



MIDDLETOWN CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

**Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 Host
64th Annual Veterans Day Parade**



Last weekend, Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 partnered to host its 64th annual Veterans Day Parade, which stepped off at Bayview Elementary School and ended at VFW Post 2179. This year's theme was "Thank You for Guarding the Gates of Freedom" and was dedicated to all veterans for their service.

The event began with an invocation by the Chaplain of VFW Post 2179 and the Chaplain of Auxiliary 2179. Following the invocation were the opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance directed by Robert Lasowski. The Color Guard, Grand Marshal, Buddy Poppy Queen and King, and VFW Post 2179 Commander and Auxiliary 2179 led the parade with honored guests, including the Middletown Township Committee and Naval Weapons Station Earle Commander Ed Callahan and his wife Krista.

The parade continued with Middletown High School North and South's marching bands, antique cars, local VFW Posts, VFW Riders, American Legion Post 515, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 721, Middletown Elks 2179, and local scout troops. Emergency personnel vehicles, including our First Aid and Rescue, Fire Department, Police Department and Explorers, and Office of Emergency Management followed.

The parade concluded with a lunch at Post 2179, where members of the community were encouraged to bond with local veterans and sign cards for hospitalized veterans who couldn't be there to celebrate.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parade and, most importantly, thank you to our veterans for their selflessness, bravery, and service! It was an honor to come together as a community and thank our nation's heroes.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the parade.

Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Performs Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Veterans-Only Affordable Housing Complex Location



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz stands with members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee after the wreath-laying service on Veterans Day.

Every Veterans Day, the Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) places a wreath at each war memorial/monument heritage site in Middletown to honor those who have served. This year, the VAC added another location where a monument will be installed for those who fought in the War on Terror. Yesterday, members of the VAC and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz met at the future location of the Township's veterans-only affordable housing complex in Belford to lay a wreath where the monument will be dedicated.

Thank you to all our veterans for their service.

Click [HERE](#) for information about our memorial/monument heritage sites.

School Community Honors Veterans



Bayshore Middle School 6th and 7th grade Social Studies classes created a flag mural in recognition of Veterans Day.



From left: Committeewoman Kim Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry, Army Servicewoman and Bayshore Middle School Special Education Language Arts teacher Sgt. Cheyenne Sommers, Bayshore Middle School Assistant Principal



Students at Lincroft Elementary School learn how to properly fold the American flag with members of Lincroft Fire Company.

*Michael Gannon, and Bayshore
Middle School Principal Michael
Scarano*

On Veterans Day, schools around the Township provided students with projects and lessons to give them a greater appreciation for those who have served.

Bayshore Middle School invited Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz to view a flag mural that their 6th and 7th grade Social Studies classes created in honor of Veterans Day. The faculty and staff also donated a beautiful wooden U.S. flag that will be placed in the lobby of the future veterans-only affordable housing complex located in Campbell's Junction.

Additionally, Lincroft Fire Company stopped by Lincroft Elementary School to fly its large 35' x 20' American flag hanging from Tower Ladder 200. Fire company members then worked with about 40 5th grade students to teach them proper flag folding etiquette.

Thank you to Lincroft Fire Company for adding patriotism to our community and for showing our young residents how the flag should be treated in a dignified way.

Middletown Lights up Green for Veterans



Greenlight A Vet is a national campaign that encourages Americans to show support for veterans by turning their porch lights green. Earlier this week, we posted on social media and asked people to join us by sharing a photo of their green lights. The campaign's Facebook page shared our post and people responded with images of their beautiful lights. Pictured above is a collage of the people who have participated, in Middletown and beyond, as well as Town Hall, which will be illuminated green throughout November.

Thank you to everyone who shared their green lights!

Extra! Extra! Read the Fall 2021 Issue of *Middletown Matters*



Get a sneak preview of the fall issue of *Middletown Matters* before it hits your mailbox to catch up on recent happenings in town and learn about upcoming events and activities!

Click [HERE](#) to read Middletown Matters.



Middletown Township Committee to Host In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, 11/15

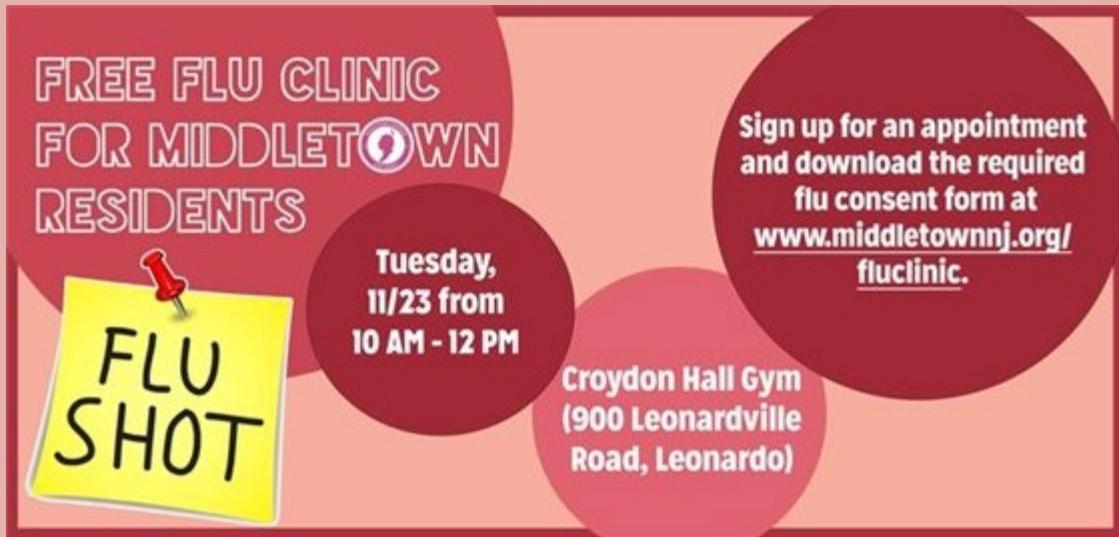
The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public and made available live through Webex Event Center.

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. The event access code is 2333 909 6127 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and YouTube channel.

[Click HERE to view the meeting agenda.](#)
[Click HERE to read the full press release.](#)

Register Now for Middletown Health Department's Free Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, 11/23 from 10 AM - 12 PM



The Health Department is hosting a free flu shot clinic for Middletown residents, ages 6 months and older, on Tuesday, November 23rd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road).

Due to COVID-19, face masks are mandatory.
A completed flu consent form is also required.

[Click HERE to register.](#)
[Click HERE to download the flu consent form.](#)

B.S.A. Troop 140 Morley Rangers Participates in Township's Final Mini-Grant Program Cleanup of 2021



*B.S.A. Troop 140 Morley
Rangers hard at work while
cleaning Navesink Beach!*

Last weekend, the B.S.A. Troop 140 Morley Rangers participated in the New Jersey Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program by cleaning up Navesink Beach in the Sandy Hook area of Middletown. Altogether, the scouts cleaned up 16 bags of plastics and other harmful materials that were polluting our oceans. The Rangers will be utilizing their \$500 grant to purchase some much-needed camping equipment. A big thank you to this amazing group for their hard work!

The Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program has been a tremendous success this year. Throughout the year, local non-profit groups cleaned up over 115 trash bags of litter from various locations in Middletown - that's equivalent to 2,500 pounds of garbage from our local parks and beaches!

Cleanups will resume in the Spring of 2022 and dates are already filling up fast. Visit www.middletownnj.org/minigrants for more information and to participate in this program!

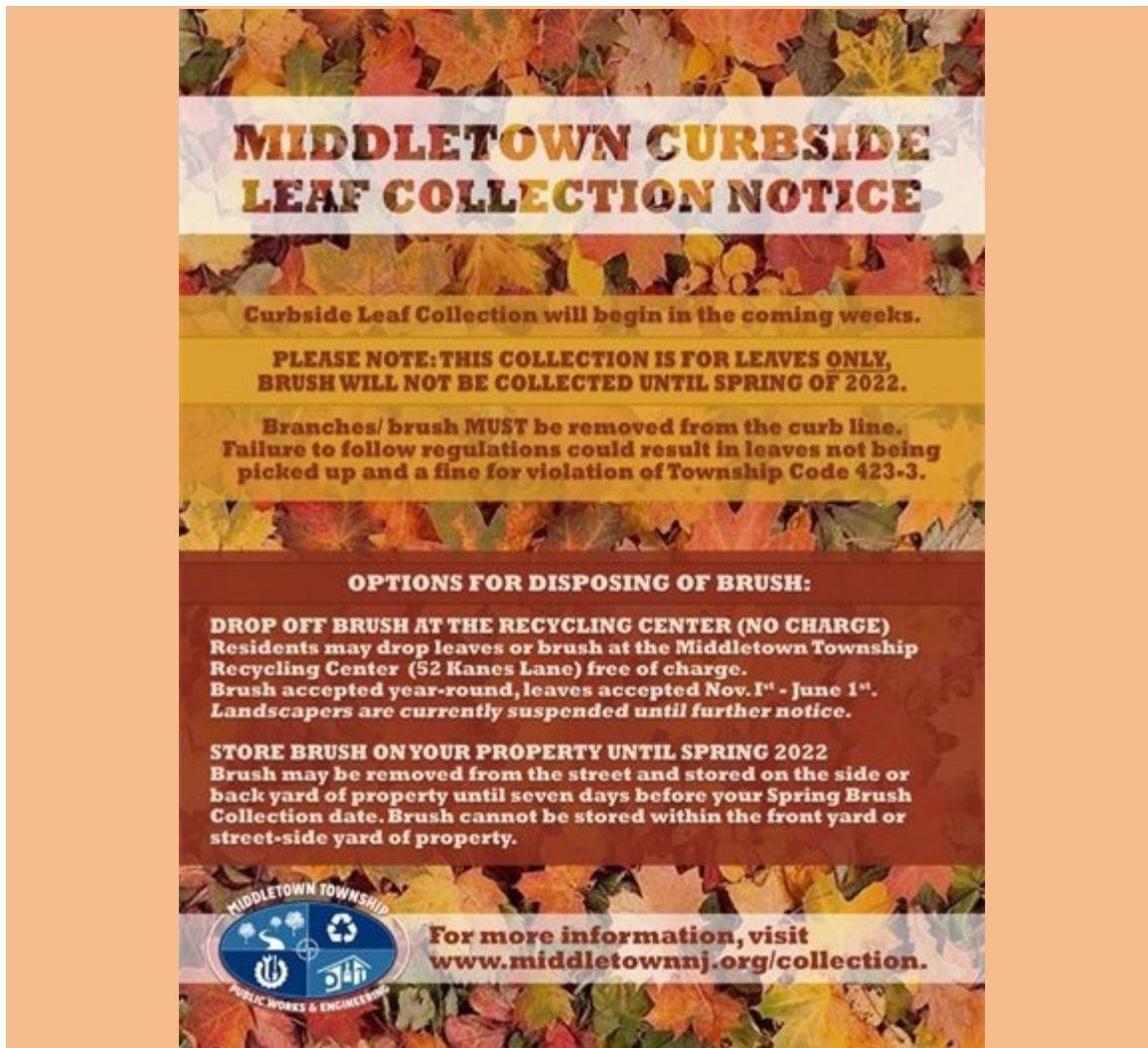


*[Public Works & Engineering Director
Ted Maloney reminds residents how
to help keep the recycling drop-off
tidy at the train station.](#)*

Help Keep Recycling Drop-Off Tidy at the Train Station

As the holiday season approaches and the volume of recycling increases, the Middletown Department of Public Works & Engineering would like to remind residents what is and isn't accepted at the Recycling Drop-Off at the Middletown Train Station.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the PSA.



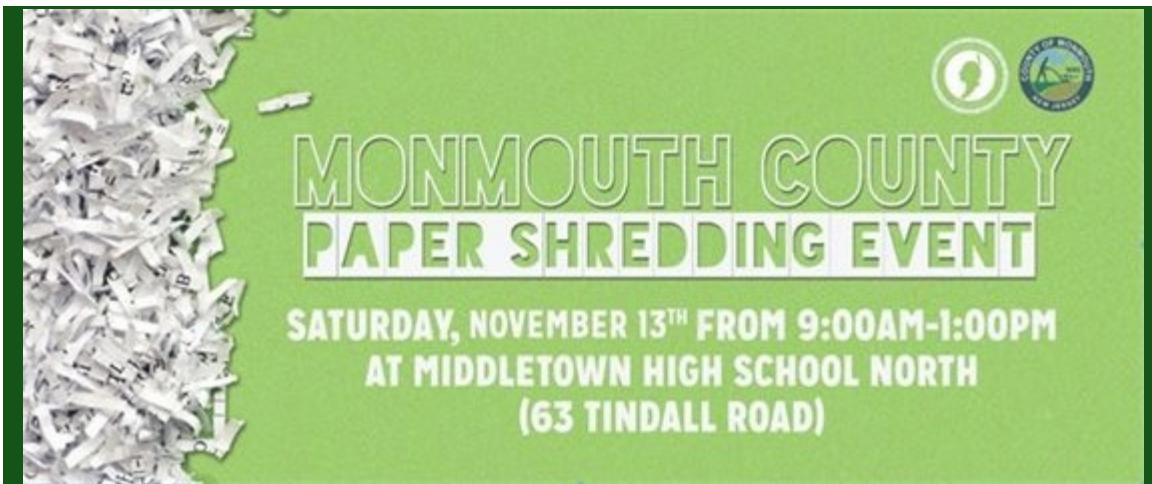
[Click on the image for additional information.](#)

Upcoming Events

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**Monmouth County's Paper Shredding Event is
TOMORROW, 11/13 from 9 AM - 1 PM**



The poster features a large pile of shredded paper on the left. At the top right is the Monmouth County logo, which includes a circular seal with a lighthouse and the text "MONMOUTH COUNTY NEW JERSEY". Below the logo, the text "MONMOUTH COUNTY" is in large, bold, white letters, and "PAPER SHREDDING EVENT" is in green letters. The event details are centered: "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM" and "AT MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL ROAD)".

Is it time to dispose of confidential old files? Bring your documents to be shredded on location at the Monmouth County Paper Shredding Event!

The Monmouth County Paper Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, November 13th from 9 AM - 1 PM (or until the truck is full) at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road).

Please remove all binder clips. Staples and paper clips can remain. Limit of 100lbs. This service is free to Monmouth County residents only, no businesses allowed.

Call 732-683-8686 ext. 8967 or visit www.visitmonmouth.com for more information about the upcoming event.

"Letters to Santa" Mailboxes are Coming Soon!



The poster has a red background with a white dashed border. The title "LETTERS TO SANTA MAILBOXES" is in red at the top left. Below it, "Drop off your letters by December 15th!" is in a script font. A list of "Mailbox Locations" follows, with five items: "Croydon Hall (Outside Senior Center)", "Middletown Arts Center", "Middletown Public Library", "Tonya Keller Community Center", and "Town Hall (Outside Clerk's Office)". To the right is the "MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER" logo, which includes a stylized flower or leaf icon. At the bottom right are cartoon illustrations of Santa Claus and a reindeer.

Our Middletown elves will soon be collecting letters and delivering them directly to the North Pole! Drop off a letter in of our special boxes to receive a personalized letter from Santa in return. As the month progresses, please keep an eye on the following locations:

- Croydon Hall, outside the Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road)
- Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
- Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)
- Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue)

- Town Hall, outside the Clerk's Office entrance (1 Kings Highway)

To ensure delivery, mailboxes will be removed on December 16th. Letters are free, but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this magical delivery.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

Pre-Register Now to Compete in Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout on Saturday, 11/20 at 10 AM



Think you've got the best penalty kick in town? Put it to the test at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout & Food Drive on Saturday, November 20th! This fun activity will begin at 10 AM at Normandy Park (900 Nutswamp Road).

Each player will line up and take 5 shots on goal. Players will shoot from the designated area 12 yards from the goal line. Aim for the targets to score points. The winner in each age category will receive a medal and a turkey! Second and third place medals will also be given out per age category. There will be co-ed groups for participants ages 6+.

Help give our fellow residents a fantastic Thanksgiving by bringing a nonperishable item. Middletown Social Services will distribute the donations to residents in need.

Pre-registration is preferred. Use Community Pass to pre-register or stop by Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) with cash or check for \$5 per participant.

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

**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on
Sunday, 11/14 from 4 - 6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center on Sunday, November 14th for its November singer-songwriters showcase featuring local talents Patrick Bamburak, Tom Flynn, Barbara Paskin, Shotgun Bill Anania, and Elizabeth Luthringer.

**The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street).
The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.**

***Click [HERE](#) for more information about the concert.
Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.***

**MTPL "Food for Fines" Program Helps Patrons Pay Off
Library Fines with Food Bank Donations through 11/19**



Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) is accepting food donations for area food banks and reducing outstanding library fines for patrons who donate with "Food for Fines" through Friday, November 19th. For patrons who participate, each non-perishable donation eliminates \$1 of late fees on their account. Participants may reduce up to \$10 per library card.

Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPL's full press release for more information.



Some patrons have already donated food to pay off their library fines - you can too!

Learn Coding at the MTPL on Tuesday, 11/16 at 7 PM



GIRLS WHO CODE (& BOYS, TOO!)

Have you heard the word "coding" and want to know what all the buzz is about?

Do you want to know more about designing apps, or about using code to solve real-world problems and create a positive impact on your community?

Welcome to Girls who Code, where you will learn the fundamental concepts of coding in a supportive and positive environment.

All Teens are welcome!

No prior coding experience necessary!

Please bring your own laptop and contact mchimento@mtpl.org if you need to borrow one!

REGISTER ON THE MTPL.ORG CALENDAR!

girls who code

Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700
www.mtpl.org

A photograph shows three young women sitting at a table, looking at laptops and discussing something together.

Have you heard the word "coding" and want to know what all the buzz is about? Stop by the Community Room at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) on Tuesday, November 16th at 7 PM to learn about coding with Girls who Code! This event is open to all teens, regardless of gender. No prior coding experience is necessary.

The next Girls Who Code (& Boys, Too!) event will take place on Tuesday, November 30th in the Community Room at 7 PM. Masks are encouraged and social distancing must be maintained. Registration is required.

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

MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 11/17 from 2 - 6 PM at Old Village Fire Company



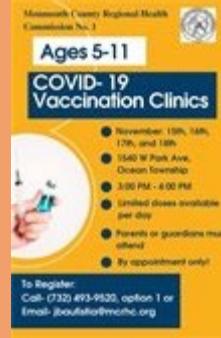
Residents are welcome to come to this **FREE** Car Seat Safety Checkpoint hosted by the Middletown Township Police Department on Wednesday, November 17th at Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35) to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from 2 - 6 PM.



Weekly COVID-19 Testing at Middletown Train Station
Mondays (3 - 7 PM) and Fridays (10 AM - 2 PM)



Monmouth County Regional Health Commission November COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics



Click on the graphics to view them larger!
Click [HERE](#) for information about upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Pre-Register Now for COVID-19 Vaccine & Booster Clinics on Wednesdays at the MTPL

Middletown Partners with VNACJ to Provide Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinics

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
Middletown Association of Senior Services

WHERE:

Community Room, Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)

WHEN:

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

SIGN UP:

Use the QR code to pre-register or visit middletownnj.org/vnacj.

To ensure that there are enough COVID-19 vaccine doses, please pre-register for your appointment at www.middletownnj.org/vnacj.

The VNACJ is also offering self-scheduling via that link. You do not need to be a Middletown resident to register. Those seeking vaccines should bring their ID and insurance card if they have one. Those seeking boosters should also bring their vaccine card.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register for or self-

COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Available at the MTPL (Updated 10/22/21)	
• Moderna	• Pfizer
• Johnson & Johnson	• Novavax
• AstraZeneca	• Sputnik V

Click on the graphic for information about vaccine availability and

schedule your appointment.

accompanying
requirements.

Click **HERE** to access hi-res photos from this
e-newsletter.

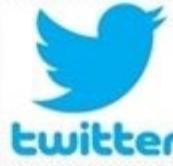


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