

Poricy Park
Photo courtesy of Danielle Adams



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Message from Mayor Tony Perry



While I am writing this message as the mayor of Middletown, I am also writing this as a father of three young children. Like you, it is my hope to preserve and protect our incredible and picturesque town. For many years, we have been consistently ranked as one of the best towns to live in and raise a family. It is my goal to keep it this way, and why I refuse to stop fighting for open space preservation. The Township Committee and I will not relent to developers that want to build massive high-density housing. It is our commitment and duty to pass this town on to the next generation, not just better than how we found it, but as a shining example of what is possible not by government but by an empowered community.

Four years ago, we asked residents to make the investment in preserving open space in Middletown, whether that is in Belford, Port Monmouth, River Plaza, Lincroft, or anywhere in between. More than 66 percent of you voted to approve the Open Space referendum.

With your support, we were able to forever preserve the historic Conover Beacon in Leonardo. With your support, we restored one of America's oldest farmhouses at Poricy Park in Oak Hill. With your support, we have preserved more open space and have been able to invest more in enhancing our recreational facilities than ever before — but our mission is not yet complete. It is only just beginning!

At a time when Americans are facing record inflation and prices, we understand the financial challenges in the continued investment of this request. However, I know that we all love our town too much to let it fall from its long-held position as one of New Jersey's best places to live. We are fortunate to have 80 parks across town, including one national park, nine County parks, and 70 Township parks. This is an impressive total of approximately 6,000 acres. Continuing to preserve our remaining open space, including enhancing our parks and preserving our historic landmarks, is a top priority.

The Open Space tax levy is approximately \$5 million, which means that each resident currently pays approximately \$73 per year toward the Open Space Trust Fund. Our commitment to preserving open space has been substantial, with a total investment of over \$30 million. Since we began the trust over two decades ago, the Township has proudly acquired and preserved 275 acres of land.

More than a decade ago, the Township purchased 44 acres of the Tretter property for \$2.1 million, a 67-wooded acres tract of land off Whipporwill Valley Road that has remained largely undeveloped since the 18th century. We are now trying to purchase the remaining 23 acres. In 2022, the Township purchased the 20 acres of land that make up Fairview Fields for \$2.2 million. In October, the Township Committee introduced an ordinance to preserve 17 acres in River Plaza (\$2.1 million) to complement a more pedestrian-friendly walkway already in design with the added benefit of a scenic view of the Navesink River. We were also able to preserve one of the last remaining pieces of open space on Route 36 (\$70,000), a forested parcel that is located near the iconic Polar Bear Ice Cream stand.



Last year alone, we were able to use about \$568,000 toward park improvements, such as the basketball courts across town and Kunkel Skate Park. The Township made over \$3.1 million of investments at Tindall Park, including renovating the tennis and pickleball courts and creating a dog park. You can visit www.middletownnj.org/parkprojects for improvement updates and timelines of our many ongoing projects.

In November, the Township Committee and I hope to have your support to increase the annual collection from three cents to four cents. Please help us paint the canvas of a better Middletown and ensure that our town continues to hold on to its rustic charm and historic beauty. It is our responsibility to uphold our home's legacy, and we sincerely encourage you to join us in this crucial fight.

Ty Perry

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John Drucker Recognized as 2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year

In June, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee had the honor of recognizing John Drucker, a true pillar of our community and the recipient of the 2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. A volunteer firefighter since 1975, John's dedication to our town and its residents is unparalleled. In addition to his firefighter duties, he is a passionate advocate for first responders. One of John's remarkable contributions to the Township has been the implementation of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This is a state-authorized program that allows municipalities to reward emergency volunteers by establishing and contributing money into a savings account that is intended for retirement. As the Township's LOSAP Coordinator, John's time and talents are unmatched and appreciated by every dedicated volunteer, especially his peers in the world's largest all-volunteer fire department. In addition to his work with LOSAP, John now oversees the Middletown Emergency Volunteer Incentive Program. His service, leadership, and advocacy is an inspiration to us all.

Distinguished Citizen of the Year John Drucker pictured with Mayor Perry, Middletown Township Fire Chiefs Anthony Fulciniti, Daniel Kelly, and Kevin Morrissey, and his wife Jane

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



Front row from left:
Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell
Back row from left:
Committee members Kevin M Settembrino,
Ryan M. Clarke, and Kimberly Kratz
(Photo courtesy of Brian Anderson Photography)

Email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org to contact the Township Committee.

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Over the last few months, Middletown has introduced several new programs to our TV channel. You can read about the programs on www.middletownnj.org/tv. Mayor Tony Perry also launched a podcast called *Locally Sourced* available on Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify.

Middletown Remembers 23rd Anniversary of 9/11

On Wednesday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent memorial and wreath tribute at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens to honor the 37 residents we lost 23 years ago and the individuals who have passed from 9/11-related illnesses.

The Middletown Township Police Department's Honor Guard and members of the Middletown Township Committee, USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) sailors, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion Post 515 began the ceremony with a wreath tribute. After the wreaths were placed, Middletown Township Fire Chief William Kane Jr. rang a bell 37 times in memory of each resident whose life was taken on that tragic day.



After the bell tolled, hundreds of people, including 9/11 victims' loved ones, Township Committee members, sailors, local dignitaries, first responders, veterans, and community members, lit candles and walked through the Gardens which were illuminated by luminarias.

Prior to the memorial service, Middletown PBA Local 124 held its 4th annual 9/11 Memorial 5K on Saturday, September 7th.

Community Shows Support for USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) Commissioning

On Saturday, September 14th, the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) was officially commissioned at U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo. This nuclear-powered submarine is the third warship named after New Jersey and is the first fast-attack submarine designed to be fully integrated for both men and women. Mayor Tony Perry was incredibly humbled to deliver the welcome remarks to the thousands in attendance at this historic event. In the days leading up to the commissioning, our community showed tremendous support for the crew members by welcoming the submarine at Sandy Hook and thanking the sailors for their service throughout the week, as well as local businesses offering discounts.



As a thank you for the town's support, Peter Engelman, the president of the USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Committee, presented the Township Committee with a painting of the submarine driving into Sandy Hook. There are also two previous USS NEW JERSEY boats in the painting to help honor the past as the newest ship sails into the future – the BB-16 from World I and the BB-62 from World War II. Middletown is proud to support the U.S. Navy, and we wish the crew “fair winds and following seas” in their future endeavors.

ACCELERATED TAX SALE: DECEMBER 18, 2024

In New Jersey, all municipalities are required to hold at least one tax sale per year. The 2024 Accelerated Tax Sale for the Township of Middletown will be an ELECTRONIC TAX SALE held on Wednesday, December 18th for DELINQUENT TAXES.

All properties sold at Tax Sale are for delinquent municipal charges for the tax year 2024 and prior years. State law regarding the New Jersey Tax Sale process can be found in New Jersey statute: N.J.S.A 54:5-19 etc. The New Jersey statutes can be found at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online at www.njleg.state.nj.us.

Please note the Tax Sale process will begin automatically on Tuesday, November 12th. Per this process, delinquencies will be subject to a 2% cost of sale (minimum \$15 but no more than \$100). In addition, delinquencies will be subject to a mailing fee of \$25 for each mailing. Two mailings are scheduled for this process. THESE FEES ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF THE TAX SALE PROCESS AND CANNOT BE WAIVED.

ALL payments received after November 12th for property taxes MUST be made using guaranteed funds: attorney trust check, title company check, cashier's check, cash and/or money order to remove the property from the Tax Sale process. Any other form of payment will not be accepted. All other checks — online, personal, and business — will be returned. In addition, the credit card/ACH payment options will not be available after 4:00 PM on November 12th for anyone in the Tax Sale process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Tax Department at 732-615-2086.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies	911
ALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH THE 732 AREA CODE.	
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	615-2100
Municipal Offices	
Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control (Monday-Friday, 8a-4p)	615-2097
Animal Control (holidays, nights & weekends)	615-2100
Building & Inspection	615-2106
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Communications	615-3226
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Emergency Management	615-2129
EMS (First Aid)	615-2252
Fire Prevention	615-2270
Health	615-2095
Human Resources	615-2042
Library	671-3700
Mayor's Office	615-2024
Middletown Arts Center	706-4110
Planning	615-2098
Public Works & Engineering/Recycling	615-2090
Recreation	615-2260
Senior Center	615-2265
Tax Assessor	615-2089
Tax Collector	615-2086
Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk (elections, permits, marriage/ birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Township Committee agenda)	615-2015
Zoning	615-2278
Other Important Numbers	
Board of Education	671-3850
Sewerage Authority	495-1010
Comcast Cable 20	
VerizonFiOS Channel 26	
Emergency Radio 1620 AM	

OFFICIAL TOWN HALL HOURS

1 Kings Highway
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



GET PASSPORT READY

Are you planning to travel abroad this year? Don't wait until the last minute to apply for or renew your passport!

The Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency is accepting applications by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 2:45 PM. Walk-ins are also welcome, if scheduling permits. Photo service available for \$10.

For more information and/or to book your appointment, please call 732-615-2014, visit www.middletownnj.org/passports, or head to the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at the Clerk's Office located at 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.



FEES & PROCESSING TIMES

Passport application fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and can be found at www.middletownnj.org/njpassports. Fees should be the same for every official passport acceptance agency.

Before you agree to have a third-party passport service assist in expediting your passport, please call Middletown first to make sure you are not paying extra for a service you do not need.

- Acceptance Facility Execution Fee: \$35.00
- Routine Service (8 Weeks): \$130.00 Adult, \$100.00 Minors 15 Years and Under
- Expedited Service (3 Weeks): \$60.00 in addition to Routine Service Fee



Celebrating America 250



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. In August, the committee hosted its first official event, Stories 'Round the Campfire, in partnership with the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association. Attendees were able to listen to local stories, learn history, and check out Lenni-Lenape Native American artifacts provided by the Monmouth Museum and Director of the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association Claire Garland.



This multi-year initiative will run through July 4, 2026. For information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit www.middletownnj.org/america250. There will also be an interactive Middletown America 250 app coming soon. We are excited to embark on this journey toward celebrating this momentous occasion in our nation's history!

A young community member sits by the "campfire" and listens to Mayor Tony Perry introduce local historian and author Rick Geffken, Sand Hill Indian Historical Association Director Claire Garland, and naturalist & storyteller Marc Gottwerth who all took the stage to tell local county tales.

A MIDDLETOWN MOMENT IN HISTORY

Presented by the Middletown Township Historical Society



The Middletown Militia Secures their Prize

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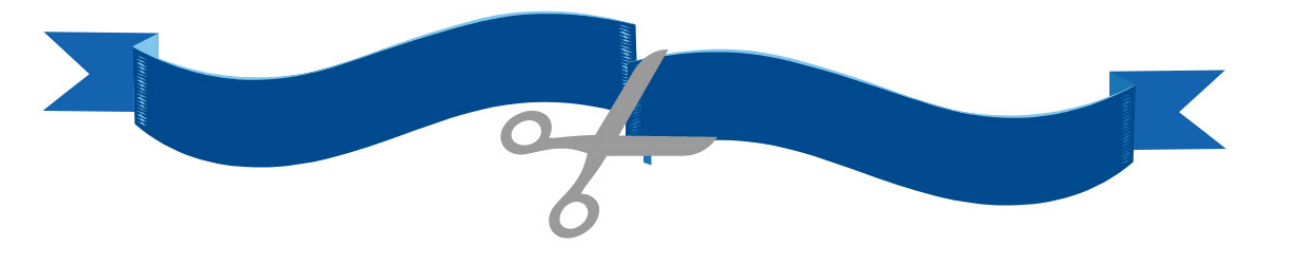
Commissioned by Monmouth Timeline

In December of 1779, during the height of the Revolution, the British privateer ship Britannia was anchored inside of Sandy Hook. During a storm, it broke loose of its moorings and began to float toward the bayshore. The Monmouth Militia spied this and swiftly captured the vessel somewhere around Port Monmouth. The cargo on the ship was sold and split among the militiamen to support their families.

This 2023 painting depicts that event, and it can be seen in person at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). It was painted by Steve Schreiber for www.monmouthtimeline.org, which then gifted it to the Middletown Township Historical Society. Thanks to all those parties, as well as Maureen Foster who researched and wrote about the event.

MIDDLETOWN
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BUSINESS GRAND OPENINGS



Alliance Orthopedics

525 NJ-35

Beacon Hill Country Club Golf Practice Facility

8 Beacon Hill Road

HOTWORX

1048 NJ-35

Infinite Healing and Wellness

150 Cherry Tree Farm Road

Lincroft Village Jewelers

657 Newman Springs Road

Oasis Physical Therapy

834 Appleton Avenue

Power Core Studio

754 NJ-35

Red Bank Veterinary Hospital

100 Schulz Drive

SETS Hybrid Training

1179 NJ-35

Shake Shack

1449 NJ-35

SpOT On Therapy Services

500 NJ-35

The Bagel Nook

1868 NJ-35

Trader Joe's

1447 NJ-35

Trattoria Toscana

1283 NJ-35



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)

HOSTING A RIBBON CUTTING?

Invite the Township Committee by either emailing mayoroffice@middletownnj.org or calling 732-615-2024.



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

- Lincroft Village Green Association: 25 Years
- Beacon Hill Country Club: 125 Years

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS INVITED TO JOIN THE THANK A VETERAN PROGRAM

Looking for a way to give back to those who served our country? Show your appreciation to veterans by joining the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee's

Thank a Veteran Program

The program provides businesses with the opportunity to offer special discounts to veterans.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/THANKAVETERAN



Middletown Township Community Affairs Council Restores Patriotic Bench in Honor of Memorial Day

The Middletown Community Affairs Council (MCAC) recently restored its iconic bus stop bench, located at the corner of New Monmouth Road and Highway 35. Thank you to council members John Giordano, Larry Caminiti, Craig Finnegan, Michael Vitkansas, and Mitch Gotesky.

Photo courtesy of MCAC



Local Business Donates Electric Vehicle Fire Safety Tools to MTFD and MTPD



In June, Belford-based business Reliable Automotive Equipment (RAE) welcomed the chiefs and several members of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD), as well as Mayor Tony Perry, to donate a total of three electric vehicle fire blankets: two for the MTFD and one for the MTPD. RAE also donated a dozen electric safety hooks. These blankets and hooks will help first responders gain control of electric vehicle fires and safely rescue anyone involved in them. We are so grateful for RAE's generous donation and support.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO THE 67TH ANNUAL



VETERANS DAY PARADE



**BEGIN: BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY
(300 LEONARDVILLE RD.)**



**END: ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PARKING LOT
(19 CHERRY TREE FARM RD.)**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD



1:30 PM

Look out for our Middletown Township parade route markers or visit www.middletownnj.org/parade to check out the route!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Middletown Hosts Annual Mayor for a Day



Congratulations to our 2024 Mayors for a Day!
Pictured from left: Lincroft Elementary School Mayor Giuliana Minervini, Ocean Avenue Elementary School Mayor Andrew Aurin, New Monmouth Elementary School Mayor Mackenzie Hibell, Bayview Elementary School Mayor Amara Yeager, Fairview Elementary School Mayor Declan Richardson, Bayview Elementary School Mayor Adelyn Yeager, and River Plaza Elementary School Mayor Maeve McDonald

Middletown was thrilled to host its annual Mayor for a Day program in May! Seven students from different elementary schools came to Town Hall to assume their responsibilities.

The young mayors discussed the importance of leadership with Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz. They also got to meet members of the Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services departments as they checked out the first responder trucks!

The students participated in a mini Township Committee meeting and served as their schools' mayors the day after the event. Schools interested in participating in the 2025 program should call 732-615-2024 or email mayoroffice@middletownnj.org.

Community Comes Together for Different Causes

Be the Difference Walk: In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, Middletown High School South student Piper Wyman and her peers from both high schools North and South hosted the second annual Be the Difference Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk in Middletown. The organization raised a total of over \$15,000 for the New Jersey chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Follow @bethedifference_nj on Instagram to stay in the loop regarding future events.

Relay for Life: The Middletown Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments, as well as Middletown PBA Local 124, were proud to support the Middletown Relay for Life event in June. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's annual nationwide signature event that celebrates survivors, remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, and unites our community to fight against a disease that has taken too much from too many.

Infinite Love Tutu Trot: In June, almost 1,000 community members participated in Middletown-based nonprofit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's Annual Tutu Trot 5K, which surpassed its goal of raising \$100,000 and brought in an all-time high of \$116,719.76! Save the date for the 2025 event happening on Sunday, June 8th.

Love for Luca 5K: In September, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were honored to attend the third annual Love for Luca 5K. The event was held in memory of Luca Iacono, a beloved 11-year-old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019. All proceeds from the event were donated to Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.



Difference Makers Club of Middletown Shows Appreciation to Veterans Affairs Committee



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell joined the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee for a meeting with the Difference Makers Club of Middletown whose mission is to make a difference by putting a smile on someone's face. The club consists of homeschooled children between the ages of 9-13 years old. In April, they chose to thank our veterans by presenting them with goodie bags while learning about service and sacrifice.

Photo courtesy of Belinda Rooney

CHECK OUT NEW ALL-ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT MCMAHON PARK



Thank you to everyone whose passionate determination helped bring this playground to life – especially Drew Zimmerman, Stacey Owen-Donnelly and her daughter Teddi, and Nicole, Camilo, and Mateo Pardo!

In May, the community came out in droves to attend the grand opening of the new all-accessible playground at McMahon Park in North Middletown (380 Atlantic Avenue).

Keynote speaker Eric LeGrand, a former defensive tackle for the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and author offered inspirational remarks as he explained how he turned tragedy into triumph. In 2010, Eric sustained a severe spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed while making a tackle but has been making a consistent recovery over the last decade.

Members of Middletown's governing body, Township officials from Administration, Recreation, Public Works, and Police departments, Whirl Construction, Gametime, and the families who advocated for the playground were present to cut the ribbon before officially opening this wonderful play area to all the excited kids!

MIDDLETOWN HONORS MUSICIAN STEVIE VAN ZANDT AND PLAYWRIGHT BILLY VAN ZANDT WITH CEREMONIAL STREET SIGN DEDICATION



Middletown recently celebrated artists Stevie and Billy Van Zandt with a ceremonial street sign dedication on Wilson Avenue. They, along with their sister Kathi, grew up on Wilson Avenue in Port Monmouth which now features commemorative Van Zandt Way signs. The street sign dedication was done in partnership with the New Jersey Hall of Fame. Middletown native and former NBC news anchor Brian Williams emceed the event.

Stevie Van Zandt is an acclaimed American musician, songwriter, and actor, best known as a founding member and the guitar player of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Billy Van Zandt is a celebrated playwright, actor, director, and producer.

Pictured from left: Stevie, Kathi, and Billy Van Zandt pose with their street sign!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOWNSHIP CHAMPS

Lincroft Little League 12U All Stars: 2024 New Jersey District 19 and Section 3 Little League Championships

Middletown High School South Graduate Rosie Shay: State champion in the 3200-meter race at both the 2024 NJSIAA Track & Field Meet of Champions in June and indoor championship in March; third place in the 2024 NJSIAA Cross Country Meet of Champions

Middletown Little League Intermediate-All Stars: 2024 New Jersey District 19 and Section 3 Little League Championships

Middletown South's Travel Basketball B8, G9, and B10 teams: 2024 Mid-Monmouth Basketball League Championships

Note: These athletes and teams were recognized at recent Township Committee meetings. Contact mayoroffice@middletownnj.org if you would like your team to be considered for a presentation.

Middletown Elks Lodge 2179: First place in 2024 State Ritual Competition

Niall Jason Stravos from Boy Scout Troop 140 Earns Eagle Scout Rank: Niall planned, organized, gathered materials and donations, and supervised the repair and refurbishment of VFW Post 2179's (1 Veterans Lane) outdoor gazebo in Port Monmouth. He also built a new horseshoe pit for the Post.



Middletown Township Announces Emergency Volunteer Incentive Program to Support First Responders



On September 4th, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee hosted a press conference at Navesink Hook & Ladder Fire Company to announce the program.

homebuyers (which can be forgiven through volunteer hours), a \$500 yearly property tax reimbursement, and local fee waivers (including free parking at the Middletown Train Station). The program will officially launch in 2025, but the Township is currently accepting interest forms on our website.


Visit www.middletownnj.org/ourvolunteers for more information and to complete the form.

Middletown Fire Prevention Safety Tips

Middletown Fire Prevention would like to remind residents about the importance of safely handling lithium-ion batteries.

Keep your family safe by staying up to date with Middletown Fire Prevention's advisories and resources.

For more information, please visit www.middletownnj.org/fireprevention.



LOOKING TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Middletown Township Fire Department VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



www.MTFDNJ.org

MTFD Fosters Stronger Community Connections with Successful Touch-A-Truck Event



Photo courtesy of MTFD Public Information Officer Laurie Kegley

of fire and utility equipment, participate in informative safety demonstrations, and enjoy a diverse selection of food truck offerings. The event also featured a variety of games.

Touch-a-Truck was a tremendous success, effectively showcasing the vital role of the fire department while allowing our firefighters to engage with our community.

Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee recently introduced the Emergency Volunteer Incentive Program, an initiative the Township will be implementing to thank our incredible Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) volunteers who dedicate their time to helping keep our community members healthy and safe.

Benefits include the following: a \$10,000 loan for first-time



Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad Celebrates 70th Anniversary

In August, Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad hosted an event to celebrate the squad's 70 years of service to our community. Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad is one of the Middletown EMS's five all-volunteer first aid squads. Committeeman Ryan Clarke, who began his diverse career of volunteerism with the squad decades ago, was honored to attend the event and present a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee. George Richdale, a founding member of the squad, was also recognized for his 70 years of service at the event.



Photo courtesy of Tracy Nimon

EMS EXPLORER POST 367 PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL BAYSHORE CADET COMPETITION

In June, two teams from Middletown EMS Explorer Post 367 participated in the 9th Bayshore Cadet Competition hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad. Teams from around the county, state, and even New York competed. Our EMS teams practiced for months and got to show off their skills in bleeding control and splinting, vital signs, and CPR.



Photo courtesy of EMS

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

EMS Cadets are recruiting new members who are interested in learning more about EMS and public safety, and are either at least 14 years old or have passed eighth grade. Upon turning 16, members may study to become a certified Emergency Medical Technician. If you are interested, please email explorers@middletownems.org.

Township Committee Recognizes EMS Week




At a meeting, the Township Committee proclaimed May 19th through 25th as EMS Week in Middletown. This year is the 50th anniversary of this national recognition.

Deputy EMS Chief Marco Fernandes and more than a dozen volunteers accepted the proclamation. Deputy Chief Fernandes also presented an EMS Challenge Coin to the Township Committee.

The Middletown EMS Department consists of five first aid squads: Fairview, Leonardo, Lincroft, Middletown, and Port Monmouth. EMS is a vital public service, and members of our EMS teams are ready at a moment's notice to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MIDDLETOWN EMS DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



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411 ON THE 911

Township Celebrates Distinguished MTPD Promotions



rank of Lieutenant, while Elzbieta Banel, Anthony Bumbico, Kevin Mahon, and Jason Troshane were sworn in as Sergeants.

Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Sergeants Jason Troshane, Anthony Bumbico, Kevin Mahon, and Elzbieta Banel, Lieutenants Christopher Dee, Stephanie Geisel, and Brian McGrogan, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, Deputy Chief John Werner, and Police Chief R. Craig Weber

MTPD Proudly Welcomes Two New Officers

At the Monday, May 20th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry proudly swore in two new officers to the MTPD: James Davis II and Trevor Brey. The two young men graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy's 106th class and are both residents of Middletown and graduates of Middletown High School South. Both young men are the grandsons of former police chiefs of the Highlands Police Department, Chief Howard Brey and Chief James Davis Sr.



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Officers Trevor Brey and James Davis II, and MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber

MTPD Participates in Blue Envelope Program

MTPD is proud to participate in the Blue Envelope Program. The program is sponsored by the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association and was developed to assist drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the police officers working with them during a traffic stop. The Blue Envelope helps drivers with organizing their documentation and provides tips and education for officers on how to best assist someone with ASD.

Blue Envelopes are available 24/7 at the Police Desk window, located at the front entrance of MTPD Headquarters (1 Kings Highway).

CROSSING GUARDS COMPLETE ANNUAL TRAINING AND RECEIVE RECOGNITION



In August, Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli of the MTPD's Traffic Safety Bureau held a training session at Town Hall to prepare our crossing guards for the 2024-2025 school year. After the training session, Mayor Tony Perry thanked the crossing guards for their dedication and helped Dominick present pins to the crossing guards who were celebrating specific years of service. Mayor Perry was especially humbled to present a gold pin to Cheryl Wilson from Navesink Elementary School (pictured to the right of Mayor Perry) who was recognized for her 35th anniversary as a crossing guard!

MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber Recognized as Patriotic Employer



In May, Police Chief R. Craig Weber was recognized as a Patriotic Employer by the Office of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Salvatore Soldano, an employer outreach volunteer with ESGR, formally presented Chief Weber with an award and pin and thanked him for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employer participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. Chief Weber was nominated for this award by Sergeant Ian May, who currently serves as the 1st Sergeant of E Company 250th Brigade Support Battalion out of Port Murray, NJ in the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Pictured from left: Sergeant Ian May, ESGR Employer Outreach Volunteer Salvatore Soldano, and Chief R. Craig Weber

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 MTPD's annual police youth week camps and is very involved in the NJ Youth Law Enforcement Academy at Drew University.



MTPD Hosts Annual Police Memorial Service



On Friday, May 17th, the MTPD held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week. Everyone gathered at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35, to remember our fallen police and K-9 officers who served the MTPD. Current and retired MTPD officers, loved ones of the deceased officers, and community members came to pay their respects. Mayor Tony Perry, Township Committee members, and Township staff were also in attendance.

COMMUNITY AND MTPD STRENGTHEN BOND AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



In August, MTPD and Middletown PBA Local 124 hosted its 7th National Night Out, an annual police-community building campaign that is celebrated across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. Township Committee members, County law enforcement, and local businesses and organizations were able to connect with the community while residents of all ages enjoyed fun activities.

Traffic Pattern Change on Schulz Dr.

Parking is no longer allowed on both sides of Schulz Drive between Route 520 and the west side of Half Mile Road. The area has been marked with appropriate signs to remind residents. For alerts about traffic and detours, you can register for Nixle, the Township's emergency communications platform, by following the directions on page 7.



Resident Resources

15 Percent Reduction of NJ Transit Parking Fees

In response to the statewide 15 percent New Jersey Transit fare hike in July, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee introduced a 15 percent reduction in NJ Transit parking fees within Middletown, aiming to ease the financial strain on our commuters. Fees are reduced at the Middletown Train Station main parking lot, the daily metered train station parking lot, and the bus commuter parking lots.

Sidewalk Maintenance & Repairs

Many residents have reported sidewalk concerns to the Middletown Safety Council. Residential and commercial property owners are responsible for repairing damaged sidewalks abutting their properties, as well as removing all snow, ice, weeds, or other impediments. Before repairing a damaged sidewalk, it is necessary to apply for a road opening permit through the Middletown Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) by visiting www.middletownnj.org/roadopening. If a sidewalk has been uprooted by a tree in the public right-of-way, please contact DPW at 732-615-2090 or trees@middletownnj.org. For general neighborhood safety concerns, you can call the Safety Council at 732-615-2126 or email safetycouncil@middletownnj.org.

New Jersey American Water’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program

New Jersey American Water (NJAW) is committed to replacing all lead and galvanized water service lines by 2031. We encourage you to visit www.newjerseyamwater.com/leadfacts to learn more about the program. You can also look up your address on the interactive inventory map and access a variety of resources about lead service lines and the company’s replacement process.

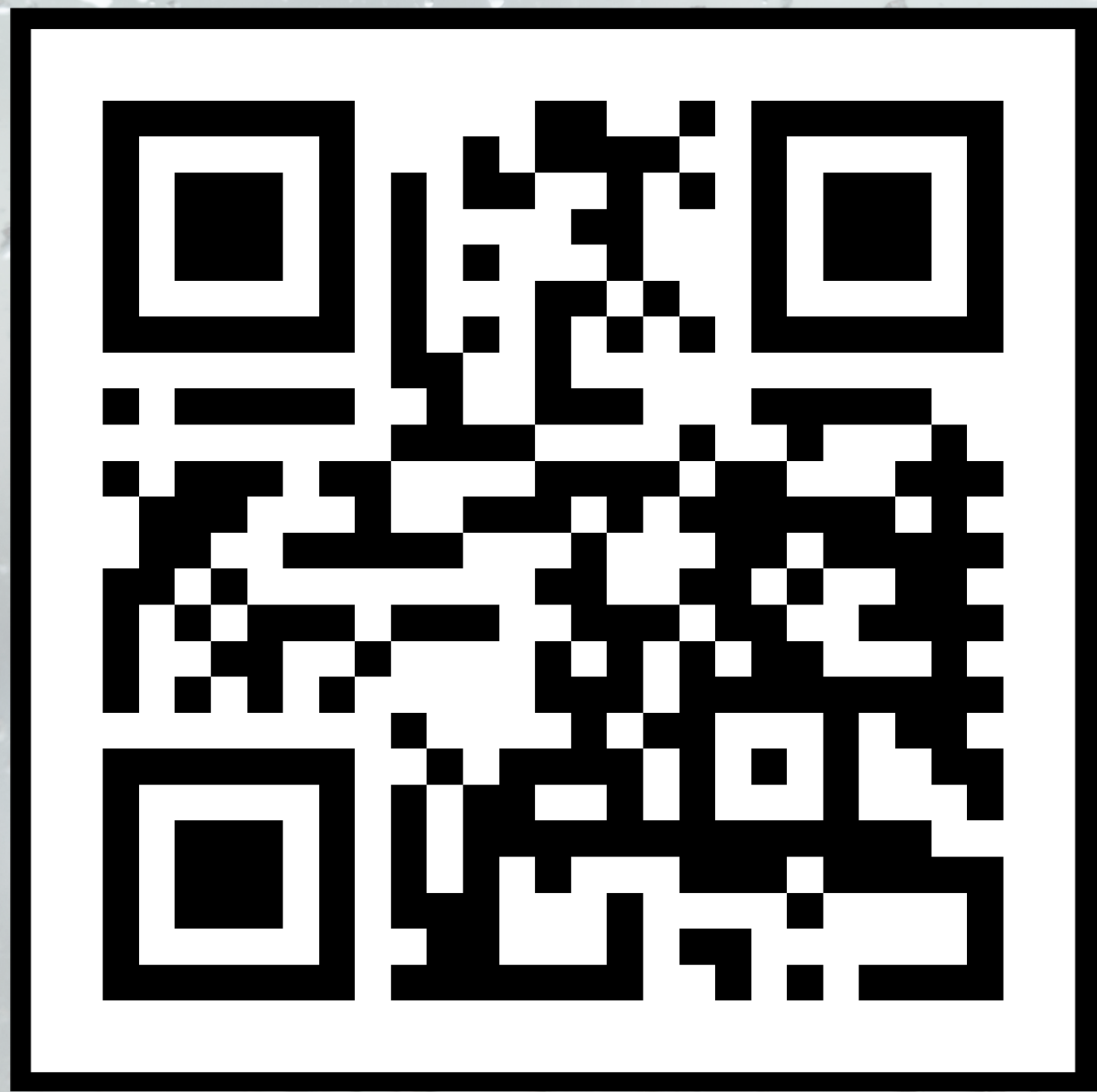
NJAW is asking customers to help support this initiative by locating and identifying their water service line material and submitting a short survey at www.newjerseyamwater.com/leadsurvey. If the service line is confirmed to be lead or galvanized, NJAW will work to have those service lines replaced in accordance with the company’s replacement plan.

The water provided by NJAW currently meets state and federal water quality standards, including those set for lead, so you can continue to use the water as you normally would. Any questions you may have about the program that are not answered by the frequently asked questions online can be sent to the NJAW Lead Team at leadfreenj@amwater.com.

BE PREPARED: REGISTER FOR MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP



Text your zip code to 888-777.



Scan for more information about Nixle.

2024 Master Plan Update

In June, Middletown hosted its second public workshop about the 2024 Master Plan at the Middletown Senior Center where residents provided feedback on draft recommendations. A short presentation was followed by interactive stations where participants could leave comments on preliminary recommendations for elements including Land Use, Open Space and Recreation, Circulation, Economic Development, Green Building and Environmental Sustainability, Historic Preservation, and Community Facilities.

In the beginning of August, the second public survey was opened for community members to share feedback on draft recommendations. The survey closed at the end of August and concludes the public outreach portion of the development of the Master Plan.

Master Plan Resources:

- Visit www.middletownnj.org/mpinput to learn more about the 2024 Master Plan, engagement opportunities, and draft recommendations.
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/mpfaq to review Master Plan FAQs.
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/mpideas to check out the Ideas Wall, which was open for public comments from February through May.

PARTICIPATE IN NORTH MIDDLETOWN-PORT MONMOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SURVEY AND MEETINGS

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 started in September by bringing 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 Program.

The next community meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue).

If you live or work in the planning area, visit www.middletownplan.org for more information and to complete an online survey.

REHAB GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR HOMEOWNERS!



If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant up to \$25,000 from the Township’s Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call 732-615-2000 x2281 for more information.

Si usted es un dueño de casa de Middletown, usted puede ser elegible para una beca de rehabilitación de la casa de hasta \$25.000 del programa de rehabilitación del hogar del municipio financiado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano de los Estados Unidos. Este programa es para hogares de bajos y moderados ingresos. Llame al 732-615-2000 x2281.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/income to check out the 2024 income limits. The 2025 income limits will be posted on the website soon.

Middletown Animal Control Partners with Cooper’s Fox Den to Rehab Female Fox

By Alysha Kostyz, Animal Control Officer

In January, Middletown Animal Control picked up a very sick and lethargic female fox with mange near Bowne Road. This little girl was brought to the fabulous fox rehabber, Karen Cooper at Cooper’s Fox Den, who named her Atlanta. With Karen’s love, hard work, and expertise over the course of three months, Atlanta was released back to her home healthier than ever before!

Any wild animal that Animal Control picks up is a candidate for rehab. “If the animal is really suffering, it may need veterinarian intervention instead,” said Middletown Animal Control Supervisor William Doherty. “However, many of our wild animal calls end with us bringing the animal directly to rehab or to the local shelter for transport to rehab.”

Animal Control is available 24/7 for sick or injured animals. Animal Control Officers (ACOs) do this kind of work every day for sick or injured birds, foxes, raccoons, opossums, etc.

If you need assistance with an injured or sick animal, you can call the office between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM during the week. After 4:00 PM or on the weekends, you can contact the non-emergency police number at 732-615-2100 and they will dispatch the on-call ACO.



Photos of Atlanta the day of her capture and the day she was released. (Photos courtesy of Alysha Kostyz)



Standing Water Breeds Mosquitoes

With recent reports of West Nile Virus in our area, it’s important to take measures to reduce mosquitoes around your home. They can also spread diseases like Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Zika Virus, and heartworm to people, household pets, and horses.

All mosquitoes need standing water to grow. It only takes about a week for mosquito eggs to hatch, grow, and then fly away as adults ready to bite. Check for sources of standing water in your yard and surroundings, such a old tires/tire swings, pool covers, children’s pools and toys, plastic tarps, bird baths, garden ponds, buckets, fountains, wheelbarrows, clogged rain gutters, and uncovered trash cans.

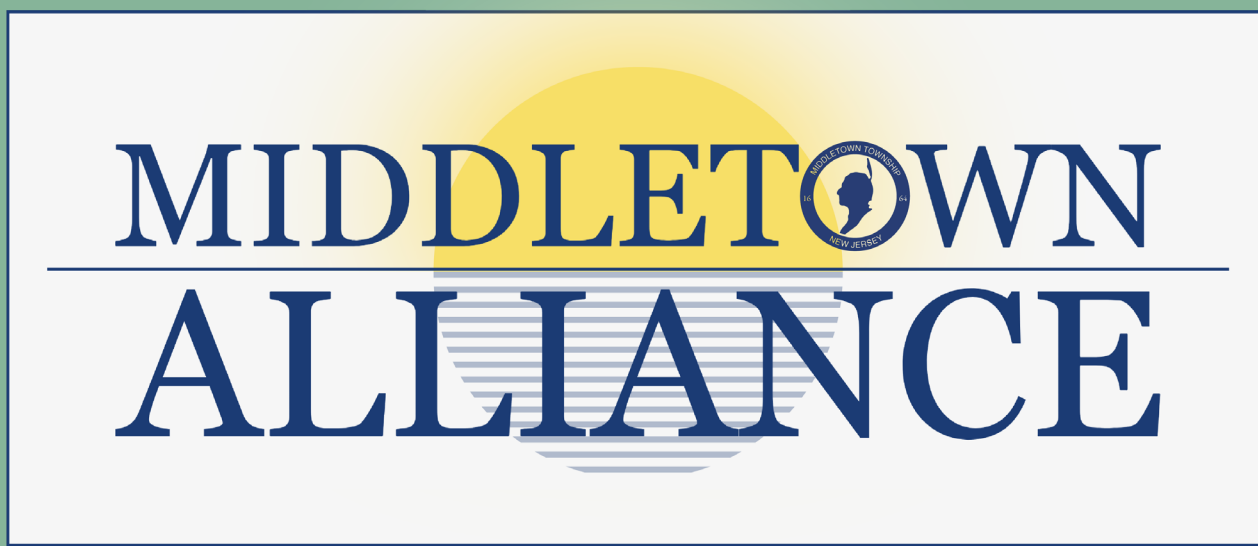
If you live near a cemetery, you may find that the standing water left in flower vases on graves can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If you plan to use a flower vase or notice a flower vase holding water, add water crystals so they can soak up the water and turn it into a gel. This will help eliminate the mosquito breeding source while also keeping flowers fresh. Water crystals are free of charge and usually available at cemetery offices.

Tips to Reduce Mosquitoes Around Your Home:

- Throw out items that hold water but are not wanted or needed (like old tires)
- Empty water from flowerpots and plants saucers around the garden twice a week
- Cover or turn over items that are wanted but don’t need to hold water (like buckets)
- Change the water at least once a week in items that should hold water (like birdbaths)
- Put fish in garden ponds or fountains

Need Some Extra Help?

Not all mosquitoes breed in containers. For problems that are too big for you to handle, please call Monmouth County Mosquito Control at 732-542-3630 or visit www.middletownnj.org/mosquitocontrol.



The Alliance works to prevent substance use disorders, underage drinking, vaping, and other at-risk behaviors.

The Alliance meets on the third Saturday of every other month from 8:30-9:30 AM in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Next meeting: November 16th

@middletownalliance

Middletown Alliance

Follow us on social media and consider getting involved!

Middletown Recognizes August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day



The Township Committee proclaimed August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day. To show support, Middletown Alliance partnered with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to display 27 purple flags near the Township’s Police Memorial on Route 35 and Kings Highway in honor of each life lost to overdose in Monmouth County from January 1st to March 31st of this year. There were also two white flags to represent all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose throughout 2023.

The Middletown Alliance wants to help you

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATION SAFELY

DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATION FROM:

- Death of loved one
- Past surgeries or dental work
- Veterinary medication

PLEASE NOTE:

- NO Needles Please remove prescription labels.
- NO Syringes
- NO Liquids

Anonymous drop-off available 24/7 in the box located in the Police Station Lobby (1 Kings Highway).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE AT 732-615-2277 OR VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNALLIANCE.



Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

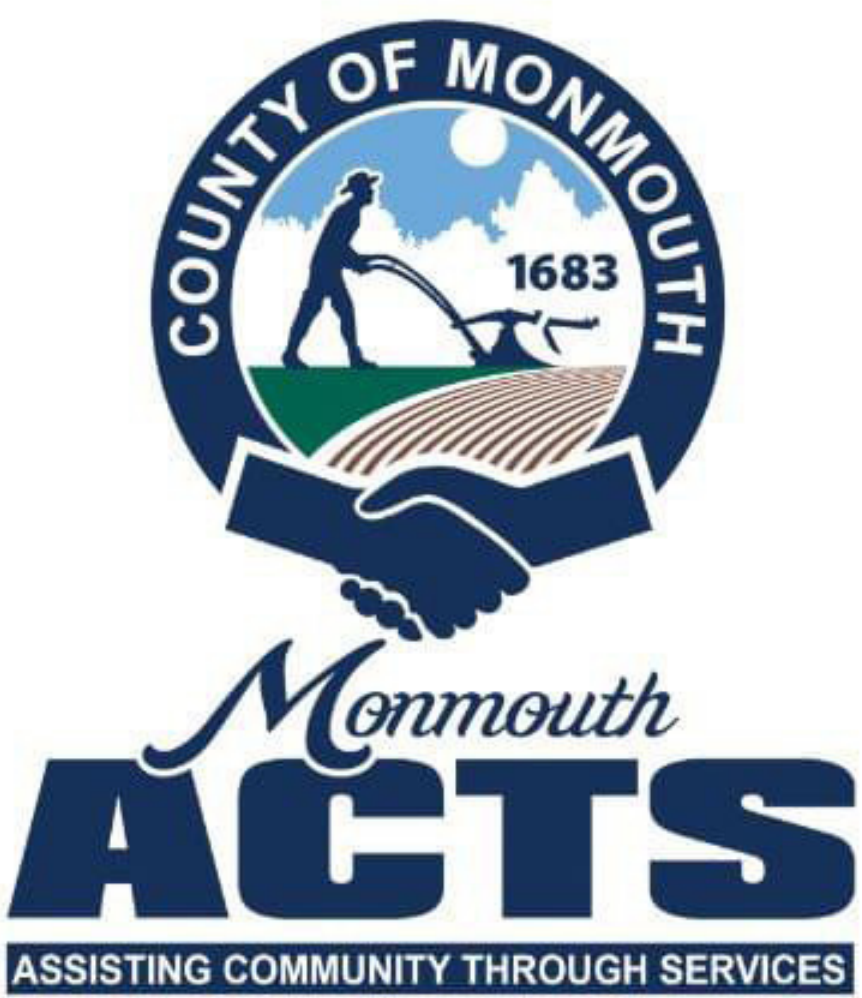
Warm Line: 732-683-8959



The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.

This tool provides easier access to services including :

- Mental Health
- Food
- Housing
- Substance Use
- More



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

988 is the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for crisis and suicide prevention.

It is available 24/7. When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, they can dial or text 988 to be connected to a mental health professional. People can also visit www.988lifeline.org/chat.

Middletown Township encourages residents to reach out to 988 if they need assistance.



HEAD TO THE MAC FOR "SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM"

The MAC will continue to offer a day-camp for elementary school students when Middletown Township public schools are closed. Creative activities will fill the half- and full-day options led by Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends.

Program dates: 11/4 - 11/8, 12/27, 12/30, 12/31, 1/20, 2/17, 4/14 - 4/18, and 4/21

TEEN BANDS TO BE FEATURED AT MAC

The MAC would like to feature some of the young band members in our community at its inaugural Teen Band Fest on Saturday, November 16th.

The event will highlight bands comprised of youth between the ages of 12 to 17 years old (or high school seniors).

In a band and interested in playing? Email: tj.middletownartscenter@gmail.com.

STAY IN THE KNOW

There's something for everyone at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)! Visit www.middletownarts.org to learn more about programs, events, new classes, and how to become a board member.

While you're on the website, sign up for the weekly e-blast to receive the latest news and follow the MAC's social media channels.

GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT



HOLIDAY CLUB MAC!

The original Parent's Night Out with Miss Maria, Miss Val, and Miss Kristina is back! Join these three very special teachers on Friday nights for crafting, games, pizza, snacks, and more.

This program is for children ages 3 and older (MUST be potty trained). Pre-registration is required. Attendance is limited, so register early!

11/15: Nightmare Before Christmas Party
12/6 or 12/14: Gingerbread House Party
12/13: Annual Elf Party

THE MAC PLAYERS' YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Matinees: 12/4, 12/5, 12/7, and 12/8

ELF THE MUSICAL JR.

Dates: 12/13 - 12/15

Visit the website for updates.

Take a Chance at Luck While Supporting the MAC



There's still time to take part in the MAC's HOLIDAY SUPER 50/50! One lucky winner will receive some extra holiday spending money! Tickets are \$10 each and available at the MAC.

Drawing will be held on Saturday, December 14th. Proceeds will help support community arts programming.

THE MAC PLAYERS TO LIGHT UP THE STAGE

Get ready for a fun season of theater at the MAC! The MAC Players, a community theater group under the leadership of Kathy Connolly, began its 2024-25 season with a production of *Into the Woods* in October.



A new addition this year will be a special children's theater holiday production of the beloved show *Year with Frog and Toad*. There will be four matinee performances starting Wednesday, December 4th.

The MAC Players will also be presenting a spring musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, from February 28th - March 2nd and March 7th - 9th.

The season will end with a July production of *Hairspray*! Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS AND SHOWS

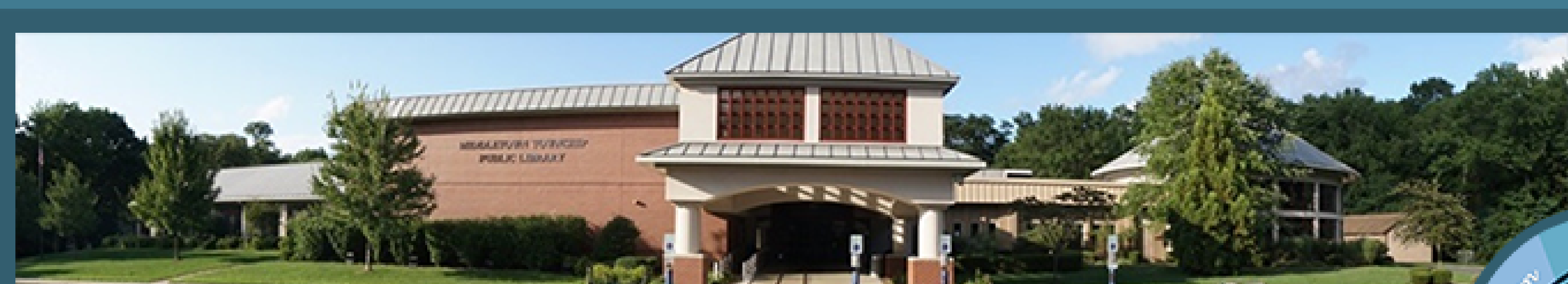
Black Glass Photography Exhibit: 11/1 - 11/24
Comedy Show: 11/9
Art Society of Monmouth County Exhibit: December
Seussical Student Production: 3/14 - 3/16

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dunbar Repertory Theater Company proudly presents *Two Trains Running* by August Wilson.
Performance dates: 2/6 - 2/8 and 2/14 - 2/16

MAC FUN FACTS!

- ★ Provides free art classes for the blind and visually impaired at the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association's Camp Happiness.
- ★ Offers a free movement program for individuals with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers in conjunction with Princeton Ballet.
- ★ Awarded three achievement scholarships and several need-based scholarships in 2024.
- ★ Gives performance opportunities for singers/songwriters at the monthly MAC Café.
- ★ Operated by a non-profit arts council seeking new board members with specific skills.
- ★ Celebrating 18 years of excellence in community arts programming!



Middletown Township Public Library

55 New Monmouth Road ~ www.mtpl.org



Save the Date: Programming for Adults

POTPOURRI OF SHOWTUNES CONCERT WITH NANCY SCHARFF
Saturday, 11/2 at 2:00 PM

HOLIDAY SHOW FEATURING RICHARD STILLMAN
Wednesday, 12/11 at 4:00 PM

HOLIDAY CONCERT: THE BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS
Saturday, 12/14 at 2:00 PM

HOLIDAY CONCERT: SHORE VOICES
Tuesday, 12/17 at 6:30 PM

BOOK RELEASE PARTY: *ONYX STORM* BY REBECCA YARROS
Wednesday 1/22 at 7:00 PM

Come visit the newly renovated spaces at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) this winter!

Save the Date: Programming for Children & Family

DINOMAN PALEONTOLOGIST BOB LISAIUS & HIS DINOSAURS

Wednesday, 11/6 at 2:00 PM

Discover the history of dinosaurs at this fun and educational program for ages 3 and up at the Croydon Hall Gymnasium (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo).

LENAPE POTTERY AT HUBER WOODS

Thursday, 11/7 from 1:00-4:00 PM

Learn about the Lenape people and create and decorate a clay pot to take home. For grades 3-6.

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG WITH MISS KAT OF SLP MUSICALLY

Saturday, 12/14 at 11:00 AM

Come to the MTPL's Community Room for a fun sing-along event featuring holiday songs with Miss Kat of SLP Musically. All are welcome.

MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAM AT PORICY PARK

Friday, 2/14 at 11:00 AM

Experience the process of maple sap collection and syrup making at this fun winter program for grades K-5.

NJ MAKERS DAY

Saturday, 3/22 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Enjoy hands-on STEAM activities for people of all ages and learn about MTPL's new Makerspace! More details to follow.

BRIGHT STAR THEATRE PRESENTS WINNIE THE POOH PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, 4/16 at 11:00 AM

The beloved literary classic comes to life in this sweet performance for ages 3 and up!

Visit www.mtpl.org for additional information about programs and registration.



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



345 Oak Hill Road • 732-615-2260 • recreation@middletownnj.org

Special Events

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at www.middletownnj.org/events. *Denotes free event for residents.

Turkey Soccer Shootout

Sat., 11/16 | 10:00-11:00a
Croydon Turf

Tree Lighting*

Sun., 12/1 | 5:00-7:00p | MAC
(Menorah Lighting TBA)

Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Holiday Drive

Mon., 12/2 - Fri., 12/13 | Croydon Gym

Santa Ferry

Sat., 12/7 | 9:00a, 11:00a, 1:00p | Belford

Daddy-Daughter Dances

Fri., 1/31: 6:00-9:00p | Sat., 2/1: 5:00-8:00p
Jacques Catering Hall

Mother-Son Cornhole Tournament

Thurs., 2/6 | 5:00-9:00p | Croydon Gym

EGGstravaganza*

Sat., 4/12 | 10:00a-1:00p | MAC

Mystery Egg Hunt*

Thurs., 4/17 | 5:00-6:00p

Check out social media day-of for park locations!

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition*

Thurs., 4/24 | 5:00-8:00p | McMahon Park

VOLUNTEER!

Check out Recreation's ever-changing volunteer opportunities online at www.middletownnj.org/volunteer. Must be 12 or older.



Middletown Senior Center

900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737 | 732-615-2265
www.middletownnj.org/seniors

Events at the Senior Center include daily exercise classes, weekly art classes, educational speakers, bingo, seasonal themed parties, entertainment, and more!
Come visit - membership is free for residents 60+.

Thursday, 11/14 - Atlantic City Bus Trip

Wednesday, 12/4 - Radio City Christmas Spectacular Bus Trip

Wednesday, 12/11 - Holiday Party at Gramercy - 11:00a

Monday, 12/30 - New Year's Brunch - 11:00a

Tuesday, 1/28 - January-March Birthday Party - 11:30a

Thursday, 2/13 - Valentine's Party - 11:30a

Thursday, 4/10 - April-June Birthday Party - 11:30a

The Senior Center provides transportation Monday - Friday!

NEW REGISTRATION PORTAL

Middletown Recreation is using a new system for program and event registrations. Make a new account on RecDesk and sign up today.

Visit RecDesk at mtownrec.recdesk.com.



CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Improvements are happening year-round from sport fields, to playgrounds, to building renovations and more! Please visit www.middletownnj.org/parkprojects for updated project information.

- 13 basketball courts resurfaced including new backboards and nets (Open Space Trust Fund)
- **Coming this fall!** New tennis and pickleball courts at Tindall Park (Green Acres Grant)
- **Coming this fall!** ADA accessible StoryWalk at Poricy Park (ROID Grant)
- **Coming this spring!** New playground at Waloo Park (Capital Funds)
- **Coming this spring!** Normandy Park Roller Hockey Rink (Capital Funds)



Progress photo of Tindall Park's new tennis courts

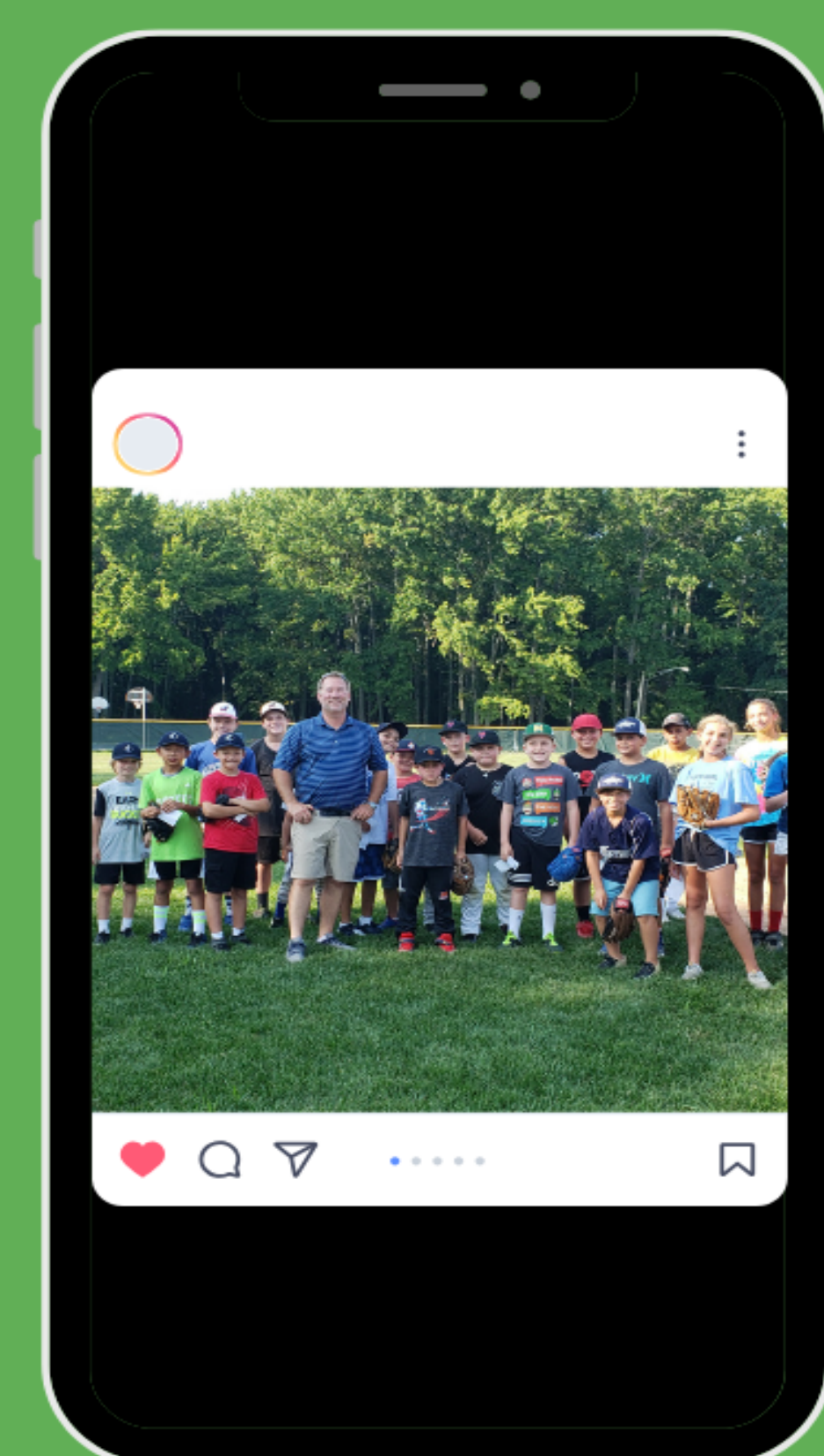
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ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS



Join Recreation for weekly youth, teen & adult program offerings. Register for the full session or pay weekly. Discount given for those who register for the full session. Find offerings based on seasons at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

*Denotes weekly drop-in available; pay at drop-in.

Adult Yoga*
Adult Volleyball*
Adult Basketball*
Youth Skateboarding

Teen Volleyball*
Youth Dodgeball*
Youth Run Club
Snapology

Looking to join a sports league? Visit www.middletownnj.org/leagues.

SUMMER CAMPS 2025

Traditional and Science Camps run weekly for kids going into grades PreK-9. Set your alarm - registration for 2025 opens Monday, 3/3 at 10:00a for residents!

Pricing, dates, and more info: www.middletownnj.org/camp



Middletown Preschool

Join in on the fun and love for learning in Middletown Preschool's small teacher-to-student ratios. Its certified Early Elementary Education teachers have 20+ years of combined classroom management.

Call Middletown Preschool at 732-615-3230
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown, NJ 07748
www.middletownnj.org/preschool



2024-2025
ROLLING
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!

PREK3 (3 YR) & PREK4 (4 YR)

FULL DAYS & HALF DAYS

9A-3P 9A-12P



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate with a unique outdoor adventure! Choose between themed science and nature parties (for ages 4-10) including Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, or Wild Kratt Adventures. Party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities, 30 minutes of "party room" time, and basic paper goods for \$315.00 for the first 15 children. More information: www.middletownnj.org/birthday.



OPEN RECREATION

Join us
after school!



Mon.-Thurs. | 3-5p | Grades 1-5
Mon. & Wed. | 3-5p | Grades 6-12

Tonya Keller Community Center

Drop-In Play, Homework Help & Snack

Free for Residents. Follows Middletown BOE calendar.



Design credit: Sarah Finnerty (Middletown Recreation)



WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED? LET DPW KNOW!

Please complete an online form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090.

THANK YOU!



MONMOUTH COUNTY FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Saturday, November 16th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Middletown High School North
63 Tindall Road



PORT MONMOUTH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' flood control project continues along Comptons Creek in Port Monmouth. A levee was recently constructed from the bay beach to a new stormwater pumping station on Main Street. This new tidal barrier is already providing storm protection to the area, while Port Monmouth Road continues to be raised and the completion of the new pumping station draws near. The floodwall from the new pumping station to Broadway will be the final component of Contract 5, which will be completed by June 2025.



The Main Street Stormwater Pumping Station is under construction and will be fully operational by the spring.

Contract 4, which will include an additional floodwall along Route 36 and Creek Road, as well as road closure gates at Campbell Avenue and Broadway, is the last piece of this major flood protection operation. Work is expected to begin in December 2024.

Previous phases of the project are already defending residents against significant flooding and property damage. These completed elements consist of a floodwall along Port Monmouth Road, a road closure gate at Old Port Monmouth Road, and a pump station and floodgate in Pews Creek. The entire Port Monmouth Flood Control Project is expected to be completed in mid-2027.



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FALL 2024 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE

A,B,C,D,E,G,I,J,K

F,H,L

START DATE

MONDAY, 12/2

THURSDAY, 12/12

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kaness Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

INTRODUCING NEW BULK REGISTRATION TOOL

Got bulk? Register your bulk with Recycle Coach's new registration tool to notify the carting company so they can pick it up on your scheduled collection date.

In addition to scheduling bulk pickup, the Recycle Coach app offers many benefits, such as the 'What Goes Where' look-up tool along with personalized collection calendars and emergency collection notification updates that you can receive via text or email.



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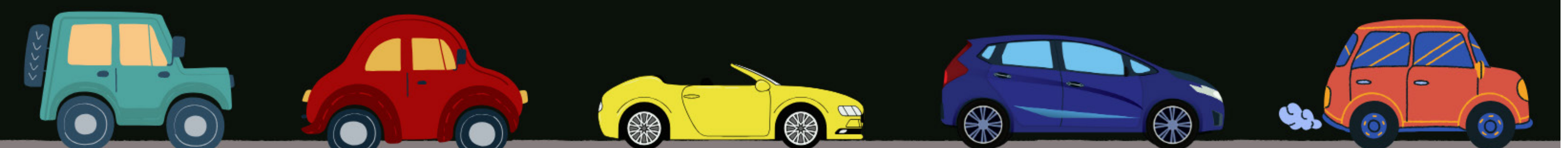


VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

UPCOMING & COMPLETED



PAVEMENT PROJECTS



Please visit www.middletownnj.org/roads
to see a complete list of road pavement projects in
Middletown Township.