



MTPD Hosts Annual Police Memorial Service



On Friday, May 17th the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week.

Everyone gathered at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35, to remember our fallen police and K-9 officers who served the MTPD. Current and retired MTPD officers, loved ones of the deceased officers, and community members came to pay their respects. Mayor Tony Perry, Township Committee members, and Township staff were also in attendance.

The service began with a Presentation of Colors by the Middletown Honor Guard, Call to Order, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Police Chaplain Reverend Dr. Dan Correa led the ceremony with an invocation. Chief of Police R. Craig Weber and Mayor Tony Perry delivered speeches at the event, and retired Deputy Chief Eugene Hannafey and retired Sergeant Richard Deickmann read the names of Middletown's deceased officers. The benediction was delivered by Deacon Marty McMahon.

Family and friends of the officers in our memorial were then invited to place flowers at the monuments. New Jersey State Police officers Daniel Murphy and E.J. Hannafey played “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes, and Middletown High School North student Ty Boehler performed TAPS on the trumpet.

Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone Host Annual Middletown Small Business Roundtable



On Tuesday, May 14th Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone hosted their annual Small Business Roundtable at Town Hall. About 50 small-business owners attended, as well as state, county, and Middletown elected officials.

Mayor Perry opened by acknowledging the importance of bringing business owners together and provided an update about the Campbell's Junction redevelopment plan. Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone provided information about the County's investment in local businesses and recent initiatives. Dr. Jackeline Mejias-Fuertes, Director of the Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College, talked about how small-business owners can utilize the center and the new [VentureHive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem](#). She also gave a shoutout to the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC), who was present to hand out [brochures](#) and encourage business owners to join.

Township Administrator Tony Mercantante provided an overview of the Township's 2024 Master Plan and then introduced a representative of BFJ Planning, the

consultant the Township hired for the process. BFJ Planning Principal Susan Favate, AICP, PP then gave a brief presentation about the Master Plan process and explained how business owners can make an impact by contributing to it. Visit www.middletownnj.org/mpinput to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Middletown is proud to support our small businesses!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 5/20 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 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 2337 437 5912 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 about which departments will be offering extended hours from 5:30 to 7:30 PM to assist with Township business and to access the meeting agenda.



Catch Up on Township Happenings with Latest "Minute with the Mayor"

In the Thursday, May 16th episode of "Minute with the Mayor", Mayor Tony Perry discusses a resolution that was unanimously passed at the May 6, 2024 Township Committee Workshop Meeting to authorize the contract for the partial exterior restoration of the Murray Farmhouse at Poricy Park and a \$1 million bond ordinance to facilitate the acquisition of the rural Tretter property. Mayor Perry also provides a recap about the recent grand opening of our new all-accessible

playground at McMahon Park in North Middletown.

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

**Shop in Our Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale This Saturday
and Sunday!**



Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a map of participating houses.

**Save the Date for Flood Insurance Presentation & Open
House on Monday, 5/20 at 6:30 PM**

FLOOD INSURANCE PRESENTATION & OPEN HOUSE

Monday, 5/20 | 6:30-8:00pm
Town Hall Training Room
(1 Kings Highway)

30 minute presentation by Dave Ingemi of Risk Reduction
Plus for both residents and real estate agents.

Followed by a Q&A and open house stations on:

Base Flood Elevations

*NEW Real Estate Disclosure

Emergency Management Resources

Army Corps Port Monmouth Flood Control Project



MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP NJ

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.

Check Out DPW's Schedule for Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration



UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION

The following roads will be paved through Friday, 5/24:

- Atlantic Ave.
- Dalby Pl.
- Krueger Pl.
- Sycamore Ave.

The following roads will be paved through Friday, 5/31:

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

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.

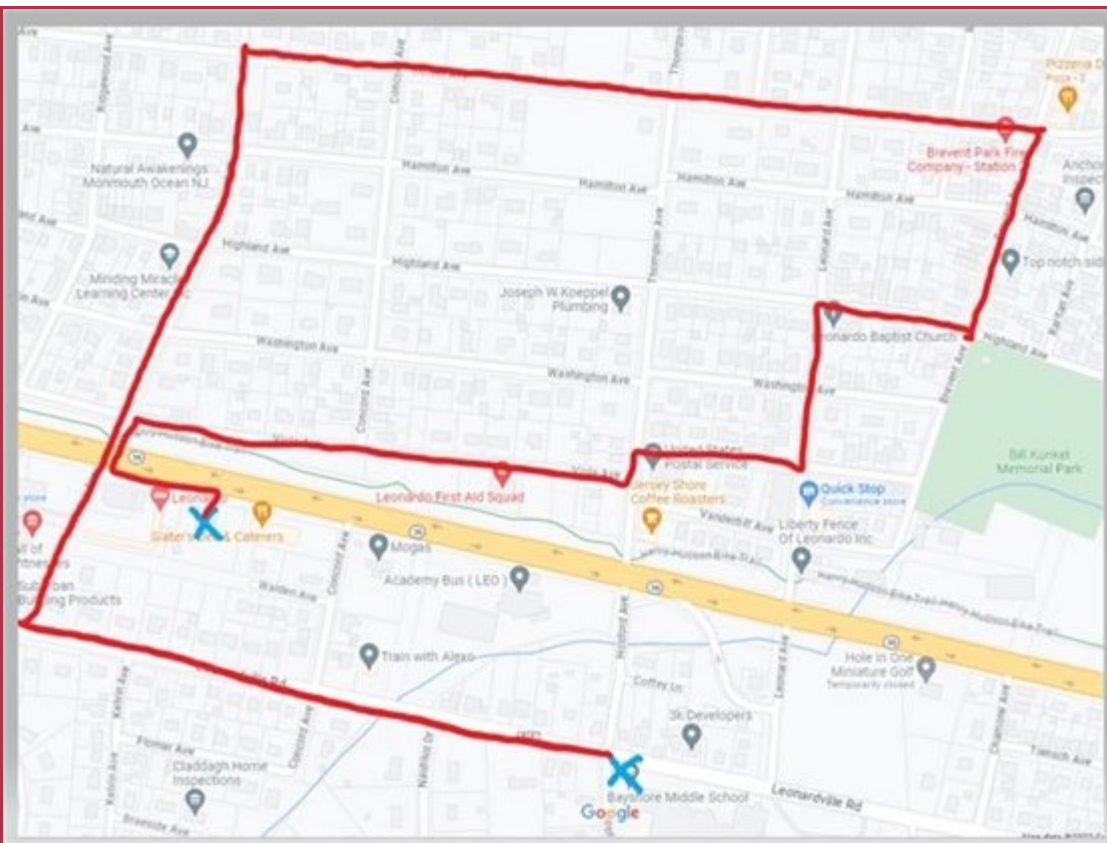
**Save the Date for Our Annual Memorial Day Parade:
Monday, 5/27 at 10 AM**



Middletown Township and American Legion Post 338 encourage residents to come together for the annual Memorial Day Parade to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and served our country.

Prior to the parade, there will be a service at the World War II Memorial (900 Leonardville Road) at 9:00 AM. The parade will begin at 10 AM at Bayshore Middle School (834 Leonardville Road) and end at American Legion Post 338 (860 NJ-36).

Look out for new Middletown Township parade markers that will be displayed along the route soon!



Municipal Offices Closed on Monday, 5/27



Participate in 2024 Master Plan Ideas Wall By 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

We encourage you to visit 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 31st so please share your thoughts.

**Get Involved: Attend Our 2024 Master Plan Public
Workshop on Wednesday, 6/12 at 7 PM**



Join Us!

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

Middletown Senior Center

900 Leonardville Road

Time 7:00-9:00 PM

Workshop Format Short presentation followed by interactive open house stations with preliminary recommendations. Time will be designated for a Q&A.

Come provide feedback and share your ideas to help shape the Master Plan. Content areas include land use, parks and open space, development, transportation, sustainability, and more!

**Wednesday
June 12th**

middletownnj.org/mpinput

In February, we hosted our first public workshop about the 2024 Master Plan. 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, participate in our Master Plan Ideas Wall, and attend the public workshop on Wednesday, June 12th at 7 PM at the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road)!

Join Community Discussion at the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day on Thursday, 6/6 from 4-7 PM



After last week's meeting about the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program, the community is invited to attend the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue) for a second community discussion. We hope to see you there!

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#). Visit www.housingall.org/middletownnrtc for more information.

Apply for the MTPL's 2024 Conover-Wihtol Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



MTPL is pleased to offer the Conover-Wihtol Scholarship opportunity for students interested in a career in librarianship.

VISIT [MTPL.ORG](https://mtpl.org) TO VIEW THE CONOVER-WIHTOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS.



The MTPL is now accepting applications for the 2024 Conover-Wihtol Scholarship, open to all NJ residents studying library science. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 1st.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to download the application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for Suicide Prevention Community Walk
Happening Sunday, 5/19 at 10 AM

A poster for a community walk. At the top, silhouettes of a family (two adults and two children) are walking towards the right. The background is a vibrant, abstract design with swirling lines in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The title "BE THE DIFFERENCE" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMUNITY WALK" is written in smaller, bold, black letters. A QR code is located on the left side. On the right, the date and time "SUNDAY, MAY 19 @ 10am" are listed, followed by the location "@MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER" and the address "36 CHURCH ST, MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, NJ 07748". At the bottom right, it says "MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:" followed by an Instagram icon and the handle "@bethedifference_nj".

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

**Buy Tickets to Watch *American Menu* at the MAC This
Weekend and Next Weekend**



Dunbar Repertory Company will be presenting *American Menu* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) over two weekends: May 17th-19th and May 24th-26th! The Friday shows are at 8 PM, the Saturday shows are at 3 PM and 8 PM, and the Sunday shows are at 4 PM.

The play is set in rural East Texas in the kitchen of a segregated diner. The time is May 1968, a month after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a month before the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. Five African American women toil in this sweatbox where they must battle prejudice, poverty, ignorance, and each other as they search for inspiration. These women are the daughters and granddaughters of slaves; each seeking hope and major change amidst the turbulent times.

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

**Register for MTPL's Olympic Crafternoon for Kids
Happening on Tuesday, 5/21 at 4:15 PM**



As part of the NEA Big Read grant, the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is inviting kids between the ages of 5-8 to enjoy an Olympic style Crafternoon at the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

In this extended session, children will be making paper laurel wreaths and wooden medals. The MTPL will also have some fun Olympic games to play, including pool noodle javelin, stick horse races, and more. The games will be held outside if the weather and library construction schedule permits. Registration is required.

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

**Enjoy Romcom Trivia Night at the MTPL on Wednesday,
5/22 at 7 PM**



Test your Romantic Comedy knowledge at the MTPL's Trivia Night next week!

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Register for Relay for Life of Middletown Happening on
Saturday, 6/1 from 5-9 PM**



CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. **FIGHT BACK.**

Relay For Life of Middletown **HOPEFEST & 5K Walk**



Saturday, June 1st
5-9pm
Middletown South



- *Food trucks & Music**
- *Touch-A-Truck with the Middletown PD, FD, EMS, & NJSP**
- *Facepainting & other activities**
- *Celebrate cancer survivors & caregivers**

No entry fee for those who register online & fundraise!

**Sign up at
RelayForLife.org
/MiddletownNJ**

**Walk-ins:
\$15 donation per person. \$5 for kids 12 and under.**

Fighting cancer takes many things like research, free rides to chemo, lodging near hospitals, and our 24/7 helpline. But we can't do any of that without you. Join Relay For Life, the largest, most inspiring, and supportive cancer fundraising event on the planet.

Mayor Tony Perry encourages our community to join him in attending Relay for Life next month to support the American Cancer Society!

Visit www.relayforlife.org/middletownnj to sign up.

**Register for the Daddy-Daughter Beach Fiesta Happening
on Thursday, 6/6 at 5:30 PM**



Calling all dads! Make memories with your daughter at Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Beach Fiesta in June. Enjoy a fiesta-inspired dinner, dance to a DJ, and meet *Encanto* characters!

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

RESOURCES

Recycle Your Fridge/Freezer with JCP&L and Receive \$50



The Middletown Township Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) encourages residents to recycle their working fridge or freezer to receive \$50 from JCP&L! You can also recycle your air conditioners or dehumidifiers along with your fridge or freezer and earn an additional \$25. JCP&L will collect the item and recycle it for you. You can either schedule a pickup online or by calling 888-314-8141.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to schedule a pickup online.

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 'Log in to check on existing requests' link. The interface is divided into several sections with dropdown menus and lists of request types:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
 - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
 - Autos Parked On Grass - Juried - Unregistered - Commercial
 - Nuisance Landings
 - Permits and Inspections
 - Private 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)
 - Encroachment
 - Park & Grounds Maintenance
 - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
 - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
 - Signs (Road Maint. Division)
 - Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
 - Township Buildings
 - Trees (Road Maint. Division)
- Recreation** (1 Form):

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



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.



Monmouth County Introduces Wellness Transportation Program for Residents

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that, in collaboration with EZ Ride, it has created a free wellness transportation program for Monmouth County residents.

“This program will provide residents over the age of 18 with up to two round trips per week to their medical, wellness and nutrition appointments, regardless of the applicant’s income,” said Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone. “We are thrilled to be able to introduce this service to help our residents travel to these important appointments at no expense.”

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

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.

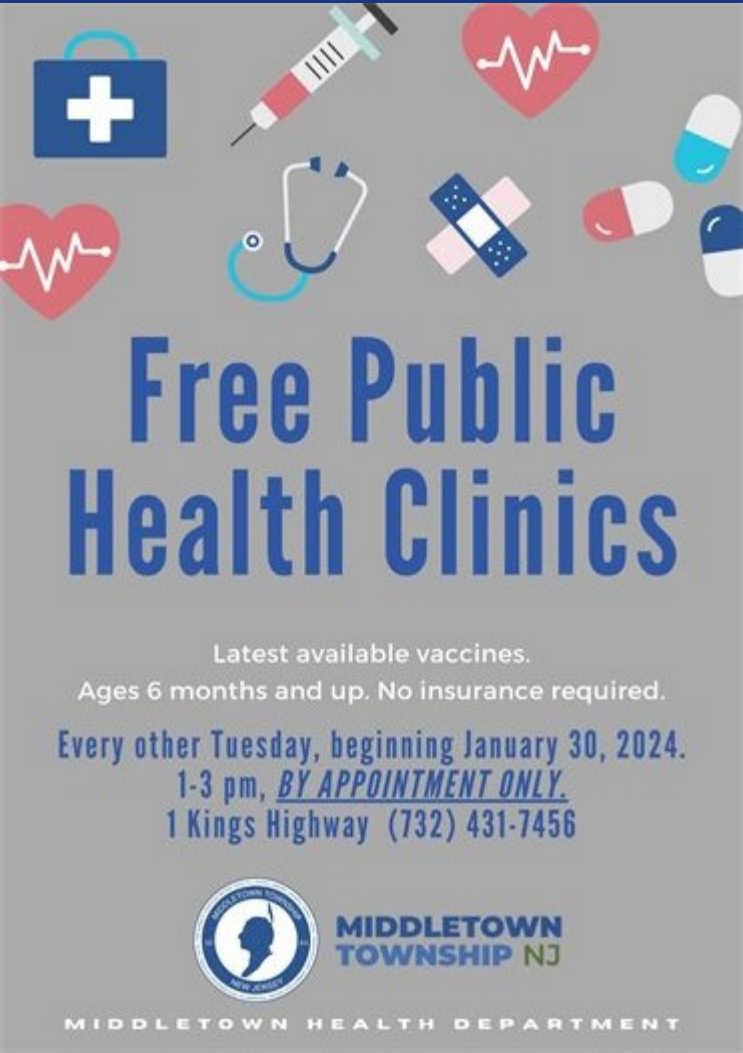


**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

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**



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, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
1 Kings Highway (732) 431-7456



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NJ

MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The next clinic is on Tuesday, May 21st.

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.


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





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