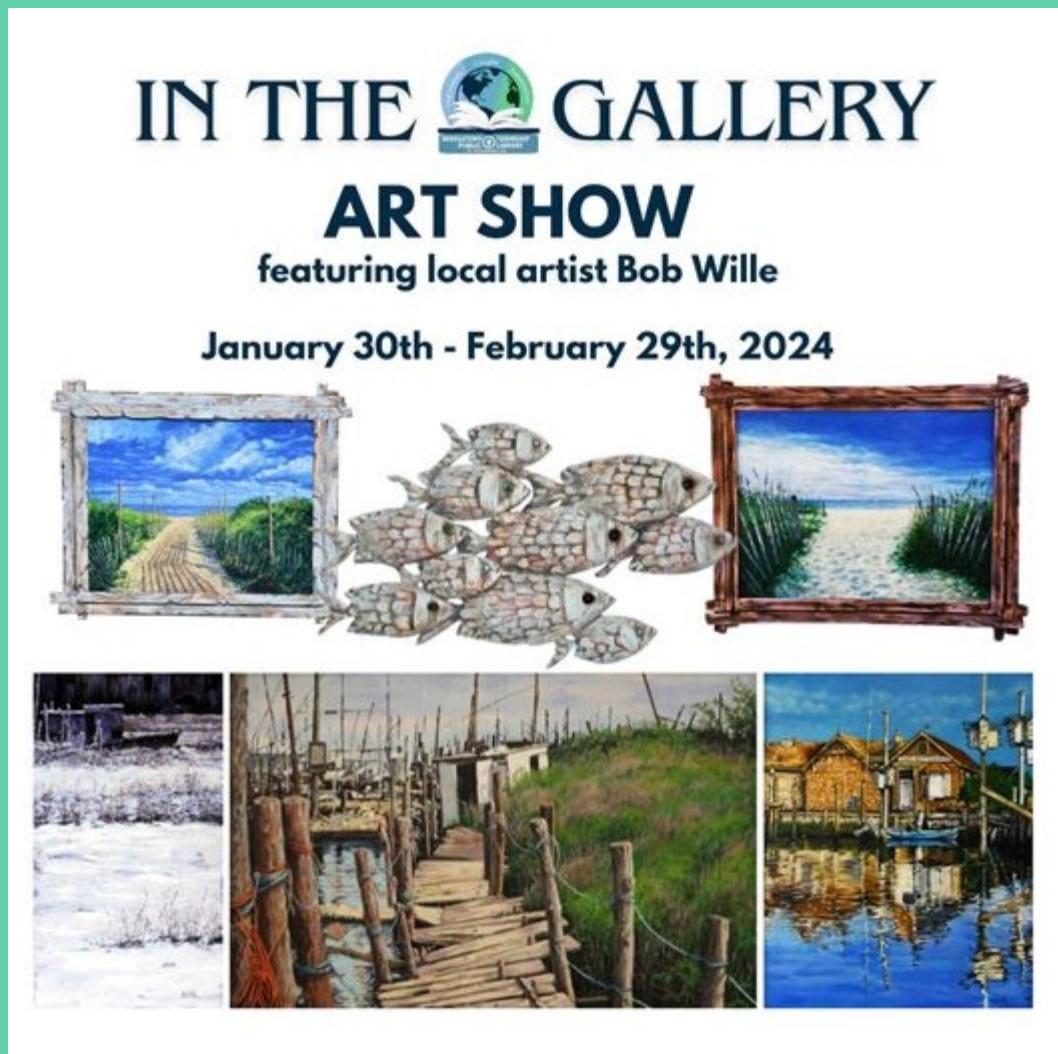
Attend MTPL's Art Show Featuring Resident Bob Wille's Artwork Now through Thursday, 2/29

IN THE GALLERY

ART SHOW

featuring local artist Bob Wille

January 30th - February 29th, 2024



The poster for the art show features the title 'IN THE GALLERY' in large serif capital letters, with a small circular logo containing a globe and the text 'MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY' below it. The word 'ART SHOW' is in bold capital letters, and 'featuring local artist Bob Wille' is in a smaller serif font. The date 'January 30th - February 29th, 2024' is in bold capital letters. Below the text are several images of Bob Wille's artwork: a painting of a beach path, a painting of fish, a winter scene, a dock, and a waterfront building.

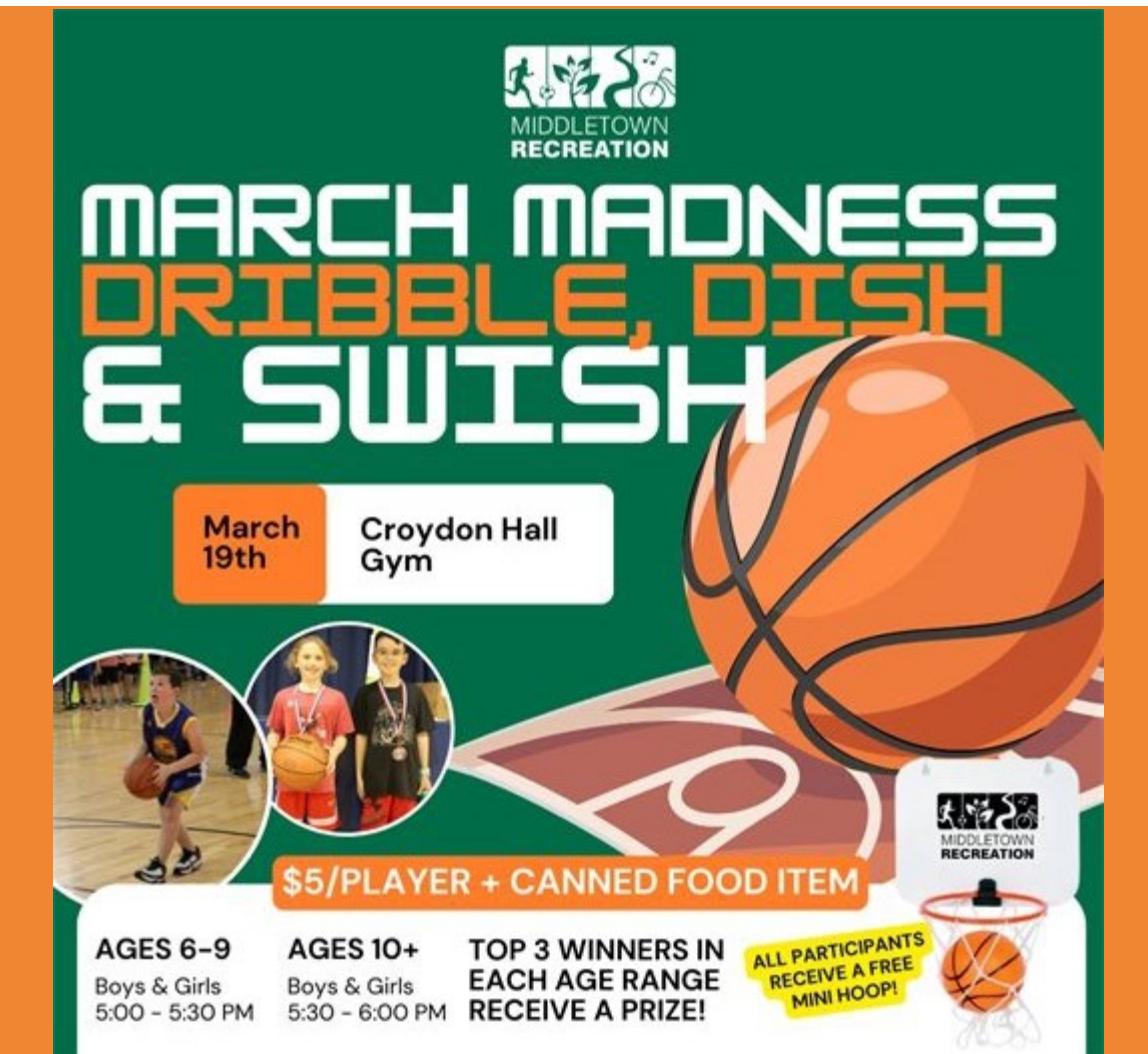
Celebrate the Season of Love at The MAC Players' Valentine's Cabaret on Sunday, 2/11 at 2 PM



Join The MAC Players at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) next weekend for "Love on Broadway: A Valentine's Cabaret" with love songs sung by The MAC Players' past, present, and future performers! This event is FREE, but donations via cash or check are greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to The MAC Players' programming.

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

**Register for Middletown Recreation's March Madness:
Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition**



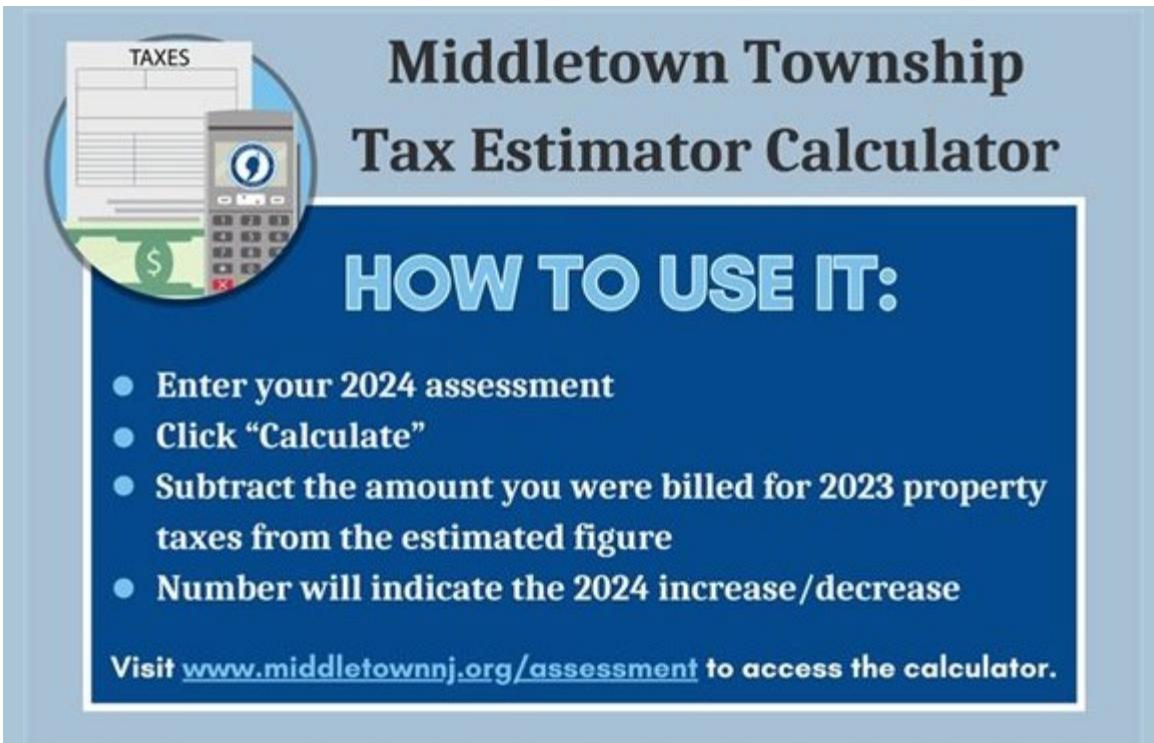
The poster features a large orange basketball on the right side. At the top left is the Middletown Recreation logo with three icons: a runner, a tree, and a cyclist. The main title 'MARCH MADNESS' is in white, 'DRIBBLE, DISH' is in orange, and '& SWISH' is in white. Below the title is a date 'March 19th' and a location 'Croydon Hall Gym'. Two small circular photos show a boy dribbling and two girls holding basketballs. A large orange banner at the bottom says '\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM'. Below this, age group details are listed: 'AGES 6-9 Boys & Girls 5:00 - 5:30 PM', 'AGES 10+ Boys & Girls 5:30 - 6:00 PM', and 'TOP 3 WINNERS IN EACH AGE RANGE RECEIVE A PRIZE!'. A yellow box on the right says 'ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A FREE MINI HOOP!' with an illustration of a basketball hoop.

Wear your favorite basketball jersey and dribble, dish, and swish your way to victory in Middletown Recreation's annual March Madness: Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition on Tuesday, March 19th from 5-6 PM! Showcase your basketball skills against your peers by competing in your specific age division. Mini basketball hoops will be given to all participants. Sign up today!

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



The word 'RESOURCES' is in large blue letters at the top. Below it is the seal of the Middletown Township, New Jersey government.



**Middletown Township
Tax Estimator Calculator**

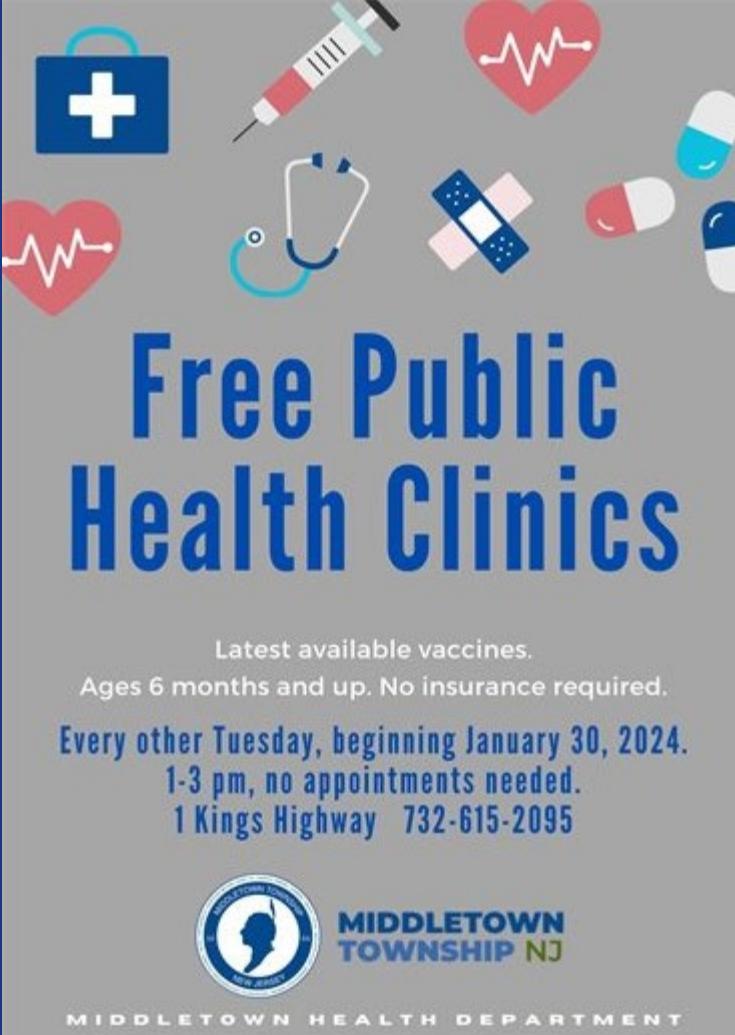
HOW TO USE IT:

- 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.

Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County Partner for Free Walk-In Vaccine Clinics



The poster features a grey background with various medical icons in the top half: a blue medical kit with a white cross, a red and white syringe, a red heart with a white ECG line, a blue stethoscope, a pink and blue bandage, and two white and blue capsules. Below the icons, the text 'Free Public Health Clinics' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath that, in smaller blue text, are the details: 'Latest available vaccines.', 'Ages 6 months and up. No insurance required.', 'Every other Tuesday, beginning January 30, 2024.', '1-3 pm, no appointments needed.', and '1 Kings Highway 732-615-2095'. At the bottom, there is the Middletown Township logo, which is a circular seal with a profile of a person's head in the center, surrounded by the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY'. To the right of the seal, the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NJ' is written in blue. Below the seal, the text 'MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT' is written in a smaller, all-caps font.

The next clinic is on Tuesday, February 13th. Patients under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Patients are NOT required to make an appointment, have insurance, or bring their immunization records.

**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.

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



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