



# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter

Join Us at Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/27

The poster for Middletown Day 2024 features a large, stylized title "MIDDLETOWN DAY 2024" in purple and white. Above the title is a silhouette of various people engaged in different activities. Below the title, a photograph shows a large outdoor festival with many people, tents, and food trucks. A purple box on the left contains the text "FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!" and a list of activities: Live Music, Food Trucks, Arts &amp; Crafts Vendors, Petting Zoo &amp; Hay Rides, Inflatables &amp; Games, First Responder Vehicles, Car Show, &amp; More! At the bottom, the text "NEW DATE! Sunday, October 27th" is written in yellow, followed by "Croydon Hall 1pm-5pm" and "Performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks". The website "middletownnj.org/middletownday" is also listed.

Middletown Day will be held this Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Visit [middletownnj.org/ordinances](http://middletownnj.org/ordinances) for more information.



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



Visit [middletownnj.org/mtfd](http://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](http://mtpl.org).**



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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**

# FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

## NORTHERN NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren, Hopewell Township in Mercer County, Union, Hunterdon, Middlesex (north of Raritan River)

## CENTRAL NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Burlington, Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex (south of the Raritan River), Mercer County except Hopewell Township

## SOUTHERN NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem



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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:communitygarden@middletownnj.org) to request more information.

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

*Photos courtesy of MTCG gardener Barbara Ely*



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

The image is a promotional graphic for a video episode. It features a blue background with a faint silhouette of a building. In the top left corner is the Middletown Township New Jersey logo, which includes a profile of a person's head and the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY'. To the right of the logo, the words 'MINUTE WITH' are in a smaller white font, and 'THE MAYOR' is in a large, bold, white font. Below that, 'Episode 13' is written in a large, white, serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a portrait of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and black striped tie, smiling. At the very bottom of the image, there is a white banner with the text '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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://middletownplan.org) for more information about the NRTC plan.

The next community meeting will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://middletownnj.org/breastcancer) to see screening locations throughout NJ or call 732-933-3952.

Visit [middletownnj.org/breastcancer](http://middletownnj.org/breastcancer) to see breast cancer screening locations throughout New Jersey.

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO THE 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

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**VETERANS DAY PARADE**

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**BEGIN: BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY (300 LEONARDVILLE RD.)**  **END: ST. MARY'S CHURCH PARKING LOT (19 CHERRY TREE FARM RD.)** 

 **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  **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](http://middletownnj.org/paradeparticipant) 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).

Visit [middletownnj.org/parade](http://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 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.

Visit [middletownnj.org/5k](https://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](http://middletownnj.org/nixle).
- 🎃 Visit [middletownnj.org/floodzone](http://middletownnj.org/floodzone) to find property-specific flood information.
- 🎃 Know your evacuation route ([middletownnj.org/evacuation](http://middletownnj.org/evacuation)).
- 🎃 Purchase flood insurance. Visit [middletownnj.org/floodinsuranceinfo](http://middletownnj.org/floodinsuranceinfo).



## CLEAR THE AIR

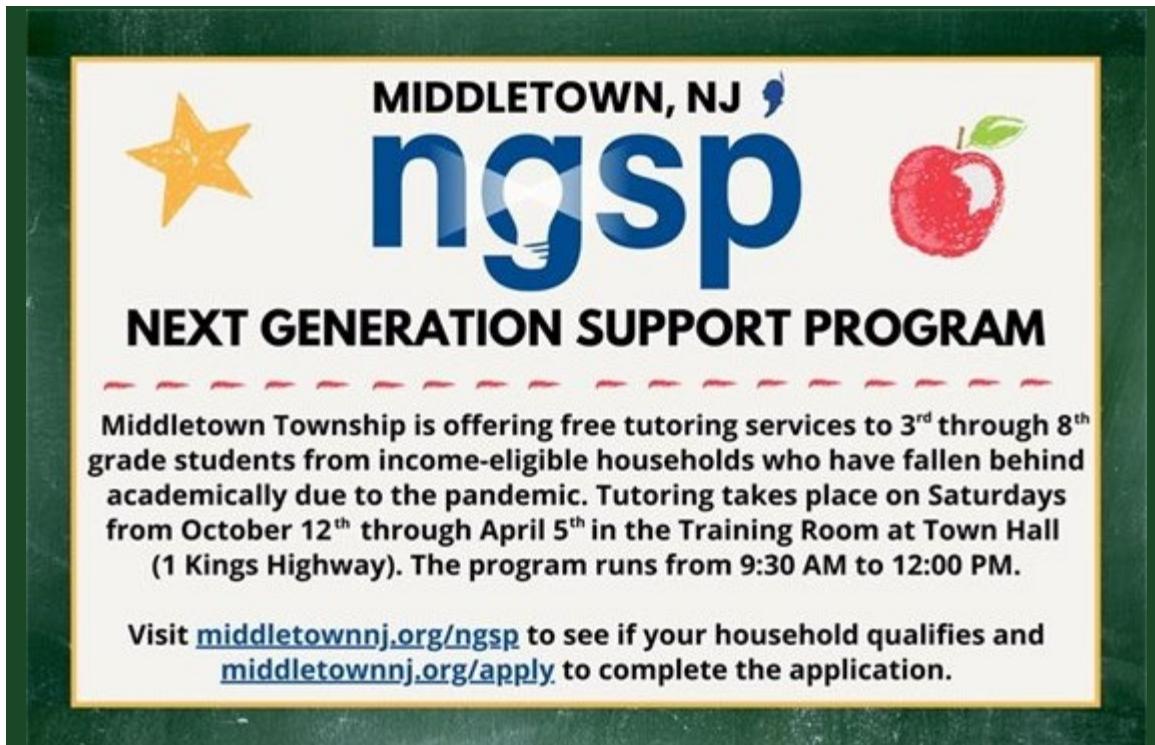
### Middletown Passes Anti-Idling Law



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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>. Detour is set.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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



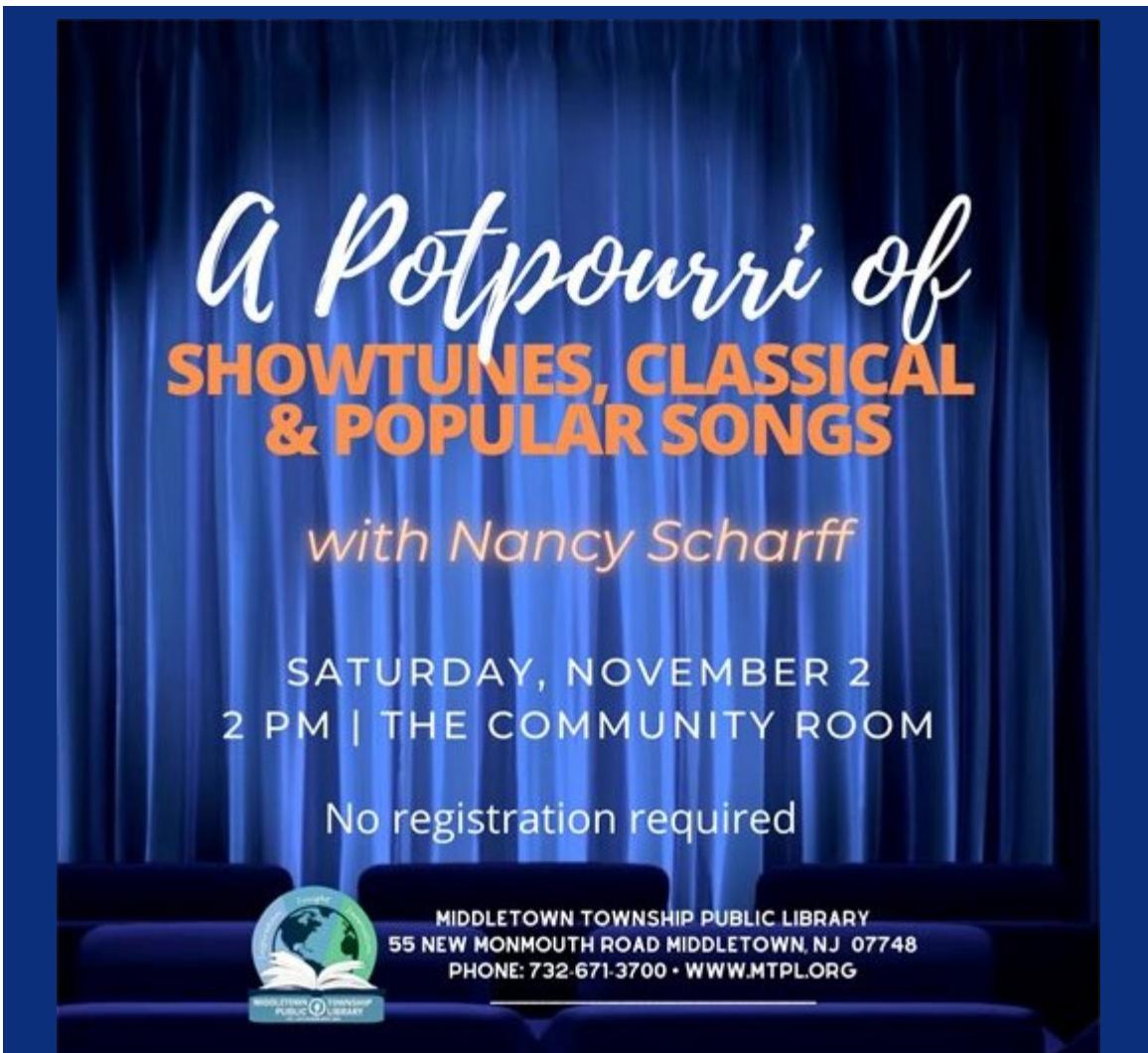
The MAC Players proudly presents *Into the Woods* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) this weekend!

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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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**



*A Potpourri of*  
**SHOWTUNES, CLASSICAL  
& POPULAR SONGS**

*with Nancy Scharff*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
2 PM | THE COMMUNITY ROOM

No registration required

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On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](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 [middletownnj.org/nixle](http://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](http://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.



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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