



It's Not Too Late to Share Your Opinion: Deadline for Proposed Indoor Sports & Recreation Facility in Port Monmouth Survey Extended to Monday, 2/28

An advertisement for a community survey. The background is a colorful collage of sports-related images, including soccer balls, basketballs, and a tennis racket. The text is contained within a white rectangular box with a blue border. At the top, there is a blue icon of a speech bubble with a lightning bolt inside, followed by the text 'WE WANT TO HEAR FROM' in orange. Below this is a large blue icon of a person with the word 'YOU!' in blue. The main text reads: 'Take PI Sports' 5-Minute Community Survey About the PROPOSED INDOOR SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITY IN PORT MONMOUTH'. At the bottom of the box, the text 'Deadline Extended until Midnight on Monday, 2/28' is displayed in bold. At the very bottom of the page, there is a blue bar with the word 'SEARCH' on the left and the website address 'www.middletownnj.org/survey' on the right.

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.

The deadline has been extended until midnight on Monday, February 28th.

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 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.

Township Committee Proclaims February Black History Month and Celebrates Middletown HS South Girls Swim Team's Shore Conference Victory



From left: Mayor Tony Perry and Friends of Cedar View Board Members Dr. Joelle Zabotka, Inice Hennessy, and John Smack

Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee presented our Black History Month proclamation to Friends of Cedar View board members at the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday evening. Friends of Cedar View is a local nonprofit that is responsible for helping restore Cedar View Cemetery in Lincroft, which is the final resting place for Black Civil War Veterans.

We are so honored to be able to acknowledge Friends of Cedar View for their dedication to preserving the cemetery's history. We encourage the community to join us in uplifting Black voices and celebrating their accomplishments.

[Click HERE to follow Friends of Cedar View on Facebook.](#)

Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, along with Board of Education President Frank Capone and Member Joan Minnies, also presented congratulatory certificates to the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team for their recent Shore Conference Championship. We are so proud of our athletes!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Tuesday, February 22nd Township Committee Regular Meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (VerizonFios Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM until Monday, March 7th.



Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Board of Education President Frank Capone and Member Joan Minnies proudly pose with the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team and their inspirational coach Denise Skinner.

Middletown Township and NJ Clean Communities Educate Small-Business Owners About Plastic Bag Ban



New Jersey Clean Communities Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden breaks down the new law for small-business owners.



Mayor Tony Perry expresses his appreciation for small-business owners and helps them prepare for the upcoming plastic bag ban.

Earlier this week, Middletown Township and New Jersey Clean Communities hosted an informal question and answer session for small-business owners about the new plastic bag and polystyrene ban that will be enforced in New Jersey beginning May 4, 2022.

Mayor Tony Perry hosted the event and voiced the Township's continued support for its businesses as they play a vital role in the fabric of our community. Other presenters included Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and New Jersey Clean Communities Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden, who broke down the law and answered questions.

The goal of the law is to reduce the amount of plastic/polystyrene pollution in New Jersey which will have long-term positive impacts on both the environment and our communities.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release about the presentation.
Visit middletownnj.org/bagupnj for more information about the law.*

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors: Apply for Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Friday, 3/11



**Scholarship Contest Open to
High School Juniors and
Seniors in Middletown**

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the **2022 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 11th. Visit www.middletownnj.org/scholarship to apply!

Middletown Township is excited to partner with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the 2022 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition! We encourage high school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown and are either part of the Middletown Township Public School District or the Monmouth County Vocational School District to compete for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

The essay for the statewide scholarship competition should be approximately 500 words and focus on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". All applicants must bring the completed application and essay to the Mayor's Office located at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) by Friday, March 11th.

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

**Schedule an Appointment for Mayor's Office Hours
on Wednesday, 3/9**

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 for more information.

Mayor Tony Perry will be holding office hours on Wednesday, March 9th 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).

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

recycling tip of the week



Not all plastics are created equally! Single-use plastic cutlery such as forks, knives, spoons, and straws are not recyclable.

Recycling Tip: Let the restaurant know if you do not need utensils with your food order. Portable utensil kits are available at most stores which can replace single use plastic cutlery.

Keep in mind, only plastics numbered 1,2, and 5 can be recycled curbside!



Still confused? Download the app to get the What Goes Where look-up tool.

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.



Learn about Middletown's Styrofoam® Recycling Machine on TikTok and YouTube

Meet our DPW Director Ted Maloney! Fun fact: Middletown was the first town in New Jersey to purchase and utilize a Styrofoam® recycling machine.

Click [HERE](#) to watch our TikTok.

Click [HERE](#) to watch our YouTube video.

DPW Announces Spring 2022 Brush Collection Schedule



Front of the Spring 2022 Brush Collection Schedule Postcard

Click on each graphic to view the image larger.



Back of the Spring 2022 Brush Collection Schedule Postcard

Our Department of Public Works and Engineering is excited to announce the spring 2022 brush collection schedule! This year's collection is expected to commence on March 21st and be completed by May 31st. Collection start dates are approximate

and weather-dependent.

Residents also have the option of bringing brush and leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane), free of charge. Brush is accepted year-round, and leaves can be dropped off between November 1st and June 1st. Brush and leaf drop-off by landscapers is currently suspended.

Click [HERE](#) to find your brush collection zone.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about brush collection.



MTPD Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers: Apply by Friday, 4/8

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free,

24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers April 26th-May 18th, from 6:00 - 9:30 PM, in-person and via Zoom, on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays. Applications are currently being accepted through Friday, April 8th. The first week of training will be in-person at the Holmdel Community Center (6 Crawfords Corner Road), the second and third weeks will be held via Zoom, and the fourth week will be in-person at the Ocean Township Courtroom (399 Monmouth Road). The fourth and final week will take place on Monday, May 16th, Tuesday, May 17th, and Wednesday, May 18th.

Please contact Sgt. Anthony Gigante, MTPD, DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

Click [HERE](#) to download the application.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Purchase Tickets for "Minstrel Show, or The Lynching of William Brown" at the MAC Final Performances This Weekend

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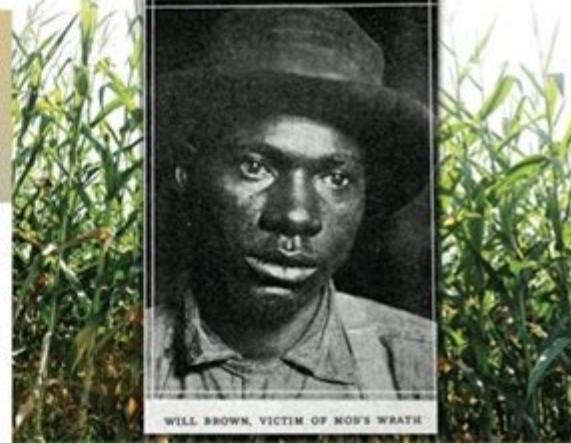
**MINSTREL SHOW,
OR THE LYNCHING OF WILLIAM BROWN**

FEB 18-20, 2022 & FEB 25-27, 2022

Friday 8pm | Saturday 3pm & 8pm | Sunday 4pm

All Tickets \$20
Box Office: 732-706-4100

MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER
36 Church Street • Middletown, NJ 07748



Joseph G. Taylor Arthur Gregory Pugh Darrell Lawrence Willis, Sr.

WILL BROWN, VICTIM OF NO'S WRATH

Dunbar Repertory Company will be presenting "Minstrel Show, or The Lynching of William Brown" at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) this weekend. The show is directed by Darrell Lawrence Willis, Sr. and is starring Joseph G. Taylor and Arthur Gregory Pugh.

"Minstrel Show, or The Lynching of William Brown"

Unsettling and compelling, Max Sparber's "Minstrel Show, or The Lynching of William Brown" recreates a harrowing true story about the 1919 lynching of a jailed Black man, as seen through the eyes of a couple of fictional song-and-dance men.

Showtimes

**Friday, February 25th at 8 PM, Saturday, February 26th at 3 PM and 8 PM, and
Sunday, February 27th at 4 PM**

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

MTPL'S WISE Program for Seniors Begins Thursday, 3/3



Family & Children's Service
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WISE
Wellness Initiative for Senior Education
presented by
Pamela A. Schott

THURSDAYS in MARCH @ 10 am!

A 6 week virtual program!

- Understanding the Changes Associated with Aging (3/3)
- Aging Sensitivity (3/10)
- Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity (3/17)
- Medication and the Older Adult (3/24)
- Substance Misuse, Addiction, and Older Adults (3/31)
- An Enhanced Quality of Life (4/7)

Attend ANY or ALL sessions!

register online @ mtpl.org

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

The Middletown Township Public Library is launching a virtual six-week program for senior citizens called WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education)! Each session will cover a specific topic via Zoom every Thursday at 10 AM. Participants are invited to attend as many sessions as they would like.

Pamela A. Schott will be the program's first presenter and will discuss "Understanding the Changes Associated with Aging" on Thursday, March 3rd. Registration is required.

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

**Save the Date for MTPD's Financial Scam Seminars:
Thursday, 3/10 at 5 PM and Tuesday, 3/15 at 6 PM**

LEARN HOW TO AVOID FINANCIAL SCAMS THROUGH MTPD'S **FREE INFORMATIVE SCAM SEMINARS**

Want to protect your identity and wallet? Attend the Middletown Township Police Department's upcoming seminars to learn about different types of scams and receive helpful tips about how to keep your personal information secure!

The two seminars will take place both in-person at the Middletown Township Courtroom (1 Kings Highway) and virtually via Zoom on

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH FROM 5 - 6 PM

&

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH FROM 6 - 7 PM

Detective Ricardo Cruz and Corporal Janine Kennedy will lead the programs. Visit middletownnj.org/scam for more information about how to attend the sessions via Zoom.



Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom information.

Recreation Camp Registration Begins Tuesday, 3/15



Mark your calendars! Registration for Middletown Recreation's four camps begins on Tuesday, March 15th for residents and on Tuesday, March 22nd for non-residents. Registration opens at 10 AM on both dates.

Registration is done online via Recreation's CommunityPass website. Recreation recommends that users log in a few days before the registration dates to ensure you have access to your account and that all your information is up-to-date. If you don't have an account, please create one.

Recreation is looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Click [HERE](#) to access CommunityPass.
Click [HERE](#) for additional information about the camps.

Recreation is Hiring Camp Staff: Apply Now!



We're Hiring

for 6 weeks of fun!

Counselors \$13+/hr

EMTs \$15+/hr



Camp Runs July 5th - August 12th



Your summer job is here! Middletown Recreation is hiring counselors and EMTs for summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and available to work the entire 6 weeks.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/recjobs to learn more about each position and to apply online.

Register Now for Recreation's March Madness Contest on Wednesday, 3/16 from 5 - 7 PM

MARCH MADNESS DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH
5PM-7PM CROYDON HALL**

AGES 6 TO ADULT WELCOME, CONTESTS BY AGE RANGE
\$5 FEE + CANNED FOOD ITEM

REGISTER TODAY!



Dribble, dish, & swish your way to victory at Middletown Recreation's March Madness event on Wednesday, March 16th from 5 - 7 PM! Come to Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) and showcase your basketball skills against your peers by competing in your specific age division. Competitors are timed on the ability to complete a basketball skills course which challenges the participants to dribble, pass, and shoot accurately and as quickly as possible.

Registration will take place via CommunityPass and cost \$5 per player. The competition is open to participants ages 6 and older. Participants are also encouraged to bring a nonperishable food to donate. All donations received will be given to Middletown Social Services to be distributed to residents in need.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the competition.



Upcoming COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Clinics in Monmouth County



[February COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Clinics](#)



[Brookdale Community College COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Tuesdays from 2 - 6 PM](#)



[March COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Clinics](#)

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