

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown Veterans Housing Project Moves Forward



Crews are currently on site finishing soil excavation and remediation.



On Tuesday, Middletown Township held a bid opening for the Veterans Housing Project, and the Township Committee is expected to award the contract at the Monday, June 24th meeting. The property, located on Leonardville Road in Belford, will be transformed into 100 percent affordable housing units deemed solely for those who have honorably served our country.

In March, the Township Committee passed a resolution to award the contract for soil excavation and site restoration that is currently taking place on the site. Construction is expected to begin within two to three months.

Stay tuned for future updates!

MTFD and EMS Receive Donated Bottled Water Cases from IMA Urgent Care & Primary Care Locations



Photos courtesy of IMA



Over the last two weeks, the Middletown urgent care and primary care branches of Integrated Medicine Alliance (IMA) donated bottled water cases and granola bars to the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department. IMA held the community bottled water drive to help keep our first responders hydrated and fueled and to thank them for dedicating their time to helping others during emergencies. Thank you to everyone who participated in this drive!

Local Nonprofit Arc of Monmouth Hosts Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony at MAC



Pictured from left: Executive Director of The Arc of New Jersey Tom Baffuto, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Executive Director of The Arc of Monmouth Robert Angel (Photo courtesy of Roy Bolinger)

On Tuesday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz attended The Arc of Monmouth's Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC). The Arc of Monmouth is a local nonprofit that empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a variety of programs, including some that take place at the MAC. The Arc is currently celebrating its 75th anniversary!

The evening ended with amazing performances by The Arc's Broadcast Club, which is part of the nonprofit's Recreation Program.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 6/24 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24th 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 2343 351 9599 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.

Middletown Extends Hours to Assist Public

On the evenings of Township Committee Regular Meetings, a representative from certain departments will be extending their hours from 5:30-7:30 PM to assist the public.

On Monday, 6/24, the following departments will be available at Town Hall to answer questions and/or help community members conduct municipal business:

- Building
- Clerk's Office
- Court
- Fire Prevention
- Health
- Planning/Zoning
- Tax Assessment
- Vital Statistics

To contact departments ahead of time, visit www.middletownnj.org/directory for a list of phone numbers.



In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – and Middletown is preparing to celebrate in a monumental way!

Middletown's America 250 Committee has already started planning thoughtful ways to commemorate this historic milestone by paying tribute to our nation's past and the part that Middletown played in it.

This multi-year initiative will run from July 1, 2024 through July 4, 2026. Much like the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976, this observance will offer a plethora of ways to learn about Middletown's history before and during the Revolutionary War and explore the significant role it had in founding the nation.

We are excited to embark on this journey toward celebrating this momentous occasion in our nation's history!

**Learn About Middletown's Loyalist Insurrection of 1776 on
Tuesday, 6/25 at 7 PM**



Middletown's Loyalist Insurrection of 1776

with Michael Adelberg

Tuesday, June 25 at 7pm

FREE! Two Ways to Attend:

- *In-Person* at the Middletown Twp. Public Library
- *Online* via Zoom: Register at MiddletownNJHistory.org

Hosted by
**Middletown Township
Historical Society**



This program is made possible in part by the
Monmouth County Historical Commission, through
funding by the New Jersey Historical Commission



Join the Middletown Township Historical Society on Tuesday, June 25th at 7 PM as the organization presents "Middletown's Loyalist Insurrection of 1776". This free event is a great way to get excited about Middletown's upcoming celebration of our country's 250th birthday!

In December of 1776, George Washington's Continental Army was pushed out of New Jersey into Pennsylvania. Emboldened by the tide of the war, the Loyalists of Middletown rose up and took control of the Bayshore region. Noted historian and author Michael Adelberg will use original documents to discuss the five-week period during which Loyalists ruled Middletown.

You may attend in person at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online via Zoom by registering at www.MiddletownNJHistory.org.

**Buy Tickets for Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise
Happening on Wednesday, 8/14 from 5:30-9:00 PM**



The Middletown Township Committee encourages residents to help kick off our America 250 celebration by purchasing tickets for the Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise happening in August.

Attendees will sail the waters of the Sandy Hook Bay and see America as Marquis de Lafayette, a French nobleman who fought in the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War, did during his farewell tour exactly two centuries ago.

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

Watch a Recap of the McMahon Playground Grand Opening



Last month, Middletown hosted the grand opening of the new all-accessible playground at McMahon Park in North Middletown (380 Atlantic Avenue). Check out the recap video that captures this wonderful moment in our Township's history!

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

Middletown Recreation's "Tuesdays Beach Volleyball" Program Begins Next Week: Register Now!



Beginning next week, head to Ideal Beach with Middletown Recreation on Tuesdays to play coed volleyball this summer! There are dedicated slots for teens and adults. No experience required. This program is drop-in style with teams picked weekly. You can also register for a full session to save money.

Click [HERE](http://middletownnj.org/signup) for more information.

Sign Up Now for Middletown Recreation's Skateboarding Summer Camp!



Shred with Coach Dave at Middletown Recreation's Skateboarding Camp! Learn the basics or improve your skills in the Beginner and Intermediate classes. Lessons will take place at the newly opened Kunkel Park Skate Park in Leonardo. Please bring your own equipment. Helmets are required and padding is recommended.

Limited space is available, so click [HERE](#) to register today!

Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Gone Running Youth Camp!



Beat the heat with this summer running program held on the partially-shaded field and running trails behind Thompson Middle School (1001 Middletown-Lincroft Road). This camp is designed to offer two separate training platforms to meet the needs of each specific age group: middle school and elementary.

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

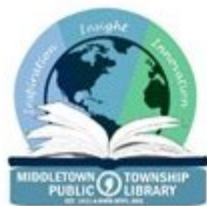
Sign Up Now for MAC's 2024 Summer Arts Camps!



Don't miss your chance to register for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) creative summer camp adventures in art, dance, theater, STEAM, and so much more!

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

Register for MTPL's Free Summer Reading Challenge



**JOIN MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
LIBRARY'S**



FREE 2024 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS!



**Register today:
mtpl.beanstack.org**

LOGGING BEGINS JUNE 24 - ENDS AUGUST 2, 2024

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



The Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) free summer reading challenge begins on Monday, June 24th! We encourage all patrons to sign up and kick off a summer of literary fun.

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

Complete the MTPL's Makerspace Survey!



The 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 1st.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Sign Up for MTPL's Strength Training for Arthritis Program
Happening Tuesday, 6/25 at 7 PM



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ARTHRITIS: POWER UP YOUR JOINTS

Presented by
Angela Debartolome



**Tuesday, June 25
3:00 pm**

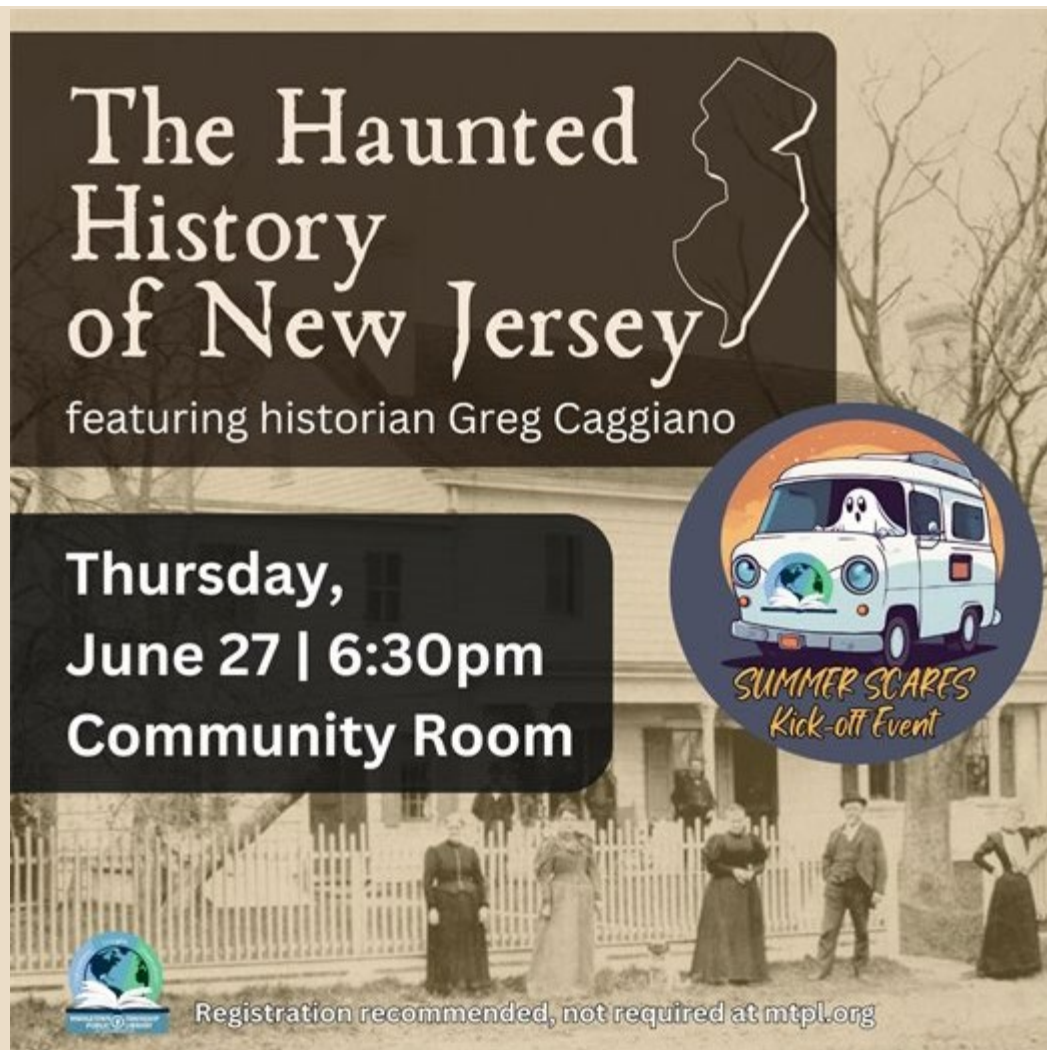
* VIRTUAL PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCASTED *
→ **Community Room**



Join the MTPL on Tuesday, June 25th to discover how strength training can alleviate arthritis symptoms. This program will be presented by Angela Debartolome and will be held via Zoom so you can either come to the MTPL's Community Room to watch it or participate from the comfort of your own home.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Learn about the State's Haunted History at the MTPL on
Thursday, 6/27 at 6:30 PM**



The Haunted History of New Jersey

featuring historian Greg Caggiano

**Thursday,
June 27 | 6:30pm
Community Room**

**SUMMER SCARES
Kick-off Event**

Registration recommended, not required at mtpl.org

The MTPL will be kicking off its "Summer Scares" series with this spooky program led by historian Greg Caggiano. As a seasoned paranormal investigator, Greg has always been interested in things that go bump in the night at historic sites in New Jersey. He has served on two museum boards, both of which were haunted!

Profiled in this presentation will be a Royal Governor's former residence, a Victorian mansion, a house with Revolutionary War notoriety, and a creepy cemetery, as well as a visit from the Jersey Devil. Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

Join Community Discussion at the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day on Thursday, 7/11 from 4-7 PM

NORTH MIDDLETOWN - PORT MONMOUTH FAMILY FUN DAY

RESCHEDULED

Thursday, July 11th

4:00pm - 7:00pm

**Tonya Keller
Community Park**
50 Bray Ave, Middletown
Township, NJ 07748

Come join us for a day of fun and
community engagement!
There will be games, treats, and a 2nd
community discussion as we work toward
creating a Neighborhood Plan!

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**FAMILY
SUCCESS CENTER**
BAYSHORE

**Habitat
for Humanity**
in Monmouth County

AHA
affordable housing alliance
Hope. Strength. Community.

Last month, Middletown Township, the Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted a community meeting about the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program. A second community discussion was originally planned for June 6th, but was postponed.

The community is now invited to attend the rescheduled North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue) on Thursday, July 11th for this 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.

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



On Monday, July 29th, 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

Traffic Pattern Change on Schulz Dr.

Last week, the Middletown Township Police Department distributed an alert via Nixle to inform the community about a traffic pattern change. Parking is no longer allowed on both sides of Schulz Drive between Route 520 and the west side of Half Mile Road. In addition to the Nixle, the area has also been marked with appropriate signs to remind residents.



Nixle is the Township's emergency communications platform. You can receive alerts by either texting your zip code to 888-777, visiting www.middletownnj.org/nixle, or downloading the Everbridge Nixle mobile app.

Middletown OEM Provides Hurricane Safety Tips



As hurricane season is underway, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret presents hurricane preparedness tips for residents in this public service announcement (PSA).

Click [HERE](#) to watch the PSA on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every day at 2:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

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.

Planning a Vacation? Renew Your Passport at the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency



*Take a trip to the
Middletown Town Hall
Passport Acceptance Agency*



For more information, please call the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, email passport@middletownnj.org, visit www.middletownnj.org/Passports, or stop by the Clerk's Office at 1 Kings Highway.

The Middletown Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents about the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency (1 Kings Highway). Please visit www.middletownnj.org/passports for more information. You can also email passport@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2014 if you have any questions.

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.

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
- Traffic not adhering to crosswalk or stop signs
- Sidewalks that are uprooted or damaged that could cause someone to fall

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, emailing bpfleger@middletownnj.org, or visiting www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern.

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.

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