



Township Committee Recognizes Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Team for Winning Mid-Monmouth League Championship



Mayor Tony Perry gave kudos to Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Head Coach Ron Borys and his players for representing our town so well. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Chris Eibeler

On Monday night, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee recognized the Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball team for their 15-0 season and winning the Mid-Monmouth League Championship. We are so proud of our athletes!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, April 4th Township Committee Workshop 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 Sunday, April 17th.

Mayor Tony Perry and the team do a group huddle to celebrate the end of a perfect season!

MTPD Deputy Chief Paul Bailey Graduates from FBI National Academy



Deputy Chief Paul Bailey is presented his graduation certificate by FBI Director Christopher Wray at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on March 17, 2022. Photo courtesy of MTPD

Deputy Chief Paul Bailey graduated as a member of the 281st session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on March 17th. Deputy Chief Bailey is the eleventh officer in the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Deputy Chief Bailey began his career with the MTPD in 2000 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2009, Lieutenant in 2015, and Deputy Chief of Police in 2020. Deputy Chief Bailey currently serves as the Commander of the Investigative and Special Services Division which includes Investigations, Professional Standards, Training, and Community Relations.

Deputy Chief Bailey stated, "It was a true honor to be selected to attend the

National Academy (NA). The education and insights gained, coupled with the professional partnerships that are developed, make the NA a truly unique experience.”

Click [HERE](#) to read the original press release.



Project P.L.U.S. graduates pose proudly with their school principals and Committeewoman and Municipal Alliance Chairperson Kimberly Kratz.

Congratulations to MMA's Recent Project P.L.U.S. Graduates!

Earlier this week, fifth graders from Harmony, New Monmouth, and Ocean Avenue elementary schools completed Middletown Municipal Alliance's (MMA) 7-week Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students) program! New Monmouth Elementary School Principal Matthew Ferri and Harmony Elementary School Principal Erik Paulson were thrilled to celebrate this wonderful achievement with their students, along with Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz.

Unfortunately, Ocean Avenue Elementary School Principal Cynthia Wilson was unable to attend, but Thorne Middle School Principal Shannon Smith was there to introduce herself to these incoming students!

Congratulations graduates!

Congratulations to Octopus Music School (1009 Chestnut St.) on its Grand Opening!



Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Octopus Music School's newest location (1009 Chestnut Street)! Grab your instruments and join us in welcoming this wonderful business to Middletown!

Click [HERE](#) for information about Octopus Music School and its services.

St. Mary's Hosts Inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade



Pictured from left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Reverend Richard Osborn, Reverend Jeffrey J. Kegley, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Mayor Tony Perry, St. Mary Church Pastor and St. Mary School Principal Craig Palmer, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were honored to march in St. Mary's first St. Patrick's Day Parade! It was a beautiful day to celebrate along with local clubs, organizations, and first responders that ended with a vendor fair in the school parking lot.

Hop into the Holiday Spirit and Register for Recreation's Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday, 4/9 at 10 AM



Join Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center, and the Middletown Township Education Association on Saturday, April 9th for Easter EGGstravaganza! This family fun day of outdoor activities, a Peter Cottontail show, and pictures with the Easter Bunny will take place at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) from 10 AM - 1 PM. Goodie bags will be given to the first 300 kids at the event. Registration is recommended.

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

Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 4/15

Municipal offices will be
closed on Friday,
April 15th in observance
of Good Friday.

recycling tip of the week



Please keep ALL food wrappers out of the recycling stream.
Not only are these items often contaminated with food,
they are also a combination of several materials which are
inseparable and unable to be recycled.

Throw wrappers 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.

**Donate to Local Food Drives:
Deadline for Easter Basket Drive is Monday, 4/11!**



[Social Services' Easter Basket Drive: Donations Accepted until Monday, 4/11](#)



[Middletown Earth Day Food Drive: Donations Accepted on Friday, 4/22](#)



[MTPL Food Drive: Donations Accepted until Friday, 4/15](#)

Click on each graphic to view them larger.

Register Your Children for MAC's School's Out Day Camp, Beginning Friday, 4/15



Spring break is coming up, so register your children who are in elementary school for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) School's Out Day Camp! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when the Middletown public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their day off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends!

The camp will be offered on Friday, April 15th and the week of Monday, April 18th to Friday, April 22nd. Children will hang out at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway).

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

MTPL Introduces Chromebook & Hotspot Kits:

Available for Patrons Beginning Monday, 4/11



New for You
IN '22

CHROMEBOOK & HOTSPOT KIT



Computer and internet access at home -
FREE with your Middletown Library card!!
AVAILABLE TO BORROW STARTING APRIL 11TH

Contact the reference desk for more information
732-671-3700 ext 320

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

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will be increasing patrons' web access with the launch of Chromebook & Hotspot kits beginning Monday, April 11th!

These 20 kits, which include a Chromebook and a wireless hotspot for those without internet access at home, will be available to check out for two weeks at a time. Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to use them.

Seeking Employers!

**Middletown Community Affairs Council to Host 30th
Annual High School Student Job Fair on Wednesday, 5/4**

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FAIR

The Middletown High School Student Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for high school students and employers to meet and discuss employment opportunities in a relaxed and organized environment.

Registration is not required for students and there is no charge for employers who wish to participate. Employer participation is not limited to Middletown businesses. This event is open to students ages 16 and older.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 7:00 - 8:30 PM

WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)



Employers who would like to join can contact
Mitch Gotesky (732-915-2445/nycrd1@aol.com) or
John Giordano (732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com)

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

We're Hiring: Apply for Recreation's Summer Camp!



the best days are spent at **CAMP**

We're Hiring

for 6 weeks of fun!

Coordinators \$17+/hr
Counselors \$13+/hr
EMTs \$15+/hr



MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION

Looking for a job? Middletown Recreation is hiring coordinators, counselors, and EMTs for summer camp. Grow your resume and wallet all while having a fun summer!

Click [HERE](#) for full job descriptions and to apply.



Temporary Scheduled Water Treatment Change to End in NJAW's Monmouth and Ocean County Service Areas on 4/18

On Monday, April 18th, New Jersey American Water (NJAW) will resume using chloramines in water treatment at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune. This effects NJAW customers in Middletown, as well as other towns throughout Monmouth County.

In February, as part of an annual routine maintenance program for its water distribution system, New Jersey American Water temporarily changed the water treatment process from a chloramine (combination) residual to free chlorine residual. The nine-week planned changeover to free chlorine residual enabled the company to perform routine maintenance.

During the transition to free chlorine residual, some customers may have noticed a slight chlorine taste and odor in their water. With the resumption of the chloramination process, the taste and smell of chlorine will subside. Chloramines have long been effective method of water disinfection that meet all EPA and NJDEP drinking water standards and have been used in Monmouth and Ocean counties since 2012.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's original press release.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for Recreation's Youth Running Club,
Beginning Monday, 4/11 at 4:30 PM

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RECREATION

RUN!

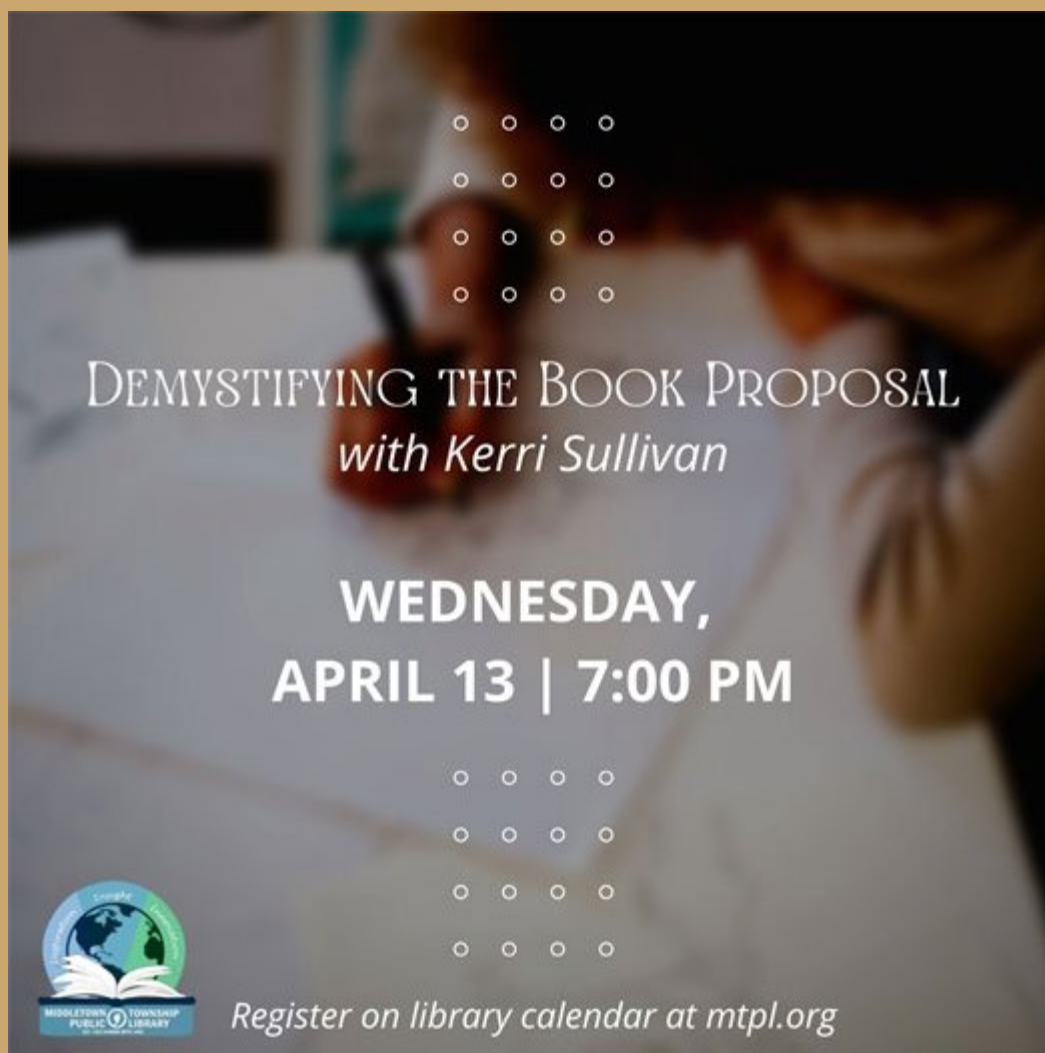
YOUTH RUNNING PROGRAM
STARTING 4/11
MONDAY/WEDNESDAY
4:30PM-5:30PM
PORICY PARK

Join Middletown Recreation and Gone Running LLC in this 10-week program to learn about proper running form and other racing strategies! This fun activity begins on Monday, April 11th and takes place every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM until Monday, June 20th.

This program is open to students between grades 1-9. Registration includes end-of-session competition, award, and t-shirt.

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

Register for MTPL's Demystifying the Book Proposal on Wednesday, 4/13 at 7 PM



Do you have an idea for a non-fiction book? The first step toward publication is to put together a book proposal. Attend the MTPL's "Demystifying the Book Proposal" program on Wednesday, April 13th inside the Split Community Room at 7 PM to learn how to do that!

Presenter Kerri Sullivan sold her book to a publisher in 2020, and during this program she will share what she learned during her experience crafting the proposal, including helpful books and resources. Participants will leave with a

greater understanding—and less fear!—of what a book proposal is and how to craft one that will sell.

Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

**Participate in MTPD's Operation Take Back NJ on
Saturday, 4/30 from 10 AM - 2 PM**

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, April 30th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}

TAKEBACK

**We encourage residents to turn in
unused or expired medications for
safe disposal. Officers will be
collecting medication in the main
lobby at Headquarters.**



**Register for MMA's Free Mental Health First Aid Trainings:
Deadline for Youth Session is Saturday, 4/30**

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 TRAININGS

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in May and June. Trainings will take place at Crossroads (730 Newman Springs Rd.)



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
Saturday, 5/14 - 9 AM to 5 PM
Register by Saturday, 4/30



Adult Mental Health First Aid Training
Saturday, 6/11 - 9 AM to 5 PM
Register by Saturday, 5/28

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Visit www.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, May 14th and Saturday, June 11th from 9 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, May 14th, which will take place at Crossroads from 9 AM to 5 PM. This training 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, April 30th.*

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

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



- There will be a short parade in Lincroft **on Saturday, April 9th, beginning at 9:30 AM.** The route will begin at St. Leo's School (550 Newman Springs Road) and end at the ball fields at Thompson Park (805 Newman Springs Road). Please expect delays on Newman Springs Road.


- In response to the bridge strike that occurred last month on Laurel Avenue between Holland Road and Route 35, NJ Transit will be performing repairs on the North Jersey Coast Line Bridge that goes over Laurel Avenue in both Holmdel and Middletown. These repairs will cause various lane closures along Laurel Avenue for approximately two months. **Beginning Tuesday, March 29th,** Laurel Avenue will be subject to alternating traffic lane closures. Detours will be put in place, but we encourage residents to plan alternate routes. **Beginning on or about Monday, April 11th,** Laurel Ave. will be closed to thru traffic.

Click **[HERE](#)** to register for instant traffic and safety emergency updates.




Monmouth County April COVID-19 Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



Free At-Home Testing:
Visit team.vaulthealth.com/nj/ for free saliva tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.

Visit 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 NI TRANSIT app or call NI TRANSIT at 973-275-5555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1 & Monmouth County Division of Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6880

DATES & TIMES



Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Wed., April 6- Asbury Park- 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, NJ
- Tues., April 12- Freehold- 4pm-7pm, Freehold Borough Fire Department, 49 W Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Wed., April 20- Neptune- 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, NJ 07753
- Wed., April 27- Howell- 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road


Vaccine Clinics

- Mon., April 25- Marlboro- 10am-1pm, Marlboro Rec Center, 1996 Recreation Way
- Sat., April 30- Red Bank- 11am-2pm, Red Bank YMCA, 166 Maple Avenue

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 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-433-7456



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