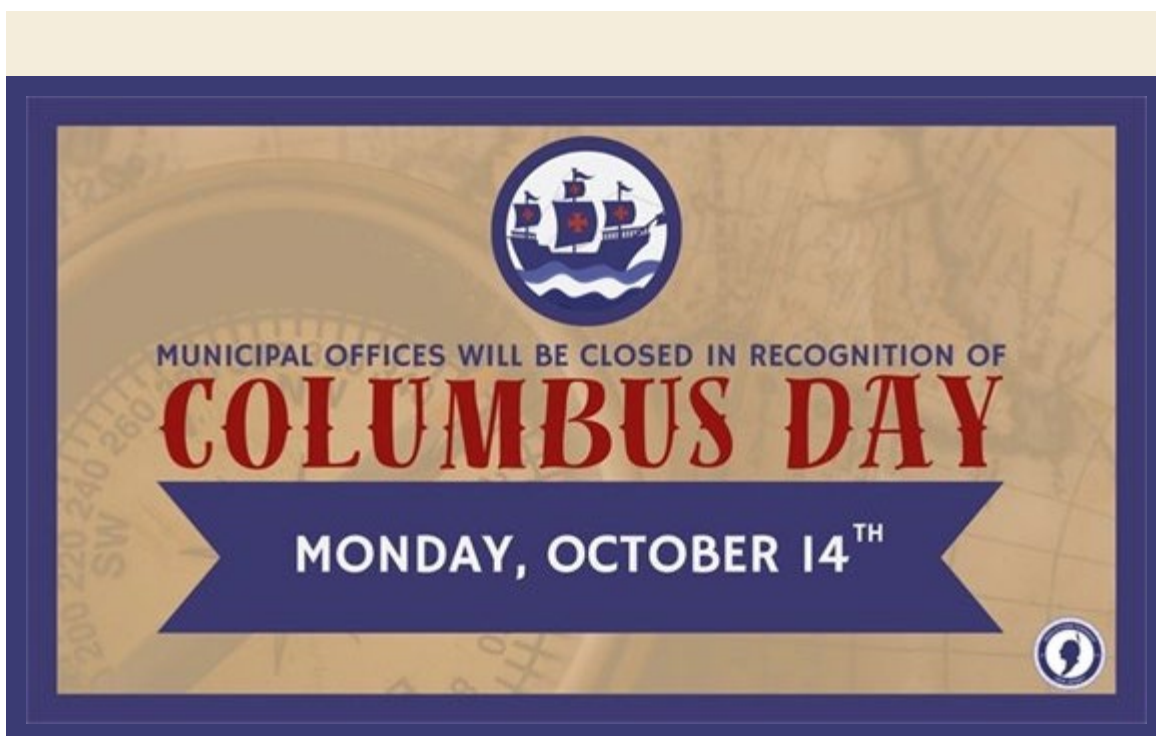




**Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief Drive on Sunday, 10/13  
from 10 AM - 3 PM at Port Monmouth Fire Company**



**Port Monmouth Fire Company is partnering with Middletown-based business Whirl Construction for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Community members are encouraged to drop off items at Port Monmouth Fire Company (125 Main Street) on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. Thank you!**



We invite you to join us in honoring our veterans at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade! The route will travel down Leonardville Road through historic Campbell's Junction and end at the St. Mary's Church parking lot on Cherry Tree Farm Road. After the parade, there will be a special celebration with food trucks and live music for all ages.

If you would like to be part of the parade, we welcome scout groups, sports teams, dance troops, marching bands, and organizations to walk alongside us. Dust off your float decorating skills and show off your talent! Whether you're a veteran or community supporter, your presence will make the day even more special. Click [HERE](#) to sign up by Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



We also have opportunities for local businesses and organizations to sponsor the event. Sponsors will be recognized during the celebration and in event materials. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Middletown Recreation at [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org).

## Thorne Middle School Celebrates Anita Thorne Rochelle-Keyser's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday



On Thursday, Mayor Tony Perry joined the Thorne Middle School community to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Anita Thorne Rochelle-Keyser, the sister of Corporal Horace "Buddy" Thorne, whom the school is named after. Corporal Thorne is also Middletown's only Medal of Honor recipient.

Everyone gathered in the gym to sing "Happy Birthday" which filled her with joy. Anita has dedicated her life to promoting patriotism and sharing the heroic story of her brother's bravery during the Battle of the Bulge.

May the next generation of students continue to carry on the proud legacy of the Thorne family!



*Mayor Perry was honored to celebrate this remarkable milestone with Anita.*

## Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he discusses the Township Committee's ordinance to acquire 17 acres of property behind River Plaza Elementary School and the benefits of the Open Space Trust Fund, as well as upcoming events and early voting.

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

## Township Committee Recognizes Middletown Little League Intermediate All-Stars' Accomplishments



At the Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Middletown Township Committee presented certificates to the Middletown Little League Intermediate All-Stars for winning the 2024 New Jersey District 19 and Section 3 Little League Championships. In addition to these two victories, the team also came in second place in the state tournament. We are so proud of their teamwork and dedication!

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, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Middletown Welcomes Oasis Physical Therapy





**On Wednesday, Oasis Physical Therapy (834 Appleton Avenue) opened in the Leonardo section of town! Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were honored to attend the grand opening where they met Dr. David Colella, PT, DPT, OCS and his staff, presented a welcome certificate on behalf of the entire Township Committee, and helped cut the ribbon to officially open the business.**

**Visit [www.oasisptnj.com](http://www.oasisptnj.com) for information about the services Oasis offers.**

## **Middletown High School North Community Supports Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens with Donation**



*Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Middletown High School North Touchdown Club pose in front of the 9/11 flag in the Mayor's Conference Room.*

On Monday, members of the Middletown High School North Touchdown Club came to Town Hall to present Mayor Tony Perry with a donation to the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization. The Touchdown Club is a parent-run organization that supports the high school's cheerleading and football programs.

The organization raised the money by working with North Nation, the school's student section, to design and sell shirts for their USA-themed football game in September. Half of the proceeds went directly to the Gardens.

We thank the entire North community for their generosity.

**New Jersey Planning Officials Present Middletown Township with Achievement in Planning Award for Kunkel Skate Park**



New Jersey Planning Officials (NJPO) recently recognized Middletown Township with the Achievement in Planning Award for Kunkel Skate Park in Leonardo.

This award is for projects, large and small, that reflect good sense in planning and benefit their community's quality of life. Middletown Recreation Director Janet Dellett accepted the award while Township personnel and representatives of Suburban Consulting Engineers, the firm that assisted with designing this space, proudly supported her.



*Middletown Recreation Director Janet Dellett was stoked that the skate park received this recognition! (Photo courtesy of NJPO)*

Middletown Recreation offers programs and parties for skaters of all ages. Check out [this video](#) (courtesy of Matthew Szczerbienski) that highlights all the fun that Kunkel Skate Park has to offer!

## Murray Farmhouse Restoration Project Update



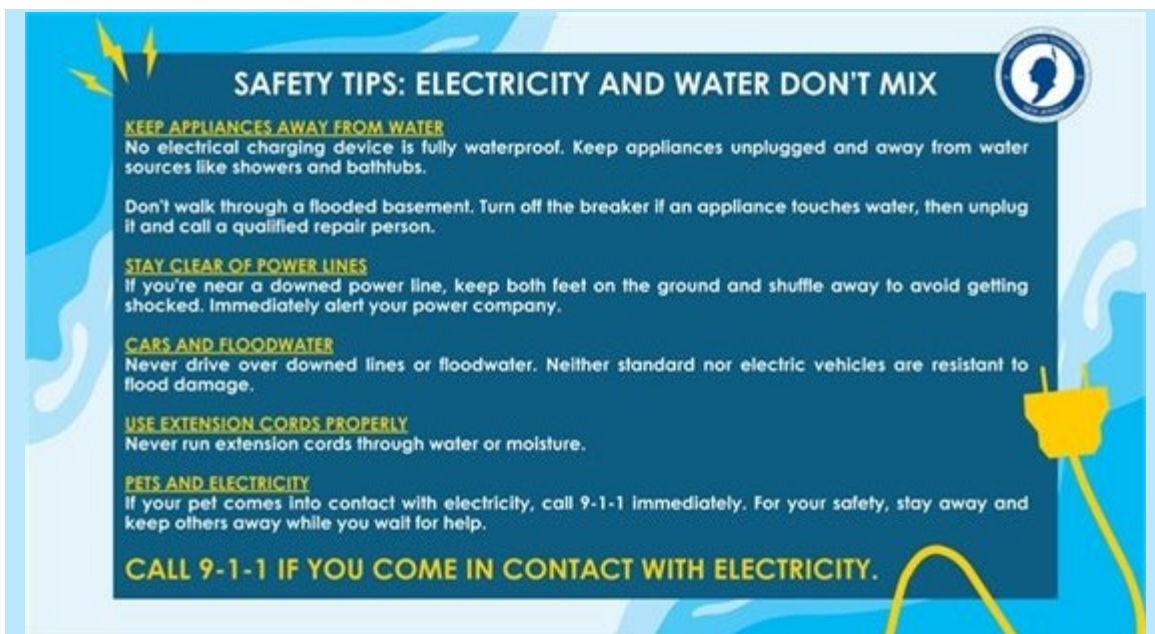


Restorations to the Murray Farmhouse, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), began in July. The Township is investing nearly \$400,000 to preserve and update this historic landmark. This week, the Township's historic architects reevaluated the conditions of the farmhouse after its new roof was installed.

After their assessment, the architects determined that the building needs more repairs before the project can begin the last phase, which is painting the building. This was expected to happen over the next few weeks but is now being planned for the spring.

Stay tuned for updates as the project continues!

## Important Safety Tips



In light of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Middletown Township would like to provide residents with important safety tips about electricity and water.

Interested in learning more about how to prepare for emergencies?

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).

## Middletown First Responders Volunteer to Help Communities Impacted by Hurricanes



*Members of the dedicated task forces.*

Members of the Middletown Township Fire Department have been deployed across North Carolina and Florida as part of the FEMA USAR New Jersey Task Force. Thank you to these selfless individuals for representing the best of what Middletown is:

- First Assistant Chief Daniel Kelly
- Second Assistant Chief Kevin Morrissey
- Fire Marshall Edward “Buddy” Skelly
- FF/Paramedic Marcelo Aguirre

The team finished its work in the Asheville area after 15 days as they passed the heroic torch to another group of New Jersey Task Force 1 members on their way to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton.

Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Deputy Chief Marco Fernandes was also deployed to North Carolina to assist survivors of Hurricane Helene as a member of the New Jersey All-Hazards Incident Management Team (NJ-AHIMT),



which is a statewide resource administered and managed by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. As a part of the NJ-AHIMT, Marco is helping coordinate the overall operations and distribution of commodities to multiple counties. As of now, he will be carrying out this mission until Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please join us in commending these dedicated volunteers as they help these devastated communities rebuild.

## **Pre-Register Now for Middletown Animal Control's Free Dog Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, 10/22**



The graphic features a red and orange background. At the top, it says "FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC" in large white letters. Below that, "PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED" is written in white. The date and time "TUESDAY, 10/22 FROM 5:00-6:30 PM" are listed, followed by the location "CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)". A small circular logo with a dog's head is on the left. Below the text, it says "This is a drive-thru clinic, but dogs must still be on a leash and accompanied by their owner." and "Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions and visit [www.middletownnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletownnj.org/rabies) to pre-register." A photo of a dog with yellow leaves is on the right.

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## **Join Us at Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/27** **Fireworks at 6:30 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
- Car Show
- & More!

**6:30pm  
FIREWORKS!**

**NEW  
DATE!** **Sunday, October 27th**  
**Croydon Hall 1pm-5pm**  
**Performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks**  
**[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

Middletown Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and will be held from 1:00-5:00 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road). This year's fall festival will feature a performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks, added Halloween elements, and fireworks at 6:30 PM!

There will be no rain date. Sponsors, vendors, and car show vehicles that already registered should check their emails for important transfer information.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownday) for event information.

**Run for a Great Cause at Annual Mayor's Challenge at  
Poricy Park on Sunday, 11/10**



Due to rain, the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Challenge was rescheduled to Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. It will still take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). 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.

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

**Early Voting Begins Saturday, 10/26**





## MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# Flu Before Boo!

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



Appointment required! Sign up at [middletownnj.org/fluclinic](https://www.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 holding a free flu shot clinic on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Appointments are required.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/fluclinic](https://www.middletownnj.org/fluclinic) to pre-register.

**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.

**Middletown Senior Center Hosts Bus Trip to See "The Jersey Four" on Tuesday, 10/22 at 10 AM**



**All Star @ The Shore Club**  
**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute**  
**by "The Jersey Four"**

Enjoy this "Jersey Boys" - Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons tribute band covering your favorite Rock & Roll sounds of the 60's. A hilarious comedian will open the show!

**OCTOBER 22, 2024**  
**BUS DEPARTS 10AM**  
**\$115 MEMBERS**  
**\$125 NON MEMBERS**  
**INCLUDES LUNCH, SHOW AND ONE HOUR OPEN BAR**  
**CALL 732-615-2265 TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!**

**MIDDLETOWN SENIOR CENTER**

Join the Middletown Senior Center for its bus trip to see "The Jersey Four" on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>! This fabulous tribute band recreates the vibrant music, vocals, harmonies, and stage presence of your favorite "Jersey Boys" - Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons!

The bus will depart from the Center (900 Leonardville Road) at 10 AM. Tickets cost \$115 for members and \$125 for non members. One ticket includes lunch, the show, and a one-hour open bar.

Call the Senior Center at 732-615-2265 to reserve your seat and visit [www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors) for more information about the Center.

**Bright Star Theatre Presents *Bullysaurus Rex* at Middletown Arts Center on Monday, 10/14 at 11 AM**

# BRIGHT STAR THEATRE PRESENTS: BULLYSAURUS REX



AT THE MIDDLETOWN  
ARTS CENTER

Free parking at  
the train station  
parking lot!

**Monday, 10/14 @ 11am**

**All Ages**

registration is required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)

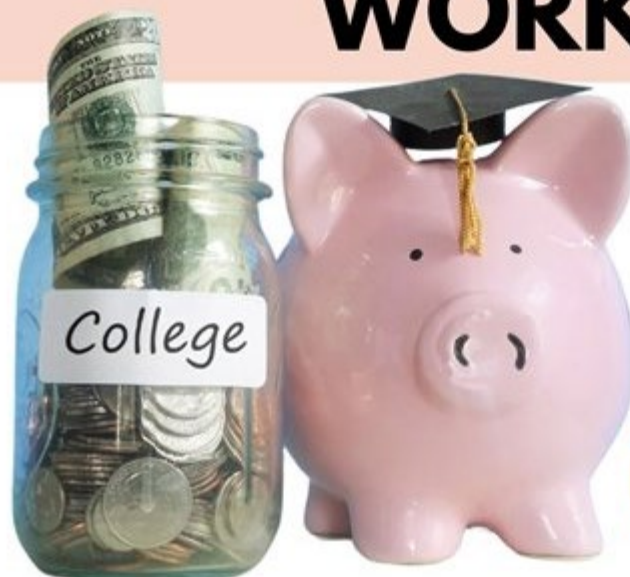


Enjoy the day off from school by watching Bright Star Theatre's *Bullysaurus Rex* adventure on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street). The history of bullying goes way, way, way, way back in a dinosaur-themed antibullying adventure. Learn how to recognize, report, and stand up to bullying.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Register Now for the MTPL's College Funding Workshop  
Zoom on Thursday, 10/17 at 7 PM**

# COLLEGE FUNDING WORKSHOP



via Zoom!



**Thursday 10/17 @ 7 pm**

registration required

Visit the calendar page at [mtpl.org](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/243024)

Join the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Zoom with Cornerstone College Solutions on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to learn how to secure your child's college education with confidence and ease. Topics include 529 plans, FAFSA, Financial and Merit Aid, Student Aid Index, and more.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Zoom.

**Head to MTPL for Timeless Guitar Music with Marco Crincoli on Saturday, 10/19 from 2-4 PM**



# An Afternoon of Classical Guitar with Marco

*Explore the timeless music  
of Spain, Italy, France,  
Brazil, and America*



**Saturday,  
Oct. 19 | 2 - 4 pm  
Community Room**



Please  
register  
at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org).

**On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> head to the Community Room at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) for an afternoon of exploring the timeless guitar music of Spain, Italy, France, Brazil, and America with local musician Marco Crincoli.**

*Click [HERE](http://mtpl.org) to register.*

**MTPL Hosts Teachers Book Giveaway on Saturday, 10/19  
from 10 AM to 2 PM**



## 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).



# 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 'Log in to check on existing requests' link. The interface is divided into several categories, each with a list of request types and a 'Forms' count:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
  - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
  - Autos Parked On Grass - Juried - Unregistered - Commercial
  - Nuisance Littering
  - Permits and Inspections
  - Private Conditions
- Police Department** (1 Form):
  - Patrol & Traffic
- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):
  - Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)
  - Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)
  - Drainage (Road Maint. Division)
  - Enviromento
  - Park & Grounds Maintenance
  - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
  - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
  - Sewer (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.*

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



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