



Township Committee Recognizes Firefighter George McGowan for 50 Years of Service and Judge Steven P. Monaghan for 7 Years of Service to Municipal Court



George McGowan was surrounded by his sons and fellow volunteer firefighters, MTFD chiefs, and the Township Committee when he was presented a Key to the Township for his 50 years of dedicated service.

At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee recognized Belford Engine Fire Company volunteer George McGowan for 50 years of service to the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD). George graduated from MTFD's first fire academy class and was the first captain to serve Belford Engine for two years in a row in 1984 and 1985.

He has also completed numerous pieces of training, been part of multiple committees, and served in several positions. George has made 1,500 fire calls throughout his career, and we are incredibly grateful for his volunteerism and

dedication to our community.

The Township Committee also recognized Judge Steven P. Monaghan for his seven years of service in our Municipal Court. For nearly a decade, he helped instill safety, law, and order to Middletown. Congratulations to these two exceptional men!

Click [HERE](#) to view more photos from the meeting.



Mayor Tony Perry joins Judge Steven P. Monaghan for a picture as he shows off the plaque he received from the Township Committee.

NORTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION EXPERIENCING DELAYS

Today's North Zone bulk collection will be delayed in some areas. Please keep your bulk items at the curb as crews will continue to work through Saturday, 2/24 to collect items.

If your bulk is not collected by Saturday night, visit www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup to report it.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



GET THE  APP TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON GARBAGE, RECYCLING, AND BULK COLLECTION CHANGES VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.

Click on the graphic to report your missed pickup.

Mayor Perry Drops Ceremonial Puck at NJ Titans

Military Appreciation Game



Mayor Tony Perry kicks off the game with the help of his son Grant!

Last Friday, Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Middletown Sports Complex to drop the ceremonial puck prior to the New Jersey Titans' Military Appreciation game! Many local organizations were in attendance, including members of our Veterans Affairs Committee, who were all displaying patriotic pride.

There were two home games last weekend where all proceeds were donated to the New Jersey National Guard Soldier and Family Readiness Group, including funds raised from an auction for the specialty jerseys worn by the players during these games. The donation is in honor of Middletown resident and volunteer firefighter Sergeant Gia Mazza who is currently deployed overseas with her unit. On Saturday night, Sgt. Mazza's sons, Louis and Vito, dropped the ceremonial puck.

We appreciate the New Jersey Titans for honoring and supporting the brave men and women who serve our county in this special way.

Cub Scouts from Pack 122 Visit with Mayor at Town Hall



Mayor Tony Perry and the scouts take a picture together after an educational meeting!

On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry met with the 5th grade Arrow of Light Cub Scouts in Pack 122 from New Monmouth. The scouts are required to speak with a local government official about an issue in the community. They covered many important topics during their visit at Town Hall, especially how they are already leaders making a difference in Middletown. Keep up the great work!

MTFD Kicks Off Spring Firefighter 1 Training Program



Photo courtesy of MTFD

This week, the Middletown Township Fire Department Training Academy kicked off their Spring 2024 Firefighter 1 Program. Recruits from Middletown Township Fire Department, Little Silver Fire Company, Rumson Fire Department, Sea Bright Fire Rescue, and Red Bank Fire Department started a program consisting of 200+ hours that prepare them to become firefighters. We wish them lots of luck in their journey over the coming weeks ahead.

Interested in joining the MTFD? Visit www.mtdnj.org for more information.

Participate in Our 2024 Master Plan Ideas Wall!



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE

IDEAS WALL - POST YOUR IDEAS!

*What is your vision for
Middletown in the next
10 years and beyond?*



Land Use,
Zoning, &
Development



Transportation



Parks, Open
Space, and
Community
Facilities



Environment &
Resiliency



Historic &
Cultural
Resources



Housing

Participate in the Middletown Master Plan "Ideas Wall," an online tool to gather input from the community that will help shape the plan and future of our Township.

Share your ideas and see what others have said on the Ideas Wall! What do you like about Middletown and where do you see potential for improvements?

To access the Ideas Wall, visit:
middletownnj.org/mpideas.

Thank you to everyone who attended our public workshop Wednesday night and provided feedback. We encourage you to visit www.middletownnj.org/mpideas to participate in our virtual "Ideas Wall" to help shape the future of our town.

Celebrate the Kunkel Park Skate Park's Grand Opening on Saturday, 3/9 at 3 PM



Join us for the grand opening of the Kunkel Park Skate Park (Brevant Avenue in Leonardo) on Saturday, March 9th! The ceremony will include a ribbon cutting, open skate, free lessons, raffles, and a helmet safety presentation by Hackensack Meridian Health.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Conover Beacon to Illuminate Our Shores Once Again:
Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, 3/9 at 4:15 PM**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

CONOVER BEACON

DEDICATION



Our Historic Lighthouse



DATE & TIME

Saturday, March 9th

4:15 PM

LOCATION

Northern End of Leonard Ave.

COME CELEBRATE OUR NEWLY RESTORED BEACON!

Right after the Kunkel Park Skate Park grand opening, skate your way over to Leonardo to attend the dedication ceremony of the newly restored Conover Beacon (located on the northern end of Leonard Avenue)! This incredible structure has been part of Middletown's history for many decades. We hope to "sea" you there!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/conoverbeacon to see the restoration progress.

Register Now for MTPD's 2024 Police Youth Week!



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)



Registration is now open for the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) 2024 Police Youth Week! Applications can be completed online via CommunityPass.

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

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

Save the Date: Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp 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, 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" in smaller text. 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, 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 icons for a soccer ball, basketball, and 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 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.

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

Interested in participating in a Community Garden?



Join us for the 2024 gardening season!

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

*Plot reservations are based on a first come, first served basis.

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



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 12



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



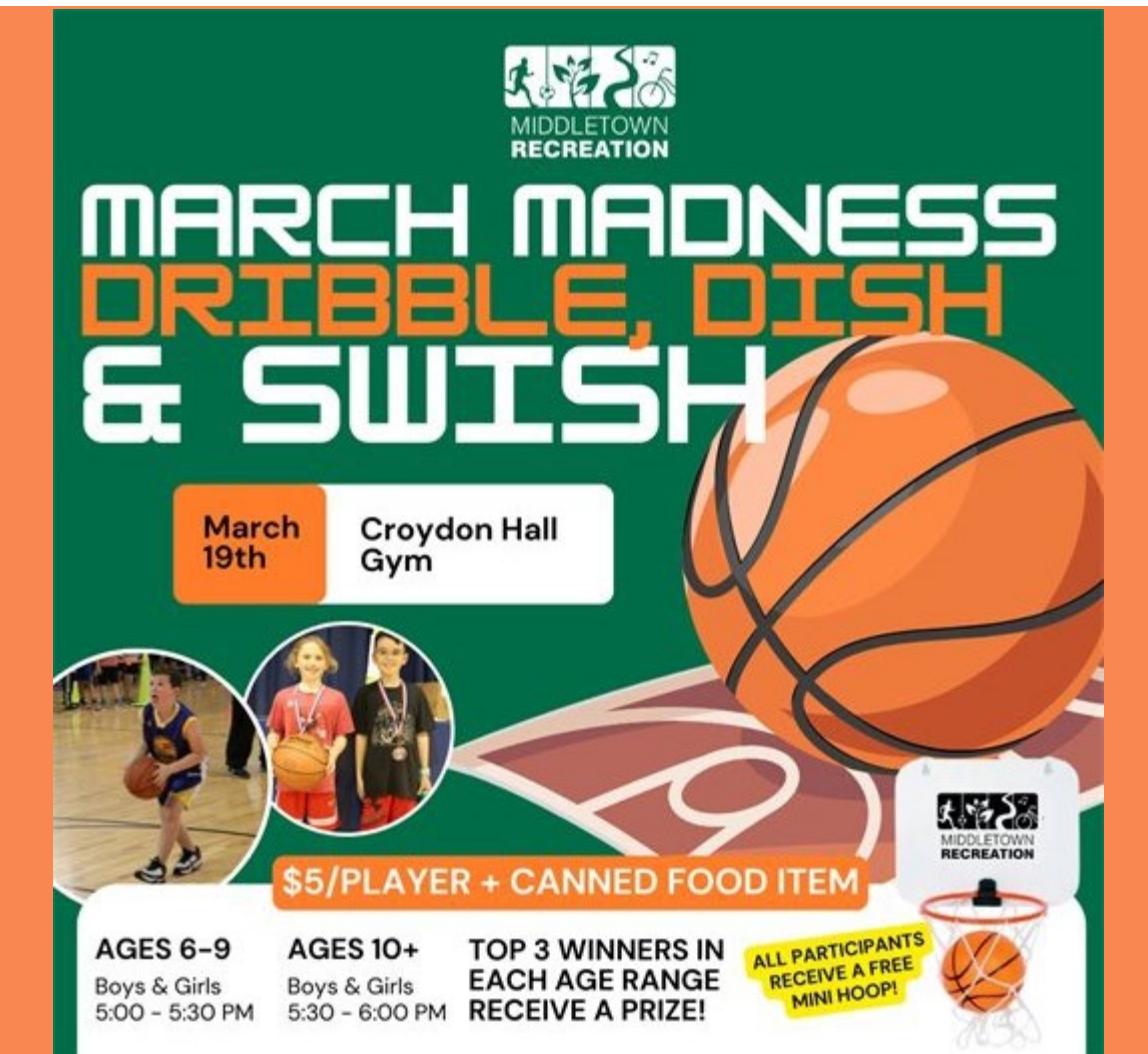
[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Register for Middletown Recreation's March Madness:
Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition**



The flyer for the Middletown Recreation March Madness Dribble, Dish & Swish competition. It features a large orange basketball on the right side. At the top, the Middletown Recreation logo is shown, which includes a stylized person running, a plant, and a bicycle. The title 'MARCH MADNESS DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below the title, the date 'March 19th' and location 'Croydon Hall Gym' are listed. Two small circular photos of children playing basketball are shown. A large orange banner at the bottom left reads '\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM'. Below this, age group details are provided: '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, a yellow box states 'ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A FREE MINI HOOP!' with an illustration of a basketball hoop. The background is a green gradient.

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.

**Sign Up for MTPL's College Financial Workshop
Happening on Tuesday, 2/27 at 7 PM**

COLLEGE FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

via ZOOM

with Cornerstone College Solutions 



Tuesday, 2/27 at 7 pm

Registration is required for a ZOOM invite.

[Visit the calendar page at mtpl.org.](#)

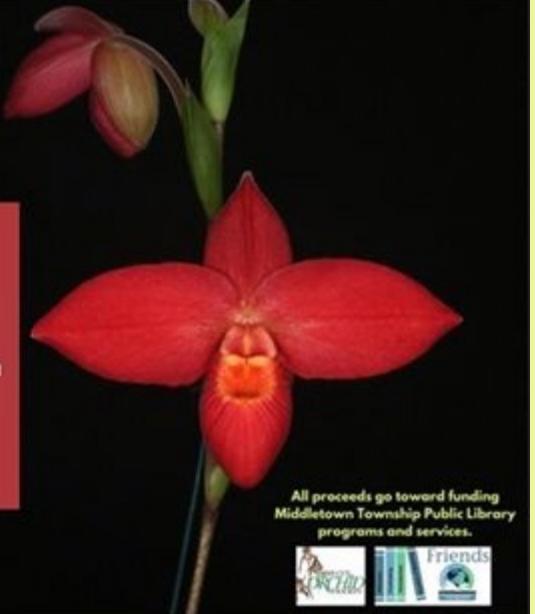
Attention all parents and guardians! Are you ready to navigate the path to college funding with confidence and ease?

Register for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) virtual workshop on **Tuesday, February 27th** to learn about the following topics: 529 plans; FAFSA, CSS Profile, Financial and Merit Aid; Student Aid Index (formally Expected Family Expectation); Alternative Savings Vehicles; and positioning your children to maximize discounts for college.

The workshop will be presented by Cornerstone College Solutions. Registration is required.

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

Register for MTPL's *Demystifying Orchids* Course



FRIENDS OF MTPL FUNDRAISER
Demystifying Orchids
A new 3-part series about the world's most popular house plant from Deep Cut Orchid Society.

Session 1 **Introduction to Orchids:
A Beginner's Journey**

Wednesday, February 28th – 6:30 pm
or
Saturday, March 2nd – 11:00 am

Each class is \$10, or \$25 for those attending all three. Attendees must register on the mtpl.org calendar and bring payment (cash or check) at the door.

All proceeds go toward funding Middletown Township Public Library programs and services.

Deep Cut Orchid Society, in conjunction with the Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL), is pleased to present *Demystifying Orchids*, a 3-part series about the world's most popular house plant at the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road). These three classes can be taken ala carte or bundled together.

This series is a Friends of the MTPL fundraiser - all proceeds will go toward funding library programs and services. Classes are \$10/each or \$25 for all three. Cash or check will be accepted at the door. Please register in advance.

The first part of this series is taking place on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 2nd at 11 AM.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the class on February 28th.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the class on March 2nd.

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 bounce house, and more at our annual EGGstravaganza!

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

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!

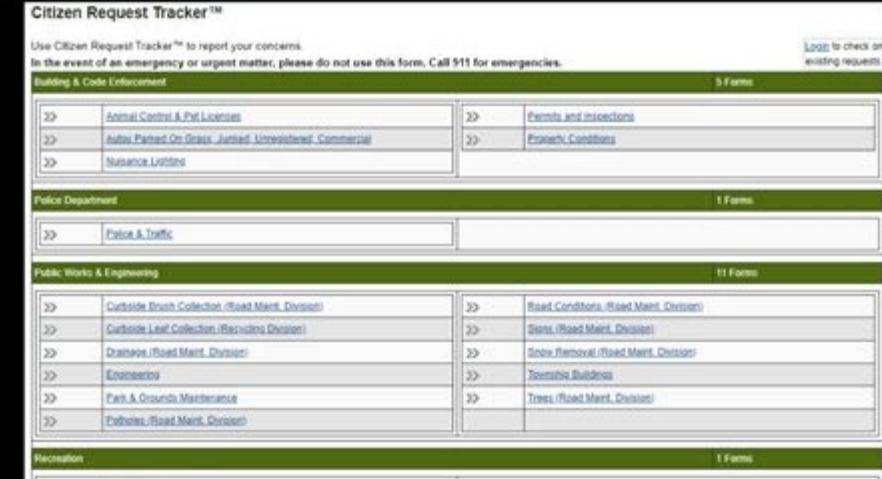
We encourage you to complete a form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup if
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

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 interface. At the top, there's a header with a logo and the text "Citizen Request Tracker™". Below that, a note says "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." To the right, there's a link to "Check on existing requests". The interface is organized into several sections with green headers and white content areas:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (3 Forms):
 - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
 - Autom Parked On Grass / Unpaid / Unregistered Commercial
 - Nuisance/Lighting
 - Events and Inspections
 - Emergency Conditions
- Police Department** (1 Form):
 - Police & Traffic
- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):
 - Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)
 - Curbside Leaf Collection (Road Maint. Division)
 - Drainage (Road Maint. Division)
 - Emergency
 - Park & Grounds Maintenance
 - Pathways (Road Maint. Division)
 - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
 - Signs (Road Maint. Division)
 - Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
 - Structural Buildings
 - Trees (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.

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.

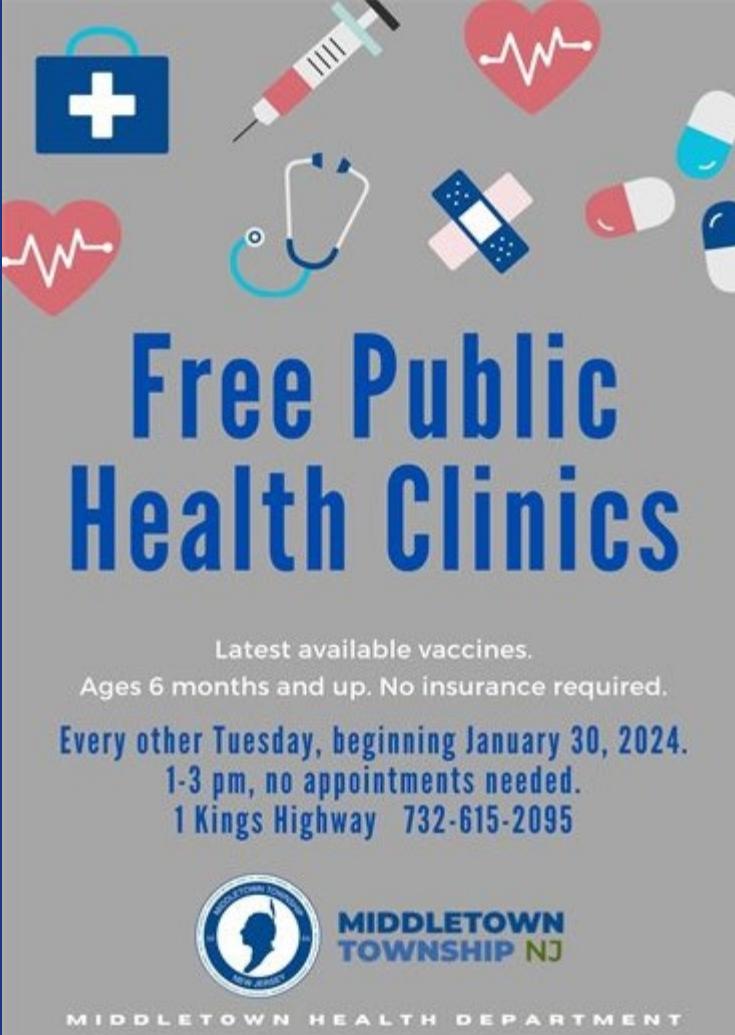


**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

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.

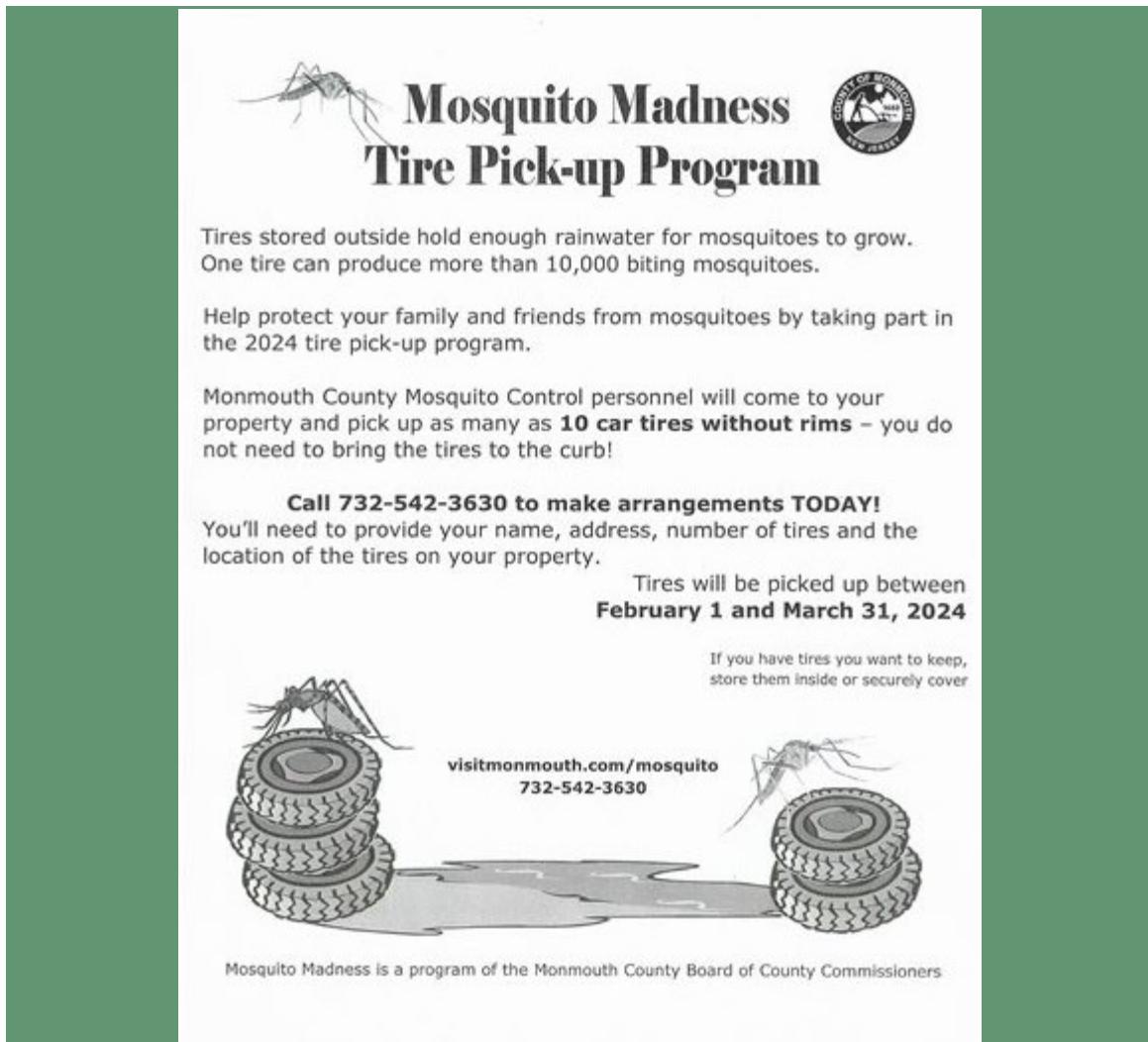
**Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County
Partner for Free Walk-In Vaccine Clinics**



The poster features a grey background with various medical icons in the top half: a blue medical kit with a white cross, a red syringe with a white needle, 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 NJ Health Department logo, which includes a circular seal with a profile of a person's head, the text 'MIDDLE TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY', and 'MIDDLE TOWNSHIP NJ'. Below the seal, the text 'MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT' is printed.

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 that, "Tire Pick-up Program" is written in a slightly smaller, bold, serif font. In the top right corner is the official seal of Monmouth County, New Jersey. Below the main title, a paragraph of text explains that tires stored outside hold rainwater, which can support mosquito growth. It encourages participation in the 2024 tire pick-up program. Another paragraph states that Monmouth County Mosquito Control personnel will come to your property and pick up up to 10 car tires without rims. A bolded section of text at the bottom left reads "Call 732-542-3630 to make arrangements TODAY!" followed by a smaller text block about providing name, address, and tire details. To the right of this, another text block specifies the pick-up dates: "Tires will be picked up between February 1 and March 31, 2024". Below these text blocks is a cartoon illustration of two tires. One tire is stacked on top of the other, with a mosquito on top of the stack. A small stream of water flows from the top tire into the bottom one. To the right of the tires, a mosquito is shown flying. Below the tires, the website "visitmonmouth.com/mosquito" and phone number "732-542-3630" are listed. A small note on the right says, "If you have tires you want to keep, store them inside or securely cover them". At the bottom of the graphic, a line of text reads, "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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