



Middletown Honors Musician Stevie Van Zandt and Playwright Billy Van Zandt with Ceremonial Street Sign Dedication in Hometown



Pictured from left: Stevie, Kathi, and Billy Van Zandt pose with the Van Zandt Way street sign!

Today, Middletown celebrated artists Stevie and Billy Van Zandt with a ceremonial street sign dedication on Wilson Avenue. They, along with their sister Kathi, grew up on Wilson Avenue in Port Monmouth which will now feature commemorative Van Zandt Way signs along the road. The street sign dedication was done in partnership

with the New Jersey Hall of Fame (NJHOF). Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, NJHOF representatives, dignitaries, community leaders, esteemed guests, and hundreds of residents gathered to pay tribute to the brothers and their family to recognize their legendary and lasting impact. Middletown native and former NBC news anchor Brian Williams emceed the event.

Stevie Van Zandt is an acclaimed American musician, songwriter, and actor, best known as the founding member and guitar player of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Van Zandt has his own solo band called Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul, which has been intermittently active since the 1980s. Beyond his musical endeavors, he gained widespread acclaim for his portrayal of Silvio Dante in the Emmy-award-winning HBO series *The Sopranos*, earning him multiple Screen Actors Guild Awards and an Emmy nomination. He is an Inductee of both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Billy Van Zandt is a celebrated playwright, actor, director, and producer. He is the writer of the best-selling TV memoir *Get in the Car, Jane (Adventures in the TV Wasteland)* and was nominated for an Emmy Award for his television special *I Love Lucy: The Very First Show*. Alongside his longtime collaborator Jane Milmore, Van Zandt has written and produced a string of successful plays and sitcoms, including *You've Got Hate Mail*, *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.*, and *Silent Laughter*. As an actor, Van Zandt has graced the stage and the screen, with notable performances in *The Godfather Part III* and *Jaws 2*.

"Middletown is proud of how our community members have contributed to the betterment of our society as a whole," said Mayor Perry. "We are always looking to honor residents who have made an impact, whether it be our fallen veterans who served from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terror, dedicated public servants, or those who have had a significant influence on arts and culture."

Trader Joe's Officially Opens in Middletown



On Thursday morning, community members lined up outside the doors of Trader Joe's (1447 NJ-35) for the store's official grand opening! Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were honored to present the Trader Joe's team with a congratulatory certificate and warm welcome to Middletown. We encourage everyone to check out the new store!

Visit www.traderjoes.com for more information.

Middletown Youth Shine at Township Committee Meeting



At the Monday, April 22nd Township Committee Meeting, the Middletown Elks Youth Activity Group opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee also presented certificates to Middletown South's Travel Basketball B8, G9, and B10 teams for winning 2024 Mid-Monmouth Basketball League Championships.



The B8 Boys' Team finished the season undefeated with a total of 14 wins. The G9

Girls' Team finished the season with 13 wins and 1 loss. The B10 Boys' Team finished the season with 14 wins and 1 loss and are back-to-back champions after winning the Mid-Monmouth B9 Championship last year. Congratulations to our winners and thank you for representing Middletown like rock stars!

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, May 5th.

MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in Operation Take Back NJ Tomorrow, 4/27 from 10 AM - 2 PM

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, April 27th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Middletown Township Proclaims April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month



Photo courtesy of Miguel Pagliere

The Middletown Township Committee recently proclaimed April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Middletown. Last Friday, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante joined Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey (PCA-NJ) on Ideal Beach for its Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. The pinwheel was chosen as a national symbol of prevention because it is whimsical and joyful — exemplifying the happy, healthy, and safe childhoods all children deserve.

Middletown Township First Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Kelly spoke about the Township's commitment to healthy childhoods and was accompanied by Station 5 East Keansburg Fire Company members who brought a fire truck. PCA-NJ board members and staff, Middletown Township officials, community residents, and nonprofit and government representatives "planted" a pinwheel garden at Ideal Beach uniting to create a world where every child is protected and nurtured.

Difference Makers Club of Middletown Shows Appreciation to Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee



Members of the Middletown VAC, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and the Difference Makers Club of Middletown pose for a group photo! (Photo courtesy of Belinda Rooney)

Last Friday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell joined the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) for a meeting with the Difference Makers Club of Middletown.

The club's mission is to make a difference by putting a smile on someone's face. The club consists of homeschooled children between the ages of 9-13 years old.

Each month, the club members meet to brainstorm and decide on an act of kindness. This month, they chose to thank VAC members for their service by presenting them with goodie bags. During their meeting, they also learned more about the sacrifices our veterans make.

**You're Invited to the Grand Opening of
McMahon Playground on Tuesday, 5/7 at 4 PM**



You're Invited!

GRAND OPENING

TUE, MAY 7 @ 4PM

McMahon Playground

380 Atlantic Ave, Middletown

Participate in a fun non-competitive kickball game with RallyCap Sports
Try your hand at our MLB-Sanctioned Pitch, Hit & Run Contest
Grab dinner with "No Limits Café Food Truck"
Enjoy dessert from "Best Day Ever Ice Cream Truck"





Eric LeGrand



Middletown Township is proud to introduce our new TV show: *Talk of the Town*! In this first episode, host Tara Berson interviews Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) Director Kathryn Hammond about the MTPL's renovations.

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


North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Planning Community Meeting on Thursday, 5/9 at 6 PM





NORTH MIDDLETOWN- PORT MONMOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETING

Come join us for our first meeting as we develop a community-driven neighborhood plan and share ideas about how to improve our community. This neighborhood plan will help us unlock funding for improvements through NJ's Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program.

Please RSVP by either emailing jbonet@housingall.org or scanning the QR code below.

 **THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**
6-8PM

 **OCEAN AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
235 OCEAN AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748



Click [HERE](#) to complete a Google Form to RSVP.



How to Report a Neighborhood Safety Concern

The Safety Council of Middletown would like to hear from residents about any safety concerns that may be occurring in their neighborhood.

The Safety Council is an advisory board that reviews safety concerns in the township and provides guidance to the Township Committee and the Police Department. Some safety issues the board can help address include:

- **Speeding**
- **Parking on busy roads that impact traffic flow**
- **Roads that flood from little rainfall**
- **Traffic not adhering to crosswalk or stop signs**
- **Trees and branches that are limiting passage on sidewalks**
- **Sidewalks that are uprooted or damaged that could cause someone to fall**
- **Unusual amount of traffic or people congregating at a specific house in your neighborhood that could indicate possible illegal activity**
- **Garbage piling up on side roads or on a lot in your neighborhood**

If you would like a safety issue addressed, please inform the Council so they can help you achieve a successful outcome. You can report your safety concern by contacting the Middletown Crossing Guard Office at 732-615-2100 ext. 2044 or by emailing bpfleger@middletownnj.org.

Plots for Middletown Township Community Garden 2024 Season **SOLD OUT**



Photo courtesy of Middletown Community Gardener Barbara Ely

The Middletown Township Community Garden has officially opened for the 2024 season! Plots are SOLD OUT, so please email your name, address, and phone number to communitygarden@middletownnj.org if you would like to be placed on a waiting list for 2025. Thank you!

Check Out DPW's Schedule for Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration



The graphic is a black rectangular box with a yellow and black striped border at the top and bottom. It features two logos: the Middletown Township seal on the left and a recycling symbol on the right. The title "UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION" is centered at the top in white. Below the title, a vertical yellow and black striped line divides the content into two columns. The left column lists recently paved roads, and the right column lists roads to be paved from Tuesday, 4/23 through Friday, 5/10. At the bottom, a white text box contains information about resident notifications and a website link.

UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION

The following roads were recently paved:

- Lind Dr.
- Fairview Dr.
- Chanceville Pl.
- Hedden Pl.
- Volt Pl.

The following roads will be paved from Tuesday, 4/23 through Friday, 5/10:

- Apple Farm Rd.
- Brook Rd.
- Rutledge Dr.
- Corn Ln.
- Hamiltonian Dr.
- Minton Ct.

Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance. Visit www.middletownnj.org/roads for information about the contractors and areas of work.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/roads for more information.

Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Friday, 5/10 by 4 PM

THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE MAY 1, 2024.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE MAY QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON FRIDAY, MAY 10TH BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.



Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay taxes.

Check Out DPW's Spring 2024 Brush Collection Schedule



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

PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
RED BANK, NJ
PERMIT NO. 652
ECRWSS

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.MIDDLETOWNNJ.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 MIDDLETOWN 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.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/brush for more information.

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers

Apply Now!

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as advocates on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

Want to Apply?

Contact Lt. Stephen Keller, MTPD DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2041 or visit 180nj.org.

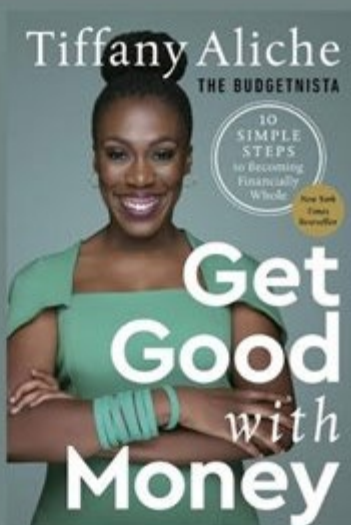


UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for MTPL's Dine & Discuss with Tiffany Aliche on Tuesday, 4/30 at 6:30 PM

DINE & DISCUSS:



and Reach Your Financial Goals



**Tuesday, April 30
at 6:30 pm**

Pizza will be served. Registration is required.

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to watch the recorded virtual author talk featuring "The Budgetnista" Tiffany Aliche, enjoy a slice (or two) of pizza, discuss her money and finance tips, and share a couple of your own! Her book *Get Good with Money* is available at the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

**Attention Middletown Veterans: Attend Open House on
Saturday, 5/11 from 1-4 PM**



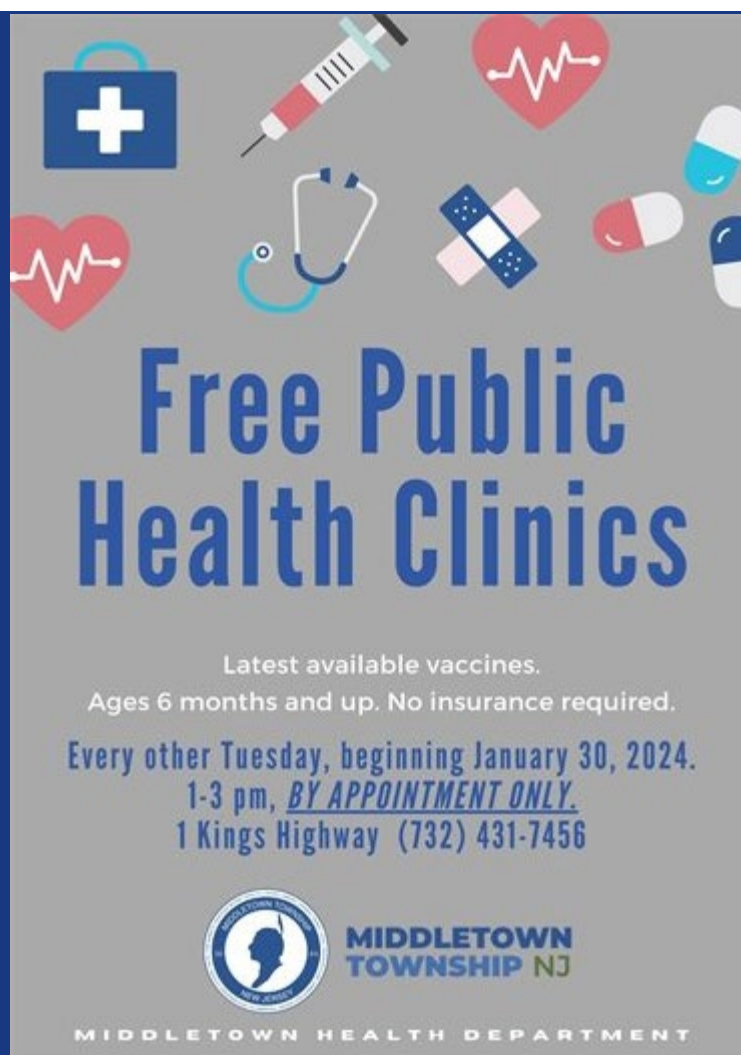
**Register for Suicide Awareness and Prevention
Community Walk Happening Sunday, 5/19 at 10 AM**



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

RESOURCES

Make an Appointment for Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County's Free Vaccine Clinics



The next clinic is on Tuesday, May 7th.

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.

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.

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 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.

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™' web application. At the top, it 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.' There is a 'Login to check on existing requests' link in the top right. The main content area is divided into several sections, each with a dropdown menu to select a category and a 'Forms' count. The sections are:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
 - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
 - Autos Parked On Grass - Juried - Unregistered - Commercial
 - Nuisance Lot/Signs
 - Permits and Inspections
 - Property Conditions
- Police Department** (1 Form):
 - Police & Traffic
- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):
 - Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)
 - Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)
 - Drainage (Road Maint. Division)
 - Engineering
 - Park & Grounds Maintenance
 - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
 - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
 - Signs (Road Maint. Division)
 - Storm Removal (Road Maint. Division)
 - Township Buildings
 - Trees (Road Maint. Division)
- Recreation** (1 Form):

 At the bottom of the screen, there is a logo for the Township of Middletown.

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.

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



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