



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

**Monmouth County Under Winter Weather Advisory
Through Saturday Afternoon**

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW 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



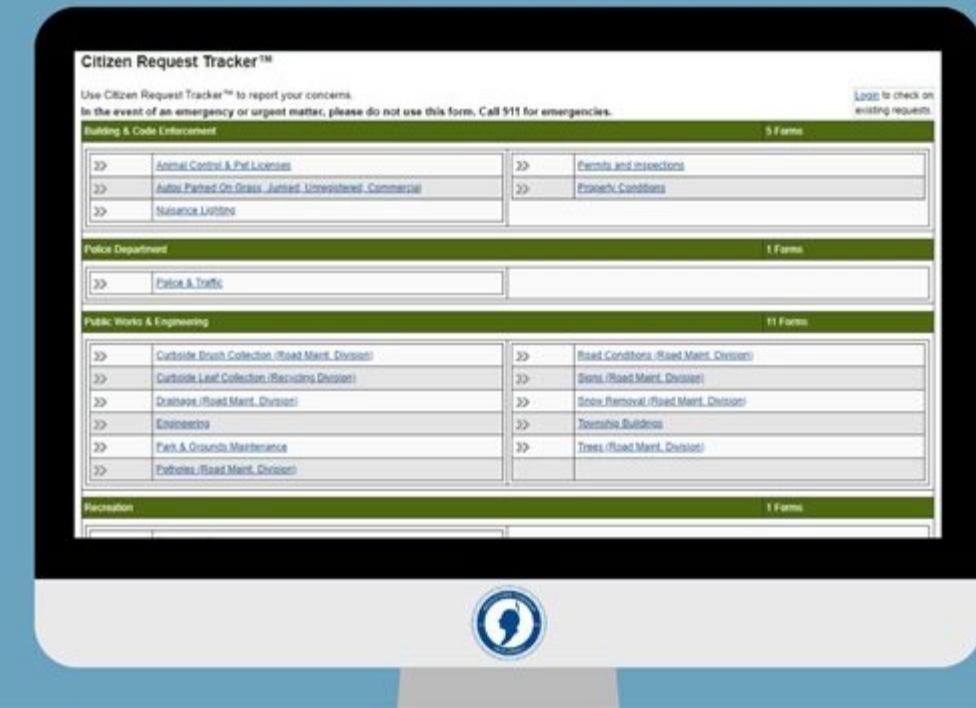
Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

As of this afternoon, Monmouth County is under a winter weather advisory from 10:00 PM Friday until 1:00 PM on Saturday. According to the National Weather Service Mount Holly Station, snowfall is expected to begin late tonight through Saturday morning. We are expecting 2-5 inches. Middletown Department of Public Works crews are currently brining the roads and will begin plowing overnight as snow accumulates. Please slow down and use caution while traveling.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.

REPORT A CONCERN

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



The screenshot shows the Citizen Request Tracker website interface. At the top, it says "Citizen Request Tracker™" and "Use Citizen Request Tracker™ to report your concerns. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, please do not use this form. Call 911 for emergencies." There is a link to "Check on existing requests".

The interface is organized into sections:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):

29	Animal Control & Pet Licenses	29	Events and Inspections
29	Autos Parked On Grass / Juridic / Unregistered Commercial	29	Emergency Conditions
29	Nuisance Lighting		
- Police Department** (1 Form):

29	Police & Traffic
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- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):

29	Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)	29	Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
29	Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)	29	Signs (Road Maint. Division)
29	Drainage (Road Maint. Division)	29	Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
29	Emergency	29	Transient Buildings
29	Park & Grounds Maintenance	29	Trees (Road Maint. Division)
29	Utilities (Road Maint. Division)		
- Recreation** (1 Form):

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At the bottom of the interface is a blue speech bubble icon.

[You will need an account to log in. If you don't have an account, it only takes a few minutes to create one.](#)



**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.



Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening Monday, 2/19



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be hosting its School's Out Day Camp on Monday, February 19th! The MAC offers full- and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their days off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends.

There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-day costs \$75. Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

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

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.

Middletown Welcomes Genesis Orthopaedic and Spine!



Mayor Tony Perry was proud to present a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee to co-owners Dr. Matthew Griffin and Dr. Vinay Chopra (right) to officially welcome them to Middletown.

On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Genesis Orthopaedic and Spine (1270 NJ-35) for their ceremonial ribbon cutting! Middletown is one of several locations of this comprehensive medical facility which utilizes modern technology to diagnose and treat a variety of medical conditions.

Mayor Perry was honored to get a tour of the practice along with Senator Vin Gopal, chat with physicians and local business owners, and celebrate this special event.

Please join us in welcoming Genesis Orthopaedic and Spine to Middletown!

Visit www.gsamedicine.com for more information about their services.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Tuesday, 2/20 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th 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 2334 422 2566 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 seal on the left, a large white 'Join Us!' button with a blue outline in the center, and the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP' in large yellow and white letters. Below this, the location 'Middletown Arts Center 36 Church Street' is listed. A 'Time' section indicates '7:00-9:00PM Free parking across from MAC'. A 'Workshop Format' section describes 'Short presentation followed by interactive open house stations' and encourages sharing ideas for future land use, development, and preservation. The date 'Wednesday Feb. 21st' is prominently displayed in a circle on the right, with a small illustration of a easel and a painting.

Middletown Arts Center
36 Church Street

Time 7:00-9:00PM
Free parking across from MAC

Workshop Format Short presentation followed by interactive open house stations

Come share your ideas and vision for future land use, development, and preservation of natural and cultural resources in Middletown!

middletownnj.org/mpinput

Wednesday Feb. 21st

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)!

**Kick Off the 2024 Gardening Season with the
Middletown Township Community Garden**



Visit www.middletownnj.org/communitygarden for more information and email communitygarden@middletownnj.org to reserve your plot and get planting!



2/15/24 Rabies Alert: Rabid Raccoon Found Near Hartshorne and Wigwam Roads

The Middletown Township Animal Control Division responded to a call for a possible altercation between a domestic pet and a raccoon in the area of Hartshorne Road and Wigwam Road. Middletown Animal Control Officers retrieved the raccoon and sent it for testing. Lab results confirmed the raccoon was positive for rabies.

Click [HERE](#) to read important reminders regarding rabies and wildlife.

MTPD Encourages Residents to Volunteer and Apply for Local Domestic Violence Response Team by Friday, 4/12

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

JOIN 180'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM (DVRT)

Volunteer Advocates are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide confidential support to survivors of domestic violence. Advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. 180 and the police departments are committed to culturally and socially diverse teams to better serve the community. Bi-lingual capability is helpful. Training will be provided free of charge to successful applicants.

SPRING 2024 TRAINING DATES

April 30 - May 23 6:00p-9:30p
In-person and via Zoom on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Week 1 is in-person at the Holmdel Community Center. Weeks 2 & 3 are via Zoom. Week 4 is in-person at Ocean Township Police Headquarters.

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE CONTACT:

Tina Morgan
Assistant Victim Support
Program Coordinator
732-264-4360, Ext. 4272
tinam@180nj.org

Application can be found [HERE](#)

REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO APPLY

- Must be 18+
- Be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis
- Participate in an interview process that includes fingerprinting and a background check
- Attend monthly supervisory meetings
- Have a valid driver's license and access to transportation
- Successfully complete the mandatory 40-hour training

DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 12

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1-888-843-9262
www.180nj.org

180 Turning Lives Around

Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.

Click [HERE](#) to read MTPD's press release for more information.

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 Camp
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 photo 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 contains the text "WEEKLY CAMPS JULY 1 TO AUG 9". The word "TRADITIONAL CAMPS" is written in large green letters, with a green frog icon to its right. Below this, four camp options are listed: "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". A yellow speech bubble at the bottom right contains the text "our best days are spent at CAMP".

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 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

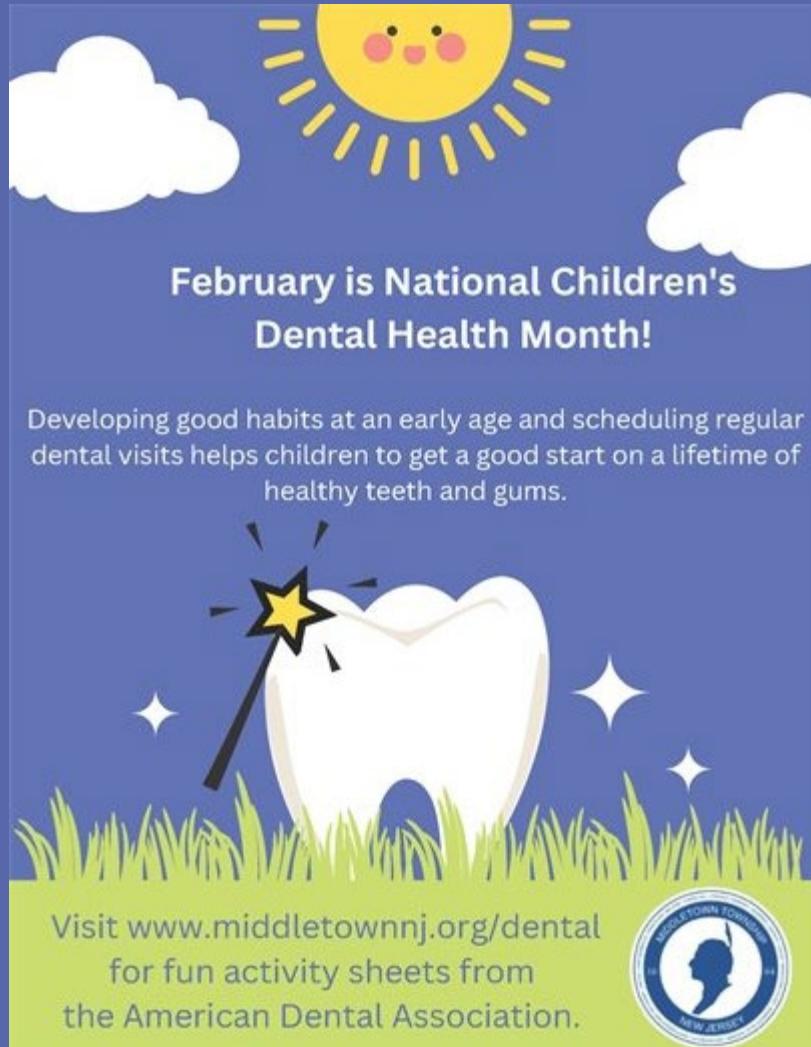
VFW Post 2179 is partnering with the national nonprofit Guitar4Vets to offer free guitar lessons to local veterans. Music has been proven to help reduce panic attacks, nightmares, depression, and flashbacks for veterans suffering from readjustment issues and symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder 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 for more information and to schedule your first lesson.

Middletown Health Department Encourages Community to

Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Watch Dunbar Repertory Company's Staged Reading of *Beauty of the Week* on Sunday, 2/18 at 4 PM



On Sunday, Dunbar Repertory Company will be presenting a staged reading of *Beauty of the Week* at 4 PM at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street).

Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

***Beauty of the Week:* Transport yourself to the soulful vibes of a 1970s Black barber shop in Philadelphia. In this compelling play, a dynamic ensemble of characters, each with their own unique flair, embarks on a journey to fulfill their dreams against the backdrop of a changing era. Set to the rhythm of funk and soul, witness the aspirations, camaraderie, and challenges that unfold within the walls of this culturally rich and vibrant community hub.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Save the Date and Hop into the Easter Spirit at Our Annual EGGstravaganza on Saturday, 3/23



Join Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center (MAC), and the Middletown Township Education Association for a family-fun day of spring crafts, activities, planting your own flower, hanging out with Doodle Dude and Miss Fish, interacting with animals at a petting zoo, taking photos with the Easter Bunny, enjoying a science demo, and more at our annual EGGstravaganza!

This EGGcelent event will take place on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 AM - 1 PM at the MAC (36 Church Street). This festive event is free for residents.

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

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.

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



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

**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.**

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



The graphic features a white background with a green border. At the top left is a stylized illustration of a mosquito. To the right of the mosquito, the text "Mosquito Madness" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, "Tire Pick-up Program" is written in a slightly smaller, bold, serif font. To the right of the text is the official seal of Monmouth County, New Jersey. The seal is circular with a blue border containing the text "CITY OF MIDDLETOWN" and "NEW JERSEY". Inside the circle is a landscape illustration with mountains, water, and a sun. Below the main title and seal, there is a paragraph of text. To the right of the text is a small graphic of a mosquito above two stacked tires. The text and graphic are part of a larger illustration that spans the width of the white area.

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.

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



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