

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



### Garbage and Recycling Survey: Input Requested by Saturday, 3/12



**Middletown Township's garbage and recycling contract will be ending this year.**



**Due to current economic and market realities, the cost for the next contract is expected to increase.**



**To help us better determine your garbage, recycling & bulk collection needs, we encourage you to visit [middletownnj.org/survey](http://middletownnj.org/survey) to take our 3-minute survey.**



Click [HERE](http://middletownnj.org/survey) to complete our 3-minute survey.



# recycling tip of the week



## BATTERIES!

Believe it or not, improper disposal of batteries is the number one cause of fires in landfills, recycling facilities and hauling trucks. By taking the extra steps to properly throw away batteries, you can reduce the potential risk to people, property, and the environment.

### HOW TO DISPOSE OF BATTERIES:



**ALKALINE BATTERIES:** Common household alkaline batteries are considered nonhazardous. You may throw out alkaline batteries with ordinary trash.



**BUTTON CELL BATTERIES** (such as remote car starters and watches): These batteries contain mercury and must be brought to the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (3211 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls).



**CAR BATTERIES:** Residents may bring car batteries to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) free of charge.



**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES** (such as cell phones, laptops, power tools, e-cigarettes and iPads): These items can be recycled at many home improvement stores, including Lowes and Home Depot.



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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Visit [www.middletownnj.org/scholarship](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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



## **Middletown Township Committee to Host Workshop Meeting on Monday, 3/7**

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public and made available to view and listen to through Webex Event Center.

The meeting will be taking place in the courtroom at the current Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Due to the sunseting of the public health emergency, public comments should be made in person. The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2337 036 7497 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.*

## **Registration Now Open for MAC's Spring Session**



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) spring session is now open! Skills in the arts will bloom this season with classes in theater, dance, art, music, and adult movement! Classes will take place at both the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) and the MAC Annex at the Middletown Reformed Church (121

Kings Highway). The two locations are minutes apart from each other.

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

## Summer Camp Registration Begins Tuesday, 3/15

A graphic for summer camp registration. On the left, a green silhouette of a person's head and shoulders contains the text "SAVE THE DATE 2022 CAMP REGISTRATION" in white and yellow. Below this is a list of four camps: TKCC Pioneers Camp (PreK), Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th), Poricy Park Camp (PreK-6th), and Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7th-9th). At the bottom left of the silhouette is a logo with a sun and the text "the best days are spent at CAMP", and below that are logos for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" and "PORICY PARK". On the right, a photograph shows children playing with a large, colorful, multi-colored umbrella. A large yellow circle in the bottom right corner of the graphic contains the text "MARCH 15 10:00AM".

**SAVE THE DATE  
2022 CAMP  
REGISTRATION**

- TKCC Pioneers Camp (PreK)
- Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th)
- Poricy Park Camp (PreK-6th)
- Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7th-9th)

*the best days are spent at CAMP*

**MARCH 15  
10:00AM**

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION PORICY PARK

Mark your calendars! Registration for Middletown Recreation's four summer camps begin on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for residents and on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Use Reusable Bags When Shopping, Beginning 5/4



**Starting this May,  
NJ law will ban  
grocery stores from  
providing plastic and  
paper bags to help  
reduce litter.**

**Don't wait.  
Start bringing  
reusable bags now.**

**BRING YOUR REUSABLE  
BAGS  
WHEN YOU SHOP!  
BagUpNJ.com**

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Receive \$50 by Recycling Your Fridge with JCP&L**





### Receive \$50 by recycling your working fridge or freezer in 3 easy steps:

- 1 Schedule your pick up online by clicking here or by visiting [energysaveNJ.com/FRIDGE](http://energysaveNJ.com/FRIDGE).
- 2 JCP&L will collect your working fridge or freezer and responsibly recycle it. No-contact pickups are available.
- 3 You'll receive \$50 and save money on your electric bill.

Receive \$25 when you recycle an air conditioner or dehumidifier along with a qualifying full-size refrigerator or freezer.

**SCHEDULE NOW**

**Jersey Central  
Power & Light**  
A FirstEnergy Company



Want to make money quickly? Recycle your working fridge or freezer through JCP&L to receive \$50 and save money on your electric bill! You can get an additional \$25 for each working air conditioner or dehumidifier you recycle, along with your refrigerator or freezer.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.


## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Visit and Learn about Women Athletes in NJ on Wednesday, 3/9 at 7 PM**

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT**  
**with Mark Stewart**


**LEARN THE HISTORY & LORE OF  
WOMEN ATHLETES IN NEW JERSEY**



**March 9 @ 7pm**  
**via **Zoom****  
**and in the Community Room**

**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

**SUGGESTED FOR AGES 9 +**  
REGISTER ON LIBRARY CALENDAR AT [MTPL.ORG](http://MTPL.ORG)



Sports historian and author Mark Stewart is currently working on a series of books about the legends and lores of New Jersey sports, and his first book is about the history of women's sports in the Garden State. He will be leading this presentation as he discusses the women athletes in our state who have pushed boundaries and made history.

This event will begin at 7 PM and take place both via Zoom and in person at the Community Room. Registration is required.

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

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 10<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5 - 6 PM***

**&**

***TUESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6 - 7 PM***

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



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

**Register Now for Recreation's March Madness Contest on  
Wednesday, 3/16 at 5 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Recreation Introduces Spring Programs at Poricy Park**

# SPRING AT PORICY PARK

## WEEKEND AT OLD MONMOUTH

April May  
**30 + 1**

### SPRING BREAK

April  
**18** Pond Netting

April  
**20** Fossil Hunting

April  
**22** Watershed Hike

### AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB (K-3)

Tuesdays, April - May

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

 recreation@middletownnj.org  
732-615-2260 | Facebook @MiddletownRec 

There's lots to do at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) this spring! Registration is now open for After-School Science Club (Grades K-3), Pond Netting programs, and lots of Guided Fossil Hunts. Mark your calendar for Murray Farmhouse Open Houses and the Earth Day Watershed Hike!

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

## Recreation is Hiring Camp Staff: Apply Now!



# We'reHiring

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](http://www.middletownnj.org/recjobs) to learn more about each position and to apply online.

**Register for MMA's Free Adult Mental Health First Aid Training by Saturday, 3/19**



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. The first one was held in February and the next one will be held in April.

### 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](http://middletownnj.org/mhfa) for more information about the program and to apply.

The upcoming training session will teach volunteers how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. It will also include expanded content on trauma, substance use, and self-care.

The deadline to register is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, please email Angela Pepe-Lage at [aapelage@middletownnj.org](mailto:aapelage@middletownnj.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number.

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

**Honor Veterans at VAC's Four Chaplains Service on  
Sunday, 3/20 at 2 PM**

## The Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to Attend the **Four Chaplains Service**

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

2:00-3:00 PM

VFW Post 2179

(1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth)

*\*Refreshments to follow*



The Four Chaplains Service is held annually to commemorate the selfless acts of valor of the four chaplains who perished on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943. The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation exists to further the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging goodwill and cooperation among all people.

The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) is hosting its annual Four Chaplains Service on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 3 PM at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane). The ceremony will honor the four chaplains who selflessly sacrificed their lives to save the troops aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which was struck by a torpedo during World War II. We encourage our community to join the VAC in commemorating the four chaplains' unity, bravery, and legacies.



## Upcoming COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Clinics in Monmouth County

## MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



**MARCH  
2022**

**Free At-Home Testing:**  
Visit [learn.vauthealth.com/nj/](http://learn.vauthealth.com/nj/) for free saliva tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.  
Visit [www.covidtests.gov](http://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 973-275-5555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 211 & Monmouth County Division of Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480



## DATES & TIMES

**Testing and Vaccine Clinics**

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


**Vaccine Clinics**

- Thurs., March 3- Alentown- 3:30pm-6:30pm, Alentown First Aid, 70 County Rd. 526, Alentown, NJ 08501
- Wed., March 9- Highlands- 10am-12:00pm, Highlands Community Center 22 Snug Harbor Ave., Highlands, NJ 07732
- Mon., March 14- Red Bank- 4pm-6:30pm, Red Bank Primary School, 222 River Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701

**Who can get a booster shot or third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Everyone ages 12 and older should get a booster shot. Those ages 12 through 17 are only eligible for a Pfizer booster.

COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death. All eligible individuals are encouraged to get booster shots.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRIES, VISIT  
[WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH](http://WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH) OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH HEALTH APP OR CALL 732-431-7456

**Brookdale Community College -Vaccine Only**

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

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