



## Middletown Township Police Department Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out!



Middletown Township Police Department held its 4<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Poricy Park! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods even safer and more caring places to live.

Thank you to everyone who attended this great event. MTPD and K-9 officers, Township Committee members, and local organizations were thrilled to connect with the community and to get to know our residents better. With the fun activities, delicious food, and amazing music, National Night Out was truly a night to remember — especially for those who got to land Mayor Perry in the dunk tank!

*Click [HERE](#) to view more photos from this year's event.*

**Middletown Honors Naval Weapons Station Earle Lieutenant Commander Jack Smock, Jr. with Key to the Township at Retirement Ceremony**



*On Friday, August 6th, Mayor Tony Perry was one of several speakers to honor Lieutenant Commander Jack Smock, Jr. for his 30 years of service to the U.S. Navy and our nation at his retirement ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle in Colts Neck.*



*On behalf of the Middletown Township Committee, Mayor Perry thanked Lieutenant Commander Smock for helping keep our community safe by honoring him with a Key to the Township and a proclamation.*



*Members of the Middletown Township Committee, Middletown Township Police Department, and Mayor's Office celebrated Lieutenant Commander Smock's retirement with his family, friends, and colleagues.*

**On Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry, along with members of the Township Committee, Police Department, and Mayor's Office attended Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Jack Smock, Jr.'s deeply moving retirement ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle Mainside located in Colts Neck. LCDR Smock has been the Executive Officer at Naval Weapons Station Earle since 2019 and will finish both his time at the station, and in the United States Navy, this September.**

**Mayor Perry presented LCDR Smock with a Key to the Township to thank him for his 30 years of faithful and honorable service to the United States Navy and our nation, as well as for keeping our community safe through his leadership. We wish LCDR Smock a well-deserved retirement and many wonderful years ahead with his beautiful family.**

## **Middletown Invites Community to 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Memorial Service on Saturday, 9/11 at 6:30 PM**



**Pick up or Purchase Your 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at**

ShopRite This Weekend from 9 AM to 12 PM

We Remember



20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

9-11-01

The Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is selling 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary 9/11 remembrance yard signs and personalized street banners to raise money that will go toward renovations and improvements to our WTC Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street). The committee will be selling signs and taking orders for banners at ShopRite (1361 NJ-35 South) this weekend from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bring your order confirmation number if you already placed an order. Yard signs will be available for \$40. Personalized street banners that feature your business or family name will be available for \$500. Middletown will line the streets leading up to the memorial with these beautiful remembrance banners. Once taken down, the banner will be given to you as a keepsake.

You can also stop by the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) during regular business hours to purchase a lawn sign by cash or check.

Click [HERE](#) to order a remembrance yard sign or street banner.

Visit [www.middletownremembers911.com](http://www.middletownremembers911.com) for more information or call (732) 615-2287 if you have any questions.

**MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven Operation Chill to Reward Kids for Good Behavior**



**MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven in Operation Chill to Reward Kids for Good Behavior!**

If an officer witnesses your child doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior, they could receive a coupon for a free small Slurpee® drink at participating stores.

If your child is issued a "ticket" for doing a good deed, feel free to share it via social media with the hashtag #MTPDOperationChill.



## IBCA Holds Annual Ice Cream Social on National Night Out



Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by IBCA's annual ice cream social to support our first responders.

On National Night Out, the Ideal Beach Community Association (IBCA) hosted its annual Ice Cream Social at Roosevelt Park in North Middletown to support our police officers, volunteer firefighters, and first aid squads. The first 100 people who arrived received a ticket for free ice cream from Sweet Treats, a local ice cream truck. IBCA also collected cases of water for Middletown's first responders.

Thank you to IBCA and all who attended!

## Welcome Back We Care Adult Care!

Congratulations to We Care Adult Care on their Grand Re-opening (552 NJ-35) after being closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Visit [WeCareAdultCare.com](http://WeCareAdultCare.com) for more information.



*Photo courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography.*

On Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, and Monmouth County Commissioner Deputy Director Sue Kiley celebrated the grand re-opening of We Care Adult Care (552 NJ-35) with its staff. We Care Adult Care is an adult day care center that is licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and we are proud to have them in Middletown!

Visit [WeCareAdultCare.com](http://WeCareAdultCare.com) for more information.

## MTPL Will Be Closed This Weekend



The Middletown Township Public Library will be closed this weekend. This closure is due to HVAC replacement on the library roof. During this time, all due dates will be extended on checked-out materials. MTPL parking lots and drive-thru book and media drops will also be closed to traffic during library closure.

**Middletown Recreation and MYAA to Host  
MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition on Friday, 8/13 at 7 PM**

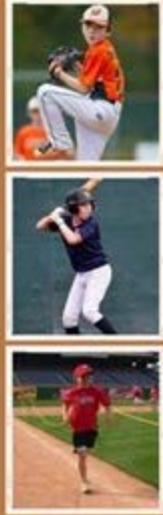
 **Pitch Hit & Run** 

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 || 5:00PM - 7:00PM**  
**BODMAN PARK - CAMPBELL FIELD**

Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Youth Athletic Association are proud to host an MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition for the boys and girls in our community!



**GET IN THE GAME**



Join Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Youth Athletic Association on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Campbell Field in Bodman Park for the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition! This FREE event will take place from 5 to 7 PM. Pre-registration is not required, but recommended.

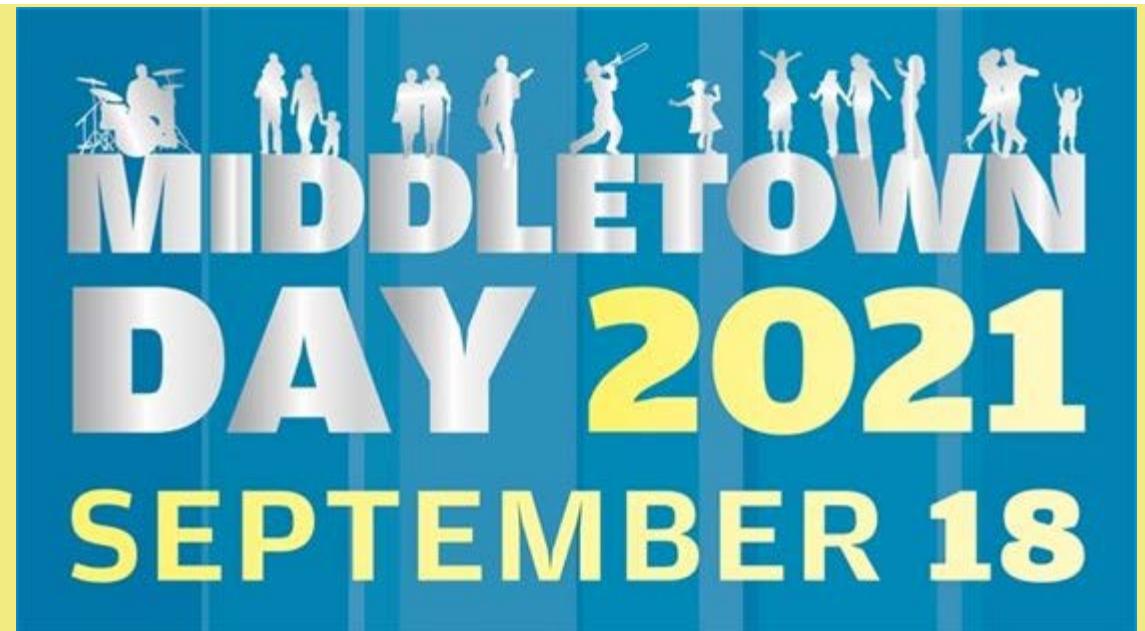
The MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition provides youth across the country an opportunity to participate in an exciting baseball/softball skills competition. This national initiative gives boy and girls, ages 7-14, the chance to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities and to emphasize the "FUN" element of baseball/softball. The award ceremony will take place immediately following the competition.

For the official divisions, scores will be recorded and sent to the MLB to possibly advance to the next round. Winners of our competition are not guaranteed to advance; it will depend upon all scores of local competitions.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event and divisions.*

*Click [HERE](#) to register.*

**Save the Date for Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/18!**



*For more information, visit [www.middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownday).*

**Embark on a Guided Fossil Hunt at Poricy Park on  
Wednesday, 8/11 at 4 PM**



## Guided Fossil Hunts

Calling all amateur paleontologists! 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. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures.

Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds (1803 Middletown-Lincroft Road) on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 5 PM. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago.

Meet directly at the Poricy Park Fossil Beds for a short orientation before getting right into the fossil beds. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures. Please wear rubber boots or old sneakers, as your feet will get wet. Sandals, flip-flops, and other slip-on footwear are prohibited. The event costs \$5 per participant.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**Craft Mocktails with the MTPL on Tuesday, 8/10 at 7 PM**



Create cool beverages with the Middletown Township Public Library to enjoy over the hot summer! On Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, explore your passion for food and creativity at the library's Seasonal Mocktails: The Art of Non-alcoholic Mixology event with Vanessa Young of "Thirsty Radish". Vanessa is a cooking instructor, writer, and educator known for her artful approach to food and wellness topics and her focus on seasonal meals. Think "Spicy Summer: Thai Iced Tea," "Rosemary Jalapeño Lemonade," and "Pink Pepper Berry".

The event will take place over Zoom so please register to receive the Zoom link.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the event.

**DPW and MAC's Trash & Recycling Sculpture Art Contest  
Deadline Extended to Friday, 8/27**

The Middletown Department of Public Works and the Middletown Arts Center are seeking trash sculptures to display at the Township's new outdoor Ecological Garden at DPW (52 Kanes Lane). Winners will receive a gift bag that includes a MAC gift certificate and they will also have their artwork showcased at Middletown Day as an example of a creative way to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Please see contest rules in the flyer above.

Email [jticino@middletownnj.org](mailto:jticino@middletownnj.org) for more details and to enter the contest.  
Click [HERE](#) to download the contest's entry form.

**Get Involved at the Middletown Arts Center!**

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

Visit [middletownarts.org/  
get-involved](http://middletownarts.org/get-involved)



***Click [HERE](#) for more information about how you can join the MAC's team.***

# NOW HIRING



SEASONAL LABORERS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER  
VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOB](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOB)  
OR CALL 732-615-2017 TO APPLY.

This position is ideal for someone who likes to help others, enjoys being outdoors, and doesn't mind a little exercise! Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to apply.*

## Be Prepared: Register for Middletown Emergency Alerts

Please ensure that you OPT IN to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register via email.



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**Middletown Office of Emergency Management Shares  
Hurricane Survival Guide  
Volunteers Wanted**



# Volunteers Wanted

## Emergency Management

Monthly Meeting  
Train Online

**732-615-2129**



The Middletown Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is looking for volunteers to join its team! OEM is responsible for the Township's all-hazard Emergency Operations Plan, which outlines how Middletown will function during emergency or disaster conditions. With peak season for hurricanes in New Jersey approaching from mid-August through October, now is the perfect time to volunteer and support your community! OEM volunteers train online and meet monthly. Please call (732) 615-2129 if you are interested in volunteering.

In case of an emergency, there is a Middletown Emergency Radio station. Please tune in to 1620 AM for emergency and community information.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's OEM.*

*Click [HERE](#) for OEM's guide to help you prepare for emergencies.*

**Download Ocean Conservancy's "Clean Swell" App to Help Keep Our Waters Clean**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INTRODUCES THE **CLEAN SWELL APP** 

JOIN A GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO KEEP BEACHES, WATERWAYS AND THE OCEAN TRASH FREE!  
HEAD OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE MIDDLETOWN BEACH, PARK OR ROADWAY AND USE THE CLEAN SWELL APP TO EASILY RECORD EACH ITEM OF TRASH YOU COLLECT. THEN SHARE YOUR EFFORT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WITH CLEAN SWELL, YOU CAN:

- Record every item of trash you collect.
- Share your cleanup results via social media & email.
- Track your total distance cleaned.
- Earn badges based on the type and quantity of trash and cleanups you do, like the Sea Turtle Saver!

Sea Turtle Saver  
Thanks to you, sea turtles can forage free from the threat of plastic bags. You have helped over 25,000 sea turtles!

- Keep a historical record of your cleanup efforts.
- Create ocean trash solutions by contributing to a global database and helping to identify trends.
- Learn scientific facts about the impact of trash on ocean animals and what you can do to help.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CLEANSWELL](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CLEANSWELL) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



The Middletown Department of Public Works is using Ocean Conservancy's Clean Swell app for litter tracking and cleanup! The Clean Swell app is an easy way for the Middletown community to be proactive in making our town a more beautiful place while assisting in the worldwide effort to keep our oceans clean.

[Click HERE for more information about the app.](#)  
[Click HERE to watch an informative video about the app.](#)

## Last Day to Pay the Quarter Property Tax Payment is Friday, 8/20

TAX BILLS WERE MAILED ON JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>. THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE AUGUST QUARTER IS ON AUGUST 20, 2021 BY 3 PM THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND 4 PM IN THE OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.



Quarterly taxes were due August 1, 2021. To avoid interest, please pay your taxes no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in the Tax Collection Office located at the Croydon Hall Municipal Building (900 Leonardville Road) or by 3:00 PM through the website.

[Click HERE for more information.](#)

## Updated COVID-19 Information

**The Middletown Health Department has recently updated its website with additional COVID-19 information and resources.**

**Brookdale Community College (765 Newman Springs Road) is offering walk-in vaccination appointments for people ages 12+.**

**Please check out the graphic to the right for more information about Monmouth County COVID-19 vaccines.**



[Click on the image to view the flyer in a larger format.](#)

**Visit [www.middletownnj.org/covid19](http://www.middletownnj.org/covid19) for more information and resources.**

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



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