



Middletown Welcomes Red Bank Veterinary Hospital!



Pictured from left: John Anastasio DVM, DACVECC, RBVH Medical Director, Assemblywoman Margie Donlan, M.D., Mayor Tony Perry, Marta Colon, MBA, MHA, RBVH Hospital Director, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell (Photo courtesy of David DeBalko)

On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were thrilled to attend the grand opening of Red Bank Veterinary Hospital (100 Schulz Drive). The hospital has been a local leader in veterinary care for decades. Its new, state-of-the-art facility is open 24/7, offers 16+ specialty services, and has 51 exam rooms, as well as 12 advanced surgical suites, an intensive care unit, CT, MRI, and PET Scan capabilities, and separate waiting areas for dogs and cats.

Taking care of our community's furry family members is an important job, and we are so honored to have North America's largest animal hospital right here in Middletown Township!

Visit www.redbankvet.com for more information.

Township Committee Proclaims July 10, 2024 as Camp Happiness Day in Middletown



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, NJBCA Executive Director Sarah Thoma, NJBCA Board of Trustees President Pilar Curvy, and NJBCA Board of Trustees Member George Ramos-Curvy

At the Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, July 22nd, Mayor Tony Perry presented a proclamation to the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association (NJBCA) in recognition of the 95th anniversary of its program Camp Happiness. Now in its 114th year of providing free services, the NJBCA (18 Burlington Avenue, Leonardo) serves as a statewide resource and referral center for the blind and visually impaired, as well as their families and caregivers.

Camp Happiness was created as an innovative camp-like experience where blind individuals were not defined by their blindness and were able to venture out on their own in a safe environment, learn independent living skills, and participate in social activities such as swimming, boating, and fishing. Today, Camp Happiness continues in the spirit of its founders by offering free educational forums and creative programming in the arts, music, sculpting, painting, health and wellness, day trips to parks, restaurants, concerts, and other places of interest, as well as peer support groups.

Visit www.njbc.org for more information about the organization.

Locally Sourced Podcast Features Interview about Police Community Relations and Entrepreneurial Advice from Owner of Nicholas Barrel & Roost and Nicholas Creamery



In the second episode of of Mayor Tony Perry's new podcast *Locally Sourced*, he sits down with Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief Craig Weber and Detective Janine Kennedy to discuss the importance of community relations and the MTPD's upcoming summer initiatives, such as National Night Out and Police Youth Week. In his conversation with Nicholas Harary, the owner of Nicholas Barrel & Roost and Nicholas Creamery, you'll learn some insider business secrets as he shares his entrepreneurial journey and how it led him to Middletown.

Click [HERE](#) for information about *Locally Sourced* and to listen to the episode.

Detective Ric Cruz Receives New Jersey Instructor of the Year Award for L.E.A.D. Program



At the recent Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence (L.E.A.D.) Conference, Detective Ric Cruz was presented with the New Jersey Instructor of the Year Award. He received this award in recognition of his outstanding efforts in implementing the L.E.A.D. program in our community. Detective Cruz also runs the Middletown Township Police Department's annual police youth week camps and is very involved in the NJ Youth Law Enforcement Academy at Drew University.

We congratulate Detective Cruz on his award and thank him for his service!

Township to Update 11 Basketball Courts Across Community



BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS

Get ready to shoot some hoops on brand new surfaces! We're giving the rest of Middletown Township's basketball courts a makeover. Stay tuned and get your game face on!

The Middletown Township Committee passed resolutions at the Monday, July 22nd meeting to approve the resurfacing of 11 basketball courts across town, purchase new basketball hoops, and get new lighting for our athletic fields.

Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Episode 8



In the latest episode of *Minute with the Mayor*, Mayor Tony Perry discusses exciting recreational upgrades, provides an update on the Veterans Housing project, shares events and initiatives the Middletown America 250 Committee is spearheading, and provides a recap about the recent grand opening of the Red Bank Veterinary Hospital.

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

Expect Construction Activity at Veteran's Housing Site Beginning Monday, 7/29

Middletown Township would like to make the community aware that the Veterans Housing project on Leonardville Road in Belford is currently under construction. On Friday, July 26th, the general contractor began delivering the piles that are required for the building foundation and they are expected to begin driving them into the ground on Monday, July 29th. There are 156 piles, and it should take nearly two weeks.



Timber piles are currently being delivered to the Veteran's Housing site on Leonardville Road in Belford.

Belford residents and surrounding businesses should be aware that the contractor will have vibration monitoring devices on the perimeter of their property to ensure that there are no exceedances occurring. This work is unlikely to affect nearby properties, however you will likely hear noise from the construction taking place. Work cannot start earlier than 7:00 AM on weekdays and 8:00 AM on weekends, but weekend work is not anticipated at this time.

Any concerns throughout the project can be directed to the general contractor, Woodward Construction Company, at 732-591-1125.



Watch the Monday, July 22nd Township Committee Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, August 18th.

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!

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!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/america250 for more information about the Middletown America 250 Committee.



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.

**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.

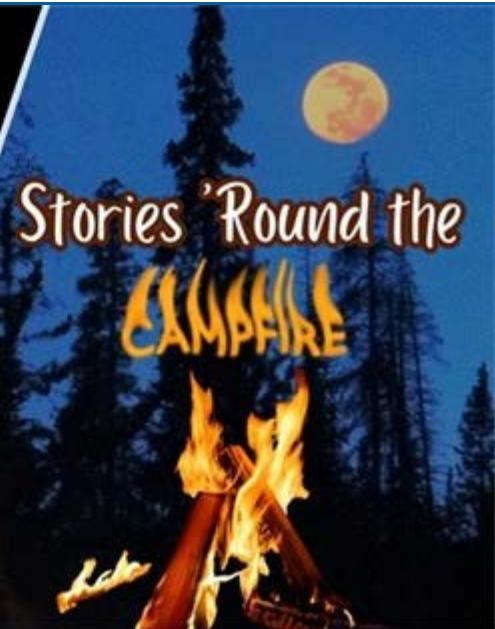
Click [HERE](#) for more information and to buy tickets.

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!



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.



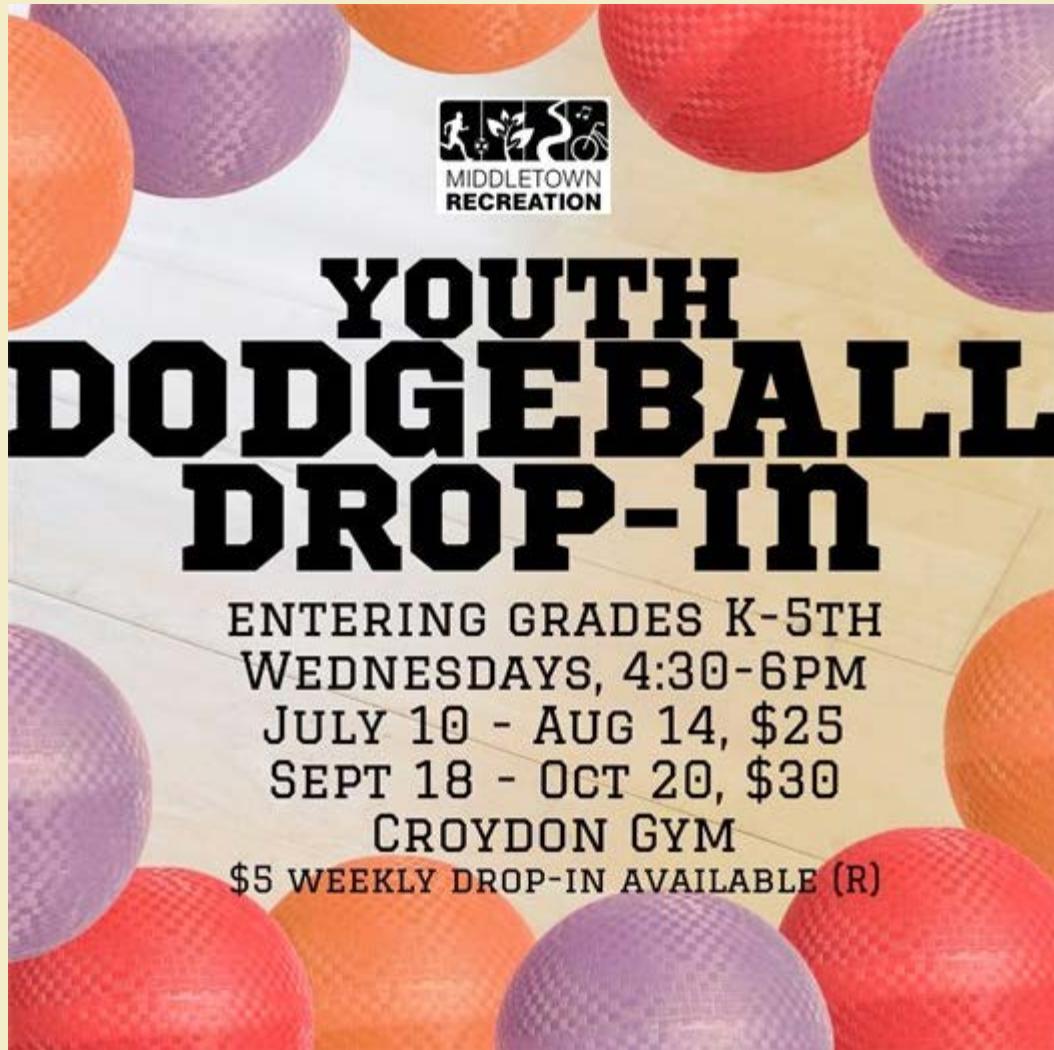
Local Business Owners Encouraged to Provide Discounts to USS NEW JERSEY Sailors in September

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 for Middletown Recreation's Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program!



Dodge, duck, dip, and dive with Middletown Recreation at the Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program on Wednesdays! Weekly drop-in is available and co-ed teams are picked weekly. There are two sessions: July 10th to August 14th and September 18th to October 20th.

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

Tindall Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Are Closed Through August



Middletown Recreation would like to inform the community that the Tindall Park tennis and pickleball courts will be closed for renovations through August. These updates are necessary to ensure that the facilities remain safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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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**Middletown Recreation & MAC's Summer Concert Series
Presents GOLDENSEAL on Tuesday, 7/30 at 7:00 PM**



Come to the Middletown Arts Center's lawn (MAC) next week to watch dynamic rock band, GOLDENSEAL, play both original songs and covers! This concert is the second one in Middletown Recreation's and MAC's (36 Church Street) annual summer concert series. The final concert will be performed by The Weeklings on Tuesday, August 13th at the same time and place.

Please bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and refreshments. Alcohol is prohibited. The event will be held inside the MAC's theater in case of inclement weather.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about GOLDENSEAL.

Register Now 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.

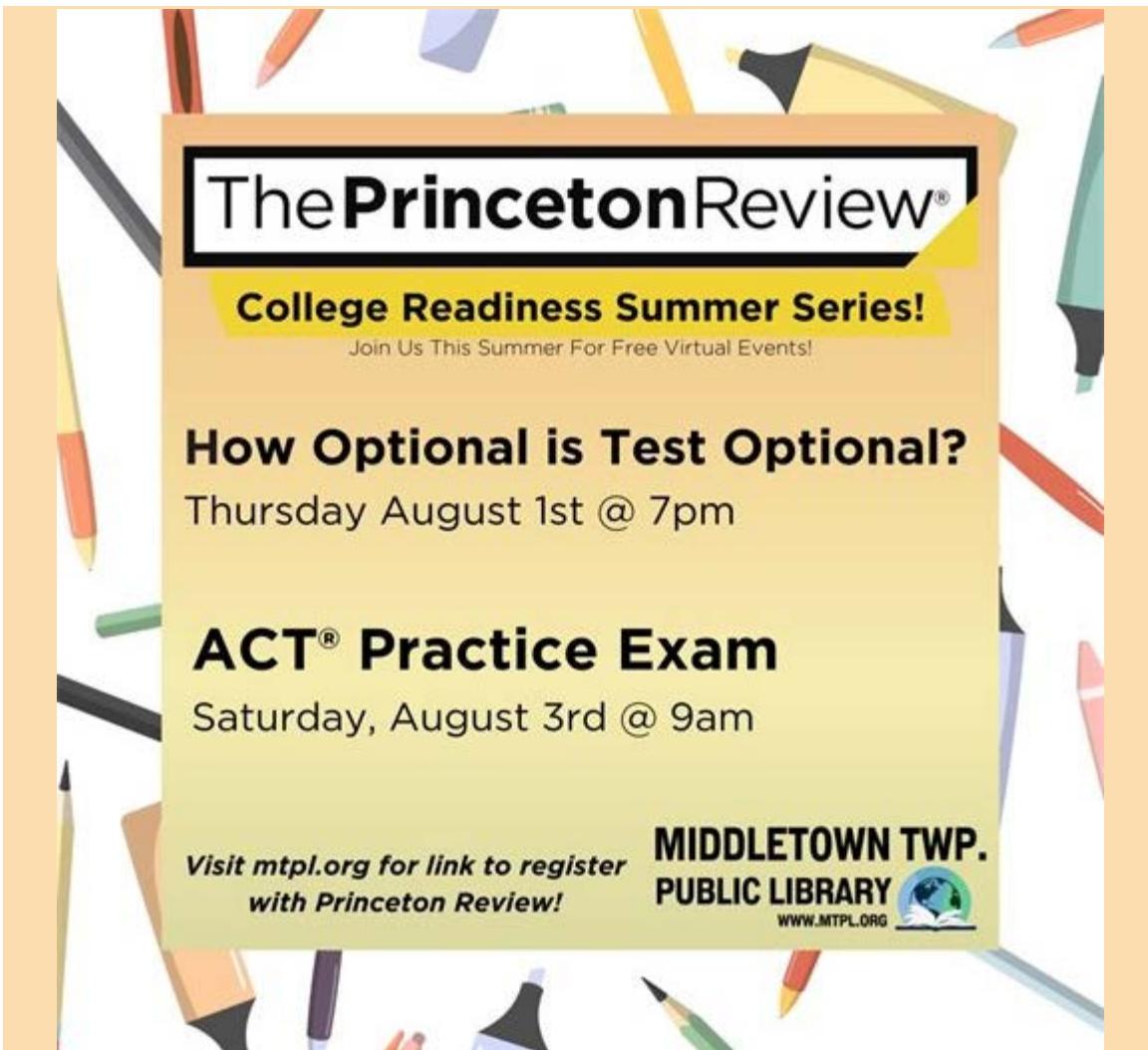
Compete in MTPL's "Camp Scares Trivia" on Tuesday, 7/30 at 7:00 PM



Love scary movies? Test your thriller/horror movie knowledge at the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) "Camp Scares Trivia", which is part of the Summer Scares series!

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

Prepare for College with the MTPL's College Readiness Summer Series



The MTPL is partnering with The Princeton Review for its College Readiness Summer Series, with two virtual events happening next week!

On Thursday, August 1st, attendees will take a closer look at the transformative trend of colleges adopting test-optional policies. There will also be a discussion on how SAT & ACT scores impact college admission decisions for students and colleges, and whether students should still take these tests.

On Saturday, August 3rd, join the MTPL to take a full-length practice ACT exam. After the test, you'll receive a comprehensive score report detailing your strengths and weaknesses. The test will be available to take any day/time in the next 120 days after scheduled date.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the August 1st program and to register and click [HERE](#) for more information about the August 3rd program and to register.

Save the Date for Middletown Day: Saturday, 9/28!



MIDDLETOWN DAY 2024

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Petting Zoo & Hay Rides
- Inflatables & Games
- First Responder Vehicles
- Pirate Ship Show
- Car Show & More!

7:30pm FIREWORKS!

Saturday, September 28th
Croydon Hall 1pm-6pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Middletown Recreation is excited to announce that Middletown Day will be returning on Saturday, September 28th from 1:00-6:00 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road). Enjoy food trucks, live music, local businesses and crafters, touch-a-trucks, children's entertainment, inflatables, and so much more!

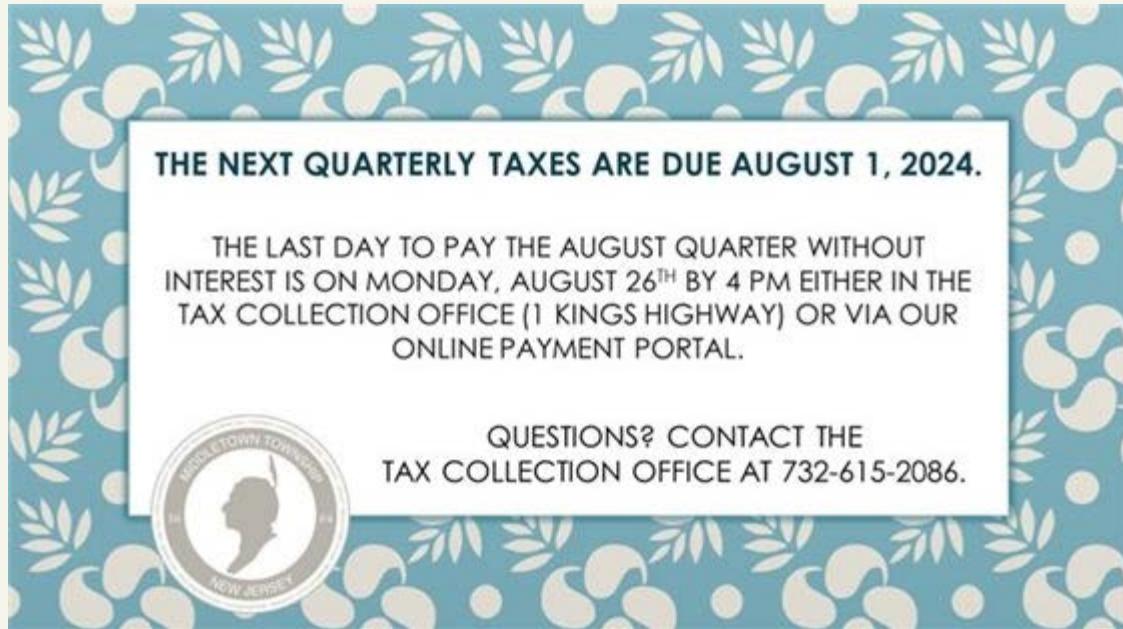
New this year, there will be fireworks at 7:30 PM! Join us beforehand for "Tramps Like Us" – NJ's #1 Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please bring your own blankets and chairs. Sponsorship and vendor spots are still available, so apply today!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information.

RESOURCES



**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.

**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.

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.

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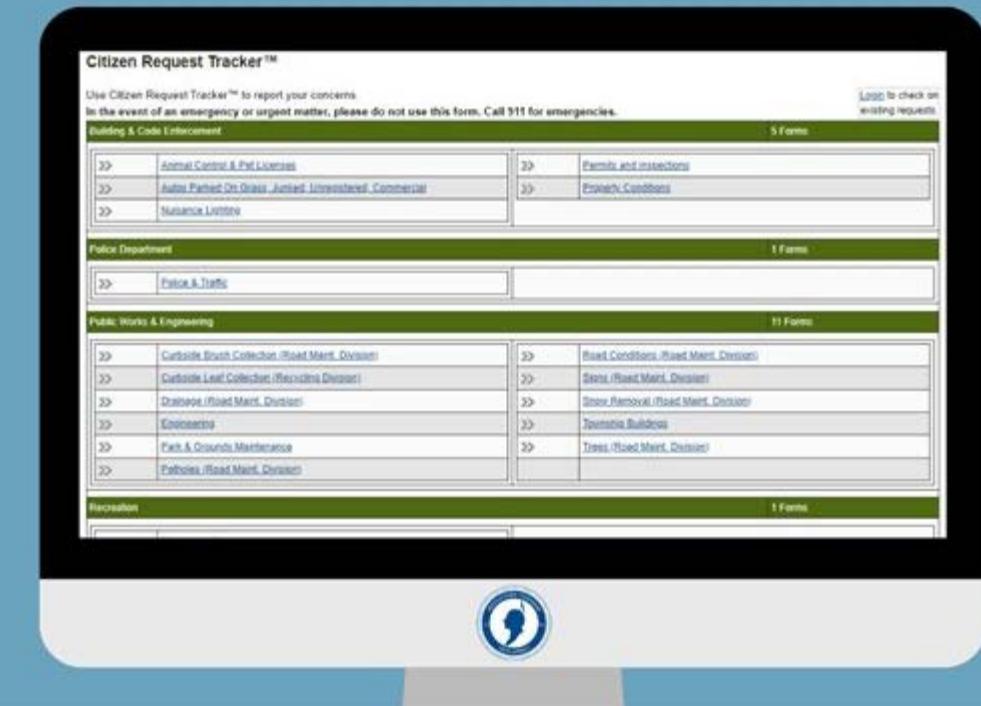
Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!

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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