



Community Remembers and Honors the Brave at Annual Memorial Day Parade



On Monday, Middletown Township held its annual Memorial Day Parade with American Legion Post 338 to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The community turnout for the parade was amazing and Mother Nature cooperated with sunshine instead of the predicted rain.

The parade stepped off from Bayshore Middle School in Leonardo at 10:00 AM. Grand Marshal John Alonso, longtime Middletown resident and veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, led the procession along with the Middletown

Township Police Department's Honor Guard. Mr. Alonso's car was followed by the Township Committee and dignitaries, the Knights of Columbus, BYAA, local Scout troops, Middletown High School South and North marching bands, antique cars, Disney characters, and first responders who proudly turned on their vehicle's sirens to engage parade attendees.

Everyone was there to remember and honor those who fought and died for the freedoms we are able to enjoy today. The 3-mile parade route concluded at American Legion Post 338, where Commander Robert Colton and Mayor Tony Perry each shared some inspirational and patriotic words and recognized Grand Marshal John Alonso for his service to both our community and country. American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain Katie Wilson did the Invocation and Benediction and Auxiliary President Dawn Norcross and Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Eric Henton did the Presenting of the Wreath. The service ended with Taps.

After the parade ended, community members were encouraged to stay and enjoy hot dogs and beverages. Thank you to American Legion Parade Chairwoman Lisa Natale, Commander Robert Holton, and Finance Officer Michael Piatti for coordinating this important event as well as the many individuals and organizations who participated in the parade.

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

Prior to the parade, there was a service held at the World War II Memorial (900 Leonardville Road). The service was run by Commander Robert Colton. M.A.S.T. Color Guard presented the colors, Auxiliary Chaplain Katie Wilson did the Invocation and Benediction, Commander Robert Colton did the Presentation of the Wreaths, and Finance Officer Michael Piatti did the hoisting and lowering of the flags.



Pictured from left: Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Grand Marshal John Alonso, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke

Local Nonprofit Friends of Cedar View Holds Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, local nonprofit Friends of Cedar View hosted their annual Memorial Day ceremony at Cedar View Cemetery in Lincroft. Unfortunately, the event was cut short due to a thunderstorm, but Police Chief

Craig Weber was still proud to attend as a representative of the Township.



Photo courtesy of Friends of Cedar View

Friends of Cedar View is responsible for helping restore Cedar View Cemetery which is the final resting place of Black Civil War veterans. Middletown donated a plaque for the cemetery in 2022 to help preserve the site's history and honor the heroes who are buried there.

Port Monmouth Fire Company Supports Pancreatic Cancer Research with 6th Annual Car Show



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry with his son Grant, Mayor's Choice Award winner Chris Anicito, and Port Monmouth Fire Company Ex-Chief Bill Gilmartin

Last weekend, Port Monmouth Fire Company hosted its 6th annual car show for a cause! Mayor Tony Perry was honored to present the Mayor's Choice Award to Chris Anicito for his 1990 AM General Humvee. The money raised will be donated to pancreatic cancer research.



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



Photos courtesy of Middletown Municipal Alliance

This week, fifth grade students from Bayview Elementary School, Leonardo Elementary School, Navesink Elementary School, and Fairview Elementary School graduated from Middletown Municipal Alliance's Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students)!

The free after school 8-week program teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and prepares them for the upper grades. Bayshore Middle School Principal Todd Curtis and Vice Principal Michael Gannon attended the graduations to meet their incoming students, while Fairview Elementary School Principal Michael Melando came to support. Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Police Chief John Werner also attended.

During the 2023-2024 school year, 445 peer leaders graduated from the program. Congratulations to our recent graduates and good luck at Bayshore Middle School!

Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the June 2024 Primary Election



WHEN

Wednesday, 5/29
through Sunday, 6/2

WHERE

Middletown Senior Center
(900 Leonardville Road)

TIME

10 AM - 8 PM,
Monday through Saturday
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountyvotes.com.

Middletown Ballot Box Locations



ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**



**CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**



With the New Jersey Primary Election coming up on Tuesday, June 4th, our Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents of where Middletown's election ballot boxes are located.

REMINDER: There is no longer a ballot box at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Middletown OEM Encourages Residents to Prepare for Hurricane Season

**It's
Hurricane
Season.**

Do you have a plan?
The time to be ready is **now.**

Middletown Office of  Emergency Management

**For more information, visit
middletownnj.org/oem.**

Tip #1

Consider purchasing a small generator.


When you lose power, you could be out for 7, 10, even 20 days before it comes back on again. You can make sure there's always some source of electricity available to you by purchasing a small generator.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins Saturday, June 1st! Throughout the season, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be sharing helpful tips so residents can prepare.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/oem for more information about OEM.

Middletown Fire Prevention Reminds Residents About Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem


Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal



- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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

Middletown Fire Prevention would like to remind residents about the importance of safely handling lithium-ion batteries, which are typically found in electronics like smart phones, laptops, and smoke alarms.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/fireprevention for important resources about lithium-ion battery safety.

Middletown Animal Control Provides Tips about Fawns



Click [HERE](#) to read about why it is so important to not disturb or feed fawns.



Pre-Application for Monmouth County Rental Assistance HCV Program Lottery Available Online From Monday, 6/3 through Friday, 6/7

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has announced it will be providing Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), formerly called Section 8 vouchers, to potential tenants through the Monmouth County Public Housing Agency, as part of the Division of Social Services.

"We are proud that the Division of Social Services is one of the few county entities in New Jersey to be designated as a public housing agency," said Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone. "Pre-applications for the Monmouth County Rental Assistance HCV program lottery will be available online from June 3-7. Details

about this program, including eligibility information, will be listed on the first page of the pre-application which you can find at www.visitmonmouth.com.”

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

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

Complete the MTPL's Makerspace Survey!



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is in the process of renovating the building with an anticipated completion in Fall 2024. As a result, a brand new Makerspace Room will be available! This room will have various types of maker and crafting equipment that all members of the public will be invited to utilize.

At this time, the MTPL is reviewing possible room equipment and developing hours of use, as well as seeking more information from the public to best meet your needs and preferences.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

Apply for the MTPL's 2024 Conover-Wihtol Scholarship by Monday, 7/1

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



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

VISIT [MTPL.ORG](https://www.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 the Daddy-Daughter Beach Fiesta Happening on Thursday, 6/6 at 5:30 PM



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.

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



The poster is for the Relay For Life of Middletown HOPEFEST & 5K Walk. It features the American Cancer Society logo and the Relay For Life logo at the top. The text 'CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. FIGHT BACK.' is also present. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, from 5-9pm in Middletown South. It includes activities like food trucks, music, a touch-a-truck with local law enforcement, facepainting, and celebrating cancer survivors. Registration information is provided in three boxes: no entry fee for those who register online and fundraise, sign up at RelayForLife.org/MiddletownNJ, and walk-ins with a \$15 donation per person (or \$5 for kids 12 and under). A closing statement emphasizes the importance of community support in fighting cancer.

American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE 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.

The Middletown Township Committee recently proclaimed Saturday, June 1st as Relay for Life Day in Middletown Township. We encourage our community to support this inspirational event.

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

Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Talk with Christopher Paolini Happening on Wednesday, 6/5 at 6:30 PM



Join the MTPL next week to chat with master storyteller and international bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the *World of Eragon* with *Murtagh*, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy about a dragon rider and his dragon. Enjoy pizza while you watch this virtual author talk in the MTPL's Community Room!

Murtagh is the perfect book to enter the *World of Eragon* for the first time... or to joyfully return. Register now to join the fun!

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

**Listen to Live Ensemble Performance at the MTPL on
Saturday, 6/8 at 1 PM**

Live Ensemble Performance:



TRIO
Fontēs



Enjoy a performance from the classically trained, award-winning chamber ensemble: violinist, **Mr. Yevgeniy Dyo**, cellist, **Ms. Suji Kim**, and pianist, **Ms. Sojung Lee**

**Saturday,
June 8 | 1 pm
Community Room**



Registration is recommended
at mtpl.org.



Enjoy a free concert at the MTPL's Community Room performed by the award-winning chamber ensemble "Trio Fontes"! Registration is not required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about "Trio Fontes".

Sign Up Now for Middletown Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps



SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION
NOW
OPEN!



MARINE SCIENCE
K-8TH GRADE
IDEAL BEACH, 9AM-2PM
WEEK OF 6/24
\$385 (R)



US SPORTS INSTITUTE
5-11 YO
CROYDON HALL, 9AM-12PM
WEEKS: 6/24, 8/12, 8/19
\$225/WEEK (R)



SNAPOLOGY
6-11 YO
PORICY PARK, 1PM-4PM
WEEK OF 8/12
\$210 (R)

 [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](https://www.middletownnj.org/camp) 

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the different camps and register.

Register for MAC's Summer Intensive Dance Camp



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is hosting a 2024 Summer Intensive dance camp for five full days from June 24th-28th! The camp is open to all intermediate and advanced dancers from any studio who are 13 years of age or older. The program will feature various forms of dance and highly respected teachers and choreographers. The camp will culminate in a live showcase performance in the MAC's (36 Church Street) beautiful theatre.

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

**Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore
BlueClaws Happening on Friday, 7/26 at 7 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws in July. Sit with our community as we cheer on the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. A \$20 ticket includes food, boardwalk game tickets, fireworks, and more!

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

RESOURCES

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.

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

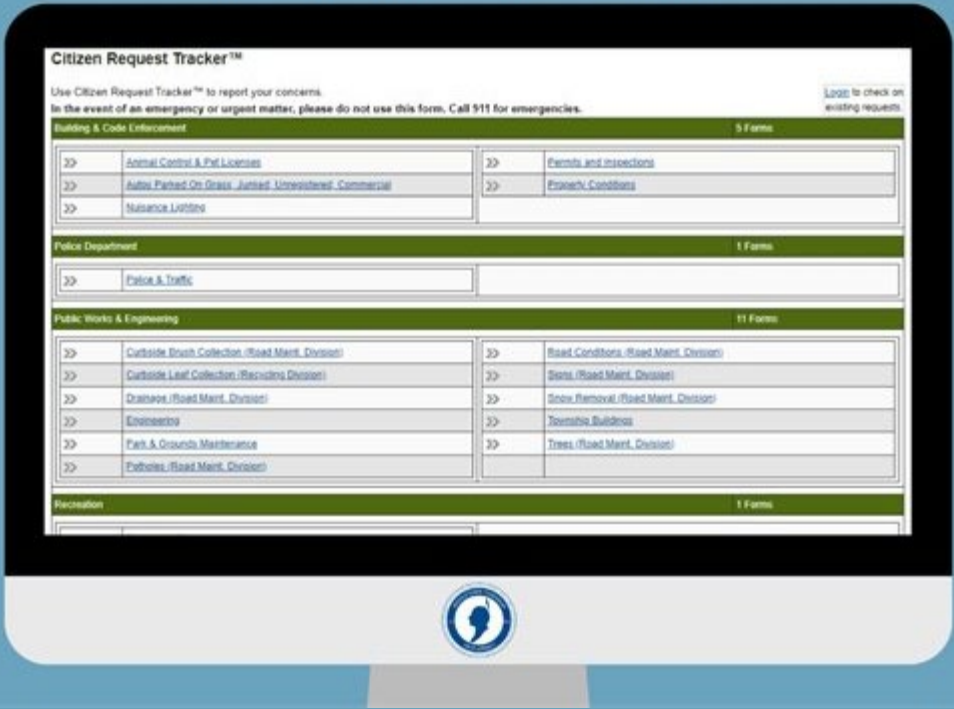


The Middletown Township Department of Public Works & Engineering encourages residents to recycle their working fridge or freezer to receive \$50 from JCP&L! You can also recycle your air conditioners or dehumidifiers along with your fridge or freezer and earn an additional \$25. JCP&L will collect the 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.



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.

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.

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