

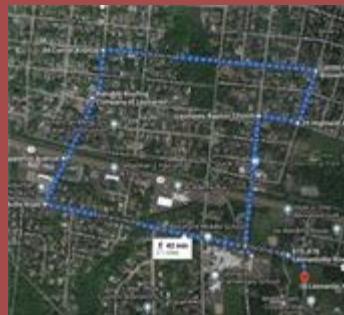
In honor of those who gave their lives while fighting for our freedom, Middletown Township will be holding its annual Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 31st. The 2-mile parade will begin at Bayshore Middle School (834 Leonardville Road) and conclude at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road).

A variety of organizations will be participating in the parade, including the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Color Guard, dignitaries, local Scout troops, first responders, horses, antique cars and motorcycle groups, as well as 60 bikers.

The parade will end at the World War II Monument at Croydon Hall where “Taps” will be played to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

“People often associate Memorial Day Weekend with barbecues and beaches and forget the true meaning behind this holiday,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “On this Memorial Day, please remember those who have served our nation and gave their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy day. They are true heroes, and we should honor and remember them, not just on Memorial Day but every day.”

The Township encourages the community to line the streets along the parade route to show support for our veterans and honor those we lost. For more information about the parade and to view the route, visit www.middletownnj.org/parade.



Click on the map to the left to see an enlarged image of the Memorial Day parade route.

On the right is an image of the American flag at Ideal Beach, which was raised ahead of Memorial Day.



Middletown Township Police Department K-9 Receives Protected Vest



On Saturday, May 22nd, Mohammad Sallah Khan from the Capital K-9 Association

visited our MTPD headquarters and donated a protective K-9 vest to one of our K-9 officers, Tio. Our police and K-9 officers are a team, and this donation helps keep both of them safe.

Thanks Capital K-9 Association for this generous donation!

Veterans Teach Local Cub Scouts About American Flag Etiquette



The Cub Scouts met members of the Veterans Affairs Committee at VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth.

On Tuesday, May 25th, members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee spoke with Cub Scouts from Pack 205 of Nut Swamp Elementary School about American flag etiquette. Vietnam War veterans Dennis Beauregard, Bob Siemer and Mike Quilty taught the 4th graders about the flag's history and how to properly display, fold, raise, and lower it. The troop also learned how to salute the flag and retire it. Each scout was able to put their new knowledge to practice by taking turns folding the flag.

In honor of Memorial Day, click [HERE](#) to read about American flag etiquette.

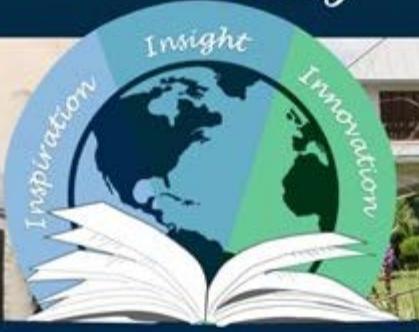
Middletown COVID-19 Testing Site Closes After Sun., 5/30

Due to lack of demand, Immediate Care of Red Bank and Synergy Medical Labs/Capital Alliance will no longer be offering COVID-19 testing at the Middletown Train Station after Sunday, 5/30.

The testing site will be open from 9 AM to 4 PM this Sunday.

Celebrate the MTPL's 100th anniversary on Wednesday, June 2nd at 4 PM!

Join us as we celebrate 100 years



MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY WWW.MTPL.ORG

1921 - Celebrating 100 Years! - 2021

- Outdoor Time Capsule Reveal
- Crafts & Activities for all ages
- Explore local history
- Free Ice Cream - first 100 people

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
WEDNESDAY, 6/2 AT 4PM
OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY



**NEW EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS
STARTING TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

Monday - Thursday : 9am-**7pm**
Friday - Saturday: 9am-**5pm**
Sunday: Closed





Pictured above is a solar "smart" parking meter at Ideal Beach.

Middletown Installs "Smart" Parking Meters at Ideal Beach and Train Station Parking Lots

In preparation for Memorial Day Weekend, Middletown Township has completed the installation of user-friendly "smart" parking meters at the Ideal Beach parking lot. The meters were also installed at the Daily Parking Lot of the Middletown Train Station at the beginning of the year. The "smart" parking meters, some of which are solar, offer several payment options. You can pay with a credit card (Visa, Master Card, Amex and Discover), debit card, or the mPay2Park mobile app.

By using the pay-by-app option, users will now have the ability to remotely add time to their parking transaction (up to the space's time limit) from their mobile device.

In order to use the pay-by-app option, users will need to establish an "mPay2Park" account by downloading the free mPay2Park app on the [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) app store. For more information about the app, visit www.mpay2park.com.

Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to pay via the app.

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

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN BULK COLLECTION IN NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES THROUGH JULY 9TH

SOLTERRA, THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, IS CURRENTLY TRAINING STAFF AFTER BEING HEAVILY IMPACTED BY COVID-19. DUE TO THESE STAFFING ISSUES, NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SATURDAY AFTER YOUR REGULAR RECYCLING DAY THROUGH JULY 9TH.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BULK FOR MORE INFO.



Adopt-A-Garden

Help be a part of keeping Middletown beautiful by volunteering to adopt a Township garden for the 2021 season!

Visit
www.middletownnj.org/adoptagarden
to sign up.



Embark on a Spring Observation Wonder Walk on
Tuesday, June 1st from 9 to 10 AM

ADULTS 18+

Spring Walks

FIND WONDER THROUGH OBSERVATION



BI-WEEKLY
APRIL-JUNE
TUESDAYS, 9-10

Join us for this program of walking, noticing, and wondering. Discover how nature journaling can improve your observational skills. Whether you are interested in wildflowers, pollinators, birding, or weather, there's plenty to see in the spring!

Spring is a time of change as nature reawakens from the cold dormancy of winter. Join Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park for this program of walking, noticing, and wondering. Discover how nature journaling can improve your observational skills.

Each session will include one-hour walks at an easy pace and 30 minutes of optional journaling/sharing time. Whether you are interested in wildflowers, pollinators, birding, or weather, there's plenty to see in the spring!

This program is for adults only, space is limited.

Location: Meet at Poricy Park, Nature Center – Pavilion

Drop-in Fee: \$5.00 (Resident) | \$6.00 (Non resident) per adult

Register For This Summer's Snapology Camp!



The flyer for the Middletown Recreation Snapology Camp is set against a white background with a green border. At the top is the Middletown Recreation logo, featuring four icons: a runner, a plant, a person, and a bike. Below the logo, the text "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" is written in a large, orange, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "PRESENTS" is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The main title "Snapology CAMP" is in a large, bold, green and orange font. "Snapology" is above "CAMP", which is partially obscured by a green illustration of a parrot perched on a green LEGO brick. Below the title, "AT PORICY PARK" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The camp schedule is listed as "MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9:00AM - 12:00PM" and "GRADES 1 - 5". Below the schedule, four camp themes are listed: "8/9-8/13: POKEMANIA CAMP", "8/16-8/20: MINECRAFT* MAKERS CAMP", "8/23-8/27: AMAZING ANIMALS ROBOTICS & CODING CAMP", and "8/30-9/3: JEDI MASTERS CAMP". At the bottom, the text "TO REGISTER, VISIT: WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP CHOOSE 'SUMMER CAMP - 2021'" is provided.

This year, Middletown Recreation is offering half-day camps at Poricy Park – Nature Center. Kids will have a blast making new friends and tackling S.T.E.A.M. projects with Snapology this summer. Camps will be smaller socially-distanced groups in accordance with state COVID-19 guidelines.

Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**Congratulations to the MAC for winning the 2021
"Community Arts Education Organization" Award from
Monmouth Arts!**

2021 Award Recipients

Middletown Arts Center
Community Arts Education Organization

Dr. Ryan Brandau
Community Champion of the Arts

John Dias, Michael Hurst, & Kate Cordaro
Arts Organization Leaders

Norma Tolliver
Arts Education Advocate

Jill Alexander
Outstanding Educator in Visual Arts

Cindy Dwyer
Outstanding Educator in Performing Arts

**Enjoy MAC's One-Act Play Festival on
Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th at 7 PM**

THE MAC ONE-ACTS

ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL • JUNE 4 & 5, 2021

NIGHT ONE JUNE 4th

The Drifters Gallery
BY JQ HENNESSY

A Play By Us
BY FAITH MONTAGNINO

Our Day Will Come
BY FELICIA RUSSELL



NIGHT TWO JUNE 5th

Complaint
BY VINCENT APOLLO

**Two Leopards Climbing
A Fire Escape**
BY ALEXIS KOZAK

Big in Texas
BY MIKE SOCKOL

**The Mundane Can
Be A Comfort**
BY SUSAN SPEIDEL

Join the Middletown Arts Center for The MAC One- Acts, two evenings of engaging and entertaining original works! The festival will take place on Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th at 7 PM in the MAC's outdoor canopy space.

All seating will be socially distanced. Group bubbles of up to 6 people are permitted to be seated together. Masks MUST be worn on the premises at all times, with the exception of when you are seated for the show. Please do not reserve tickets for a group bubble if you know someone in your bubble already did so.

While this is a free event open to the public, please RSVP at the link below so the MAC can plan seating arrangements accordingly.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

PLEASE NOTE: Adult content and language. Parental discretion is advised.

Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for Upcoming Primary and General Elections



The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking poll workers for the Primary and General Elections. Earn \$200 and help your fellow citizens exercise their right to vote!

To register, call the Board of Elections at 732-431-7802 x7150.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Click [HERE](#) for information about ways you can help honor the friends, neighbors, and family members we lost on 9/11 through Middletown's 9/11 20th anniversary donation and sponsorship opportunities. For information and updates, visit www.middletownremembers911.com and follow the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund on Facebook [@MiddletownRemembers911](#).

Keep "Striving for Five" Middletown!



As part of Middletown's Recycling Education Campaign, the Department of Public Works will be adding the sticker above on new and replaced recycling carts in town as a reminder to keep "Striving for Five!" and recycling right.

Items accepted curbside include bottles and cans, glass, paper, and cardboard.

Please note the items listed above that are not accepted curbside, which contaminate our recycling stream.

For questions on what goes where, emergency collection notifications, and personalized collection calendars, residents can download the [Recycle Coach app!](#)

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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