

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



**We Value Your Input!**  
**Complete Our Survey about the Proposed Indoor Sports & Recreation Facility in Port Monmouth by Friday, 2/25**

 **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM** 

**YOU!**

**Take PI Sports' 5-Minute  
Community Survey About**

**the**

**PROPOSED INDOOR SPORTS  
& RECREATION FACILITY  
IN PORT MONMOUTH**

***Input Requested by Friday, 2/25***

SEARCH

[www.middletownnj.org/survey](http://www.middletownnj.org/survey)

PI Sports, a Kentucky-based firm, has been engaged by Middletown Township and the Middletown Township Board of Education to conduct a needs assessment and future-use analysis of a proposed indoor sports and recreation facility in Port Monmouth. Your responses to this survey will help us evaluate potential

opportunities for this proposed facility.

The survey will only take about 5 minutes to complete. Please respond by Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary, and all of your responses will be kept confidential. Should you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to [sam@pinnacleindoor.com](mailto:sam@pinnacleindoor.com) or call 715-831-2177.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Your feedback will be critical in the direction of this project.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

## MTPD Announces Police Youth Week 2022 Dates: Registration Opens Monday, 2/21 at 10 AM



The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) will be hosting its annual Police Youth Week program this summer from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> for children between the ages of 8 and 11, July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> for children between the ages of 8 and 11, and August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup> for children between the ages of 12 and 13. Each program begins on a Monday and ends on a Friday.

Registration will begin on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. Registration will only take place through Middletown Recreation's [CommunityPass](#).

Visit [middletownnj.org/policeyouthweek](http://middletownnj.org/policeyouthweek) for more information.



## Municipal Alliance Announces Mental Health First Aid Training Dates: Register for Youth Training by Saturday, 2/12

1 in 5 American teenagers and adults live with a mental illness.




Learn how to help through Middletown Municipal Alliance's

### FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in February and April.

#### Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Saturday, 2/26 from 8 AM - 5 PM  
Register by Saturday, 2/12



#### Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

Saturday, 4/2 from 8 AM - 5 PM  
Register by Saturday, 3/19

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Visit [middletownnj.org/mhfa](https://middletownnj.org/mhfa) for more information about the program and to apply.

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM - 5 PM. Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants.

The first session will be the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM - 5 PM. This virtual training session will teach adults how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in children and adolescents (ages 6-18) and help connect them to the appropriate care. The deadline to register is Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you're interested in attending a session, please email Angela Pepe-Lage at [apepe-lage@middletownnj.org](mailto:apepe-lage@middletownnj.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number.

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

**Mayor Tony Perry Speaks with  
Comcast Newsmakers about Next**

## Generation Support Program



Earlier this week, Mayor Tony Perry spoke with Comcast Newsmakers host Jill Horner about how the Township and Board of Education plan on providing academic and emotional support for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through its Next Generation Support Program.

*Mayor Tony Perry discusses the Township's Next Generation Support Program with Jill Horner of Comcast Newsmakers.*

The Township will be using funds from the American Rescue Plan to start the program which will provide free tutoring, as well as counseling services offered through the Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA). MMA's free mental health first aid trainings will begin at the end of the month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer counselor, visit [www.middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://www.middletownnj.org/mhfa).

Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.

## Mayor's Office Hours Return Beginning Wednesday, 2/9

### MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS



Mayor Tony Perry will be holding office hours on the second Wednesday of every month from 5 - 6:30 PM.

Visit [middletownnj.org/officehours](http://middletownnj.org/officehours) for more information.

**In-person Mayor's Office Hours will return, beginning Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Mayor Tony Perry will be holding office hours on the second Wednesday of every month from 5 - 6:30 PM. Residents are encouraged to sign up for a 15-minute appointment and stop by the Mayor's Office at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) to have a one-on-one conversation to discuss their concerns.

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



## Middletown Township Committee to Host In-person and Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, 2/7

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 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 2343 295 3690 followed by #. Enter 2022 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.

## Middletown North and South Play Hard at Annual Mayor's Cup Game





*Mayor Tony Perry drops the ceremonial puck, alongside Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, at the Annual Mayor's Cup Game between Middletown High School North and Middletown High School South. Photo courtesy of Patrick Olivero*

On Thursday, Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to attend the Annual Mayor's Cup Game between crosstown rivals Middletown High School North and Middletown High School South. Mayor Perry began the game by dropping the ceremonial puck. The game results were 5-1, with Middletown High School North bringing home the Mayor's Cup for the first time in five years!

Congratulations to the Middletown North Lions on their hard-earned victory!



## Middletown Businesses Ross Brewing Co. and Almost Home General Announce Exciting Collab

Earlier this week, Middletown-based businesses Ross Brewing Co. (909 Main Street) and Almost Home General (276 Sunnyside Road) announced their partnership for a special item! The two worked together to create Buns & Barley, a cinnamon bun stout that was created at Ross Brewing Co. with Almost Home General's cinnamon buns.

Mayor Tony Perry was honored to celebrate this union. We are proud to support our businesses, and love to see our businesses supporting each other!

Look for Buns & Barley in stores and on tap starting this week! Follow Almost Home (@almosthomegeneral) and Ross Brewing (@rossbrewing) on Instagram for more details.



*Pictured from left: Ross Brewing Co. owner John Ross Coccozza, Mayor Tony Perry, and Almost Home General owner Rob Doran*

## Register for Emergency Weather Updates



Click [HERE](#) to register for severe weather alerts and updates.

 **recycling tip of the week** 

Did you know plastic garbage bags are the #1 contaminant in single stream recycling? They get caught in the machinery and become "tangles", causing damage and costing valuable time.

**NO GARBAGE BAGS IN RECYCLING CARTS!**

Leave your recyclables loose in the cart. Unfortunately, when recyclables are bagged, they are often thrown out!

FYI: Plastic garbage, grocery and storage bags are all not recyclable in the single stream process.

 Still confused? Download the  app to get the [What Goes Where](#) look-up tool.

Our Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) is thrilled to bring back the Recycling Tip of the Week!

DPW also encourages residents to familiarize themselves with Recycle Coach for easy access to recycling information at their fingertips. Download it to get the *What Goes Where* look-up tool, which tells you where you should discard specific items in an effort to be more sustainable.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Recycle Coach.

Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Apple App Store.

Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Google Play Store.

**Apply Now for New Jersey Natural Gas's  
SAVEGREEN Program®**



**HOME  
WEATHERIZATION  
FOR  
INCOME-QUALIFIED  
CUSTOMERS**



The SAVEGREEN Program® from New Jersey Natural Gas will provide information about the rebates and incentives to help make upgrading to high-efficient equipment more affordable. These incentives are available for qualified residential and commercial customers, including 0% APR financing, no-cost energy audits, rebates up to \$5,000 for residential customers, enhanced incentives for moderate-income customers, and generous incentives to lower high efficiency retrofit costs for commercial customers.

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

Interested in using energy conservation measures in your home? If you are an income-qualified customer of New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), you may be eligible for their SAVEGREEN Program®! The SAVEGREEN Program® from NJNG will provide information about the rebates and incentives to help make upgrading to high-efficient equipment more affordable.

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


**Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes is Thursday, 2/10**



**QUARTERLY TAXES WERE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2022.**

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE FEBRUARY QUARTER IS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> BY 3 PM THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND 4 PM IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD).

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



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

**Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Visit with Mike Ritland on Monday, 2/7 at 7 PM**



**NAVY SEAL DOGS**  
MY TALE OF TRAINING CANINES FOR COMBAT  
**MIKE RITLAND**  
AUTHOR OF NATIONAL BESTSELLER TRIDENT K-9 WARRIORS

FOR AGES 9+

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT  
with Mike Ritland**

**February 7 @ 7pm**  
via **zoom**

Register on **MTPL.org** calendar.



Join the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> for a virtual author visit with Mike Ritland! The event will begin at 7 PM and take place via Zoom. The author will be remote, but patrons have the option of participating from the library's community room. Registration is required.

Noted author and Navy Seal veteran Mike Ritland will lead a discussion centered on his book, "Navy Seal Dogs: My Tale of Training Canines for Combat." He will share the true story of how he discovered his passion and grew up to become the trainer of the nation's most elite military working dogs.

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

## Purchase Tickets to Watch "Accidentally on Purpose" at the MAC This Weekend!

Here they come...

VIP Theatricals  
Presents  
David J. V. Meenan's  
**Accidentally  
on Purpose**  
A Comedy of  
Murder, Mayhem, & Malarkey

What happens when you put 7 Victorian female serial killers in a room together somewhere in limbo between heaven and hell as they wait to discover their eternal fate?

**Middletown Arts Center**  
Fri. Feb 4th, 8pm, Sat. Feb 5th, 8pm, Sun. Feb 6th, 3pm

Tickets: [www.viptheatricals.org](http://www.viptheatricals.org)  
or <https://viptheatre.booktix.com>

VIP Theatricals will be presenting "Accidentally on Purpose" at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) this weekend! Performances will take place on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM, Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM, and Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Tickets cost \$30 per person. All patrons must be vaccinated and wear a mask.

### Accidentally on Purpose

"Accidentally on Purpose" is a comedy of murder, mayhem, and malarkey. What happens when you put seven Victorian female serial killers, who did away with more than 100 people, in a room together, somewhere between heaven and hell, with only one golden ticket to advance the ladder? There is one man in charge,



Frederick, or so he thinks, and he alone just might decide their fate. Join this comical thriller as we find these serial killers, based on real people, vie for the one spot to move up ahead!

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

## Looking for Work? The Township is Hiring Summer Camp Staff and Crossing Guards!



# We're Hiring

Summer Camp Staff



Descriptions and Applications at  
[www.middletownnj.org/recjobs](http://www.middletownnj.org/recjobs)

Middletown Recreation is now accepting applications for summer camp staff positions and lifeguards! Positions include camp coordinators, medical staff/EMTs, counselors, and navigator coaches.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to download an application.

*Middletown is hiring*

## School Crossing Guards

The Middletown Township Police Department is now hiring Crossing Guards. Shifts take place before and after school with a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/jobs](http://www.middletownnj.org/jobs) for additional information and to fill out an application.





Click [HERE](#) to read the full job description and to apply.



## COVID-19 Testing Center at Middletown Train Station Closed Next Week Due to Lack of Demand



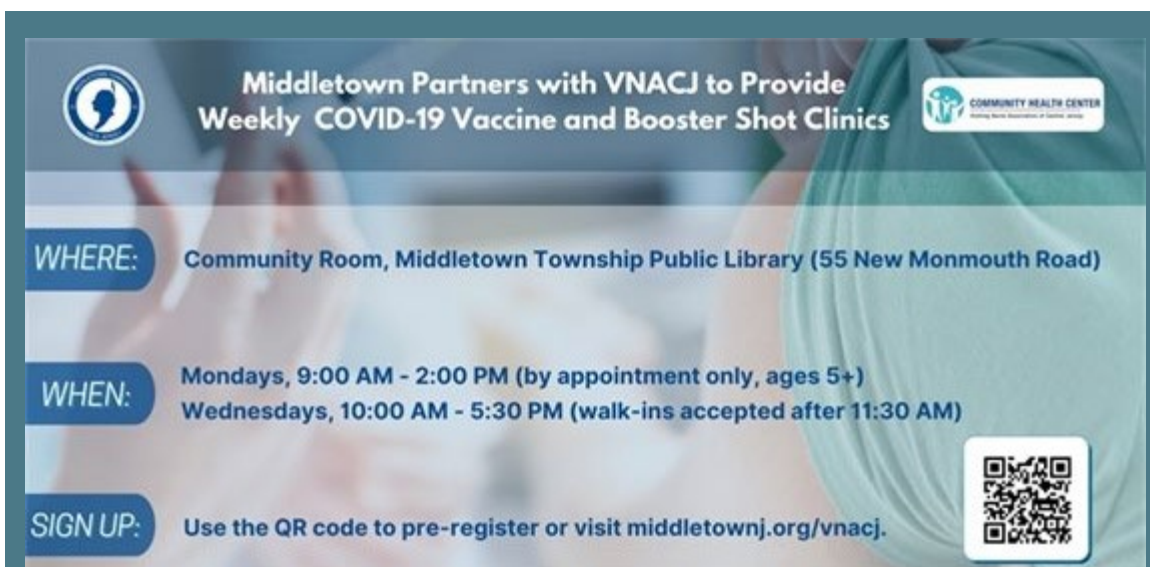
Due to lack of demand, Immediate Care will not be offering COVID-19 testing at the Middletown Train Station's main parking lot next week.

Please monitor  
[middletownnj.org/covid19screening](https://www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening)  
and our social media channels for  
additional testing updates.



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening](https://www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening) for future testing updates.

**COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinic at MTPL Open  
on Mondays and Wednesdays: Pre-Register Now!**



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

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

**WHEN:** Mondays, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (by appointment only, ages 5+)  
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM (walk-ins accepted after 11:30 AM)

**SIGN UP:** Use the QR code to pre-register or visit [middletownnj.org/vnacj](https://middletownnj.org/vnacj).

The vaccine clinic at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) is administering COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots by appointment only for people ages 5+ on Mondays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in addition to its regular hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Walk-ins can receive their vaccines and booster shots on Wednesdays between the hours of 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

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 on the graphic for information about vaccine eligibility.](#)

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* to read the full press release.](#)  
[Click \*\*HERE\*\* to pre-register for your appointment.](#)



## Monmouth County Partners with Vault Health and Brookdale Community College to Provide State-funded COVID-19 Testing Site


The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners and Vault Health have partnered to provide a COVID-19 testing site at Brookdale Community College's Robert J. Collins Arena, which is being funded by the New Jersey Department of Health.

The testing site will be open at least three days per week through February with saliva PCR tests and rapid antigen tests available. Results will be provided for PCR tests in 24 to 48 hours.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for more information about the partnership and testing dates.](#)

## Monmouth County February COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

### MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



**Free At-Home Testing:**  
Visit [learn.vaulthealth.com/nj/](https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nj/) for free saliva tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.  
Visit [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) for 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests for every home in the U.S.

**COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free, & effective**

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen available for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & booster doses

Walk-ins welcome ages 5 & up

ID documentation and health insurance not required. No impact on immigration status

**For free transportation:**  
To your vaccination, enter "VAXRIDE" promo into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1 & Monmouth County Division of Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480

### DATES & TIMES

#### Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Wed., February 2- Asbury Park- 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, NJ
- Tues., February 8- Freehold- 4pm-7pm, Freehold Borough Fire Department, 49 W Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Wed., February 16- Neptune- 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, NJ 07753
- Wed., February 23- Howell- 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road


#### Vaccine Clinics

- Mon., February 7- Bradley Beach- 1pm-4pm, Bradley Beach Firehouse, 815 Main St., Bradley Beach, NJ 07720
- Wed., February 9- Eatontown- 3pm-6:30pm, Eatontown Memorial Elementary School, 7 Grant Ave, Eatontown, NJ, 07724
- Thurs., February 10- Red Bank- 4pm-6:30pm, Red Bank Primary School, 222 River Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701
- Mon., February 14- Long Branch- 9:30am- 1:30pm, Brookdale at Long Branch, Broadway and 3rd Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07728
- Thurs., February 17- Neptune City- 1pm-4pm, Neptune City Community Center, 117 3rd Ave, Neptune City, NJ 07753
- Mon., February 28- Belmar- 12:30pm-3:30pm, Belmar Municipal Complex, 601 Main St., Belmar, NJ 07719

#### Brookdale Community College Clinic - Vaccine Only

- Every Tuesday, 2pm-6pm, Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft - Children's Learning Center (CLC) Parking Lots 4 & 5

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES, VISIT [WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH](https://www.visitmonmouth.com/health) OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH HEALTH APP OR CALL 732-431-7456



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