



Join Us at Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/27

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!

NEW DATE! Sunday, October 27th
Croydon Hall 1pm-5pm
Performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Middletown Day will be held this Sunday, October 27th from 1:00-5:00 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road)! This year's fall festival will feature added Halloween elements and a performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Visit middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information, including the entertainment schedule.

Early Voting Begins TOMORROW (Saturday, 10/26)



Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2024 General Election



WHEN

Saturday, 10/26
through Sunday, 11/3

WHERE

Senior Center East Wing
(900 Leonardville Road)

TIME

10 AM - 8 PM,
Monday through Saturday
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountvotes.com.

As early voting will be taking place on Middletown Day, you will be directed to park in the lot between the Middletown Senior Center and the turf athletic field (please see map below). Handicapped parking will be available outside the Center.

If you plan to drop off your mail-in ballot, we recommend that you use the drop-off box located at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) rather than the drop-off box located at the Croydon Hall Municipal Complex while Middletown Day activities are happening.

Early Voting Parking Map



ADA Accessible Parking



Parking

Poricy Park
Photo by Danielle Adams

MIDDLETOWN MATTERS FALL 2024



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:

WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS.

MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in Operation Take Back NJ TOMORROW (Saturday, 10/26) from 10 AM - 2 PM

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in
OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY
Saturday, October 26th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

Click [HERE](#) to read the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) press release for more information.

Trick-or-Treating Curfew is 8:00 PM

The curfew for trick-or-treating will be 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 31st.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

from the Middletown Township Police Department 

Please note, as per Township Ordinance 202-1, an 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM curfew will be in effect for people under the age of 18 on October 30th and October 31st.

Visit middletownnj.org/ordinances for more information.



Trick or Treat at Your Local Firehouse on Halloween
(Thursday, 10/31) from 4-6 PM

FIREHOUSE TRICK or TREAT



TRICK OR TREAT AT YOUR LOCAL
FIREHOUSE ON HALLOWEEN!

OCTOBER 31ST | 4 - 6 PM

Visit middletownnj.org/mtfd for a list of the firehouse addresses.

Show Off Your Halloween Costume at the MTPL's Allergy-Safe Halloween Parade on Tuesday, 10/29 at 10 AM

ALLERGY-SAFE HALLOWEEN PARADE AT CROYDON HALL GYM!

**Tuesday, 10/29 10-11am
All Ages Welcome**



Registration is required at mtpl.org.



Start your Halloween festivities early and bring your child to the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Halloween parade at Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo)!

Children are encouraged to come in costumes and trick-or-treat for non-food goodies. Outside food will not be permitted to make sure that the event is safe for children with allergies and other food restrictions.

Please register each child who will be collecting "treats". This will ensure that there are enough items for all. Infants and adults do not need to register.

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

Middletown Township Fire Company #1 Turns 100



Photo courtesy of Tina DeAngelis from Visual Xpressions

Middletown Township Fire Company #1 recently celebrated its 100th anniversary! Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor and Ex Fire Chief Rick Hibell, Committeeman and Ex Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were proud to join the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) chiefs and fire company's volunteers for this special occasion.

Mayor Perry spoke about this impressive milestone and presented a proclamation declaring October 12, 2024 as Middletown Township Fire Company #1 Day in the Township of Middletown.

We thank all members, both past and present, of Middletown Township Fire Company #1 for dedicating their time to helping keep our community safe.

MTFD and Fire Prevention Inform Residents about Fire Restrictions Currently in Effect



Middletown Township has been placed under a Red Flag Warning by the US National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly and New Jersey Forest Fire Service. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly due to a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels. Any fires that develop may quickly get out of control and become difficult to contain.

Under a Red Flag Warning, ALL fires in wooded areas will be prohibited unless contained in an elevated stove using only propane, natural gas, gas, or electricity. This includes all fire pits, fire stoves, chimineas, drums, etc. that are fueled by a wood-based source. No charcoal fires are allowed. This also includes any flammable liquid items, such as tiki torches, outdoor candles, etc.

The MTFD and Fire Marshal's Office remind our residents to please discard any smoking materials fully.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly at 732-615-2272.

Middletown Township Community Garden Celebrates Successful Season with Third Annual Harvest Gathering



On Saturday, October 19th, the Middletown Township Community Garden (MTCG) held its third annual Harvest Gathering. The day began with a visit from Mayor Tony Perry and his family, as well as DPW Director Ted Maloney. Gardeners showed off their plots, shared their carrots and peppers with them, and discussed how to continue to elevate and improve the Community Garden.

In the afternoon, 34 gardeners celebrated another bountiful year with the Harvest Gathering potluck. There was music and great food, plus an informative gardening talk, followed by the door prize giveaway with gift certificates donated by Tractor Supply Company, fresh floral bouquets, and sundry garden items.

The MTCG will close on Friday, November 15th and is expected to reopen in March 2025. If you're interested in becoming a member of the Community Garden, reach out to communitygarden@middletownnj.org to request more information.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a TikTok @gabmurilloo recently created.

Photos courtesy of MTCG gardener Barbara Ely



Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



MINUTE WITH
THE MAYOR

Episode 13



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he highlights recent grand openings and a generous

donation from the Middletown High School North Touchdown Club for the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Fund.

He also gives a shoutout to Port Monmouth Fire Company and Whirl Construction for their Hurricane Helene Relief Drive, provides an update on the Township Committee's ordinance to acquire 17 acres of property behind River Plaza Elementary School, and shares details about the upcoming Veterans Day Parade and his recent meetings with Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and local daisy and brownie troops.

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



Watch the Monday, October 21st Township Committee Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM through Sunday, November 17th.

Lincroft Brownie Troop 60135 Earns Democracy Badge at Town Hall



On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry had the pleasure of meeting with Lincroft Brownie Troop 60135 at Town Hall! The third-grade scouts met in the courtroom where they learned about Middletown's history and the power of local government. They also got a tour of the Mayor's Conference Room and left Town Hall with Mayor's Office stickers and their "Democracy for Brownies" badges!

North Middletown-Port Monmouth Community Come Together for Fourth NRTC Program Meeting



Middletown Deputy Police Chief John Werner and Detective Ric Cruz are joined by Project Planning Consultant Jason Rowe and Bayshore Family Success Center Director Darcy Hazard as they speak to the crowd of attendees.

Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Middletown Township, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted the fourth Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program (NRTC) meeting on Thursday, October 24th at Ocean Avenue Elementary School.

The Ideal Beach Community Association shared successes, talked about recent initiatives and programs, and invited attendees to join the community group. Additionally, Deputy Police Chief John Werner and Detective Ric Cruz discussed public safety in North Middletown-Port Monmouth and answered participants'

questions.

Visit middletownplan.org for more information about the NRTC plan.

The next community meeting will be on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue). We hope to see you there!

Middletown Alliance Teaches Parents and Guardians About Teen Substance Use Warning Signs



Pictured from left: Middletown Board of Education Member and Liaison to Middletown Alliance Deborah Wright, District Director of Student Support Services Dr. Margaret Young, Professor Douglas Collier, M.A., Committeewoman and Middletown Alliance Chairwoman Kimberly Kratz, Middletown Alliance Coordinator Erika McKee, and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber

On Thursday, Middletown Alliance co-hosted "Hidden in Plain Sight" with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County at Middletown High School North. The purpose of the presentation was for parents and guardians to learn about how alcohol, drugs, and paraphernalia can be easily hidden in a teenager's living spaces and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of youth substance use.

Visit middletownnj.org/middletownalliance for more information about Middletown Alliance's mission, upcoming events, and important resources.

**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**



The Middletown Township Health Department would like to remind our community that the NJ Department of Health's Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) Program provides screenings and services to underinsured and uninsured individuals.

Visit middletownnj.org/breastcancer to see screening locations throughout NJ or call 732-933-3952.

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**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

We invite you to join us in honoring our veterans at the 67 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. Visit middletownnj.org/paradeparticipant to sign up by Monday, October 28th.

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.

Visit middletownnj.org/parade to view a map of the route.

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



Due to rain, the 6th annual Mayor's Challenge was rescheduled to Sunday, November 10th. 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.

Visit middletownnj.org/5k to sign up today!

MIDDLETOWN FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

DON'T LET THE THOUGHT OF FLOODING HAUNT YOU!



-  Register for Nixle, our emergency communications platform, by either texting your zipcode to 888-777 or visiting middletownnj.org/nixle.
-  Visit middletownnj.org/floodzone to find property-specific flood information.
-  Know your evacuation route (middletownnj.org/evacuation).
-  Purchase flood insurance. Visit middletownnj.org/floodinsuranceinfo.



CLEAR THE AIR


Middletown Passes Anti-Idling Law



In September, Middletown passed Resolution 24-250 to enact a town-wide anti-idling campaign. Look for “No Idling” signs throughout town coming soon!

If not in traffic, remember the rule:
“10 seconds, then shut off the engine!”

Apply Now for Township's Free Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Households



MIDDLETOWN, NJ

ngsp

NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services to 3rd through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12th through April 5th in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The program runs from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and middletownnj.org/apply to complete the application.

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services through the Next Generation Support Program to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. The program has begun, but the Township is still accepting applications.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp for more information and to apply.



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

Monmouth Avenue in Navesink is closed between Millers Crossing and Locust Avenue through Friday, November 1st. Detour is set.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Buy Tickets for *Into the Woods* Performing at the MAC This Weekend



The MAC Players proudly presents *Into the Woods* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) this weekend!

In this musical, James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching.

Performances will take place on the following dates and times: Friday, October 25th at 7 PM, Saturday, October 26th at 7 PM, and Sunday, October 27th at 2 PM.

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

Enjoy a Potpourri of Showtunes, Classic, and Popular
Songs on Saturday, 11/2 at 2 PM at the MTPL



On Saturday, November 2nd, local musician Nancy Scharff will perform a concert suitable for the entire family at the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). The show will consist of a variety of music from popular songs to classical melodies. Registration is not required.

RESOURCES

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

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

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



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Visit middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.



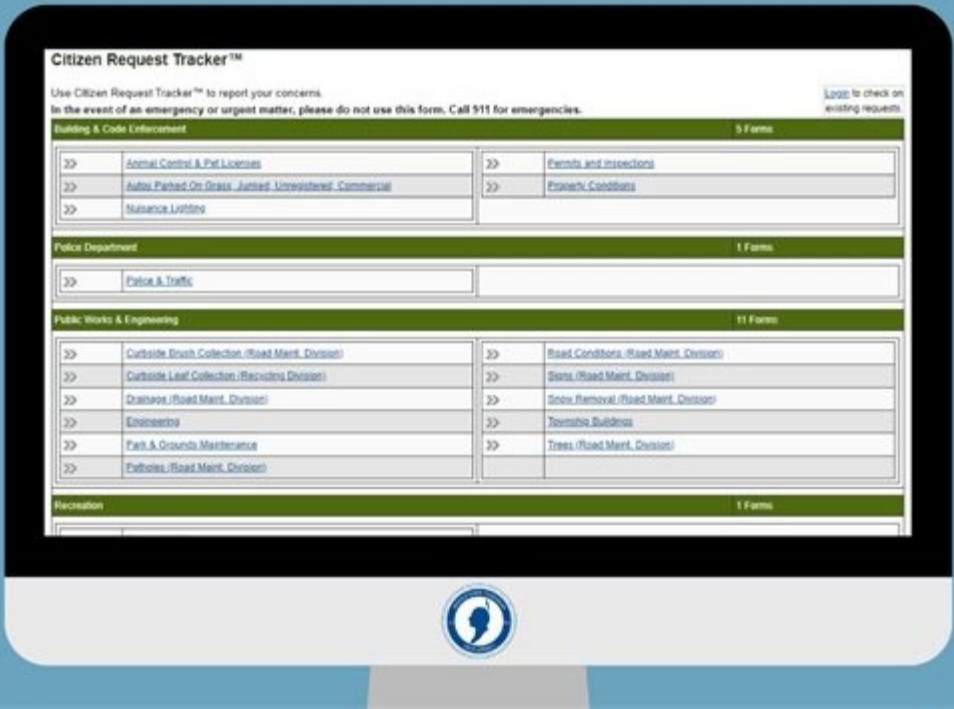
**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

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 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.

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