



## Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 4/18



**Middletown Commemorates Paul Revere's Famous Overnight Ride with Lanterns at Town Hall on Friday, 4/18**



*The two lanterns are located in the Mayor's Conference Room at Town Hall and will be visible from Kings Highway.*

On behalf of Middletown Township's America 250 Committee, Town Hall will feature two lanterns in the window on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in recognition of [Two Lights for Tomorrow](#), a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and commemorate Paul Revere's famous overnight ride of April 18-19, 1775.

While looking at the lanterns, imagine Paul Revere riding a horse along Kings Highway to alert Patriots of the British army's movements. Revere arranged for lanterns to be hung in the steeple of the Old North Church: one lantern if the British were coming by land, and two if by sea.

Two lanterns will be lit at Town Hall to symbolize how it was done in the steeple of the Old North Church when British troops crossed the Charles River to Cambridge. After the signal was given, Revere rode from Boston to Lexington and Concord to warn Patriot leaders, including John Hancock and Samuel Adams, about the approaching British troops.



## MIDDLETOWN AMERICA 250 EARTH DAY CLEANUP



Join the Middletown America 250 Committee for an Earth Day Celebration! Volunteers are invited to help our committee members honor our local history by cleaning our series of British Retreat route signs.

### WHEN?

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM

### WHERE?

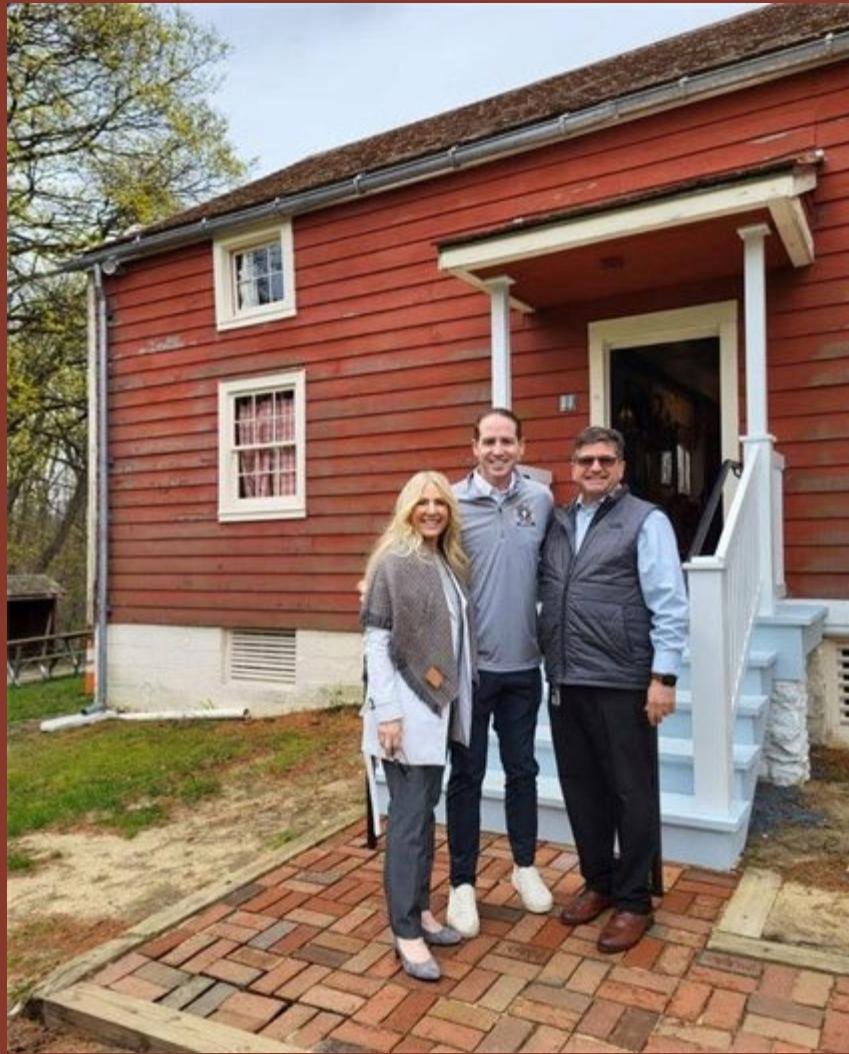
Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Email [mayoroffice@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayoroffice@middletownnj.org) to sign up!



## County Officials Receive Tour of Renovated Joseph Murray Farmhouse



*Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon, and MonmouthNJ 250 Committee Executive Director Ted Maturo*

**On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of giving a tour of the Joseph Murray Farmhouse, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon and MonmouthNJ 250 Committee Executive Director Ted Maturo.**

**Within a year, this once-endangered historic home was transformed into a site ready for visitors. The repairs to the farmhouse were recently completed and the barn renovations will begin soon.**

**There will be a rededication ceremony for the Murray Farmhouse on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM. It will take place during the educational and historic 2-day event, "Weekend in Old Monmouth". All community members are welcome to join us for this monumental occasion!**



# MURRAY FARMHOUSE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

Community members are cordially invited to the rededication ceremony of the Joseph Murray Colonial Farmhouse!

Come for the event and stay for "Weekend in Old Monmouth" which will take place from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

★ **WHEN:** Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM

★ **LOCATION:** Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

## Navesink Maritime Heritage Association Hosts Grover House Panel Dedication



***Mayor Tony Perry and some members of the NMHA Board of Trustees show off the panels! (Photo courtesy of Rik van Hemmen)***

Last week, Mayor Tony Perry went to the Grover House (940 West Front Street) for the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association's (NMHA) interpretive panel dedication.

The panel research, writing, and design were a project included in a heritage tourism grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust (NJHT).

The panels tell the story of the architecture and construction methods of the Grover House, whose earliest rooms date to 1730 and the Grover family (with James I being a Monmouth Pattee). An additional panel illustrates the mission, projects, and programs of the NMHA, who leases the Grover House as their headquarters.

Original research on the Grover family and house were conducted by Westfield Associates, Mary Lou Strong, and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante when Middletown Township explored an adaptive reuse project for the structure in Stevenson Park, which became listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Further research on the Grover family, also funded by the NJHT grant, was conducted by Rick Geffken. The panels were designed by Lynn Fylak and installed by Rik van Hemmen and Chuck Abel.

**"We are proud to share with the public the expanded research of the family who**

**lived in this structure, now our headquarters, for seven generations," said NMHA President Lynn Fylak. "James Grover is not the best-known Monmouth Patentee, but his contributions are extensive. As we head into 2026, this project enables Middletown to promote another of the historic buildings in the township — and the man who held the first tavern license!"**

## **Veterans Housing Project Update**



***Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante look at the exterior of "Veterans Village" at the end of the walk-through.***

**On Thursday morning, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante got a behind-the-scenes look at the future veterans housing site located on Leonardville Road in Belford. The property, which will be deemed "Veterans Village," has been several years in the making and will offer 12 affordable housing units for those who have honorably served our nation. The building is currently under construction and is expected to be complete by September.**

**Stay tuned for more details!**

## Urgent Paws Celebrates Grand Opening



*Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were proud to join owner Dr. Richard Dean and his family and staff for the grand opening!*

On Wednesday, Urgent Paws (1874 NJ-35) held its official ribbon cutting! Urgent Paws is a pet urgent care facility for owners to take their pets to when their regular veterinarians are unavailable. With their impressive resources and compassionate staff, they are able to provide immediate and affordable care to our community's beloved animals.

Visit [urgentpawsnj.com](http://urgentpawsnj.com) for more information about their services.

## Burger Kraze Officially Opens in Middletown



***Mayor Tony Perry was happy to personally congratulate his friend and small-business owner Isaac Cho on his new endeavor.***

**On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Burger Kraze (1215 NJ-35) to congratulate the new business on its official opening. The restaurant is open every day from 11 AM to 10 PM. Follow them on Instagram (@burger.kraze) for more information and be sure to check them out!**

## **Middletown Parks & Recreation Hops into Spring with Annual EGGStravaganza**



*Mayor Tony Perry and his family take a picture with the Easter Bunny at EGGstravaganza!*

Last weekend, Middletown Parks & Recreation held its annual EGGstravaganza at the Middletown Arts Center! Despite the inclement weather, community members were able to enjoy spring-themed crafts and carnival games to kick off the season.

## **Middletown Health Department Hosts Successful Blood Drive with NJ Blood Services/NY Blood Center**



*Nurses from the New York Blood Center assist donors.*

On Tuesday, Middletown Township partnered with New Jersey Blood Services/New York Blood Center to host a blood drive at Town Hall. We are pleased to share that 44 donors showed up and 41 units of blood were collected. Thank you to our wonderful community members for using their free time to help save lives!

**Learn About the Middletown Alliance in New *Talk of the Town* Episode**



# TALK OF THE TOWN

## MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE

WITH MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON KIM KRATZ

Tune in to the latest episode of *Talk of the Town* with Communications Director Tara Berson as she sits down with Committeewoman and Middletown Alliance Chairperson Kim Kratz to highlight the community-based volunteer organization's mission, initiatives, and upcoming events.

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

**Register Now for Middletown Alliance's  
Parent Presentations This Spring**

# SPRING PARENT PRESENTATION SERIES

With Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from Wellspring Center for Prevention

The Middletown Alliance is excited to offer parent presentations this spring on social media and raising resilient kids! All presentations will be from 7-8 PM at Middletown Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) in the Training Room.

Questions? Please email [middletownalliance@gmail.com](mailto:middletownalliance@gmail.com).

**April: Social Media**

- POSTPONED - Stay tuned for new date!

**May: Raising Resilient Kids**

- Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-8 PM



- ✓ Receive up-to-date information
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Learn best ways to address these topics with your child/teen

To register, please fill out our Google form by using this link: [middletownnj.org/presentation](http://middletownnj.org/presentation)

You can also scan the QR code:



Connect with the Middletown Alliance!

 [@middletownalliance](https://www.instagram.com/middletownalliance)

 [Middletown Alliance page](https://www.facebook.com/MiddletownAlliancePage)

 [www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance)

**The Middletown Alliance proudly presents its Spring Parent Presentation Series!**  
The Alliance hosted the first presentation on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. The presentation focused on current drug trends and was led by Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from the Wellspring Center for Prevention. Nicki shared some of the latest drug trends and products seen in Monmouth County and local schools, such as nicotine oral pouches, easy-to-conceal vape devices, kratom, and more. Parents and guardians were able to ask questions and learn about what Middletown is doing to help fight these issues!

Interested in attending the remaining presentations? The next one, which is about social media, was originally scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> but was postponed. Stay tuned for the new date and time! The final presentation on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be about raising resilient kids and will take place from 7-8 PM in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Click [HERE](#) to view the graphic in a larger PDF format and visit [middletownnj.org/presentation](http://middletownnj.org/presentation) to register for the presentations.

**Attend Second Public Input Session About Newman  
Springs Road/County Road 520 Traffic Improvements on  
Tuesday, 5/13 at 6 PM**



**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**  
**NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD/COUNTY ROAD 520**

**TUESDAY, 5/13  
6:00-8:00 PM  
COURTROOM AT TOWN HALL  
(1 KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETOWN)**



Monmouth County and Middletown Township officials, along with representatives from U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle, will be coming together to encourage public participation about the potential improvements of Newman Springs Road/CR 520. Both County and Township professionals will be present to answer any questions.

**Check Out DPW's Spring 2025 Brush Collection Schedule**



MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
52 KANES LANE  
MIDDLETON, NJ 07748

POSTAL CUSTOMER

## SPRING 2025 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
RED BANK, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 652

ECRWSS

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE	COLLECTION RANGE
TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a> .	PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.	BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB AFTER YOUR START DATE.
A,B,C,D	APRIL 1	APRIL 1-APRIL 6
E,G	APRIL 7	APRIL 7-APRIL 20
I,F,J,K	APRIL 21	APRIL 21-MAY 4
H,L	MAY 5	MAY 5-MAY 19

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETON RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.  
 BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
 BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Celebrate National Volunteer Month by Donating to  
Middletown First Aid & Rescue**



MIDDLETOWN FIRST AID & RESCUE

## ACCEPTING DONATIONS

LOOKING FOR CASES OF WATER &  
GATORADE FOR FIREFIGHTER  
REHABILITATION & EVENT STANDBY

EVERY TUESDAY  
5 PM TO 10 PM  
11 CRUSE PLACE, MIDDLETOWN

Drop off a water or Gatorade case to hydrate our firefighters during fire calls and members during event standby. We accept donations through Venmo (@MTFARS-1) for equipment, building/ambulance maintenance, etc.



With April being National Volunteer Month, now is the perfect time to give back to Middletown First Aid & Rescue! The all-volunteer squad is one of the five Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) squads.

Middletown First Aid & Rescue is currently looking for cases of water and Gatorade, which they provide at large-scale events and fires to help rehab and ensure hydration of both their members and our firefighters. The squad is accepting donations every Tuesday from 5-10 PM at 11 Cruse Place. You can also send money via Venmo to @MTFARS-1 to support their mission.

**RSVP to Annual Small-Business Roundtable Happening on Tuesday, 5/6 at 8 AM**

Mayor Tony Perry and County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone kindly invite local business owners to the

## **SMALL-BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 AM

**WHERE:** Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway)

**RSVP:** Email [mayoroffice@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayoroffice@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2024

Attention all small-business owners! Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone will be holding their annual Small-Business Roundtable on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). If you are interested in attending, please email [mayoroffice@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayoroffice@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2024.

### **Attend Annual Police Memorial on Friday, 5/16 at 11 AM**



**Police Week: May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Police Memorial:**  
**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

**Police Week is an annual event held in May. During the week, Police Department tours are available to students, scouts, senior citizens, and anyone who is interested. Please email [kdavis@middletownnj.org](mailto:kdavis@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2039 to schedule a tour.**

**The Police Memorial service will be held rain or shine at the Middletown Police Memorial located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The public is invited to attend.**

Formally founded on May 15, 1928, the Middletown Township Police Department is celebrating its 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The culmination of our Police Week celebration is the annual Police Memorial Service held at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. We encourage community members to attend.

**Save the Date: Annual Memorial Day Parade with  
American Legion Post 338 to Take Place on Monday, 5/26**

*The American Legion Post 338  
and Township of Middletown  
invite you to the annual*

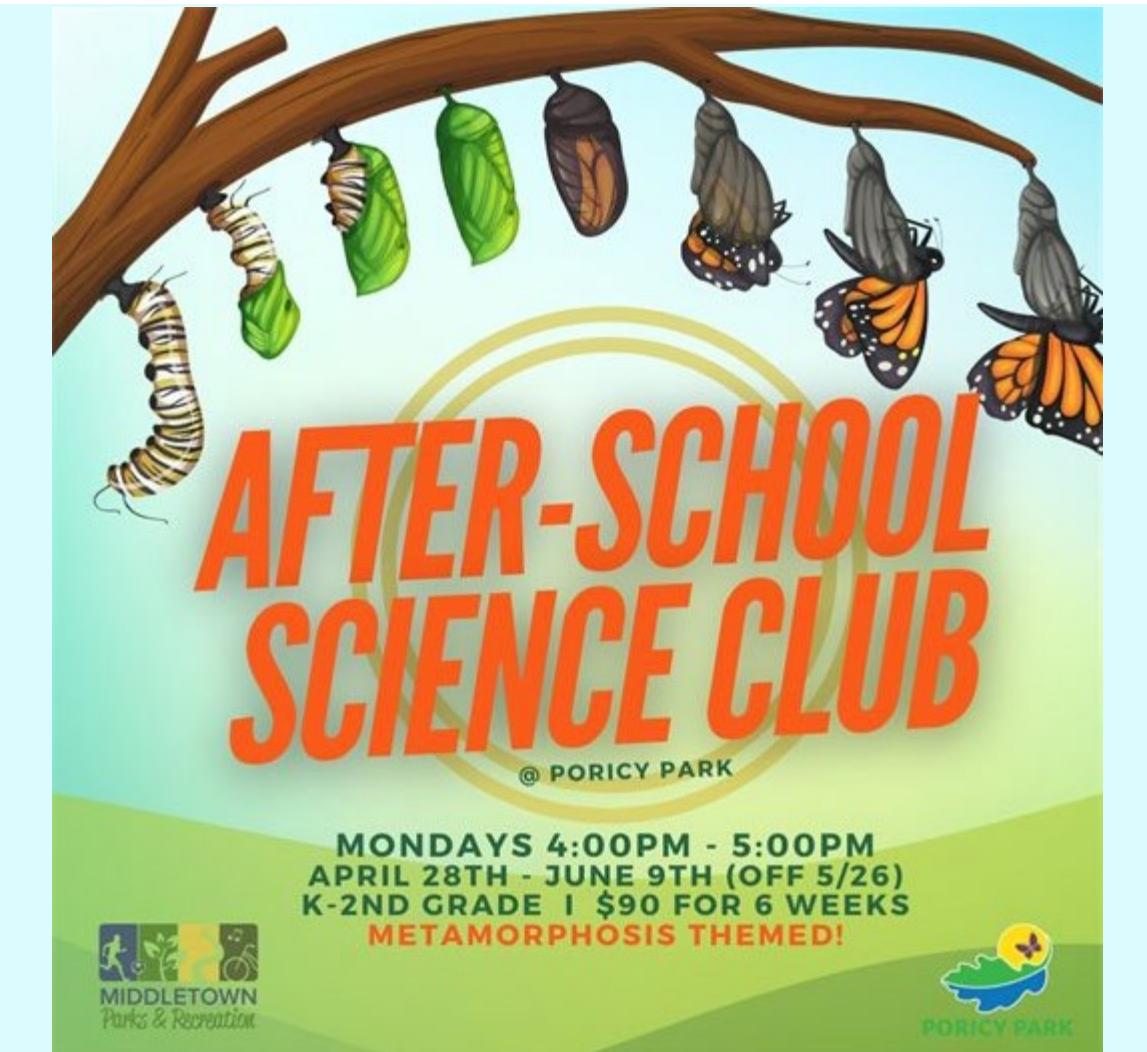
**MEMORIAL  
DAY PARADE**

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

**BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
(834 Leonardville Road)  
10:00 A.M.



**Middletown Parks & Recreation's After-School Science  
Club Begins Monday, 4/28: Sign Up Today!**



In this 6-week program at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) there are STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and fun to be had! This spring session has all new programming focused on metamorphosis. Participants will be scouring the park to look for animals that undergo metamorphosis, such as insects and amphibians.

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

**Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025  
Specialty Summer Camps**



**2025 SPECIALTY SUMMER Camps**

**MULTI-SPORTS**  
Ages 5-11 | Croydon Hall  
9a-12p | \$230/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11 & 8/18

**SNAPOLOGY**  
Ages 6-10 | Poricy Park  
Half Day 9a-12p or 1p-4p & Full Day 9a-4p  
\$225/half day week, \$450/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

**SKATEBOARDING**  
Ages 5-14 | Kunkel Park Skate Park  
9a-10a Beginners, 10a-11a Intermediates  
\$145/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23 & 8/25

**GONE RUNNING**  
Grades 1-9 | Thompson Middle School  
9a-11a | \$170/week (R)  
Weeks: 8/18 & 8/25

**NEW! MAD SCIENCE**  
Ages 6-12 | Croydon Hall  
Half Day 9a-12p & Full Day 9a-3:30p  
\$190/half day week, \$335/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

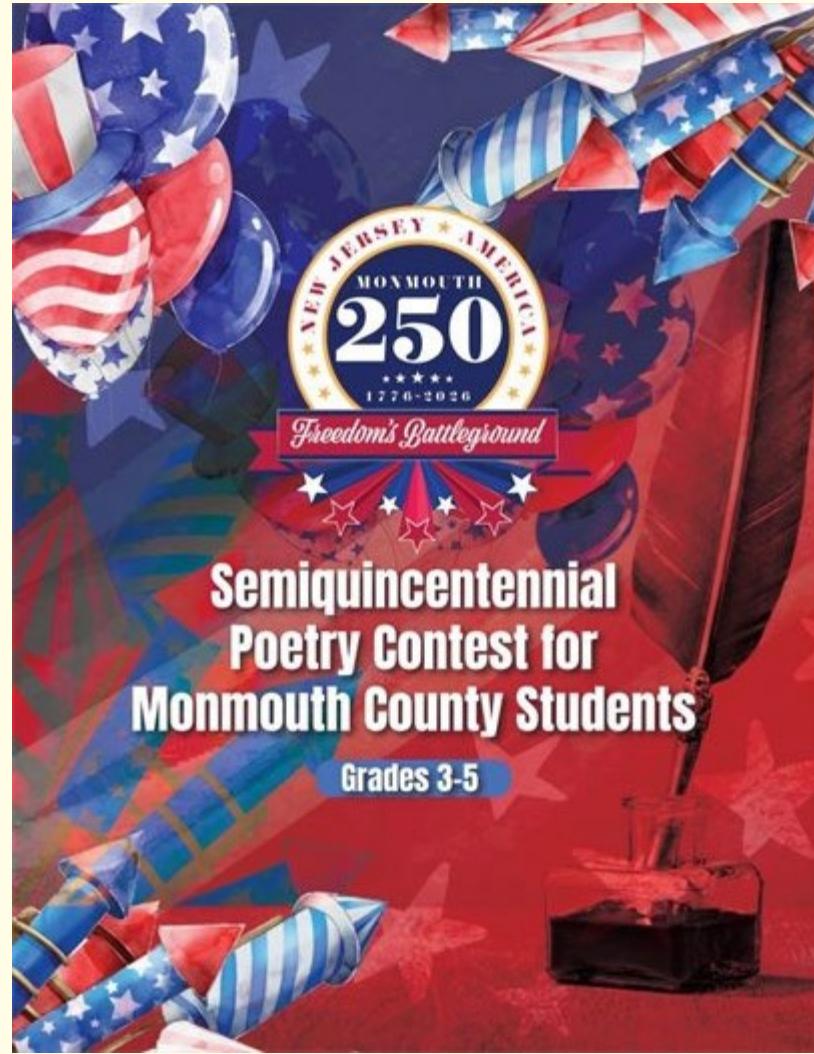
**NEW! SPORTS BROADCASTING**  
Ages 10-18  
9a-4p | Middletown Library & Town Hall  
6/30-7/3 | \$725/week (R)  
More info coming soon!

Join us for a Summer of fun with these third party camps.

Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for its various specialty camps hosted by third party vendors. With plenty of options to choose from, your child is bound to have a great summer!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

**MonmouthNJ 250 Committee Announces Student Poetry Contest: Submit Your Entry By Friday, 5/16**



The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently announced that they are hosting a Semiquincentennial Poetry Contest for Monmouth County students in grades 3-5 in recognition of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. This contest invites students to write a poem reflecting upon what patriotism means to them.

Prizes will be awarded for each grade level. The winning essays will be showcased on [monmouthNJ250.org](http://monmouthNJ250.org) and the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's social media channels. It will also be highlighted throughout the committee's Semiquincentennial celebration.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be announced by Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Click [HERE](#) for more information about the contest and how to submit your entry.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Learn About Captain Joshua Huddy at MTPL's Local History Program on Monday, 4/21 at 7 PM**

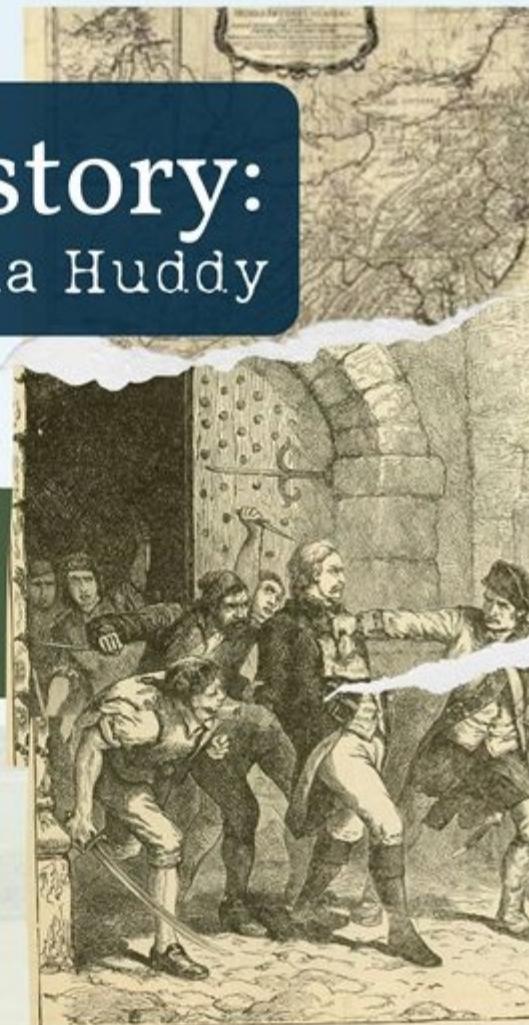
# Local History: Captain Joshua Huddy

*with local historian  
William Gardell*

**Monday,  
April 21 | 7 pm  
Community Room**



For ages 18+  
Please  
register  
at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org).



**Local historian William Gardell will recount the life and exploits of American Revolutionary patriot and Monmouth County resident Joshua Huddy at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). Attend this free presentation to learn about Captain Huddy's heroic wartime battles, checkered past, and complicated personal life. Registration is required.**

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

**Attend MTPL's "Discover Natural NJ" Earth Day Program  
on Tuesday, 4/22 at 7 PM**



Join naturalist Jim Peck at the MTPL for a special Earth Day program focused on New Jersey. Jim will share some of his photos and discuss the beautiful and little-known natural areas across our diverse state. This event will be taking place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended.

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

**Audition for The MAC Players' Summer Production on  
Thursday, 4/24!**



**NOW CASTING!**

**hairspray**  
•THE BROADWAY MUSICAL•

The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) community-based theater group, The MAC Players, is now casting for its summer production! The MAC Players will be performing *Hairspray* the weekends of July 11-13 and 18-20. Auditions will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 PM. Callbacks will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 PM. Please email [auditionmac@gmail.com](mailto:auditionmac@gmail.com) to schedule an audition time.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about auditions and the musical.*

**Deadline to Enter Your Submission for The MAC ONE-ACTS Annual Play-Reading Festival is Friday, 4/25**



**The MAC ONE-ACTS**  
Play-Reading Festival.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!**

The MAC is excited to open its call for submissions to The MAC ONE-ACTS Annual Play-Reading Festival, which features original, one-act works by New Jersey playwrights. Entries from New Jersey residents ages 18 and older will be accepted and must be original, unpublished scripts adhering to standard professional play format with run-times of no longer than 30 minutes. It is free to enter. The submission deadline is Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. The selection of finalists will be announced on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to submit your entry.*

## Celebrate Earth Day with Middletown Parks & Recreation on Saturday, 4/26 at 9 AM



In honor of Earth Day (Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>), join Middletown Parks & Recreation for some hands-on park beautification and help refurbish the Murray Farmhouse's Colonial-era garden located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). This free event is the perfect community service project for scouts, groups, and those looking for

volunteer hours!

**Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please email [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org) if you are interested in participating.**

**Attend "Weekend in Old Monmouth" on Saturday, 5/3 from 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, 5/4 from 12-5 PM**



The Joseph Murray Farmhouse, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), is proud to be one of the 50 historic sites in Monmouth County opening its doors to visitors for the 2-day event "Weekend at Old Monmouth"! Come see this outstanding example of a middle-class Colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give short tours and answer questions. With America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up soon, there will also be new added elements this year!

**Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event.**

Compete in Middletown Parks & Recreation's Fishing Derby on Sunday, 5/4 from 9 AM - 12 PM



Catch the big fish and claim the prize at the return of Middletown Parks & Recreation's Fishing Derby! Participants will be competing for the longest fish at Garvey's Pond, located on Lakeside Avenue in Navesink. There will be medals for the top winners in each age range and raffle prizes throughout the event. Please bring your own equipment.

Click [HERE](#) for full tournament rules and registration.

Be the Difference Suicide Prevention Community Walk to Take Place on Sunday, 5/18: Sign Up Now!



The poster for the Be The Difference Suicide Awareness and Prevention Community Walk. The title 'BE THE DIFFERENCE' is at the top in large white letters. Below it is 'SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION COMMUNITY WALK'. The date 'SUNDAY, MAY 18TH' is in an orange box. A photo of a group of people in black shirts posing in front of a building is below the date. A large purple circle on the right contains the text 'BE THE DIFFERENCE'. A purple button says 'SIGN UP TODAY'. A purple box labeled 'DETAILS' lists: • WHAT: BEING A DIFFERENCE • DATE: MAY 18<sup>th</sup> • TIME: 10AM-12PM • LOCATION: MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER. A blue button says 'OR DONATE'. A QR code is on the right. An Instagram icon with the handle '@BETHEDIFFERENCE\_NJ' is at the bottom.

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the third annual Be the Difference Walk will be starting at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) at 10:00 AM and ending at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The proceeds from this event, which was founded by former Middletown High School South student Piper Wyman, are donated to the New Jersey chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

This year, Middletown High School South senior Alex Taddeo is spearheading the event. Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee are proud to support the event that will once again travel up Church Street to Town Hall.

Follow [@bethedifference\\_nj](#) on Instagram and click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



- As of Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Chapel Hill Road is closed at Whipporwill Valley Road for construction. A detour is set. Properties 1-230 have access from the NJ-35 side. Properties 231-400 have access from Kings Highway East. The road will be closed 24/7 for approximately 6 months. *Click [HERE](#) to view a map of the detour.*
- As of Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, NJ-35 from approximately the New Monmouth Diner (1887 NJ-35) northward through Holmdel and Hazlet will be closed for resurfacing from 10 PM – 6 AM through Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. One lane will close at 8 PM, two hours prior to the full closure. Most of the work will be done outside of Middletown.
- Church Street in Belford (near Saint Mary's School) between Leonardville Road and Drift Road is currently closed to replace Bridge MT-10. It will be closed 24/7 to vehicular traffic through October, but pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the course of the project.
- As of Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Broadway is closed between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) due to construction of the final phase of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project. Broadway will be closed for approximately 2 years. Detours were posted. Port Monmouth Road between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) reopened on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, providing an alternate detour route for the Broadway closure.



## SPRING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT TIPS



Early spring is a great time to purchase or review your flood insurance policy. Throughout the season, you should also perform property maintenance to ensure your home is dry during all of the April showers!

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



### Middletown Township Animal Control Provides Information About Baby Rabbits' Spring Habits



The graphic features a central circular image of several baby rabbits nestled together in a nest. Above the image, the text "Baby Rabbits' Spring Habits" is written in a gold, serif font. To the left of the text is a small green circular logo with a white rabbit silhouette. The background is white with a decorative border of red and yellow flowers and green leaves.

If you find baby bunnies without their parents, please know that they are most likely not abandoned. Mothers leave them alone all day to keep predators away from their nest. They return briefly at dusk and dawn to feed them. Please do not remove the baby bunnies from their nest and make sure to keep your pets at a distance.

**Contact:**

Middletown Township Animal Control  
Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
732-615-2097

MTPD:  
After hours and on weekends  
732-615-2100

[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

**Connect with the Township to Help Correct Concerns**



Middletown Township is now utilizing the “See-Click-Fix” platform so residents can easily contact the Township to report any concerns. The Township is branding this reporting tool as *Connect & Correct* since you can submit your request via the website and track its progress through completion.

Visit [middletownnj.org](http://middletownnj.org) and click on the ***Connect & Correct*** button. This link will direct you to a page of categories you can choose from to report your concern.

Simply choose the relevant category from the list such as lost pet, pothole, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. and add a brief description of the issue. You will be able to enter an address or pinpoint the location of the issue on the map. You will also have the option to attach a photo if you would like, and then you can click to submit the report.

You will then be able to track the status of the issue through updates on the platform or via email notifications.

Exciting news — the *Connect & Correct* app is now officially available on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)! The goal of the app is to make it even easier to report

your concerns on-the-go as well as streamline communications regarding any concerns you may have.

## 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.

## VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY POLICIES IN MIDDLETOWN

Middletown Township has an ordinance that requires owners of a business or vacant and abandoned property to maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions.

The ordinance holds property owners responsible for maintaining and securing the property since vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties can cause a cycle of neighborhood deterioration. The ordinance penalizes owners whose property remains vacant year after year.

## HOW TO REGISTER OR REPORT VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY

Please visit [middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty](http://middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty) to either register your vacant/abandoned property or report a vacant/abandoned property.

You can also contact Lisa Vena from the Planning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2283 or [lvena@middletownnj.org](mailto:lvena@middletownnj.org) if you have any additional questions.





**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).

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