



# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter

**Please Complete Our Garbage & Recycling Survey**  
**Deadline: TOMORROW, 3/12**

### **Garbage and Recycling Public Forum: Wednesday, 3/16 from 6-8 PM at MTPL**

**Middletown Township will be hosting a public forum at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM to discuss our garbage contract.**

**We will be reviewing the data from our garbage and recycling survey at the forum.**



**Visit [middletownnj.org/survey](http://middletownnj.org/survey) to complete our 3-minute survey. Deadline is Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**



**Click [HERE](#) to complete our 3-minute survey.**

**Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Elks Honor Child**

## Ambassador Dylan Cole Danville at Annual Charity Ball



*Child Ambassador Dylan Cole Danville plays the drums as his mom, Jessica, and Mayor Tony Perry listen to his rockin' tunes!*

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Elks Special Children's Committee Charity Ball. All proceeds from this affair enable the Special Children's Committee to continue its vital work assisting and enhancing the lives of our special children.

This year's event, hosted by Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179, was held in celebration of Child Ambassador Dylan Cole Danville. Dylan is a mini Elk-in-training who is known for his admirable resilience and positivity, despite the challenges he has faced. Mayor Perry presented Dylan with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee to remind him of how awesome he is. Way to go, Dylan!



*Mayor Tony Perry and Child Ambassador Dylan Cole Danville address the crowd together while Mayor Perry presents him with a certificate.*

*All photos courtesy of Albert Smith, PER*

## Mayor Perry Helps Celebrate Read Across America



Earlier this week, Mayor Tony Perry helped recognize National Read Across America Day by reading to third graders at Lincroft Elementary School. Mayor Perry recited "The Word Collector" by Peter H. Reynolds, an inspiring picture book about how our voices can make a difference. Mayor Perry was thrilled to answer students' questions and is already looking forward to next year!

## Frozen Flavors Homemade Ice Cream & Italian Ice Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Congratulations to Frozen Flavors (490 Palmer Ave.) on its Grand Opening!**



Follow Frozen Flavors Homemade Ice Cream & Italian Ice on Facebook for more information.

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to cut the ribbon at Frozen Flavors Homemade Ice Cream & Italian Ice's grand opening earlier today along with owners Tatiana and Jordan Rivera, staff, family, and friends! Be sure to welcome them to our community by stopping in for a tasty treat! The business is located at 490 Palmer Avenue in North Middletown.

Congratulations, Frozen Flavors!



## Middletown Featured in New Jersey Business Magazine

Middletown was featured in the March edition of *New Jersey Business Magazine*! The article showcases diverse business in Campbell's Junction, as well as some fun facts about our amazing town!

*Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the article.*

## DPW Offers Recycling Tours: Book Yours Today!



*Students from Homeschool Friends share smiles among the artistic sculptures at the Township's Eco-Garden!*

The Department of Public Works & Engineering hosted a tour of the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) on Tuesday. Students from Homeschool Friends were taken around the facility to learn about the life cycle of different items that are recycled in Middletown. Afterward, the children were quizzed on their knowledge and earned prizes for correctly answering how products such as cardboard, plastic bags, video games, and books are recycled!

To schedule a tour of the Middletown Recycling Center, please email Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino at [jticino@middletownnj.org](mailto:jticino@middletownnj.org).

**Test Your Smoke/CO Detectors When Setting Clocks Forward this Weekend!**



**WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE  
THE CLOCKS, IT'S TIME TO  
CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.**

A public safety message from the International Association of Fire Fighters

The Middletown Township Fire Department would like to remind you to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (and put in fresh batteries) when you set your clocks forward on Saturday night.

## Town Hall Lights Blue and Yellow in Solidarity with Ukraine

Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) will be illuminating blue and yellow, the colors of Ukraine's flag, as a symbol of support during this crisis. Let us forever stand for those willing to defend freedom for all.



## Watch the March 7<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Workshop Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Workshop Meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Recreation and MAC Summer Camp Corner!



[Read about Recreation's](#)



[Read about Recreation's summer camp registration and pricing!](#)



[Read the MAC's brochure](#)

[summer camp employment opportunities!](#)

about its summer art camps!  
[\(PDF\)](#)

Now that spring is almost here... summer camp is approaching! Both Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center will be hosting summer camps.

Registration for Middletown Recreation's four summer camps begins on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM for residents. Registration is done online via CommunityPass.

Set a reminder, spaces fill quickly! Recreation suggests logging into your CommunityPass account a few days before to ensure you have access and that your information is up to date.

Looking for a job? 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.

Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's summer camp began earlier this week! You do not need to be a Middletown resident to register. Registration is available by phone, in person, and online.

*Click on each graphic for more information about them.*

[\*\*Click HERE\*\* to access Recreation's CommunityPass.](#)  
[\*\*Click HERE\*\* to register for the MAC's summer camp.](#)

## recycling tip of the week

**DISPOSABLE CUPS!**

**PAPER**

Check your lid! Numbers 1,2, and 5 can be recycled. Other numbers can be disposed of in the trash.

Cardboard sleeves are paper and recyclable!

Hot paper cups are lined with plastic to prevent leaks which make them unable to be recycled. You can dispose of these in the trash.

**PLASTIC**

Remember, straws cannot be recycled and must be disposed of in the trash.

Plastic cups numbers 1,2, and 5 can be recycled. Other numbers can be disposed of in the trash.

**STYROFOAM**

Polystyrene and Styrofoam cups cannot be recycled and must be disposed of in the trash.

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.](#)

**Volunteer with Our Adopt-A-Garden Program**

## ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING GARDENERS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM  
FOR THE 2022 SEASON!**

### PERKS OF ADOPTING:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS  
VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**SCOUT BADGES**

**BE A PART OF KEEPING MIDDLETOWN BEAUTIFUL!**

**EMAIL [JTICINO@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG](mailto:jticino@middletownnj.org) FOR  
MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICPATE!**



Email [jticino@middletownnj.org](mailto:jticino@middletownnj.org) for more information about how you can participate in our Adopt-A-Garden program.

## Help Neighbors in Need by Donating to Social Services' Easter Basket Drive

### EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy, and gift cards to create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider donating the free ham you can earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085. We kindly request that donations be dropped off by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Register for MTPL's Upcoming Programs



[Leap into Science Hybrid Engineering Program on Monday, 3/14 at 6:30 PM](#)

Click on each graphic for more information about the program.



[WISE: Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity on Thursday, 3/17 at 10 AM](#)

### The Middletown Township Public Library has some great upcoming events!

Middletown native Pierce Osborn will discuss how he created a cruise control throttle for the paramotor at the Leap into Science Hybrid Engineering Program on **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. The event will be held via Zoom, but participants are invited to watch it from the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Rd.).

On **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, senior citizens are invited to the third session of Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE). The program will take place via Zoom and will cover the topic Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity.

Registration is required for both events.

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

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

The MTPD already hosted one seminar. The next one will take place both in-person at the Middletown Township Courtroom (1 Kings Highway) and virtually via Zoom on

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6 - 7 PM**

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



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

**Volunteer 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**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Volunteers are needed for Middletown Recreation's March Madness Dribble, Dish, and Swish competition on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road)! Help with registration, snack stand, coaching, or photography.

*Click [HERE](#) to sign up for volunteering.*

Want to participate in the event? Registration is still open!

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

**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 [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.

**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.

**Join Middletown PBA 124's Climb With A Cop On  
Saturday, 3/26 at 10 AM**

**FUNDRAISER**  
TO BENEFIT

**Special  
Olympics**  
New Jersey



**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 26, 2022**  
10:00AM - 2:00PM  
37 Kanes Ln.  
Middletown, NJ  
**Entry fee \$30**  
\*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ

**Climb  
With  
A  
Cop**



Visit [www.gravityvault.com](http://www.gravityvault.com), [www.njtorchrun.org](http://www.njtorchrun.org) or call  
The Gravity Vault at (732) 856-9599 for more details.

Must be 5 years old or older to climb. Individuals under 18 must have waiver completed by parent or legal guardian.

Middletown PBA 124 is partnering with Hazlet PBA 189 to host the annual Climb with a Cop fundraiser on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Ln.) from 10 AM - 2 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). We hope to see you there!

**HEALTH  
RESOURCES**



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

## 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.vaulthealth.com](https://www.vaulthealth.com) 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 24-8 8. 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, 1Municipal 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 Preventorum Road

**Vaccine Clinics**

- Thurs., March 3- Allentown- 3:30pm-6:30pm, Allentown First Aid, 70 County Rd. 526, Allentown, 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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