

MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

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732-615-2265

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50 Bray Avenue
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SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - FREE!

Tuesdays | 7:00pm-9:00pm | Middletown Arts Center



Join us on the MAC's lawn. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments and enjoy good music! Free parking. Check our social media for band announcements.

July 15th

July 29th

August 12th

August 26th

MOVIE IN THE (JURASSIC) PARK

Wednesday, July 9th | Poricy Park | Free!

Fossil Time 8:00pm-8:30pm | Movie starts 8:30pm



It's sure to be a DINO-mite time. We're watch the original Jurassic Park in the park! Join us before the movie to dig up your own dinosaur bones in our fossil activity. Bring your own chairs, blankets and snacks.

MIDDLETOWN NIGHT AT THE JERSEY SHORE BLUECLAWS

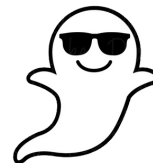
Friday, July 18th | 7:05pm
ShoreTown Stadium, Lakewood
\$20 special ticket



Cheer on NJ's team! Enjoy a Star Wars themed game and postgame fireworks. \$20 ticket includes: game ticket, hot dog, ice cream, and boardwalk game ticket. Tickets: middletownnj.org/blueclaws.

SUMMERWEEN BEACH PARTY AND MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, July 31st | Ideal Beach
Beach Party 6:30pm-8:30pm
Movie starts 8:30pm



Its a Spooky Summer! Enjoy a beach party with DJ, Sanderson Sisters meet and greet, activities and more! Bring your own beach chairs. Stay after to watch the Addams Family Values. Costumes welcome. Free!

TIE-DYE PARTY AND MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, August 21st | Poricy Park | Free!
Craft Time 6:30pm-8:00pm | Movie starts 8:00pm



We're watching Inside Out 2 under the stars! Bring your own item to tie dye (shirt, hat, bow, headband, socks, pillowcase, etc.) and get creative beforehand. All tie dye supplies supplied except for actual item. Bring your own chairs, blankets and snacks.

SKATE PARTY AND FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

Friday, September 12th | Kunkel Skate Park, Leonardo
6:00pm-8:30pm | Free!



Shred with us at Kunkel Park's Skate Park - its a Skate Party! Free for all ages: kids, teenagers, adults. We're pumping your favorite punk rock tunes under the lights. Enjoy a free video game truck and food trucks available for purchase. Sorry no bikes allowed.

PORICY PARK PROGRAMS

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletonnj.org/signup. Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

FOSSIL HUNTS

Tuesday, July 8th & 22nd | 2pm - 3pm
Sunday, July 27th | 11am - 12pm
Tuesday, August 5th & 19th | 2pm - 3pm
Sunday, August 24th | 11am - 12pm
Sunday, September 28th | 11am - 12pm
Ages: 5-Adult
Fee: \$5 per participant (R)



Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago. Our guide will supply equipment for screening for fossils and identify your treasures.

FIND FOSSILS ANYTIME!

Available Monday-Friday (9am - 4pm) at the Poricy Park Nature Center.

Find Fossils in Middletown!

Ready to head out to the Poricy Fossil Beds but not sure where to start? Drop by our Nature Center to see the types of fossils you can find in our stream. Yes, shark teeth can be found here too! Rent an equipment set (\$5 per set) including screen, trowel and field guide. Dress to get muddy, water shoes or boots are recommended when hunting. The fossil beds are open dawn to dusk year round - Reservation permit required for groups larger than 10.

AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Mondays, Sept 15th - Oct 27th (Off 10/13) | 4pm - 5pm | Poricy Park
Grades: K-2nd grade | Fee: 6-week session, \$90.00 (R)

Join us for the award-winning Poricy Park after-school science club. We've got STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and adventures to be had! This fall's theme is the food chain of animals found at Poricy Park!



POND NETTING

Tuesday, July 15th | Tuesday, July 29th
Tuesday, August 12th | Tuesday, August 26th
2pm - 3pm
Ages: PreK-6th grade
Fee: \$5 per child (R)



Find what's at the bottom of Murray Pond. Look for frogs, turtles, and snakes. Use our nets to catch tadpoles, fish, insect larvae, snails, and other critters.



SCOUTS & PARTIES!



SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Scouts starting at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program or a 30-45 minute guided hike for \$5.00 per child. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), Recreation has a badge-specific program for you! Visit middletonnj.org/scouts for bookings.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate with a unique outdoor adventure! Choose between themed science and nature parties for ages 4-10. Themes include Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, or Animal Adventures. Party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities, 30 minutes of party room time, and basic paper goods. Pricing starts at \$315.00 for the first 15 children. For more information and booking visit: middletonnj.org/birthday.



RevKids is back, and just in time for America's 250 year birthday!

This immersive program invites campers to spend a week in the past as they explore America's beginnings within the Joseph Murray Farmhouse. We'll learn not only more about the Joseph Murray family and Revolutionary War history, but also experience what life was like for families of that era. We'll have crafts and projects to work on like woodworking, needlework, cooking, and penmanship with quills. The week ends with a colonial dressed-up party!

8/18-8/22 - 9am-12:30pm - Poricy Park
Entering 3-6 Grade - \$160 (R)
Register on RecDesk: mtownrec.recdesk.com

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & MIDDLETOWN PRESCHOOL

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup.
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

Youth

GONE RUNNING SUMMER TRAINING

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5pm - 6pm | Thompson MS
July 8th - Aug 14th, \$185 (R) | Entering grades: K - 9

Gone Running makes fitness enjoyable so the child gets the best, most consistent and lasting results. High school and middle school runners will focus on competitive training program to prepare for the upcoming Cross Country season. Elementary school runners focus on developing speed and endurance.



TEEN VOLLEYBALL (13-17 YO)

Beach Volleyball @ Ideal Beach

Tuesdays | 5:30pm - 6:30pm
June 24th - July 29th, \$24/session for 6-week session (R)
\$5 weekly drop-in (R)

Indoor Volleyball @ Croydon Gym

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm
thru June 17th, \$5 weekly drop-in (R)
Sept 2nd - Sept 30th, \$16/session for 4-week session (R)
\$5 weekly drop-in (R)



Drop-in play, co-ed teams change weekly. No experience required. No instruction provided.

DODGEBALL

Wednesdays | 4:30pm - 6pm | Croydon Gym
July 9th - Aug 13th, \$25/session, \$5 weekly drop-in (R)
Sept 17th - Oct 29th, \$30/session, \$5 weekly drop-in (R)

Drop-in play, co-ed teams change weekly.

Adult 18+

YOGA

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Croydon Gym
May 27th - June 24th, \$54 for 5-week session (R)
September dates coming soon!
Weekly drop-in \$12 (R)



Awaken and restore the body with this total body workout targeting and toning muscles while elevating the heart rate. The yoga class is appropriate for the experienced yoga student as well as the novice.

Great exercise and socialization! Enjoy these co-ed sports with teams picked weekly. No experience is necessary. Sign up for full sessions to save money.

VOLLEYBALL

Beach Volleyball @ Ideal Beach

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 8:30pm
June 24th - July 29th, \$24/session for 6-week session (R)
\$5 weekly drop-in (R)

Indoor Volleyball @ Croydon Gym

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:30pm
thru June 17th, \$5 weekly drop-in (R)
Sept 2nd - Sept 30th, \$16/session for 4-week session (R)
\$5 weekly drop-in (R)

BASKETBALL

Wednesdays | 7pm - 9pm | Croydon Gym
thru June 18th, \$5 weekly drop-in (R)
June 25th - Sept 24th, \$56/for 14-week session (R)
Weekly drop-in \$5 (R)



PREK3 (3 YR) & PREK4 (4 YR)

FULL DAYS & HALF DAYS

9AM- 3PM

9AM-12PM

MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PRESCHOOL

**2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**

Join in on the fun with our love for learning in our small teacher to student ratios. Our certified Early Elementary Education teachers have over 20 years of classroom management.

Call us at 732-615-3250
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown NJ 07748
recreation@middletownnj.org



2025 SUMMER CAMPS

Let's have a fun summer!
Camp options still available.

**WEEKLY CAMPS RUN
JUNE 30 – AUG 8**

TRADITIONAL CAMPS:

- **NEW!** Monmouth Museum - PreK-2nd Grade
- Croydon Hall Camps - PreK-6th Grade
- Poricy Park Science Camps - PreK-6th Grade
- Trail Blazers Travel Camp - 7th-9th Grade



Register on RecDesk at: mtownrec.recdesk.com

For more info: middletownnj.org/camp



2025 SPECIALTY SUMMER Camps

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



GONE RUNNING

Grades 1-9 | Thompson Middle School

9a-11a | \$170/week (R)

Weeks: 8/18 & 8/25

Train with Gone Running, build confidence!

JUST STEAMIN'

NEW!

Ages 6-10 | Croydon Hall

9a-12p | \$190/week (R)

Weeks: 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

Hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math!

MULTI-SPORTS

Ages 5-11 | Croydon Hall

9a-12p | \$230/week (R)

Weeks: 6/23, 8/11 & 8/18

Explore 10 different sports across a fun-filled week!

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

Learn how and expand your skills!

MARINE SCIENCE

Ages 5-14 | Ideal Beach

9a-2p | \$465/week (R)

Weeks: 6/23 & 7/28

"Dive-in" to the wonders of the ocean!

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

SPORTS BROADCASTING

Ages 10-18

9a-4p | Middletown Library & Town Hall

\$725/week (R) | 6/30-7/3

Includes celebrity and athlete guests!

NEW!

Full camp information at middletownnj.org/camp
Register on RecDesk: mtownrec.recdesk.com

MIDDLETOWN SENIORS

Membership to the Middletown Senior Center is free for residents age 60+. Non-residents are welcome to join for an annual fee. The Center is a gathering place where you can engage in new friendships and try different experiences; our goal is to provide a place where activity and participation will improve your quality of life.

Our programs range from a variety of trips, arts and crafts, painting classes, billiards, knitting group, guest speakers, book club, games, movies, to a variety of fitness classes. We also host monthly parties, seasonal events and so much more!



Daily Lunch

Congregate lunches available daily for a small donation to Interfaith Neighbors.



Summer Events

Atlantic City Bus Trips run July 29th, August 27th, and September 12th

Try your luck at Resorts Casino (7/29 and 8/27) and Caesars (9/17). Buses depart the Senior Center at 9am and return by 7pm. Space is limited, sign-up with a staff member. \$40/member.

Tuesday, July 1st - Patriotic BBQ Luncheon - 11:00am - 1:00pm Patio (weather permitting)

Dress in your Red, White & Blue to celebrate America's birthday! \$15/member.

Thursday, August 14th - Senior Summer Playoff Games - 12:30pm - 1:30pm East Wing

Get your game face on and compete in fun games! Sign-up with a staff member.

Tuesday, August 19th - Member Birthday Celebration - 12:30pm - 1:30pm East Wing

Celebrate the July-September members birthdays with cake and entertainment.

Thursday, September 4th - Ice Cream Social - 12:30pm - 1:30pm East Wing

We all scream for ice cream! Cool off with your friends at this end of summer social.

Transportation Available Monday-Friday

Includes transportation to/from center and select locations based on monthly calendar, for residents only. For more information and to register please call the Center.



To learn more or to register, please call (732) 615-2265 or visit our website:

www.middletownnj.org/seniors

Senior Center is located at 900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737

PARK PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS

Parks and Recreation improvements are going on year-round from sport fields, to playgrounds, to building renovations and more. Follow along with construction updates at: middletownnj.org/parkprojects.

Recently Completed - Projects completed within the last quarter.

Facility	Project	Funding Source
Various Parks	Resurfaced Basketball Court + New Backboards/Rims	Open Space Trust Fund
Poricy Park	Watershed Improvement Project	DEP Watershed Grant



13 courts across 10 different parks underwent basketball court resurfacing along with installment of new backboards and rims. Find these upgrades at the following parks: MTT, Dorsett, Countryside, Evergreen, Belford, Nutswamp, Schultz, Wilmort, Tindall, and Kunkel.



NJ DEP's Stewardship Grant and Whirl Construction recently upgraded docks and boardwalks at Poricy Park and the Poricy Fossil Beds. These improvements will allow residents access to our town's unique natural resources for educational and recreational purposes.

Coming Soon... - Projects we anticipate being completed within the next quarter.

Facility	Project	Funding Source
Tindall Park	Tennis & Pickleball Courts	DEP Green Acres Grant
Normandy Park	Roller Hockey Rink	Capital Funds
Waloo Park	New Playground	Capital Funds



Tindall Park's tennis and dedicated pickleball courts are open for play. The park is finishing up final construction elements.

StoryWalk signs are installed and ready for the next project phase.



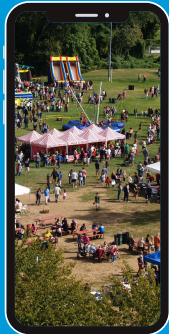
What's Next? - Projects we are looking ahead to and are in the bid/design process.

Facility	Project	Funding Source
McMahon Park	Pickleball Courts, Basketball & Tennis Court Renovations	MCOS Grant 2021/2022
Bodman Park	Turf Baseball - Field 3	MCOS Grant 2023
Poricy Park	StoryWalk and Walking Path	ROID Grant
Various Parks	Tennis Court Renovations	Capital Funds
Senior Center	Various Building Updates and Renovations	Capital Funds

MIDDLETOWN PARKS & FACILITIES

Applebrook Park • Belford Park • Bicentennial Park • Bodman Park • Butler Park • Campo Trails • Chanceville Park
Church Street Park • Clearwater Fields • Countryside Park • Croydon Hall • Crystal Pond Park • Dorsett Park • Dutch Neck
Park • Evergreen Park • Fairview Acres • Fairway Park • Gordon Court Park • Greeley Park • Hillside Park • Ideal Beach
Kunkel Park • Leonardo Beach • Lincroft Village Green • Lincroft Acres • McMahon Park • Middletown Arts Center /
Memorial Gardens • M.T. Thompson Park • Normandy Park • Nutswamp Turf • Nutswamp Park • Policy Park • Policy Park
Fossil Beds Policy Park—Cotton Tract • Roosevelt Park • Shultz Park • Shorecrest Mini Park • Stevenson Tract • Sunrise Park I
Sunrise Park II • Tindall Park • Tonya Keller Community Center • West Front Street Park • Waloo Park • Wilmort Park

Enjoy all that our facilities have to offer! Find field, park & picnic permits online at middletownnj.org/recreation.



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LOOKING AHEAD...



Sunday, October 19th - Middletown Day

Saturday, October 25th - Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run

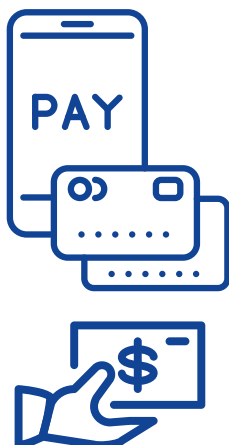
Monday, November 3rd - Letters to Santa Opens

Friday, November 7th - Super Hero Day

Week of December 1st - Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 6th - Santa Ferry Ride

Tuesday, December 16th - PJ Storytime with Santa



Registration Information

Credit Card Payment
mtownrec.recdesk.com

Cash / Check Payment
Recreation Administrative Office
Policy Park Nature Center
8:00am-4:00pm, Mon - Fri

Refund Policy

No refund for any program within 7 days of the program's start date. For Summer Camps, no refunds after May 15. Please choose carefully. A refund request form must be filled out for processing. Form must be received prior to refund deadline. Please allow up to eight weeks for your credit or refund to be processed. Incomplete Refund Requests will delay processing. All refunds are subject to approval. Processing fees apply. Effective 2/4/15.

