



## Middletown Raises Funds for Nonprofit RallyCap Sports



*Mayor Tony Perry was honored to present the funds to RallyCap Sports Co-Founders Margo and Paul Hooker and thank them for their important work.*

On Monday evening, Mayor Tony Perry met with RallyCap Sports Co-Founders Paul and Margo Hooker to present them with a donation from the 2023 Mayor's

**Challenge, which took place at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) in October.**

**Middletown donated a total of \$12,000 to the nonprofit in 2023.**

**RallyCap Sports is a local nonprofit that brings recreational opportunities to children and young adults with special needs while also providing life-changing volunteer opportunities.**

*Visit [www.rallycapsports.org](http://www.rallycapsports.org) for more information about RallyCap Sports.*

## **Middletown PBA 124 and Hazlet PBA 189 Host Annual Climb with a Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics of NJ**



*Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was honored to join our community and support local law enforcement and SONJ at this great event! (Photo courtesy of Middletown PBA Local 124)*

**On Sunday, Middletown PBA Local 124 and Hazlet PBA Local 189 came together at their annual Climb with a Cop fundraiser as community members stopped by Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Lane in Middletown) to climb with local police officers and raise money for the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). Thank you to everyone who attended!**

**Watch the Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**



## Township Committee 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 Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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's head and the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY 1664') on the left. To the right, the text 'Join Us!' is displayed in a large, bold, blue font inside a white speech bubble-like shape. Below this, the event title 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP' is written in large, bold, yellow and white text. The workshop details are listed below: 'Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street' with a map icon; 'Time: 7:00-9:00PM, Free parking across from MAC'; 'Workshop Format: Short presentation followed by interactive open house stations'; and 'Come share your ideas and vision for future land use, development, and preservation of natural and cultural resources in Middletown!'. At the bottom, the website 'middletownnj.org/mpinput' is listed. To the right, there is a graphic of a stylized table with a blue and white 'A' on it, with the text 'Wednesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>' overlaid.

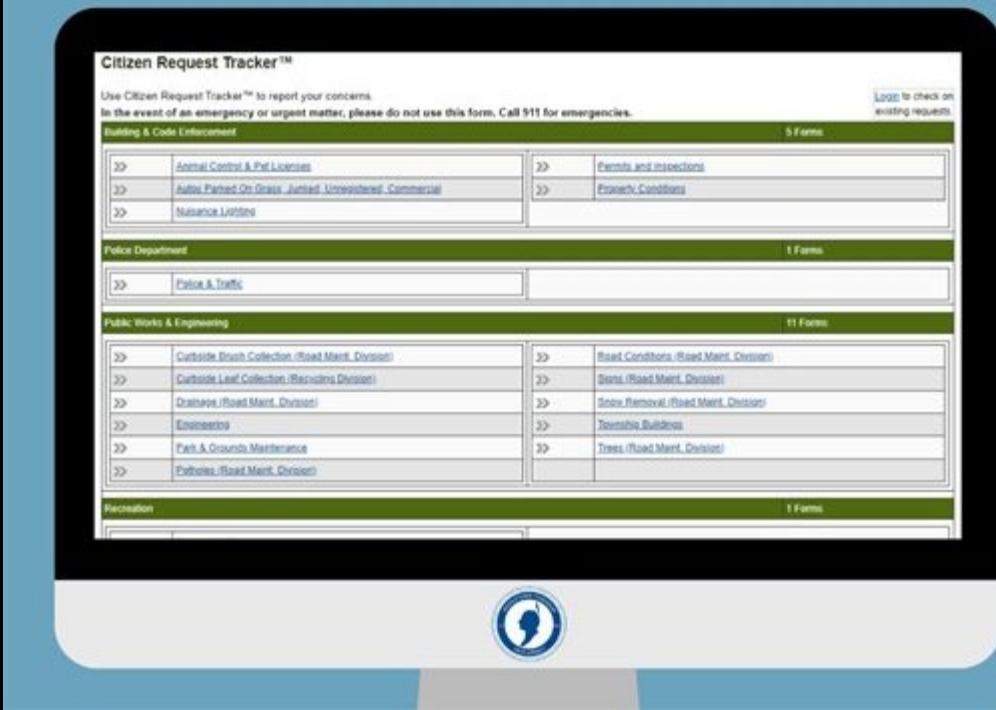
Middletown Township is embarking on a significant journey to develop a comprehensive Master Plan, the first in nearly two decades, to chart the course of our Township's future. This Master Plan, a meticulous roadmap, will guide planning decisions reflecting our community's vision, goals, and recommendations 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/mpinput) for more information and to attend our first public workshop on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)!

## REPORT A CONCERN

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern](http://www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern) to notify the Township about matters such as property and/or road conditions, traffic safety, and others.



## New Jersey American Water Plans for Temporary Water Treatment Changes Beginning Next Week

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.*

## **Middletown VAC Encourages Veterans to Participate in Guitar4Vets Program at VFW Post 2179**

**FREE GUITAR  
LESSONS FOR  
VETERANS!**

**No experience? No problem!**

**No guitar? Also no problem!**

**10 free lessons, ALL inclusive**

**TO SIGN UP,  
CONTACT BILL AT:**

**g4vnewjersey@gmail.com**

VFW Post 2179 is partnering with the national nonprofit Guitar4Vets to offer free guitar lessons to local veterans. Music has been proven to help reduce panic attacks, nightmares, depression, and flashbacks for veterans suffering from readjustment issues and symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or a traumatic brain injury.

Weekly one-on-one lessons will take place at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth) from Monday through Friday over the course of 10 weeks. Participants will receive a guitar to use during lessons. Each veteran will be gifted a free acoustic guitar and accompanying gear when they “graduate” from the program. Proof of veteran status is required. Veterans with limited to no experience are highly preferred.

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) encourages local veterans to sign up for this wonderful program! Please email Bill at [g4vnewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:g4vnewjersey@gmail.com) for more information and to schedule your first lesson.

**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](http://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**

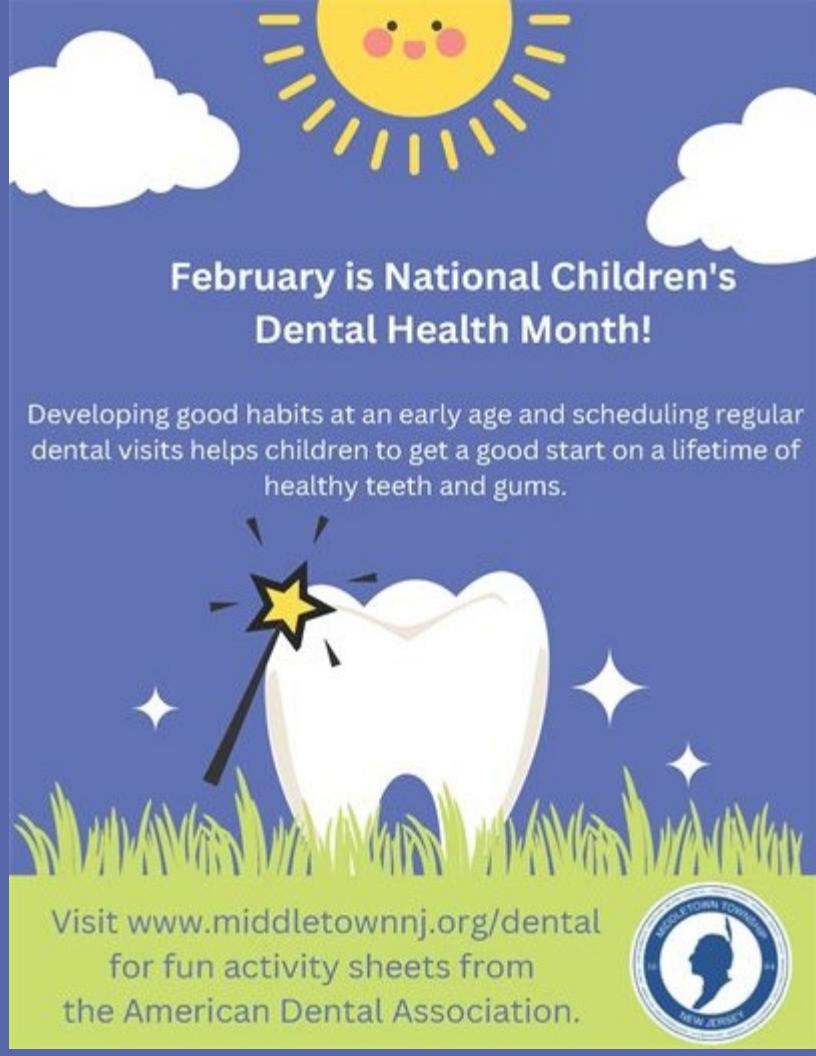


The poster for Summer Camps '24 features a blue and yellow design. At the top, the Middletown Recreation logo is shown, followed by the text "SUMMER CAMPS '24". Below this, two small photographs are displayed: one of children at a pond with nets, and another of children at a playground. A blue starburst on the right side contains the text "WEEKLY CAMPS JULY 1 TO AUG 9". To the right of the starburst, the text "Registration begins:" is followed by "MARCH 1ST (R)" and "MARCH 8TH (NR)" in orange, with "10AM ON COMMUNITY PASS" underneath. A green section titled "TRADITIONAL CAMPS" lists several 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 camp descriptions are illustrations of a frog, a soccer ball, a basketball, and a football. The bottom of the poster 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. Camp registration for non-residents begins on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. All registrations are processed through CommunityPass at [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup).

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/camp](http://www.middletownnj.org/camp) to check out pricing, themes, and trips.

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



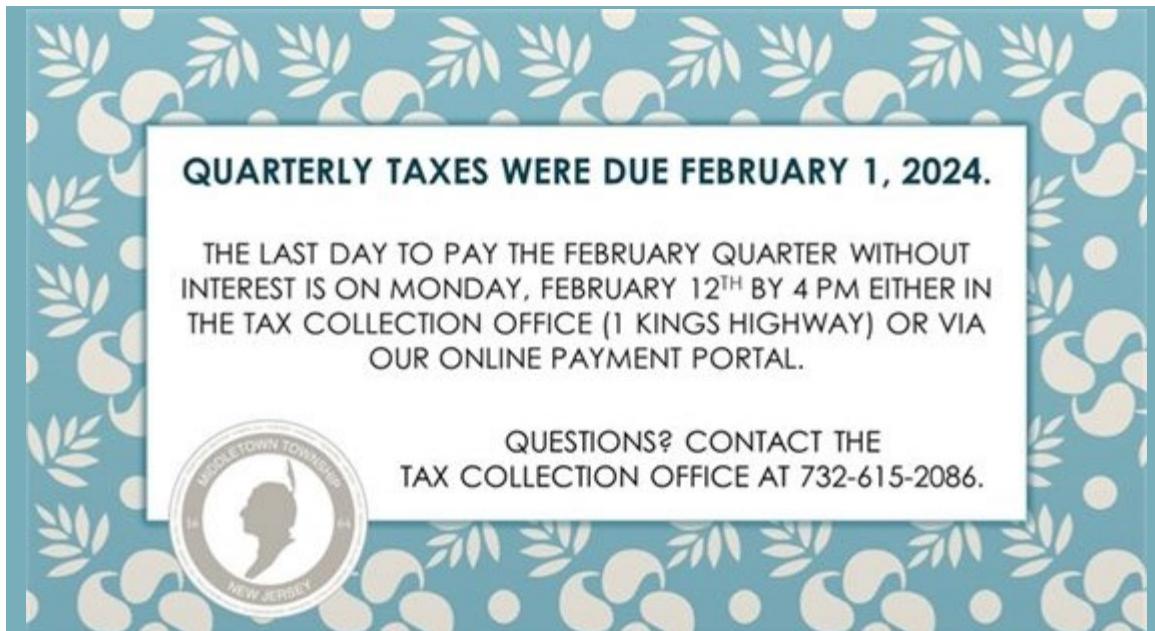
February is National Children's Dental Health Month!

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](http://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.*



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) this 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.*

## Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Monthly Music Cafe on Sunday, 2/11 from 4-6 PM



Stick around at the MAC after the Valentine's Cabaret on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for its monthly singer-songwriters showcase featuring artists Dan Toye, Kevin Liebkemann, Steve Kunzman, and John Siehl! 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.*

## Register for MTPL's Dine and Discuss: Virtual Talk with Author Tessa Bailey on Tuesday, 2/13 at 6:30 PM

**Dine and Discuss: Author Tessa Bailey**  
**A MEET CUTES SPECIAL EVENT**

**ENJOY PIZZA WHILE WE TUNE IN FOR A VIRTUAL CHAT WITH  
BESTSELLING ROM-COM AUTHOR TESSA BAILEY!**

 **Tuesday, 2/13 at 6:30 pm**  
**Community Room**  
**SIGN UP AT MTPL.ORG!**





Get in the Valentine's Day spirit by coming to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to eat pizza and join a virtual conversation with rom-com author Tessa Bailey as she discusses her books.

Registration is required.

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

**MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on  
Wednesday, 2/14 from 2-6 PM at Old Village Fire Company**



Residents are invited to a FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint hosted by the MTPD on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35) to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from 2-6 PM.

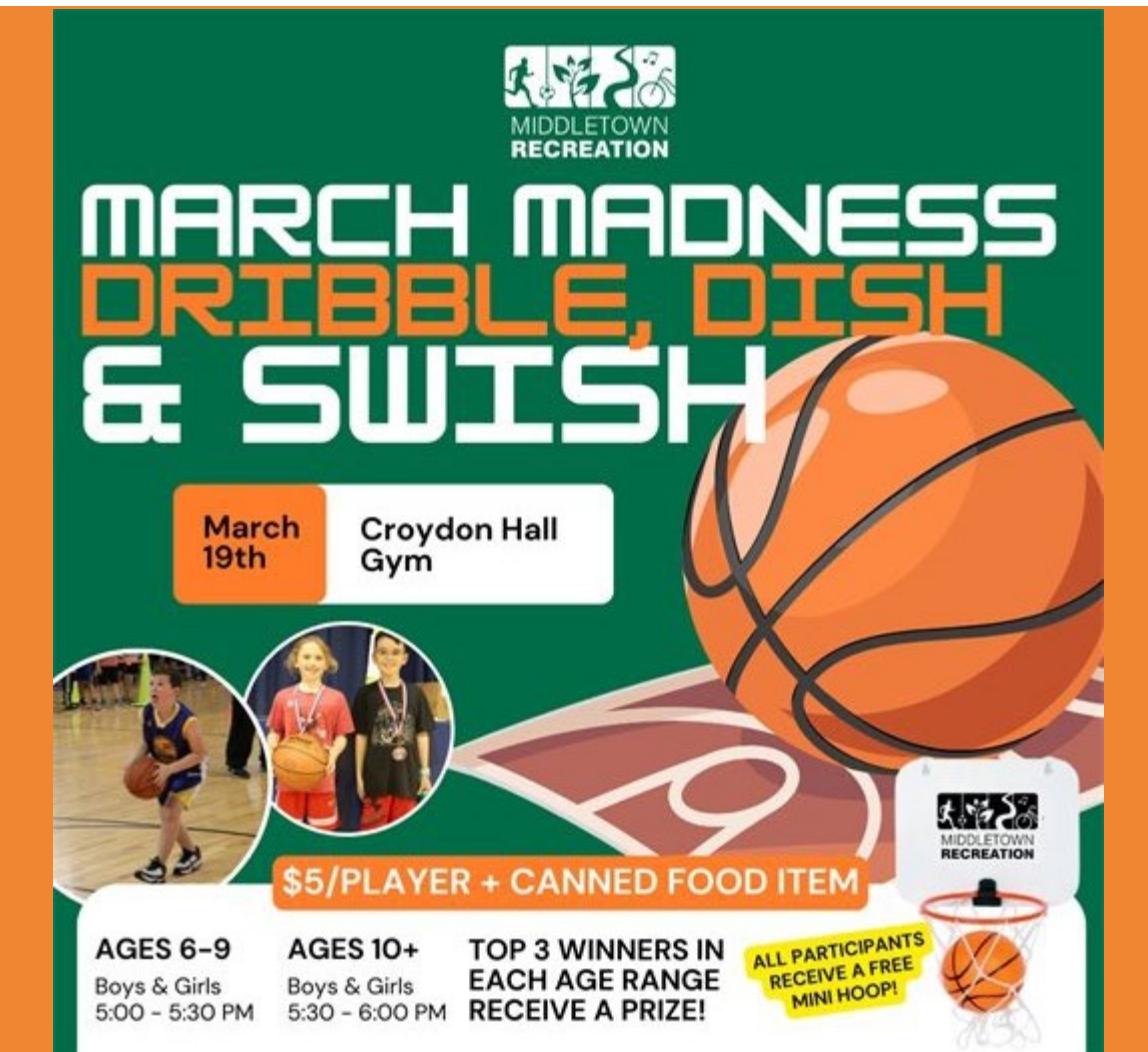
Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Explore the Night Sky at MTPL's Astronomy Observing Session on Friday, 2/16 at 6:30 PM**



Join the MTPL on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) where the STAR Astronomy Club will set up their telescopes and show attendees the wonders of the winter sky. All are welcome. Registration is NOT required.

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



The flyer features a green and orange design. At the top is the Middletown Recreation logo with icons of a runner, a tree, and a cyclist. The main title 'MARCH MADNESS DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH' is in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below the title is a large orange basketball. To the left are two circular photos: one of a boy dribbling and one of two girls holding basketballs. The date 'March 19th' and location 'Croydon Hall Gym' are in a white box. A large orange circle contains the text '\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM'. Below this are age group details: '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!'. To the right is a yellow box stating '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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 section has a blue header with the word 'RESOURCES' in large blue letters. Below it is the seal of the State of New Jersey. A green footer bar contains the text 'Know Someone with a Disability?'



Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).

## Stay on Top of Winter Weather Advisories: Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

### REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH 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.

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



## Mosquito Madness Tire Pick-up Program



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



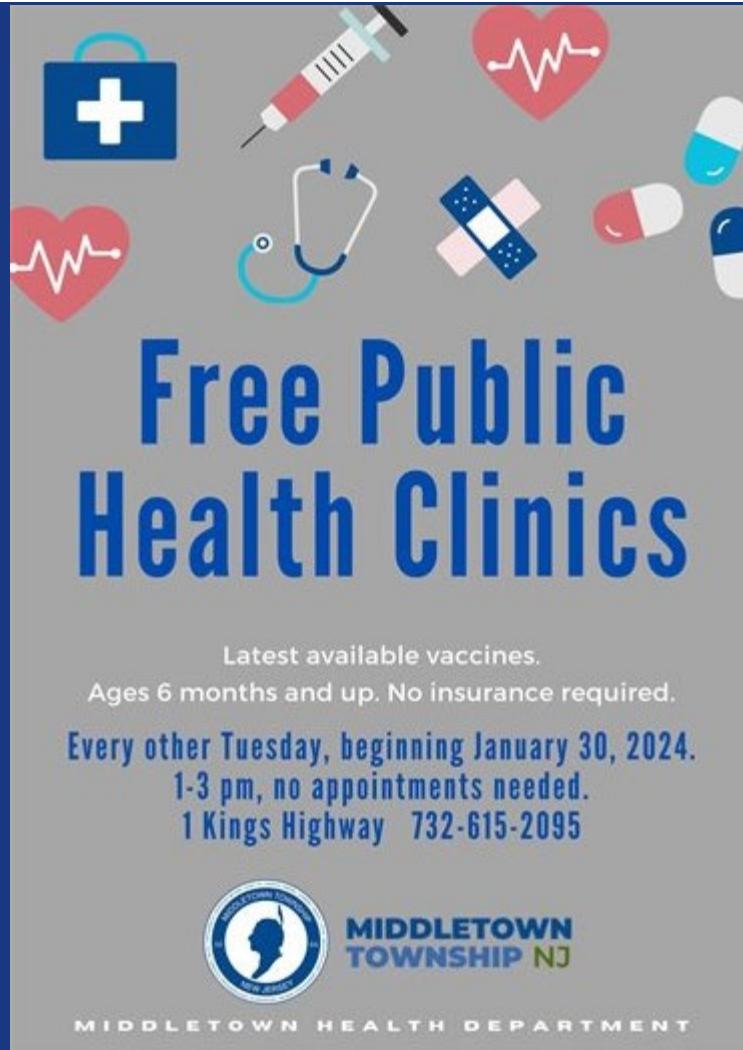
Mosquito Madness is a program of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division will be picking up tires through Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

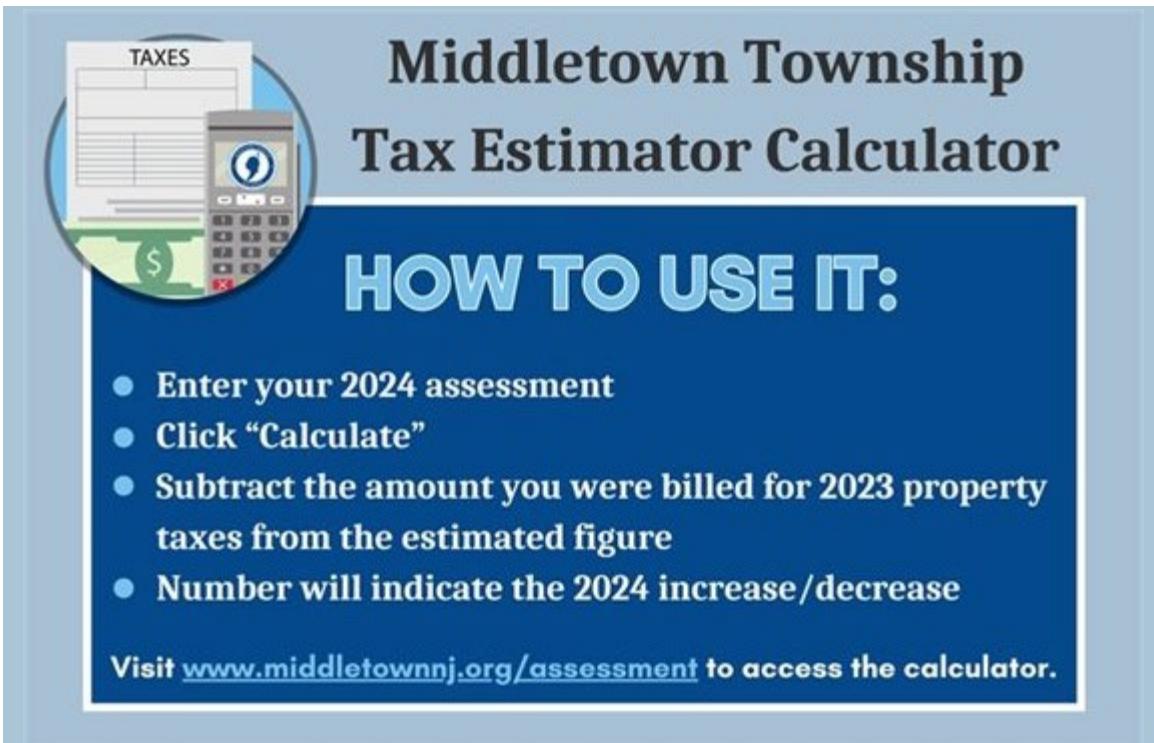
The Middletown Township Health Department encourages residents to participate in this program if you have tires that are wet and ready to be discarded. If you have tires you want to keep, please either store them inside or securely cover them if they are outside.

Visit [www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito) for more information.

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



**The next clinic is on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.**



**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](http://www.middletownnj.org/assessment) to access the calculator.

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

**Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW**

# WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

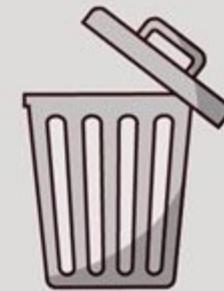
LET DPW KNOW!



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.*

**Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this  
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