



## Local Business Donates Electric Vehicle Fire Safety Tools to MTFD and MTPD



On Thursday, Belford-based business Reliable Automotive Equipment (RAE) welcomed the chiefs and several members of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD), as well as Mayor Tony Perry, to donate a total of three electric vehicle fire blankets: two for the MTFD and one for the MTPD. RAE also donated a dozen electric safety hooks. These blankets and hooks will help first responders gain control of electric vehicle fires and safely rescue anyone involved in them. We are so grateful for RAE's generous donation and support.

**MTPD and Middletown PBA 124 Exercise for a Cause in 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Torch Run Benefiting SONJ**



*Photo courtesy of MTPD*

Earlier today, the MTPD and Middletown PBA 124 participated in the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise funds for the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). The run spans over 750 miles and 26 routes as officers carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout the state.

MTPD officers received the torch from the Red Bank Police Department, traveled up Route 35, and stopped for some refreshments at ShopRite (1500 NJ-35), where a representative from the Torch Run presented a plaque to thank them as a sponsor. The officers then continued up Highway 35 to pass the symbolic torch to the Holmdel Township Police Department.



*Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was happy to support this annual event and see her good friends Dave and Blake Ferrell!*

## **NWS Earle Honors Battle of Midway's 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**





*Photo courtesy of MTPD*

**On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chief John Werner were proud to attend Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle's ceremony honoring the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Several veterans were invited to the event, including Middletown resident John Alonso who served in both World War II and the Korean War.**

**Thank you to NWS Earle for commemorating this important day in history.**

## **MTPD Hosts "Police Officer for a Day" Program**



*Photo courtesy of MTPD*

Earlier this week, MTPD Officers Kevin Mahon and Doug Haberman got to hang out with Nut Swamp Elementary School students Gradaigh and Jackson for "Police Officer for a Day"! At last year's National Night Out, there was a raffle prize where the winning student and a friend of their choice could be police officers for the day. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie nationwide. The MTPD hosts this event every year.

The grandmother who won the prize said she had never seen her grandson, Gradaigh, get ready for school so quickly! Officers Mahon and Haberman picked up the boys and brought them to school. After school, the boys had their choice of pizza or ice cream and chose pizza at Atilio's before being driven home by the officers. What a fun and great day shared by our officers and these students!

Please join us the evening of Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road) from 5-8 PM for this year's National Night Out and a chance to win the next "Police Officer for a Day" opportunity!





*Photo courtesy of  
Middletown EMS*

## **Middletown Comes Together for Annual Relay for Life**



*Photo courtesy of  
Middletown PBA 124*

**Last Saturday, our community supported the annual Middletown Relay for Life event. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's annual nationwide signature event that celebrates survivors, remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, and unites our community to fight against a disease that has taken too much from too many.**

**The Middletown Township Fire Department, Middletown Township Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, and Middletown PBA 124 were proud to be part of the many community members who attended.**

## **Vegetation Being Cleared Around Historic Dempsey Pump House in Leonardo**



**Middletown Township was recently successful in getting the Dempsey Pump House**

building listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in the 1920s, the building is located at the northwest corner of Thompson and Center Avenues in the Leonardo section of Middletown. The structure was never used as a residence, but served as a playroom, community space, and pump house. For the past several decades, the property has remained vacant with no public access.

Now that the building is listed on the registry, the Township can access funding sources for historic preservation and restoration purposes. Currently, the property is being cleared of vegetation that risked causing further damage to the building. The clearing will also enable the Township to create some off-street parking spaces in the future.

The Township recently received a \$50,000 grant to help start the restoration process. The first step is to have architectural plans done by qualified architects who specialize in historic buildings. The proposed architectural planning will allow the Township to advance work that will make the site visitor-friendly while maintaining its historic integrity and act as an initial blueprint for how to move forward. There is also another grant application in for actual work on the building which the Township expects to hear about that in September.



## **Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 6/10 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2332 022 7381 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 access the meeting agenda.

**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!

[middletownnj.org/mpinput](http://middletownnj.org/mpinput)



**Wednesday  
June 12<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://www.middletownnj.org/mpinput) for more information and to attend the public workshop on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road)!

### Chesapeake Bay Helicopters Returning to JCP&L Region for Fall Routine Patrols Beginning Wednesday, 6/12





*Photo courtesy of JCP&L*

On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, Chesapeake Bay Helicopters will be returning to the JCP&L Region to perform fall routine patrols on transmission lines. The inspections are expected to take approximately a week to complete. Work is weather dependent.

Click [HERE](#) to read JCP&L's press release.

## 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.**



For more information, visit  
[middletownnj.org/oem](http://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 began Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! Throughout the season, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be sharing helpful tips so residents can prepare.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://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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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](http://www.middletownnj.org/fireprevention) for important resources about lithium-ion battery safety.

## Middletown Township Offers Grants Up to \$60K to Create Accessory Apartments



*Pictured above are different types of accessory apartments. All are subject to area zoning standards. (Photo courtesy of American Planning Association)*

Middletown Township permits owners of single-family residential dwellings to create an accessory apartment on their property for low and moderate income households. It can be either in an accessory building (i.e., a second story apartment over a detached garage) or within the single-family dwelling.

The Middletown Accessory Apartment Program is now offering grants up to \$60K to help build the apartment. Prospective tenants must be selected through a lottery system from applicants in the Middletown Township Affordable Housing Database.

For more information, please contact Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano at 732-615-2000 x2281.

### Middletown Animal Control Provides Tips about Fawns



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

**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Open Recreation**





Join Middletown Recreation for some after-school fun! Free for residents, Open Recreation offers monitored play, homework help, and even a light snack. Registration is easy, so sign up today!

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

**Sign Up Now for MAC's 2024 Summer Arts Camps!**



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) summer arts camps are just a few weeks away! Don't miss your chance for creative adventures this season in art, dance, theater, STEAM, and so much more!

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

**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://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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 Middletown Recreation's Upcoming Guided Fossil Hunts

# Guided Fossil Hunts

\$5.00 per participant (Age 5 - Adult). Hunts last 1 hour.

June  
**13**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**

June  
**23**

**11:00am - 12:00pm**



**Come dig up Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds! Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period from 65-72 million years ago.**

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

**Enjoy a Patriotic Performance at the MTPL on Tuesday,  
6/11 at 3:30 PM**



Come to the MTPL next week for an afternoon of patriotic music on a banjo, guitar, and bagpipes featuring actor, musician, and storyteller Richard Stillman. Richard will sing and tap dance several of George M. Cohan's songs and perform a musical washboard routine. ALL ages welcome! Registration is recommended.

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

**Register for MTPL's Aesop's Fables Happening on  
Thursday, 6/13 at 3 PM**



*NEA Big Read Event*  
BRIGHT STAR THEATRE PRESENTS:  
**AESOP'S FABLES**  
AT THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER



**Thursday, June 13 at 3pm**  
**For All Ages**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT MTPL.ORG.**



NEA Big Read is a program  
of the National Endowment  
for the Arts in partnership  
with Arts Midwest.



Join the MTPL next week at the MAC (36 Church Street) for Aesop's Fables,  
performed by Bright Star Theatre!

These fables from the legendary Greek storyteller, Aesop, have been delighting young and old alike for thousands of years, and they still have a message for us today. Perfect for younger audiences, these classic tales entertain but also share a strong message about treating others fairly and knowing right from wrong. Stories like “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”, “The Tortoise and The Hare”, and “The Lion and The Mouse” will leave audiences with a message that is both timely and timeless!

Registration is required for this NEA Big Read-sponsored program. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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

**Join MTFD at Touch-A-Truck on Monday, 7/29 from 6-9 PM**



On Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Mater Dei High School parking lot for the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) second annual Touch-A-Truck to check out fire trucks, food trucks, games, and fire safety demonstrations!

**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

**DPW's Spring 2024 Brush Collection is Complete!**





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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
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MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

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## SPRING 2024 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE	STATUS
A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I, J,K,L	COMPLETE

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 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

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

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

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



A FirstEnergy Company



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](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™' 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 link to 'Log in to check on existing requests'. Below this, the interface is divided into sections for different departments, each with a list of reportable issues and a 'Forms' count.

Department	Reportable Issues	Forms
Building & Code Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal Control &amp; Pet Licenses</li> <li>Autos Parked On Grass - Juried, Unregistered, Commercial</li> <li>Nuisance Lighting</li> <li>Permits and Inspections</li> <li>Firearm Conditions</li> </ul>	5 Forms
Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police &amp; Traffic</li> </ul>	1 Form
Public Works & Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)</li> <li>Drainage (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Engineering</li> <li>Park &amp; Grounds Maintenance</li> <li>Potholes (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Signs (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)</li> <li>Township Buildings</li> <li>Trees (Road Maint. Division)</li> </ul>	11 Forms
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](mailto: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](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.



**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).

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



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