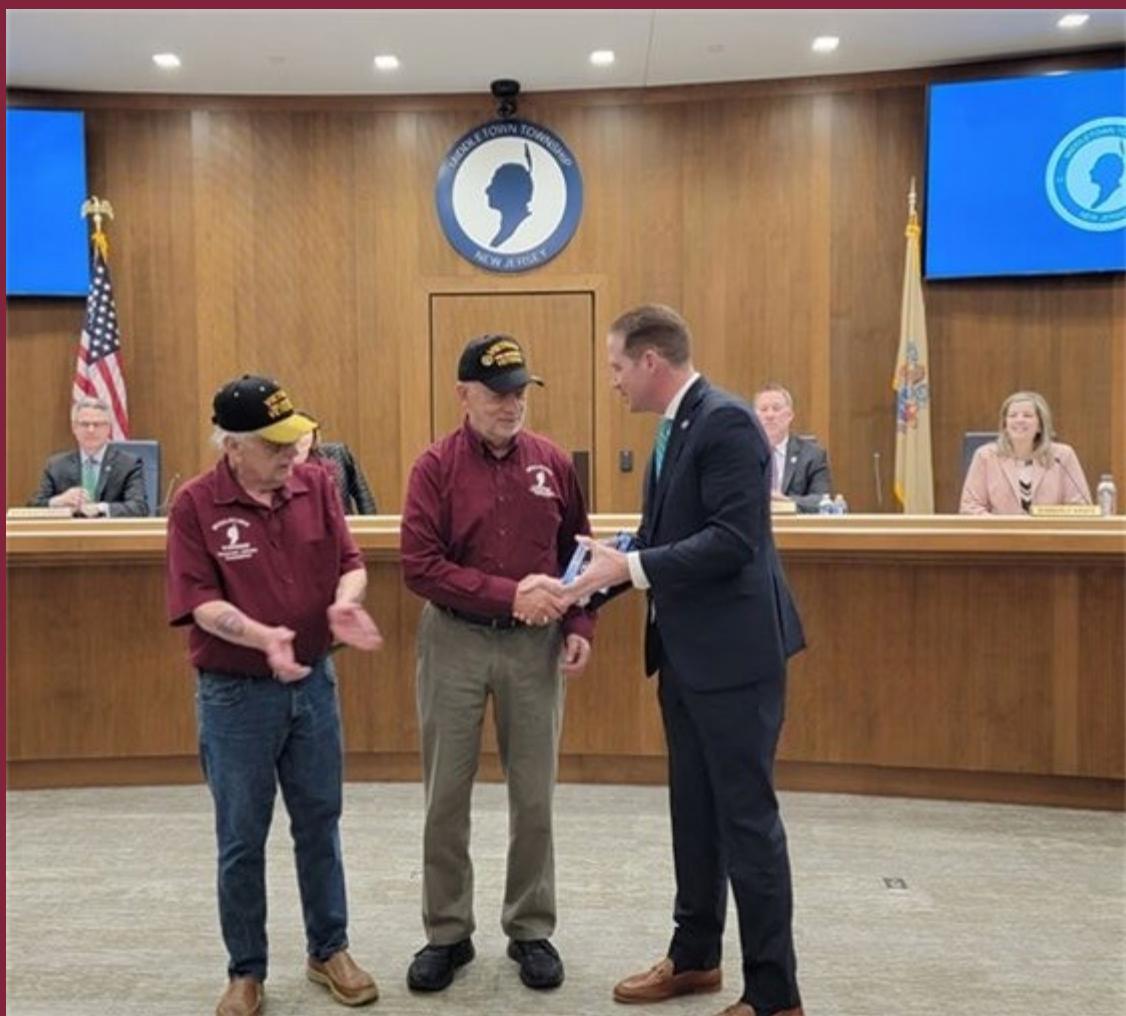




## Bob Siemer Honored with 2023 Veteran of the Year Award



*Mayor Tony Perry presents Bob with the 2023 Veteran of the Year Award as VAC Chairman Dennis Beauregard and the Middletown Township Committee proudly congratulate him.*

Middletown Township was honored to recognize Robert W. Siemer as the recipient of the 2023 Dennis J. Beauregard Veteran of the Year Award. The award was introduced in 2022 and is named after the current chairman of the Middletown

**Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) who is a passionate advocate for veterans in our town and across the state.**

The award is based on documented acts of selfless service and going the “extra mile” beyond their job post military career. Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971 during the Vietnam War and held the rank of First Lieutenant with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Combat Engineer from 1970 to 1971. He earned many service ribbons, such as the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Air Medal, Bronze Star, and the Soldier’s Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

For the past 6 years Bob has served on the VAC where he enjoys helping local veterans enhance their quality of life. He has worked tirelessly to help veterans file claims for Disability Compensation.

Bob also spearheaded the Township’s “Thank a Veteran” program where he coordinates with local businesses to provide discounts to veterans to help honor them all year long.

Bob has served on several Veterans Affairs committees, works with our youth to ensure Middletown’s war memorials are maintained, visits local schools to educate them about the Vietnam War, and teaches scout troops about the history and proper handling of the U.S. flag. He is a pillar of the community and should be commended for his exemplary military service, outstanding community service, and endless encouragement to other local veterans.

*Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the award presentation.*

*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 Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Middletown Township Finalizes Cleanup and Financing for Veterans Housing Project**



At the Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry announced that the final hurdles to complete the Middletown Veterans Housing Project have been addressed and set into motion. The property is located on Leonardville Road in Belford and will be transformed into 100 percent affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our country.

At the meeting, the Township Committee passed Resolution No. 24-119 awarding the contract for soil excavation and site restoration, which is expected to take two to three months. The Township Committee also introduced a \$9.2 million bond ordinance for construction. The bond ordinance is expected to be passed at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Meeting, and the construction bid is expected to be awarded at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Construction is expected to begin at the end of May.

*Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information about the Veterans Housing Project, as well as information about our 2023 Veteran of the Year.*



**Catch up on Township Happenings in "Minute with the Mayor" Segment**

Join Mayor Tony Perry as he talks about how proudly Middletown supports its veterans in his "Minute with the Mayor" segment where he

provides a recap of the most recent Township Committee Meeting.

*Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.*

## Coming Soon: Fully Inclusive Playground at McMahon Park in North Middletown



The Township's newest playground is starting to take shape at McMahon Park (380 Atlantic Avenue) in North Middletown! This fully inclusive playground is being installed by local business [Whirl Construction](#) and features a pour-in-place rubber surfacing so children of all abilities can easily navigate it. The playground is expected to be ready in late spring. Stay tuned for future updates!

## MTPL Begins Renovations



**Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz joined Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) Director Kate Hammond, Board President Robert Phelan, Business Manager Wendy LaTona, architect Jeff Curry, and general contractor Uke Dauti to swing the first hammers and kick off the renovation work at the MTPL on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The library intends to stay open to the public during the renovation process, with an expected completion date of September 2024.**



Visit [www.mtpl.org/mtpl-renovation](http://www.mtpl.org/mtpl-renovation) for more information about the renovations.

*Photos courtesy of MTPL Public Information Officer Jenna O'Donnell*

## Congratulations to Recent Project P.L.U.S. Graduates!



*Photos courtesy of  
Middletown Municipal  
Alliance*



**Congratulations to our recent Project P.L.U.S. graduates who are headed to Thompson Middle School in the fall! Project P.L.U.S. is the Middletown Municipal**

Alliance's eight-week peer leadership and prevention program. During these workshops, students and parents learn the latest drug and social media trends and how to make good choices.

## 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](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.



### Official Town Hall Hours Now 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Effective Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Town Hall's official hours are now Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM to help better serve residents.

This change in hours will not apply to the following facilities: Middletown Arts Center, Middletown Senior Center, Middletown Township Public Library, and Tonya Keller Community Center.

Click [HERE](#) to read our advisory for more information about the new hours and the extended hours on evenings of Township Committee Regular Meetings.

## 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.

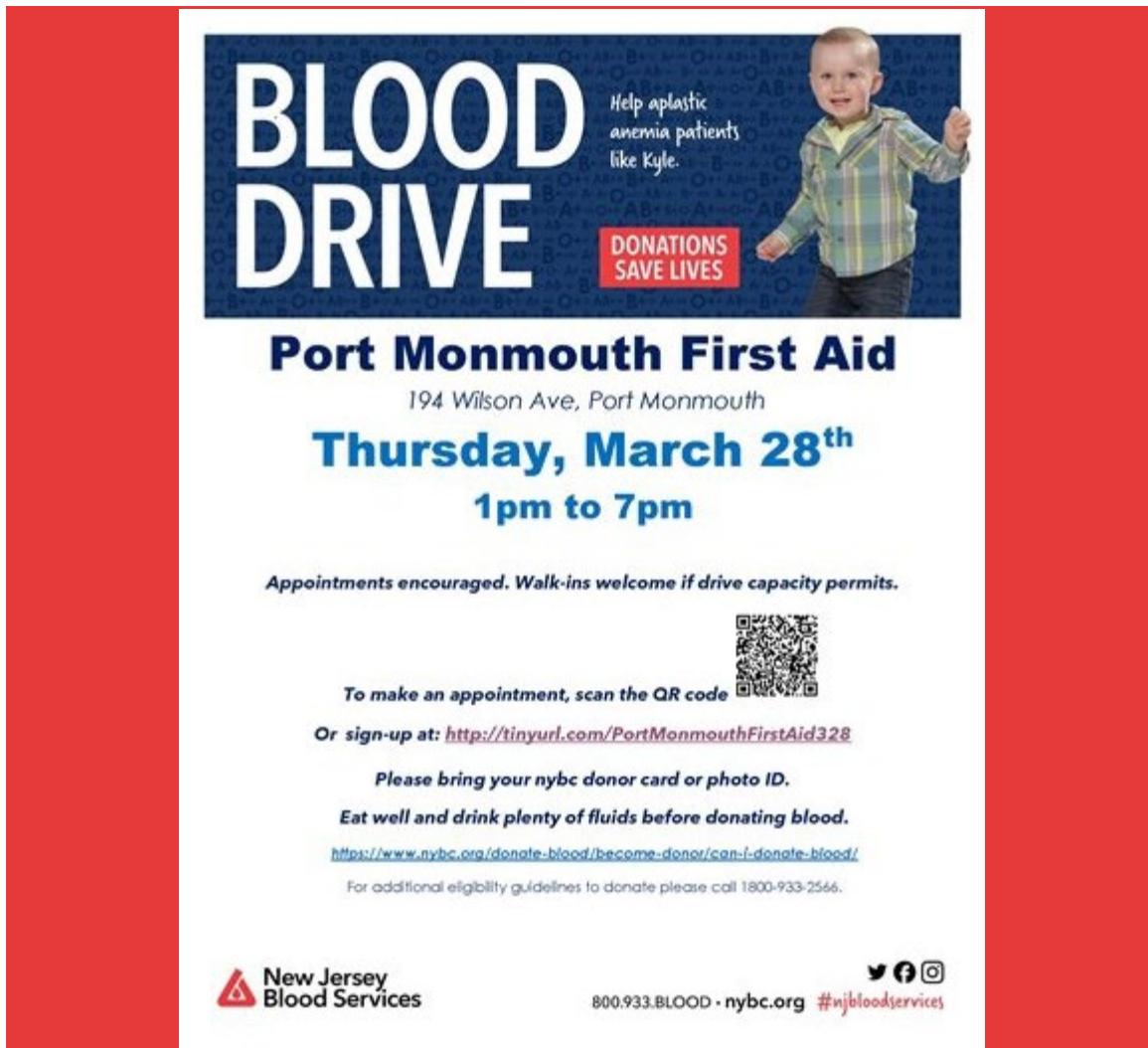
COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a>.</small>	START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small>	COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE 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 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
 BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/brush](http://www.middletownnj.org/brush) for more information.

**Donate Blood at Port Monmouth First Aid Squad on  
Thursday, 3/28 from 1-7 PM**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Help aplastic anemia patients like Kyle.

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

**Port Monmouth First Aid**

194 Wilson Ave, Port Monmouth

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**1pm to 7pm**

*Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits.*

**To make an appointment, scan the QR code** 

**Or sign-up at:** <http://tinyurl.com/PortMonmouthFirstAid328>

**Please bring your nybc donor card or photo ID.**

**Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood.**

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/can-i-donate-blood/>

For additional eligibility guidelines to donate please call 1800-933-2566.

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org **#njbloodservices**

**On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Port Monmouth First Aid Squad (194 Wilson Avenue in Port Monmouth) will be working with New Jersey Blood Services to run a blood drive! The squad's front ambulance bay will be transformed from a vehicle bay to blood donation central. Donors need to bring a photo ID and are reminded to eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood.**

**Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome depending on capacity. Please consider making an appointment and helping us spread the word!**

*Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.*

**Deadline to Participate in 2024 Master Plan Ideas Wall  
Extended to Friday, 5/31**



# 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](http://middletownnj.org/mpideas).

We encourage you to visit [www.middletownnj.org/mpideas](http://www.middletownnj.org/mpideas) to participate in our virtual "Ideas Wall" to help shape the future of our town. The wall will be live until Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> so please share your thoughts.

**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Spring Break  
Programs!**



Join Middletown Recreation for fun, educational programming this spring break! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds or find what's at the bottom of the Murray Pond. Dress to get muddy for both!

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

**Register Now for MAC's 2024 Spring Classes!**



Registration is now open for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) 2024 spring classes! From dance to visual arts, children and adults can boost their creativity this season.

*Click [HERE](#) to register for youth classes and [HERE](#) to register for adult classes.*

**Register Now for MAC's Summer Arts Camp!**



The MAC's 2024 summer camp registration is now open! 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 and register.*

## **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](http://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.

**Annual EGGstravaganza Postponed to Monday, 3/25**



Due to the expected rain, our annual EGGstravaganza has been moved to Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM. Join Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center (MAC), and the Middletown Township Education Association for a family-fun evening 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. This EGGcelent event is free for residents!

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

**Search for Treasures in Middletown Recreation's Mystery Egg Hunt on Thursday, 3/28 at 4 PM**



The "hunt" is on in our parks! Join Middletown Recreation for a Mystery Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM! You might be asking yourself, "What is the mystery?" Well, you know the time and date... but not the location! The mystery locations will be revealed at 3:45 PM the same day on Middletown Recreation's Facebook page.

Click [HERE](#) to check out and follow Middletown Recreation's Facebook page.

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 2**  
**Orchid Care for Beginners: Essentials of Growing Orchids**

Wednesday, March 27th – 6:30 pm  
or  
Saturday, March 30th – 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 MTPL, is pleased to continue Demystifying Orchids, a 3-part series about the world's most popular house plant at the MTPL. 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 second part of this series is taking place on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the class on March 27<sup>th</sup>.*  
*Click [HERE](#) to register for the class on March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**Register for MTPL's Local Author Visit with Philip Nicholas Happening on Thursday, 3/28 at 7 PM**

# Local Author Visit with **PHILIP NICHOLAS**



**Thursday, March 28 | 7 PM  
in the Community Room**

*Visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for more information.*



**Stop by the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> for a visit with local author Philip Nicholas!**

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

**Support USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Ceremony at Comedy Show Fundraiser on Wednesday, 4/3 at 7:30 PM**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT THE  
USS NEW JERSEY (SSN-796)  
AT A FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 3RD**



Please join us on Wednesday, April 3rd, for an evening of comedy to support the USS NJ Commissioning being held in September. Tickets are \$75 and includes a private viewing area, two drinks and lite fare. Don't wait, limited tickets are available for this special event. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:30

**WEDNESDAY**  
April 3, 2024      **SHOWTIME**  
7:30pm      **THE VOGEL**  
99 MONMOUTH ST.  
RED BANK

**Tickets available at [www.ussnjcc.myshopify.com](https://www.ussnjcc.myshopify.com)**

The USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Week has partnered with Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank to create a comedy show - *Mike Marino and Friends*. Celebrate the Commissioning of the USS NEW JERSEY. This entertaining fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Enjoy a night out and support the upcoming commissioning of USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) with your \$75 ticket, which includes a private viewing, two drinks, and light fare.

Limited tickets are available, so don't wait! Doors open at 6:30 PM. The Middletown Township Committee encourages you to purchase tickets and laugh your socks off!

*Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.*

# RESOURCES



## Monmouth County Introduces Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

# Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Warm Line: 732-683-8959



**The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.**

**This tool provides easier access to services including :**

-  Mental Health
-  Food
-  Housing
-  Substance Use
-  More



Monmouth County has recently launched the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System – an easy way for residents to find and access appropriate services in Monmouth County to meet their needs. Created as part of Monmouth County's Department of Human Services, the Navigation System will serve as one point of entry for residents to be connected to any human service provider in the County without needing to make multiple calls and needing to tell their story again and again.

Call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959 to reach countless service providers and visit [www.monmouthacts.org/navigation-system](http://www.monmouthacts.org/navigation-system) for more information.

**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!

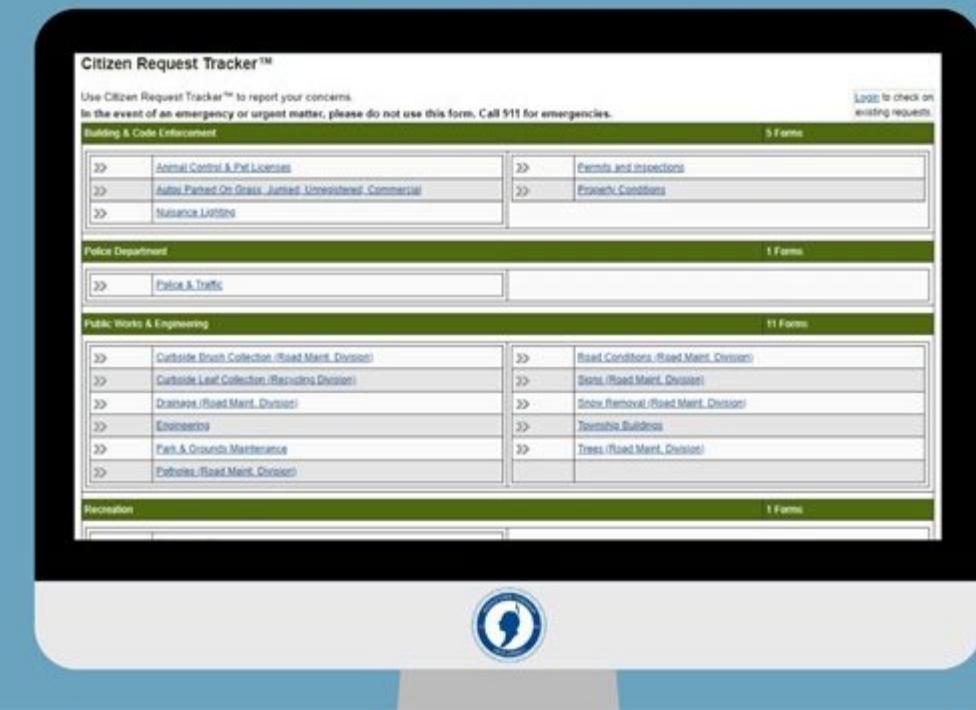
We encourage you to complete a form at [www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup) if  
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

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

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

# 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.



The screenshot shows the Citizen Request Tracker interface. At the top, there's a header with the title and a link to check on existing requests. Below the header, there are four main categories: Building & Code Enforcement, Police Department, Public Works & Engineering, and Recreation. Each category has a list of specific request types, such as Animal Control & Pet Licenses, Events and Inspections, and Road Conditions. Each category also has a 'Forms' link.

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



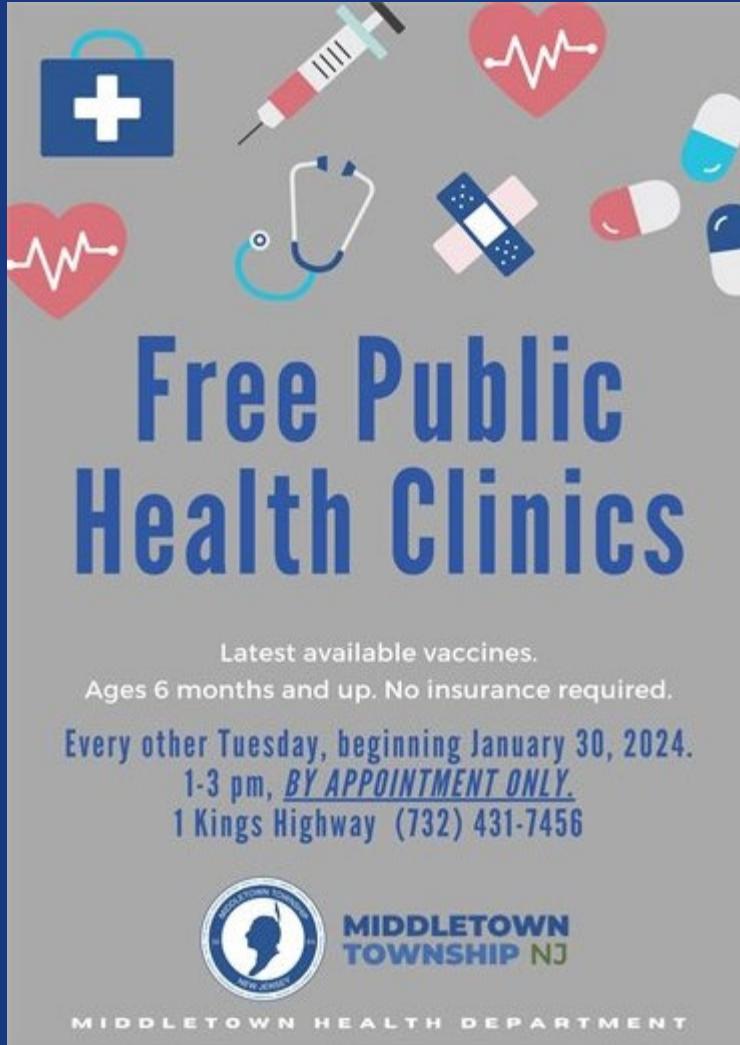
**Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ Register Ready!**

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](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).

**Make an Appointment for Middletown Health Department &**

## Monmouth County's Free Vaccine Clinics



The next clinic is on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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 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.

**Click HERE to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.**



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