



Middletown is Celebrating Read Across America!



On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were guest readers at Lincroft Elementary School in honor of Read Across America Week, a nationwide event that celebrates reading and imagination.

Mayor Perry read *What Do You Do with an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada to 4th graders

(Mrs. Tardio and Miss Brex, and Mrs. Alberti and Mrs. Williamson's classes). He discussed the importance of not being afraid to share your ideas and the impact these young leaders can have within their own community and beyond. Committeeman Clarke read *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems to Miss Roedema's 1st grade class, and *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss to Mrs. Presti's kindergarten class.

On Thursday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz stopped by the school to read *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin to Miss Roedema and Mrs. Das's first grade classes and *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* by Mo Willems to Mrs. O'Neil's kindergarten class.

All governing body members spoke with the students about leadership and answered any questions they had about what they do for Middletown – and more! Township Committee members will be visiting other local elementary schools next week to continue celebrating the week as well as helping foster a love of reading.



At the last Township Committee meeting, Middletown amended our ordinances governing fire lanes. Please remember that fire lanes are for emergency vehicles

only. Anyone using fire lanes to pick something up or drop off Amazon returns will be issued a ticket by the Middletown Township Police Department or Middletown Fire Marshal's office.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 3/4 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th 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 2344 193 9999 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.

Johnson and Gill Statues Return to Town Hall



The statues of local leaders Matthew Gill and William Johnson that were once housed at their namesake building, the Johnson Gill Annex, have now returned to Town Hall.

Matthew J. Gill (1921-1982) was the publisher of *The Courier*, a real estate broker, and a past commander of VFW Post 2179. William C. Johnson, Sr. (1902-1981) was the president of Keansburg-Middletown National Bank and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Counties Trust Company. Both men contributed greatly to our town, so their statues are symbols of their forever guardianship over Township business and government.

When the Johnson Gill Annex was demolished in 2019, the statues were moved to the Reference Area at the Middletown Township Public Library. As of February 2024, they are back at Town Hall in the Conference Room on the first floor.

**MTPL Reference Area Closed Beginning Monday, 3/4
Due to Renovations**



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 still 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.

MAC's Summer Arts Camp Registration Opens Tuesday,
3/5 at 9 AM



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) 2024 summer camp registration will open on Tuesday, March 5th at 9 AM!

The MAC's (36 Church Street) popular camps offer something for everyone all summer long – in two spacious locations! Whether it's performing, painting, sculpting or dancing, the MAC's state-of-the-art facility and additional MAC Annex Education Building (121 Kings Highway) have room for kids to flourish.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the camp brochure!

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.



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

DPW Announces Spring 2024 Brush Collection Schedule



MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING
52 KANES LANE
MIDDLETON, NJ 07748

POSTAL CUSTOMER

SPRING 2024 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP.</small>	START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small>	COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB AFTER YOUR START DATE.</small>
A,B,C,D	MARCH 25	MARCH 25-APRIL 8
J,L	APRIL 8	APRIL 8-APRIL 22
F,H	APRIL 22	APRIL 22-MAY 6
I,K	MAY 6	MAY 6-MAY 20
E,G	MAY 20	MAY 20-JUNE 3

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETON RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.
BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST - JUNE 1ST.
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

[VISIT WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.](http://WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/COLLECTION)

Visit www.middletownnj.org/brush 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.

We encourage you to visit www.middletownnj.org/mpideas to participate in our virtual "Ideas Wall" to help shape the future of our town.

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



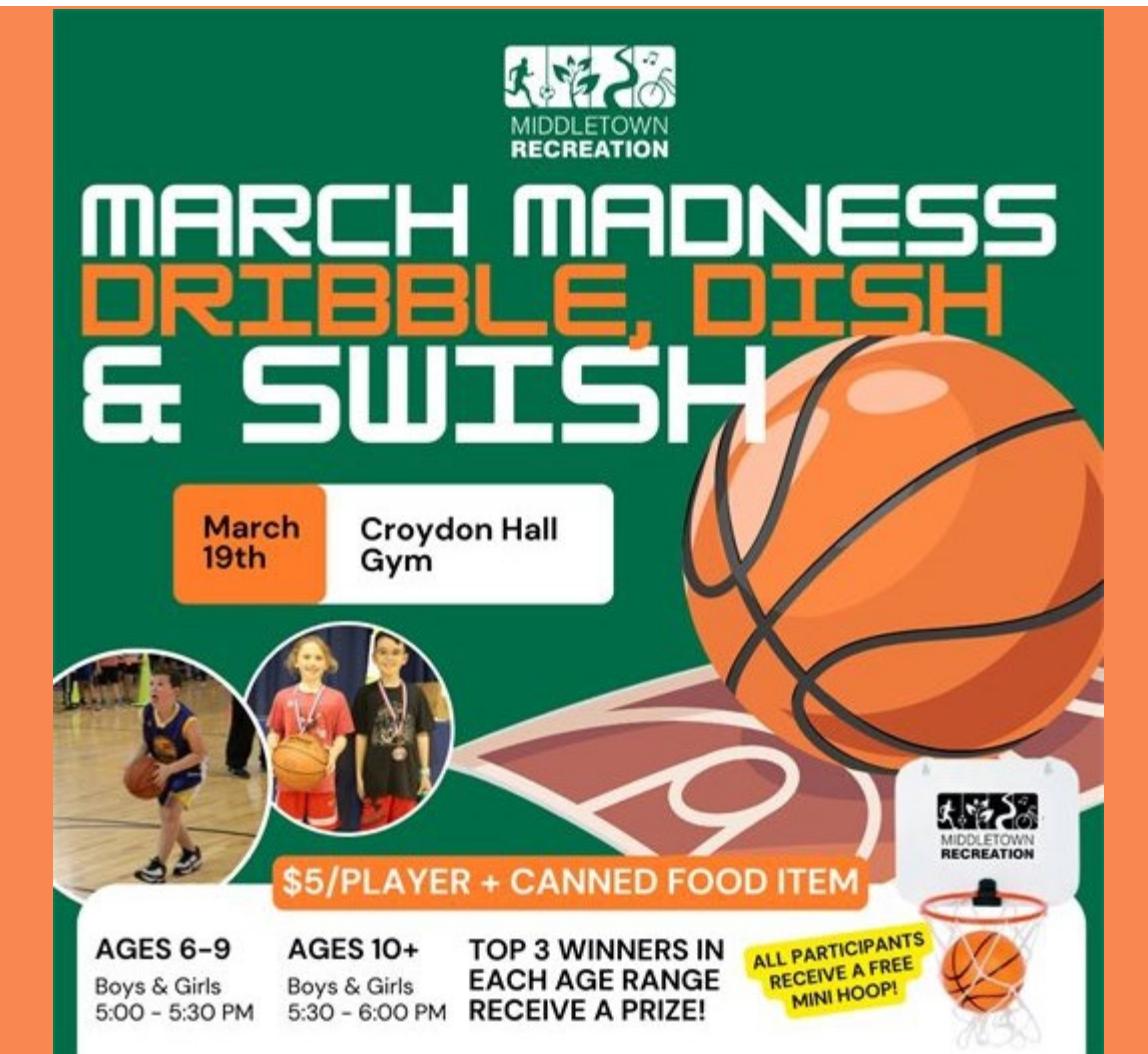
[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.

**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, the Middletown Recreation logo is shown, which includes a stylized person running, a tree, and a bicycle. The main title 'MARCH MADNESS' is in white, 'DRIBBLE, DISH' is in orange, and '& SWISH' is in white. Below the title, the date 'March 19th' and location 'Croydon Hall Gym' are listed. Two small circular photos of children playing basketball are on the left. A yellow box at the bottom left says '\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM'. Below that, age groups and times 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 MAC Players' Spring Musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Premieres TODAY!

MUSIC BY
ANDREW
LLOYD WEBBER

LYRICS BY
TIM RICE

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR**

PRODUCED BY THE MAC PLAYERS

RACH PHELAN
Pontius Pilate

aidan panno
Judas

CHRIS MORRISSEY
Jesus

EMILY DEMAIO
Mary Magdalene

LIZZY STEPANIC
King Herod

JOHN PAUL DURAZO
Caaphas

BRENDEN KORTENHAU
Peter

CONOR MCCORMICK
Simon

PATRICK COMEY
Annas

MARCH 1-3, 8-10

BUY TICKETS AT MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG

The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) community-based theater group, The MAC Players, is beginning its 2024 season with *Jesus Christ Superstar* TODAY! The MAC Players will be performing their spring musical this weekend and next weekend at 7 PM on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 PM on Sundays.

The first musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be produced for the professional stage, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has wowed audiences for over 50 years. A timeless work, the rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, *Superstar* follows the last week of Jesus Christ's life. The story, told entirely through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire.

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

Sign Up for MTPL's Creative Writing Group for Adults,

Beginning on Wednesday, 3/6 at 7 PM

The Inkwells: Creative Writing Group for Adults

**Wednesday,
March 6 at 7PM**

**For
Adults
18+**



Do you have a passion for writing? Join the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) new creative writing group, The Inkwells, on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 PM!
Registration is required.

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

**Enjoy an Afternoon of Irish Music at the MTPL on
Saturday, 3/9 at 2 PM**

An Afternoon of Irish Music with COOK COLLEGE RAMBLERS



Live Music Performance in the Community Room Saturday, March 9 2:00 pm

Registration is recommended not required at mtpl.org.



Get ready for St. Patrick's Day at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Come to the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Saturday, March 9th at 2 PM to enjoy a live performance featuring the "Cook College Ramblers". Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

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!

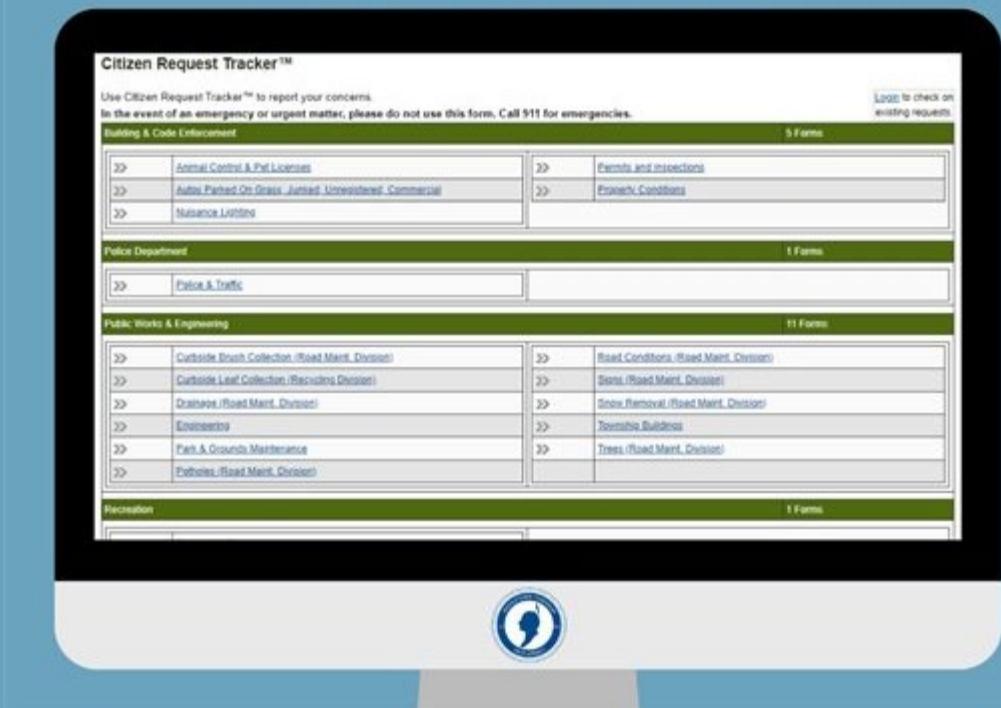
We encourage you to complete a form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup if
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

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:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (3 Forms):

20 Animal Control & Pet Licenses	20 Events and Inspections
20 Autos Parked On Grass / Junked / Unregistered Commercial	20 Property Conditions
20 Nuisance/Lighting	
- Police Department** (1 Form):

20 Police & Traffic

- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):

20 Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)	20 Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
20 Curbside Leaf Collection (Road Maint. Division)	20 Signs (Road Maint. Division)
20 Drains/Drainage (Road Maint. Division)	20 Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
20 Emergencies	20 Streetlights/Buildings
20 Park & Grounds Maintenance	20 Trees (Road Maint. Division)
20 Potholes (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.

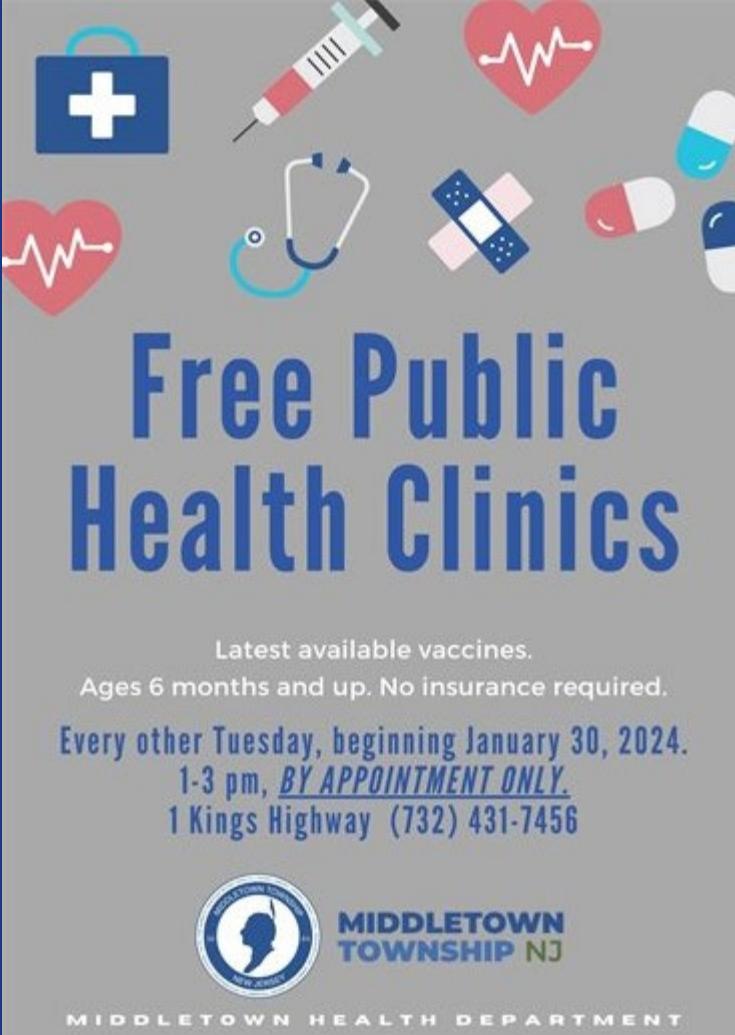


**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

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.

Make an Appointment for Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County's Free 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, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.', and '1 Kings Highway (732) 431-7456'. At the bottom, there is the Middletown Township logo, which is a circular seal with a profile of a person's head, the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY' around the top, and '1838' at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NJ' is written in blue. Below the logo, the text 'MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT' is written in a smaller, all-caps font.

The next clinic is on Tuesday, March 12th.

Clinics are available by appointment only, so please call 732-431-7456 if you would like to make one. Patients under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Patients are NOT required to have insurance or bring their immunization records.

**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 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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