

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Municipal Offices will be closed on  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of

**MEMORIAL DAY**

as we remember and pay tribute to those who  
have served our great nation.



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**MAY 31, 2021**

**THE ANNUAL PARADE BEGINS AT BAYSHORE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL (834 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) AT 10:00 AM.**



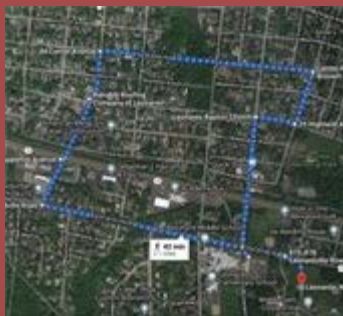
In honor of those who gave their lives while fighting for our freedom, Middletown Township will be holding its annual Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2-mile parade will begin at Bayshore Middle School (834 Leonardville Road) and conclude at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville 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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

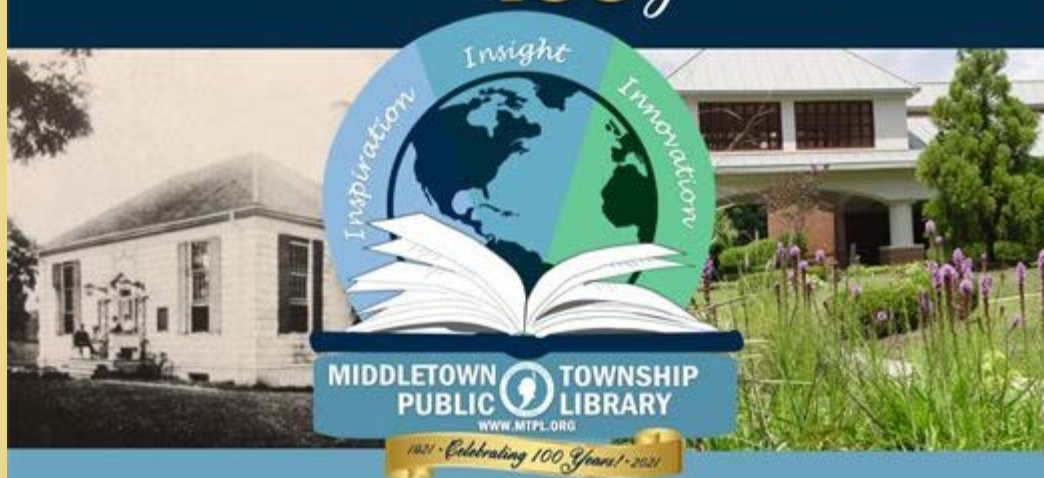
## Middletown COVID-19 Testing Site Closes After Sun., 5/30

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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM!

Join us as we  
celebrate **100** years



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

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

A graphic with a dark blue background and white text, set against a background of a library bookshelf. The text reads: "NEW EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS STARTING TUESDAY, JUNE 1". Below this, it lists the hours: "Monday - Thursday : 9am-7pm", "Friday -Saturday: 9am-5pm", and "Sunday: Closed". In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for the Middletown Township Public Library featuring a globe and an open book.

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*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](http://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 9<sup>TH</sup>

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 9<sup>TH</sup>.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BULK](http://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](http://www.middletownnj.org/adoptagarden)  
to sign up.



**Embark on a Spring Observation Wonder Walk on  
Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

PRESENTS



## Snapology CAMP

AT PORICY PARK

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9:00AM - 12:00PM  
GRADES 1 - 5

**8/9-8/13: POKEMANIA CAMP**  
**8/16-8/20: MINECRAFT® MAKERS CAMP**  
**8/23-8/27: AMAZING ANIMALS ROBOTICS & CODING CAMP**  
**8/30-9/3: JEDI MASTERS CAMP**

TO REGISTER, VISIT:  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)  
CHOOSE "SUMMER CAMP - 2021"

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 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**



# THE MAC ONE-ACTS

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

## NIGHT ONE JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>

**The Drifters Gallery**  
BY JQ HENNESSY

**A Play By Us**  
BY FAITH MONTAGNINO

**Our Day Will Come**  
BY FELICIA RUSSELL



## NIGHT TWO JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**BECOME A  
MONMOUTH COUNTY  
POLL WORKER TODAY!**

You will be paid **\$200** for working a  
June Primary Election or  
November General Election.

To qualify, you must be a registered  
voter in Monmouth County and attend  
a poll worker training class.

Call us today at  
**732-431-7802 x7150**  
for additional information.



New Jersey's  
**Monmouth County**  
*The Place You Want to Be*

**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.**

*We Remember*



**20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**9-11-01**

PLEASE HELP HONOR THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WE LOST IN 9/11 BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MIDDLETOWN WTC MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNREMEMBERS911.COM](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNREMEMBERS911.COM) OR CALL 732-615-2287 TO PARTICIPATE IN SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11.

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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary donation and sponsorship opportunities. For information and updates, visit [www.middletownremembers911.com](http://www.middletownremembers911.com) and follow the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund on Facebook [@MiddletownRemembers911](https://www.facebook.com/MiddletownRemembers911).

## Keep "Striving for Five" Middletown!

ITEMS ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING:					DOWNLOAD  recycle coach FOR UPDATES SENT VIA TEXT OR EMAIL INCLUDING: ✓ PERSONALIZED COLLECTION CALENDARS ✓ EMERGENCY COLLECTION NOTIFICATIONS ✓ WHAT GOES WHERE LOOK-UP TOOL VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACHAPP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACHAPP</a> TO DOWNLOAD ON APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICES
<b>CANS</b> 	<b>GLASS</b> 	<b>PAPER</b> 	<b>PLASTIC</b> 	<b>CARDBOARD</b> 	
ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING:					
<b>DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES</b> 	<b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b> 	<b>NO TANGLES, CORDS, HOSES OR CHAINS</b> 	<b>NO YARD WASTE</b> 	<b>NO FOOD OR LIQUID EMPTY AND RINSE CONTAINERS</b> 	 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

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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