



**Middletown Township Celebrates Commissioning of
USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) at Naval Weapons Station
Earle in Leonardo**



The Middletown Township Committee and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber were honored to attend the ceremony.



*Photo courtesy of John
Francis Roman*

On Saturday, September 14th, the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) was officially commissioned at Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo. The nuclear-powered submarine is the third warship to be named after New Jersey. It is also the first fast-attack submarine that was designed to be fully integrated for both men and women.

This Virginia-class submarine is led by Commander Steven Halle, has an average crewmember age of 26 years old, and boasts a crew of nearly 135 Navy personnel.

Mayor Tony Perry was incredibly humbled to deliver the welcome remarks and greet the thousands of people in attendance for this historic moment. Governor Philip Murphy, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, and Newport News Shipbuilding President Jennifer Boykin were some of the other speakers.

In the week leading up to the commissioning, our community came together to make the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) crew members feel right at home. Residents went to Sandy Hook to welcome the submarine when it first arrived, local businesses offered discounts to the sailors to thank them for their service, and the Township hung up patriotic banners throughout town and presented a Key to the Township to Commander Halle.

Middletown is proud to support the U.S. Navy and sincerely wishes the crew members of the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) “fair winds and following seas”.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos of the submarine and Commissioning Ceremony. Click [HERE](#) to watch the recording of the event.

**Join Us for Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/28 from 1-6 PM
Fireworks at 7:30 PM!**



**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
6pm-7:30pm "Tramps Like Us" Bruce Tribute Band
middletownnj.org/middletownday

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.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday for event information, the entertainment schedule, and to check out the vendors and sponsors.

**Run for a Great Cause at Annual Mayor's Challenge at
Poricy Park**



Run for a great cause! The 6th annual Mayor's Challenge will take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Sunday, September 29th! Choose between the 5K run, 5K walk, or 1 mile fun run with awesome prizes for runners! Medals and long sleeve shirts for everyone.

All proceeds benefit **180 Turning Lives Around**, a local charity dedicated to ending domestic and sexual abuse in our community. Prices increase closer to race day.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!



If you're participating in the Mayor's Challenge, you'll have the opportunity to see the Murray Farmhouse in person. This revolutionary-era home of Middletown patriot Joseph Murray is currently being restored to ensure our rich history is preserved. (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)

Middletown Recreation Hosts First Annual Skate Party



[Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation](#)

Last Friday, Middletown Recreation held its first annual skate party at the Kunkel Park Skate Park in Leonardo. It was a night well spent with rock tunes, food trucks, video games, and tons of shredding — including free walk-up beginner lessons.

Thank you to everyone who attended!

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video recap and click [HERE](#) to view photos.



Township Committee to Host Special Meeting with Board of Education Prior to 7 PM Meeting on Monday, 9/23

On Monday, September 23rd, the Middletown Township Committee will be meeting with the Middletown Board of Education from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) regarding the [introduction of a new joint initiative](#). The Township Committee Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 PM in the courtroom. Both meetings are open to the public.

Both meetings will be made available to watch or listen. Visit www.middletownnj.org/specialmeeting to tune in to the meeting at 5:30 PM. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code 2330 162 4840 followed

by #. Enter 2024 if a passcode is required.

To watch or listen to the Regular Meeting, visit 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 2333 141 4740 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, 9/23, 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.

NJDEP Places Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Elevated Tides



Due to the rain and elevated tides predicted to reach our area through Sunday evening, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) placed the Port Monmouth facility into "Operational Mode".

The Pews Creek Tide Gate is ready to function as designed and was placed in "Operational Mode" on Friday, September 20th at 3:00 AM. The operation will allow

the gates to automatically open and close based on the tides while ensuring the interior drainage basin does not exceed elevation +5.0 NAVD88. It also allows for the gates to open during low tide cycles so the water can move in and out of the basin to assist the eco system.

The Road Closure Gate on Old Port Monmouth Road remains open, and no action is planned at this time. DEP will monitor tides and coordinate with the Township and County should weather change and require closure. A tide of concern/observation for the road closure will be at 11:43 PM Sunday, with a tide predicted to be +5.0 with a level of uncertainty as high as +5.9 (no rain in region).

Click [HERE](#) to read our advisory for more information.

Participate in North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Meeting on Thursday, 9/26 at 6 PM



BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION & LET YOUR IDEAS BE HEARD!

Join us on select Thursdays @ 6:00pm
at Ocean Avenue School
235 Ocean Ave, Middletown Township, NJ 07748

MEETING DATES:

September 26th
October 24th
November 21st

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.MiddletownPlan.org

Middletown Township, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, Affordable Housing Alliance, and Habitat for Humanity are creating a community-driven neighborhood plan for the North Middletown-Port Monmouth area! This neighborhood planning process will bring together residents, business owners, public officials, local organizations, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive set of proposed strategies and activities to improve the community.

Once completed, this neighborhood plan will unlock special state funding to

implement these proposed strategies through the New Jersey Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program.

The first community meeting was held in May and a second community discussion was held at the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day in July. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue).

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#). Visit www.middletownplan.org for more information about the plan.

Township Introduces New *Middletown Memo* TV Segment to Help Keep Community Informed



This week, the Township launched *Middletown Memo*, a program geared toward giving you a more in-depth look at what's happening at Town Hall and beyond. From upcoming Township events to important announcements and initiatives, this segment will help keep you informed and engaged.

[Click on the graphic to watch it on YouTube.](#)



Middletown Municipal Court Advisory:

Please note that on Friday, September 27th,
the Middletown Municipal Court will be short staffed due
to a Mandatory Vicinage Court Seminar. Thank you!

MTPL Closed Monday, 9/23 through Sunday, 9/28 Due to Construction Work



LIBRARY CLOSED: SEPTEMBER 23 - 28

- MTPL will be closed to both the public and to library staff due to construction work starting on **Monday, 9/23**, with an expected reopening date of **Monday, 9/30**.
- Library loans will be extended and no fines will accrue during this period. Library holds will also be paused starting on **9/20**. We ask that all returns are held until Thursday, 9/26.
- Any library programs during the closure will be rescheduled. Please stay tuned for further updates.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.
PLEASE SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION:**



Visit www.mtpl.org/mtpl-renovation for more information.

Register Now for MAC's Fall 2024 Classes



2024
FALL
CLASSES

Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) 2024 fall classes has officially opened! Pick up a hobby and sign up for a class in theater, dance, art, or music.

Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for Middletown Recreation's Halloween Paint

Night Happening Thursday, 10/17 at 6 PM



Join Middletown Recreation for Halloween Paint Night at the Croydon Hall East Wing (900 Leonardville Road). A live instructor will help guide you through the process of painting a Booooogie Night ghost — just in time for Halloween! Pizza will be provided.

This event is open to all ages and artistic skill levels. Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Support Friends of the MTPL by Eating at Outback on
Wednesday, 9/25**



Friends



Fundraising Event

**Wednesday,
September 25
ALL DAY**

**Show this flyer or
mention the Library
and the Friends of
MTPL will receive
15% of your food bill.**

The Friends of the Library are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. All funds received go towards library programs and resources.



Outback Steakhouse
740 NJ-35
Middletown, NJ 07748

The Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is holding a fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse (740 NJ-35) all day on Wednesday, September 25th! If you show the attached flyer while paying, the nonprofit will receive 15% of the food bill. All funds go toward the MTPL's programs and resources. Thank you!

**Sign Up for Free Flu Clinic on Wednesday, 10/16 from
9 AM - 1 PM**

MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Flu Before Boo!

Get your flu vaccine before Halloween.
Wednesday, October 16th: 9 AM - 1 PM
Town Hall Training Room
1 Kings Highway



Appointment required! Sign up at middletownnj.org/fluclinic.

Getting the flu can be scary, so sign up to get your flu vaccine before Halloween! The Middletown Township Health Department will be hosting a free flu shot clinic for residents ages 6 months and older on Wednesday, October 16th. The clinic will be held at the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) from 9 AM - 1 PM.

Appointments are required.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/fluclinic to pre-register.

RESOURCES



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HOW TO PREPARE IN MIDDLETOWN

 REGISTER FOR NIXLE	Get up-to-date alerts via text message and e-mail by registering for Nixle. You can register by either texting your zip code to 888-777 or visiting middletownnj.org/nixle .
 REGISTER WITH NJ REGISTER READY	Know someone with a disability? Make sure they register with NJ Register Ready at middletownnj.org/njregisterready .
 KNOW EVACUATION ROUTES AND FLOOD-PRONE STREETS	Review coastal evacuation routes and flood-prone streets at middletownnj.org/oem .
 PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE	Find an insurance provider at middletownnj.org/floodinsurance .

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH NIXLE

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

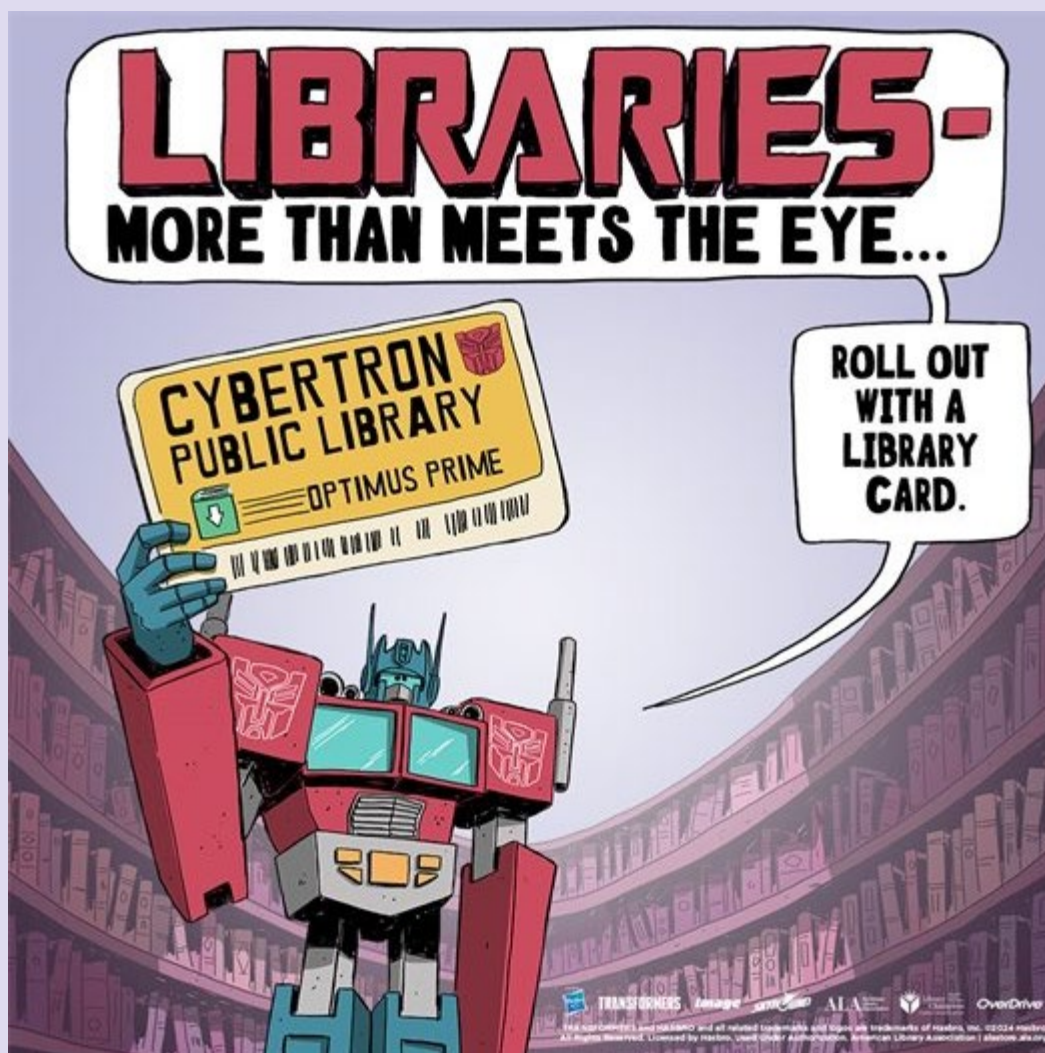
- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages

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.

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month with the MTPL



September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Help spread the word that anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Middletown is eligible for a free Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) card.

Visit www.mtpl.org/get-a-library-card to read more about how to get a library card.



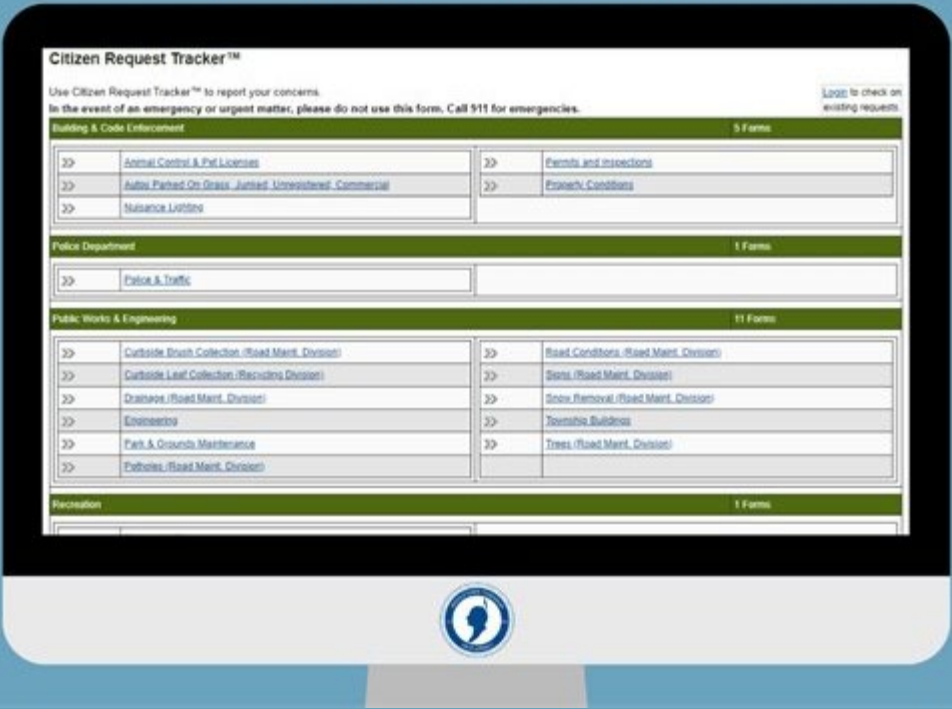
**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

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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