



Tindall Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Temporarily Closed Beginning Monday, 7/22



Middletown Recreation would like to inform the community that the Tindall Park tennis and pickleball courts will be temporarily closed for renovations starting Monday, July 22nd. These updates are necessary to ensure that the facilities remain safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone. We appreciate your patience and

understanding during this period.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Police Explorers and Detective Ricardo Cruz Represent Middletown Well at NJ Youth Law Enforcement Academy



Pictured from left: Middletown Township Police Explorers Shamar Ellis, Joey Losquadro, David Reale, John Brandshagen, and Preston Goode (Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective Ric Cruz)

This week, Middletown Township Police Explorers Joey Losquadro, John Brandshagen, and Preston Goode from Middletown High School South and David Reale and Shamar Ellis from Middletown High School North participated in the NJ Youth Law Enforcement Academy at Drew University. The week-long program is a police academy style sleepaway camp.

Throughout the week, the boys competed in different areas of law enforcement such as report writing, motor vehicle stops, crisis negotiations, and more. They saw demonstrations held by the K9 Unit, United



A close-up shot of the Sergeant John Greene 2024 Perseverance Award (Photo courtesy of Detective Ric Cruz)

States Secret Service, the FBI, and the New Jersey State Police Aviation Unit. At the graduation, David Reale won the Academic Award and Joey Losquadro won awards for Arrest Search and Seizure, Motor Vehicle Stops, and Domestic Violence.

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Detective Ric Cruz also received the Sergeant John Greene 2024 Perseverance Award. The award was named in honor of Detective Sergeant Greene who was an integral part of the program for many years and passed away in 2015 after a lengthy battle with a terminal illness. The award pays tribute to Sergeant Greene's lasting legacy by recognizing an adult who tirelessly participates in the program even in the face of challenges. Detective Cruz, who also runs the MTPD Police Youth Week Program, is a passionate advocate for youth involvement in our community.

Congratulations to Detective Cruz and Police Explorers Joey, John, Preston, David, and Shamar on all their hard work and for making Middletown proud!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 7/22 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, July 22nd 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 2340 928 5801 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.

Monmouth County to Treat Curbside Catch Basins in Leonardo on Tuesday, 7/23 from 4-7 PM

The Monmouth County Division of Mosquito Control



has initiated a program to treat stormwater catch basins in the streets of select neighborhoods with either a history of or current indication of West Nile virus activity. A catch basin continuously holding a bit of water is a classic habitat for *Culex* mosquitoes known to amplify West Nile virus. The purpose of this preventative effort is to squelch mosquito production in these basins. There is no evidence of West Nile virus activity anywhere in the county at this time.

On Tuesday, July 23rd between 4:00 and 7:00 PM, the Monmouth County Division of Mosquito Control will be treating the curbside catch basins in the Leonardo section of Middletown.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a map of the treatment area.

Join MTPD at Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/6 from 5-8 PM



National Night Out will be celebrated at Middletown High School North's back field (63 Tindall Road) this year on Tuesday, August 6th! Attendees will be able to park in the lot off Swartzel Drive.

National Night Out is an annual police-community building campaign that is celebrated across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide to promote neighborhood safety and unity. This is the MTPD's 7th year hosting it.

The MTPD will be on site to meet the public, give demonstrations, and have fun. Activities include fingerprinting, K-9 demonstrations, police equipment displays, impaired driving simulator, inflatables, giveaways, food, and more!

We hope to see all our residents at this FREE, family-friendly event!



**MTPD PARTNERS WITH 7-ELEVEN FOR
"OPERATION CHILL" TO REWARD
KIDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR!**

 If an officer witnesses a kid doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior, they'll get a coupon for a free small Slurpee® drink at participating stores.

 If your child is issued a "ticket" for being kind, feel free to share it via social media using #MTPDoperationchill.



Operation Chill, an annual program with 7-Eleven and the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD), is back in action! Children can be the lucky recipient of a coupon for a free small Slurpee® if MTPD officers see them doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior.



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 America.

We are excited to embark on this journey toward celebrating this momentous

occasion in our nation's history!



Monmouth County's 250 Committee Announces an Art Competition

The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee has announced an art competition for professional and non-professional artists to highlight Monmouth County's role in the American Revolution and to showcase the talent and creativity of Monmouth County residents.

This competition is open to artists who currently reside in Monmouth County, New Jersey who are at least 18 years of age. There are two categories of artists: professional and non-professional.

Artwork submissions are to portray a historic event in Revolutionary Monmouth County between the years of 1775 and 1783. Accepted artwork mediums include: Acrylic, Oil Paint, Watercolor/Watercolor Pencils, Pastel, Ink, Markers.

The first-place prize for each category is \$2,026. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded in each category. Registration is required.

Visit monmouthnj250.org/art-competition-registration-form for more information.

Learn about Local Lenape Folklore at "On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape" on Tuesday, 7/23 at 7 PM

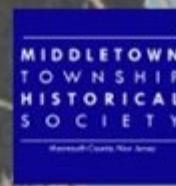
On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape with Prof. Camilla Townsend

Tuesday, July 23 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, July 23rd at 7:00 PM
as they present "On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape".**

Professor Camilla Townsend of Rutgers University will speak about Lenape folklore stories. The stories were originally collected from Lenape people who sought to record their legends before their language and cultural traditions died out. Townsend and a Lenape co-author, Nicky Kay Michael, carefully researched the lives of the storytellers and have recently published the tales for the first time.

You can attend in person at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online via Zoom by registering at MiddletownNJHistory.org. The Middletown America 250 Committee encourages residents to attend this free event so you can learn more about local history ahead of Middletown's upcoming celebration of our country's 250th birthday!

**Join Us For Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise
Happening on Wednesday, 8/14 from 5:30-9:00 PM**



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MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER

You're Invited

*Sail the waters of Sandy Hook Bay and
see America as Marquis de Lafayette did upon his arrival
for his farewell tour on August 14, 1824!*

Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise

Date: Wednesday, August 14th

Time: Teal Cruises boat boards at 5:30 PM and returns to dock at 9:00 PM

Location: Atlantic Highlands Marina (2 Simon Lake Drive, Atlantic Highlands)

Cost: \$100/ ticket (includes 3-hour boat ride with Lafayette impersonator, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks & dessert with cash bar)

  **SCAN TO LEARN MORE, REGISTER, & PURCHASE TICKETS** 

The Middletown Township Committee encourages residents to join our America 250 celebration by purchasing tickets for the Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise happening soon!

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.

Listen to Local County Tales at "Stories 'Round the Campfire" on Sunday, 8/18 at 7:30 PM

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 | 7:30-8:30 PM
MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER LAWN
36 CHURCH STREET**

Middletown Township and Sand Hill Indian Historical Association invite you to an evening of listening to local county tales under the moonlight.

Please bring your own lawn chair and blanket so you can sit and relax as you enjoy smores and stories about Middletown's history!



**Stories 'Round the
CAMPFIRE**



Middletown's America 250 Committee is partnering with Middletown Township and Sand Hill Indian Historical Association to host Stories 'Round the Campfire on Sunday, August 18th at the Middletown Arts Center's lawn (36 Church Street)! We encourage everyone to join us for this free event as we dig deep into our community's rich history and listen to local county tales under the moonlight, similar to how Native American tribes used to do many centuries ago.

Attendees will be able to make s'mores and are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and/or blanket.



Local Business Owners Encouraged to Provide Discounts to USS NEW JERSEY Sailors in September

Attention local business owners! Please consider supporting the USS NEW JERSEY's sailors when they are in Middletown this September as the Navy introduces its next warship.

We are looking for businesses to offer coupons to say "thank you" to the brave men and women who serve our country.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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!



Bray Avenue near Pews Creek will be closed for approximately 8 weeks, beginning Monday, July 8th. Please avoid the area and plan alternate routes.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle, text your zip code to 888-777, or download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app to sign up for the Township's emergency notifications, which include alerts about road detours and closures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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Purchase Tickets to Watch The MAC Players' *Legally Blonde The Musical* This Weekend!



The MAC PLAYERS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JULY 12-21

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde* *The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

The musical opened at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) last weekend. Its remaining performances will take place on the following dates: Friday, July 19th at 7:00 PM, Saturday, July 20th at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 PM.

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

Get Festive at Middletown Recreation's Christmas in July Beach Party & Movie Night on Thursday, 7/25



Enjoy a family-friendly night filled with a DJ, free ice cream, Beach Santa, and activities at Middletown Recreation's "Christmas in July" event at Ideal Beach (49 Bayside Parkway, North Middletown)! The beach party will begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your own beach chair and blanket. Stay after the beach party to watch a classic Christmas movie, *The Christmas Chronicles*, at 8:45 PM.

This event is free, but your RSVP is recommended. We hope to see you there!

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

Groove to Some Tunes at MTPL's Rhythm 'N Sound Concert on Friday, 7/26 at 2 PM

JOIN US FOR A LIVE CONCERT

Rhythm 'N Sound: Musical Revue



Friday, July 26th | 2pm
The Community Room at MTPL

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED, NOT REQUIRED.



Stop by the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) next week to listen to Rhythm 'N Sound's "Musical Revue" program of music from the '40s to '80s! Rhythm 'N Sound are professional entertainers who perform different music genres such as classic standards, doo-wop, rock 'n' roll, Motown, disco, and classic rock.

Visit www.facebook.com/rhythmn sound for more information about the group.

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. Sit with our community as we watch Mayor Tony Perry throw out the first pitch and cheer on New Jersey's baseball team. A \$20 ticket includes food, boardwalk game tickets, fireworks, and more!

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

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

Middletown Township Fire Department's 2nd Annual

Touch-A-Truck



July 29th, 2024
6 PM to 9 PM

Mater Dei High School Parking Lot
Cherry Tree Farm Road

Fire Trucks - Food Trucks - Games
Fire Safety Demonstrations

11 Companies - 1 Department - All Volunteer

www.MTFDNJ.org



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!

Register for Middletown Recreation's Mother-Daughter Paint Night on Thursday, 8/1 at 5:30 PM

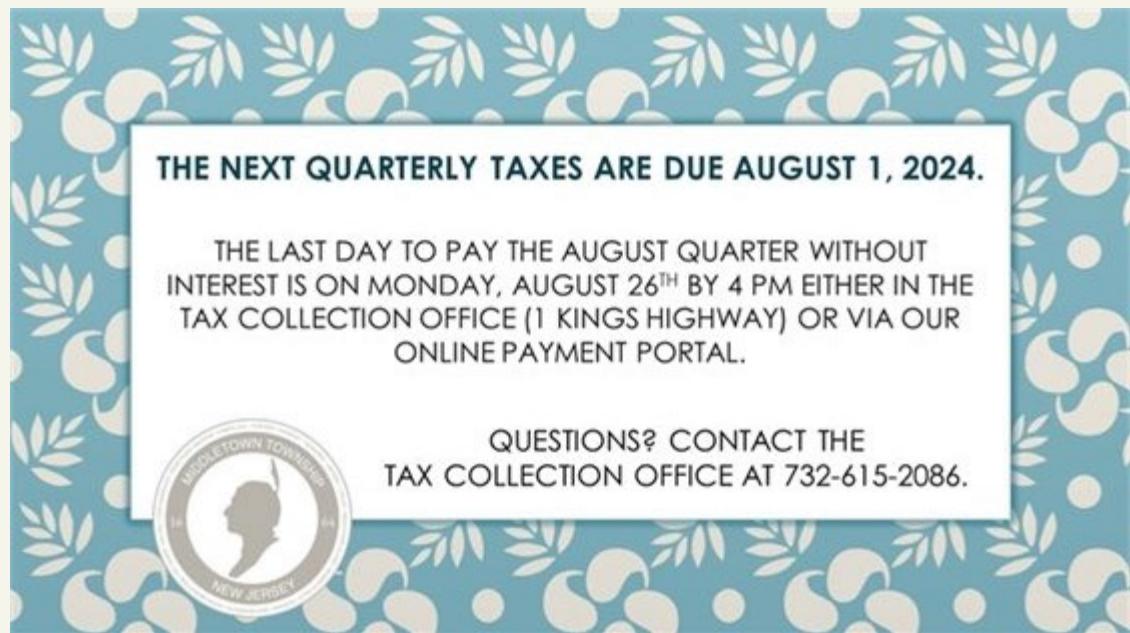


Calling all moms and daughters! Get crafty together at Middletown Recreation's Mother-Daughter Paint Night at the Croydon Hall East Wing (900 Leonardville Road) to paint with a live instructor and enjoy a pizza dinner. Attendees will paint a floral door hanger similar to the one in the photo above. Registration is almost full, so reserve your spot now!

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

A light blue rectangular box with a thin black border. Inside, the word "RESOURCES" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. To the right of the "S" is a circular logo for the "MIDDLE TOWN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY". Below the main title, there's a smaller, solid light blue section containing the text "Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is".

Monday, 8/26 by 4 PM



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



The image is a promotional flyer for the Middletown Township Passport Acceptance Agency. The background is dark blue with a decorative border at the top featuring small white stars. The main text is centered and reads: "Planning a Vacation? Renew Your Passport at the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency". Below this, on the left, is the text "Take a trip to the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency". To the right is a photograph of a blue US passport resting on a world map. At the bottom, there is a box containing the text: "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." At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer in white text: "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."

U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook & Middletown OEM Encourage Residents to Prepare for Hurricane Season



U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook representatives show off OEM's hurricane preparedness sign! (Photo courtesy of Middletown OEM)

With the Atlantic hurricane season underway, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook strongly encourage residents to create an emergency plan.

Interested in preparing for hurricane season, but not sure how?

Click [**HERE**](#) to watch a video where OEM Operations Chief Charlie Ehret provides tips on how to prepare.

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.



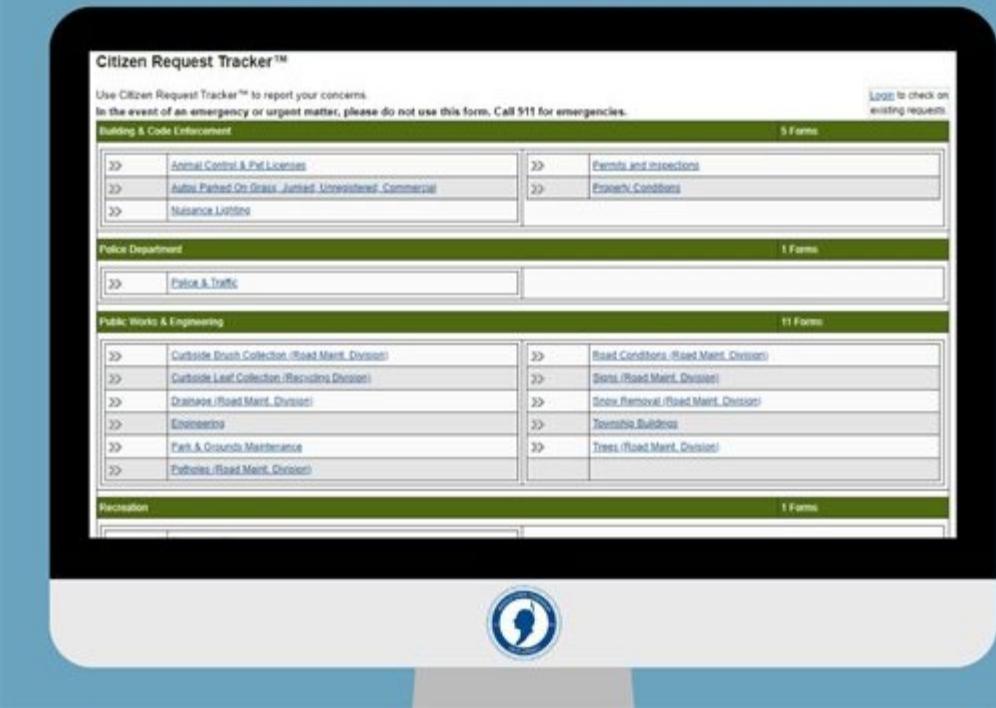
Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!

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.

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.

Click **HERE** to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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