



Middletown Township Encourages Residents to Support Preserving Open Space in Middletown



Pictured from left: Township Committee members Rick Hibell and Pat Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action Cindy Zipf and Chief Executive Officer of NYNJ Baykeeper Greg Remaud (with his dog Gali) at a press conference held at Poricy Park on September 16, 2020.

Middletown Township held a press conference at Poricy Park on Wednesday, September 16th to help inform the community about the Open Space referendum on the November 2020 General Election Ballot and encourage residents to vote 'yes' to help preserve and protect our land. In July, the Middletown Township Committee unanimously supported a resolution to amend the dedicated Open Space Trust annual collection rate from \$.02 to \$.03 per \$100 in equalized valuation.

If Middletown voters approve the rate of the annual levy for the Middletown Open Space Trust Fund, the Township Committee will hold a public hearing to determine the allocation of the increased proceeds to the fund and officially change the name of the fund to an all-encompassing "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain

Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund".

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Township officials, members of the Middletown Open Space Preservation Committee, Middletown Environmental Commission, Middletown for Clean Energy and Sierra Club were in attendance. Speakers included Committeewoman Patricia Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action Cindy Zipf and Chief Executive Officer of NYNJ Baykeeper Greg Remaud. You can visit [Middletown NJ Town Hall's Facebook page](#) to watch the recorded event.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT.](#)

New American Flag Drop Box at the Middletown Recycling Center



Pictured from left: Lynn Scarano from Auto Body Contours, Mayor Tony Perry, Bob Amrozewicz representing VFW Post #2179 and Assistant Supervisor of Recycling Joe Puzzo at the new flag drop box.

The Middletown Department of Public Works has partnered with VFW Post 2179 to provide an American Flag Drop Box at the Recycling Center

(52 Kanes Lane). American flags* that are worn, faded or damaged can be respectfully disposed of in the drop box where members of VFW Post 2179 will collect them and ensure that the proper traditions and ceremony are utilized in the flag's retirement. A big thank you to Auto Body Contours for painting the drop box.

**Note: Only full-sized American flags are accepted in the drop box. Please DO NOT place items embellished with American flag designs in the drop box, such as party decorations, clothing, housewares or miniature flags.*

Surprise Car Parade for Local Times Square Jumbotron Star Kyle Murray!

Congratulations to Kyle Murray of the Ideal Beach community for having his photo displayed on the Times Square Jumbotron for the annual National Down Syndrome Society's Buddy Walk. Due to COVID-19, Kyle and his family couldn't go into New York City to celebrate, so Middletown's First Responders surprised him with a car parade through his neighborhood. Mayor Perry was there too! We thank Kyle for representing Middletown so well. Keep smiling!!



Township Proclaims September 2020 Hunger Action Month in Middletown

At the September 8, 2020 Township Committee Workshop Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee proclaimed September 2020 Hunger Action Month to support [Fulfill's](#) (formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties) mission to encourage involvement and efforts to end hunger in our local community. Please consider donating to Fulfill to help those in need by clicking [HERE](#).

You can also donate food and gift cards to the Middletown Food Pantry, located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth. Please call 732-615-2085 for more information.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE UPCOMING ELECTION?

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MONMOUTH COUNTY MAIL-IN DROP

BOX LOCATIONS.

MIDDLETOWN DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road
Middletown Municipal Building, 1 Kings Highway

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MIDDLETOWN'S 10 POLLING LOCATIONS

(VOTING MACHINES AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ONLY)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS OR VISIT MONMOUTHCOUNTYVOTES.COM.

Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual and In-Person Meeting on Monday, September 21

*The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday,
September 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public with social
distancing measures in place and made available live through
WebEx Event Center.*

If you plan on attending the meeting in person, please note that the maximum occupancy in the Courtroom due to COVID-19 is 40 people. There will be stickers placed in the pews directing people where to sit. If the room fills up, you will be able to view the meeting on the TV monitor outside the Courtroom or you can tune in to the WebEx meeting from your smart phone or a laptop.

If you will be participating remotely, you can do so by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. Enter the event access code 173 146 3208 followed by #. Enter 2020 if a passcode is required.

Click [here](#) to view the agenda.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

Middletown Township Hosts Stride & Ride Relay Event on Tuesday, 10/6

Middletown Township is proud to welcome the Give2Those

STRIDE & RIDE RELAY EVENT

to Honor & Remember Our 9/11 Victims,
First Responders, Military & Veterans Lost During Any Era



Tuesday, 10/6 at 11:30 AM
Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street (next to the MAC)

Middletown Township will be hosting the Stride & Ride Relay to honor our 9/11 victims, first responders and military members. Residents are welcome to witness the motorcycle relay and join the procession in the moment of silence and walk through the World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street).

[Click HERE for more information.](#)



Please Consider Donating to Middletown 9/11 20th Anniversary Fountain and First Responders Monument

As we approach the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is raising money to add a fountain called “The Rise of Hope” that will be erected near the end of the memorial pathway, giving a quiet space to pause and reflect. They will also be honoring the heroism and patriotism of our First Responders with an additional monument. If you would like to contribute, donations can be sent via PayPal to MiddletownWTC@gmail.com.

**Virtual Middletown Month is Coming Up in November
Check Out Our Sponsorship Opportunities and Spread the
Word About Your Business!**



As our community weathers and rebuilds from this year's challenges, Middletown Day is going to take a different shape in 2020. Our annual fall festival will be transformed into a month-long event, Middletown Month, that will bring your business's name directly into homes this November.

Click [HERE](#) to see the detailed list of sponsorship opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to download the Virtual 2020 Middletown Month Registration Form.

**The MAC Presents:
MISS FISH, DOODLE DUDE, KATHY CONNOLLY
AND MORE ARE BACK WITH NEW CLASSES!**



Space is limited. Classes in art, theatre and dance are filling up quickly! [Click here](#) to register.

MISS FISH

Painting on Canvas with Miss Fish! | Ages 4-8 | Sep 22 - Nov 9 | Tues 4-5 pm
For those little artists who just LOVE to PAINT! Use different kinds of paints to make beautiful paintings on a real stretched canvas at an easel under the loving and expert direction of Miss Fish!


Watercolors with Miss Fish! | Ages 4-8 | Sep 22 - Nov 9 | Tues 5:15-6:15pm
Miss Fish teaches children everything they need to know to create beautiful watercolor Masterpieces.

DOODLE DUDE


Cartooning and Animation | Ages 5-12 | Sep 17 - Nov 5 | Thurs 3:30-4:30pm
(ONLY 3 SPOTS REMAINING)
No one brings cartooning, art and animation to life like Art Kaney, the Doodle Dude!
Have a blast drawing cartoons, making animation flip books, claymation and designing video game characters.

[Click here](#) to register!

MTPL Offering Free Online Tutoring through Brainfuse with Library Card!



Whether you are learning from home or at school, Brainfuse is here to help with free live online tutoring and more.



(available at your library or at home through your library's website)

Check out the MTPL's Database of the Month "Brainfuse-Help Now" that offers live tutoring and more. Live online tutoring is FREE with your Middletown Township Public Library card!

Tutors are available every day from 2:00 PM - 11:00 PM. If you don't have a library card, stop by the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) to apply for one.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN HOW TO REGISTER!](#)

Click [HERE](#) for information about how to apply for your library card.

Join Middletown Recreation for Parks for Pollinator's BioBlitz Month!



Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) is hosting a Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz during the month of September. Help others understand how we can better protect pollinators and other important wildlife in our community by participating!

Here's how to join the fun:

- 1. Download the free iNaturalist app.**
- 2. Visit Poricy Park any time in September.**
- 3. Use iNaturalist to take a picture of either a pollinator (i.e. most flying bugs) or a flowering plant.**
- 4. Upload your observation and it will be added to the project.**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Middletown Partners with County to Expand Composting Opportunities for Residents

ATTENTION!
Monmouth County Residents..

The Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bin is available for \$35 at these following locations:

Middletown Twp. Recycling Center
52 Kanes Lane, 732-615-2109

Ocean Township
Call for location, 732-531-5001

Upper Freehold Twp. Municipal Building
Rt. 559, 609-758-7715

Freehold Township DPW
Jackson Mills Rd., 732-294-2161
Please call first to ensure availability.


Make checks payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.
For further information call the Monmouth County Recycling Office at 732-683-8686 ext. 8967.

Monmouth County Department of Public Works and Engineering/Division of Reclamation
www.visitmonmouth.com

If you are a composting enthusiast, Middletown is now selling Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bins for \$35 at the Township's Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). To purchase an Earth Machine, please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.

Free workshops will be offered through the County to learn how to reduce your yard and household waste and improve your soil through backyard composting. For information, visit www.visitmonmouth.com and go to the recycling section of the County Reclamation Center's webpage to get session updates and register.

Township Now Offering Free Screened Compost!



The Township is now offering free screened compost that can be used as a natural, organic way to repair and enhance your yard and garden.

This compost is created from our own leaf collection and is a wonderful way to avoid using harsh chemical fertilizers while keeping Middletown green.

Pick it up at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) during business hours (Thursdays-Mondays 8:30 AM-4:30 PM).

Pre-Register for September Cat-Only Rabies Clinic by 9/22



FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SATURDAY, 9/26 FROM 9-10:30AM
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Due to COVID-19, pre-registration, facemasks and social distancing are required. Cats must be accompanied by owner and in its own carrier. Please visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies or call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.



[Click the picture to pre-register now!](#)

BECOME A MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLL WORKER!

**HELP YOUR
COMMUNITY,
BECOME A MIDDLETOWN
POLL WORKER.**



VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TOWNSHIPCLERK
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



**Volunteers Needed for Middletown
Township Police Department
Domestic Violence Response Team**

Middletown Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Middletown Township Police Department

continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for DVRT volunteers October 6 - 29, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact Sgt. Kevin Gardiner, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at 732 615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

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

MIDDLETOWN AUXILIARY POLICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

RECEIVE FIRST HAND EXPOSURE TO POLICE WORK

REQUIREMENTS:

- MINIMUM OF 18 YEARS OLD
- NO CRIMINAL RECORD
- GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION
- COMMIT TO 160 HOURS TO THE AUXILIARY ACADEMY
- MINIMUM OF 150 HOURS A YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY
- WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONG HOURS IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS



FOR INQUIRIES CALL THE SGT. KEVIN GARDINER AT 732-615-2075 OR EMAIL AUXILIARY CHIEF
DAVE DEIGERT AT PDEIGERTO1@COMCAST.NET.

COVID-19 RESOURCES



COVID-19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP


WE ARE ALL FACING OUR OWN CHALLENGES DURING THIS UNCERTAIN TIME. OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS AT CROSSROADS ARE HERE FOR YOU AND OFFERING VIRTUAL SERVICES. IF YOU, A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER ARE STRUGGLING CALL 732-615-2277 OR EMAIL CROSSROADS@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.


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