



Middletown Awarded \$250,000 Open Space Grant from Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Funds to be Utilized for Normandy Park Improvements



Middletown Township was selected by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders to receive a \$250,000 grant to help fund the Normandy Park Improvements Project.

In December 2019, the Middletown Township Committee unanimously approved a \$5.15 million bond ordinance to install multi-use turf fields at Normandy Park and to convert a grass field at Nut Swamp School to synthetic turf. By re-purposing Normandy Park, the Township can get maximum utilization for both the school and recreational community and provide them with the amenities they need. The goal is for the Township to be able to serve a variety of sports and age groups with fields, parking improvements and lighting within the same vicinity.

"The Township Committee and I are very appreciative of Freeholder Director Tom Arnone and the Monmouth Board of Chosen Freeholder's continued support of the Township's efforts to provide state-of-the-art facilities that our youth need and deserve," said Mayor Tony Perry. "We are proud to be able to utilize dedicated Open Space Trust funds to help make this project become a reality starting this spring."

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.](#)

Middletown High School North & South Hockey Teams Battle it Out to Win Mayor's Cup



On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore and Committeewoman Pat Snell attended the exciting Mayor's Cup at Middletown Sports Complex. After the ceremonial puck drop, fans enjoyed a hard-fought game between High School North and South. With just 2.4 seconds left, Nick Piscopo broke the tie to give South the 2-1 victory!

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Middletown Lions Club Hosts 12th Annual Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast

The [Middletown Lions Club](#) held its annual Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd at Applebee's in Middletown.

The Lions Club has been a staple of the community for over 70 years and raises funds for various charities throughout Monmouth County, including Eye Bank, which conducts free eye screening exams for elementary students in the area, and the Fourth Friday Program that provides a warm meal to those in need.



Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Freeholder Deputy Director Sue Kiley and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger with members of the Middletown Lions Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Middletown Township
MOBILE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
LINCROFT FIRE COMPANY
601 NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD
6:00- 8:00 PM


Bringing Town Hall Closer to You!

- MEET THE MAYOR
- ASK QUESTIONS
- BECOME A VOLUNTEER
- REGISTER FOR EVENTS

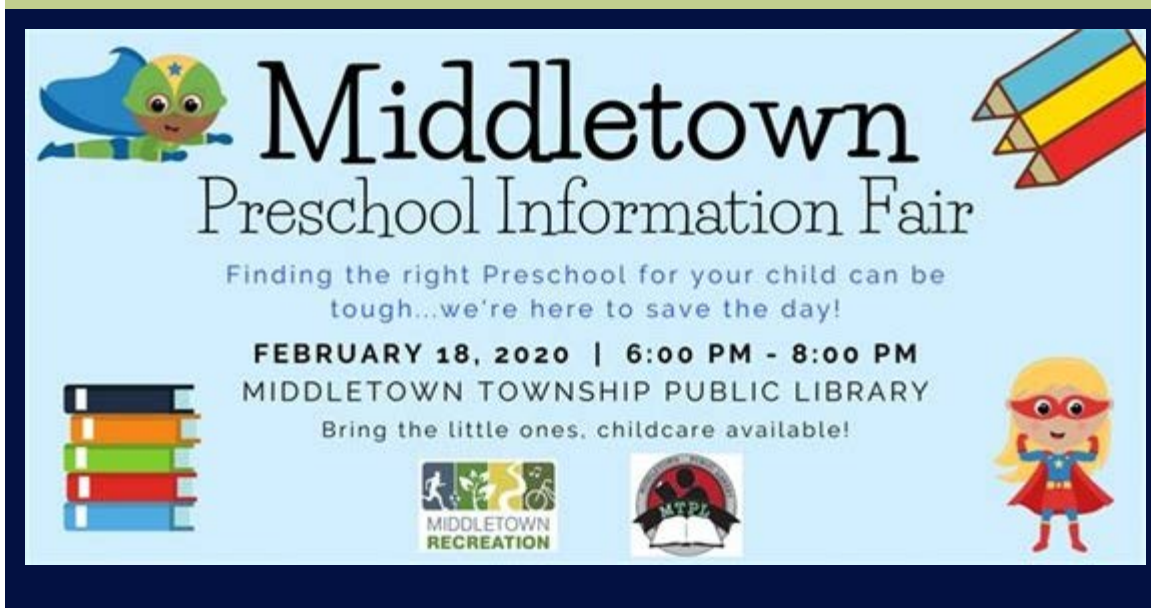
We'll be bringing back our Mobile Town Hall events starting this month! Our first will be on Thursday, 2/20 at Lincroft Fire Company from 6-8 PM. These events will be held in different neighborhoods to provide residents with an opportunity to meet with the Mayor & Township Committee, ask questions of Township employees, register for events and take care of certain Town Hall business closer to home. Visit www.middletownnj.org/mobiletownhall for additional information and updates.



The Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to Attend the
Four Chaplains Service

Sunday, February 9th
 2:00-3:00 PM
 VFW Post 2179
 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth)
**Refreshments to follow*







The Four Chaplains Service is held annually to commemorate the selfless acts of valor of the four chaplains who perished on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943. The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation exists to further the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging goodwill and cooperation among all people.



 **Middletown** 
 Preschool Information Fair

Finding the right Preschool for your child can be tough...we're here to save the day!

FEBRUARY 18, 2020 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Bring the little ones, childcare available!

CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!

The MAC presents: Dunbar Repertory Company's
Black History Month Production **Camp Logan**

DUNBAR REPERTORY COMPANY PRESENTS

SHOW DATES
FEB 21, 22, 23
FEB 28, 29
March 1

DIRECTED BY
DARRELL LAWRENCE WILLIS, SR.

BY
CELESTE BEDFORD WALKER

**CAMP
LOGAN**

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRODUCTION

The poster features a central image of a brown fedora hat with a white band. To the left is a small logo for Dunbar Repertory Company showing two silhouetted figures. The background is black with yellow and white text.

Fridays & Saturdays: 8:00 PM and Sundays: 4:00 PM
All tickets \$20

Camp Logan, the NAACP Image Award-winning play, is based on real-life events in Houston in 1917 when members of the highly-decorated 24th Infantry Regiment were subjected to extreme Jim Crow treatment. Walker's nuanced, suspenseful dramatization details the buildup to the riot that left dozens dead, including 17 African American soldiers hanged for mutiny.

**Next MTPS Strategic Planning Forum:
Wednesday, 2/12, 7:00 PM @ High School South**

Be Part Of The Process

**Strategic Planning
Public Forum #3B**

**Wednesday, Feb. 12th
7 p.m. at High School South**

www.middletownk12.org/StrategicPlanning

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
A LEARNER-CENTERED COMMUNITY

The poster features a large pencil pointing diagonally across the center. The background is blue and white with horizontal stripes. The Middletown Township Public Schools logo is in the bottom right corner.

[Click on the picture to learn more.](#)

Middletown Invites High School Juniors & Seniors to Apply for the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Wednesday, 3/11!



Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the **2020 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.**

Visit www.middletownnj.org/publicinformation to apply!

[Click the picture to learn more.](#)

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH JOB FAIR

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH FROM 7:00-8:30PM

WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)

The Middletown Youth Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for Middletown high school students and employers to meet regarding job opportunities in a relaxed and organized setting.

No registration is required for students and there is no charge to employers wishing to participate.



Employers who would like to join can contact Mitch Gotesky (732-915-2445/nycred1@aol.com) or John Giordano (732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com).





Easter Basket Donations

MIDDLETOWN SOCIAL SERVICES IS COLLECTING EASTER GRASS, CANDY AND GIFT CARDS TO CREATE BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER DONATING THE FREE HAM YOU EARN THROUGH SUPERMARKET PROMOTIONS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL KATHY STRANIERO AT 732-615-2085.

REGISTER WITH NIXLE FOR WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES & UPDATES



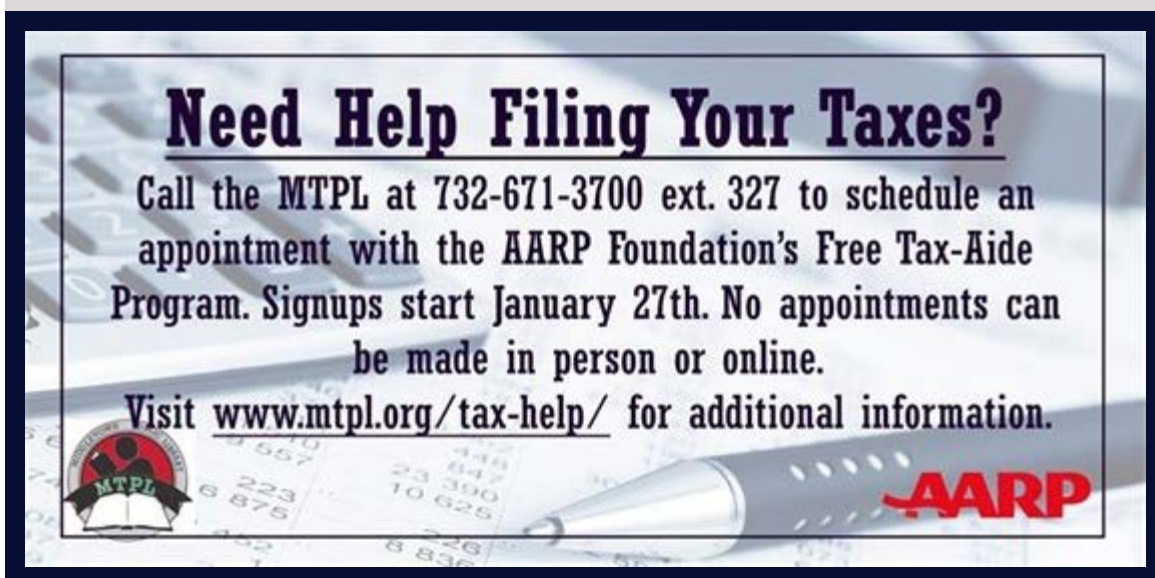
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GET AHEAD OF THE STORM.

TEXT MIDDLETOWNNJ TO 888-777 TO REGISTER FOR SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS & UPDATES.





[CLICK THE PICTURE TO REGISTER ONLINE.](#)



Need Help Filing Your Taxes?

Call the MTPL at 732-671-3700 ext. 327 to schedule an appointment with the AARP Foundation's Free Tax-Aide Program. Signups start January 27th. No appointments can be made in person or online.

Visit www.mtpl.org/tax-help/ for additional information.





REMINDER TO RESIDENTS:

PLEASE DO NOT PUT STYROFOAM* PRODUCTS IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING. STYROFOAM CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) & THE MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION.

*STYROFOAM IS A TRADEMARK BRAND OF EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) OWNED AND MANUFACTURED BY THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY.

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET...
LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO LOCK THEIR CARS AND TAKE THE KEY FOB INSIDE. CAR ROBBERIES AND PROPERTY THEFT ARE OFTEN DUE TO KEYS BEING LEFT INSIDE VEHICLES AND FAILURE TO LOCK THE DOORS.

LOCKING YOUR DOORS IS AN EASY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY!



MIDDLETOWN
TRAFFIC ALERTS

Intermittent Closures & Detours On East End Avenue For Next Few Weeks

Due to water line upgrades, Perna Finnigan will be doing construction on East End Avenue for the next several weeks. There will be intermittent closures and detours on East End Avenue and all intersecting streets. Delays are expected, but construction crews will make all efforts to assist with vehicles entering and exiting the development.

Have a local traffic tip? Text TIP MIDDLETOWNNJ followed by your message, to 888777.

BEGINNING 1/20, JCP&L CONTRACTORS WILL BE PERFORMING TREE TRIMMING ALONG POWER LINES THROUGH OUT THE TOWNSHIP TO PREVENT POWER OUTAGES. CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE.

The initial tree-trimming area will be Conover Lane up Route 35 to Taylor Lane. The Township will provide updates as they can become available.

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