

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



**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)



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

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

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET...

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!



The Middletown Township Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their cars and take the key fob inside. Thefts of cars and property are often due to keys being left inside vehicles and failure to lock the doors.

REMEMBER

LOCKING YOUR DOORS IS AN EASY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY!



Middletown Recreation Hosts Free Open Farmhouse This Weekend



The Murray Farmhouse is proud to be one of the 50 historic sites in Monmouth County opening its doors to visitors for the Monmouth County Historical Commission's 2-day event "Weekend at Old Monmouth."

Enjoy this blast to the past and stop by Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) this weekend to get a short tour of the colonial Murray Farmhouse! This educational and interesting event is free!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Open Farmhouse.
Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release about the 2-day event.

**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.

MTFD and Animal Control Work Together to Save Animals from Fire

Earlier this week, the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) was dispatched to a basement fire in a residential home that had many hospice animals. Our all-volunteer firefighters and Middletown



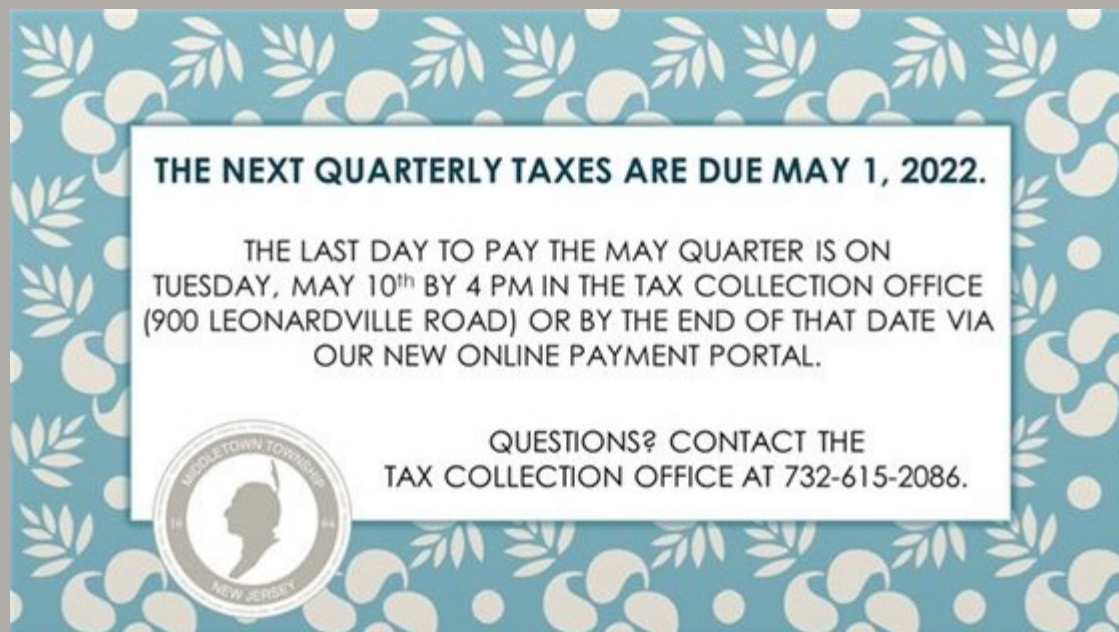
MTFD and Middletown Animal Control combine forces to safely

Animal Control officers worked together to ensure that all of the animals were safely recovered.

recover a 400-pound pig from the house.

Thank you to our brave fire companies and Animal Control officers for working together for the greater good!


Quarterly Taxes Due Sunday, 5/1



THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE MAY 1, 2022.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE MAY QUARTER IS ON TUESDAY, MAY 10th BY 4 PM IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) OR BY THE END OF THAT DATE VIA OUR NEW ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.

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



Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay.



Middletown Township Committee to Host Workshop Meeting at New Town Hall on Monday, 5/2

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 2, 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 inside the courtroom at the new Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Going forward, all Township Committee Meetings will be held at the new Town Hall.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.
Click [HERE](#) to view a PDF of the meeting agenda.

BagUp NJ Law Effective Wednesday, 5/4



Mayor Tony Perry would like to remind residents that they will no longer receive plastic bags in grocery and retail stores in the state of New Jersey, beginning Wednesday, May 4th.

Middletown Township is offering a free reusable bag to residents who participate in our food drive with local nonprofit Move For Hunger, which will be taking place through Wednesday, May 4th. Just bring your donations of nonperishable food items to the current Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) and collect your bag!



Mayor Tony Perry shows residents the reusable bags they can receive if they participate in the Township's food drive with Move For Hunger!

Click [HERE](#) to watch Mayor Perry's video.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about the plastic bag ban.

Support the MTFD and Middletown EMS by Donating to IMA's Water Bottle Drive From Monday, 5/2 to Friday, 5/13

Our Office Is Hosting A Bottled Water Drive

*To Benefit Local
Volunteer Fire & EMS Departments*

May 2nd to May 13th



All donated water will be distributed to local Volunteer
Fire & EMS departments.

*First responders use bottled water to stay
hydrated during an emergency*

Middletown Drop-Off Locations



Family Practice of Middletown
18 Leonardville Road

IMA Urgent Care
363 Route 36

Integrated Medicine Alliance (IMA) Urgent Care Centers and Primary Care is running a bottled water drive beginning Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 13th. The water will be donated to help local firefighters and emergency services squads.

You can drop off donations at IMA Urgent Care Middletown (363 Rt. 36) and at the Family Practice of Middletown (18 Leonardville Road).

**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/nycr1@aol.com) or
John Giordano (732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com)

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Recreation is Hiring: Apply Today!



Looking for a job? Middletown Recreation is hiring for multiple positions!

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

Check Out the New Edition of *Middletown Matters*!



Click [HERE](#) to read it online before it arrives in your mailbox.

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 FOR
MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE!**





recycling tip of the week



RECYCLE YOUR YARD WASTE!

RESIDENTS OFTEN THROW YARD WASTE INTO THEIR TRASH CAN, WHICH IS NOT ONLY NOT PERMITTED, BUT ALSO A WASTE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. SEE CHART BELOW ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE.

 LEAVES	Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from November- June free of charge where they will become next year's compost!
 BRUSH	Residents can bring brush to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) year-round free of charge where they will become next year's mulch!
 GRASS CLIPPINGS	Leave them there! Grass clippings provide an excellent source of nutrients for your lawn.


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.

Laurel Avenue Closure



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS



MIDDLETOWN

TOWNSHIP

In response to the bridge strike that occurred last month on Laurel Avenue between Holland Road and Route 35, NJ Transit is 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. **As of Monday, April 18th**, Laurel Ave. is completely closed. Detours (directing residents to Holland Rd. to Church St. to New Monmouth Rd. to Rt. 35) have been put in place, but we encourage residents to plan alternate routes. Officers are also present to help regulate traffic.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a detour map.
 Click [HERE](#) to register for instant traffic and safety emergency updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Support the Lincroft Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary at the
Lincroft Community Yard Sale on Saturday, 4/30**



On Saturday, April 30th, the Lincroft Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be participating in Lincroft Village Green Association's 17th Annual Community Yard Sale. The event will take place at Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) from 8 AM to 3 PM. The items the auxiliary will be selling were all donated from our volunteer firefighters and their families.

Click [HERE](#) for a PDF with more information.

**Register for Recreation's Youth Bike Rodeo on
Wednesday, 5/4 from 4 - 6 PM**



Mayor Tony Perry invites kids from 1st through 5th grade to join him at our **FREE Youth Bike Rodeo** on Wednesday, May 4th from 4 - 6 PM, as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and in partnership with the Middletown Township Police Department, Trek Bicycle, and Hackensack Meridian Health!

Participants will have a chance to bring their bikes and helmets as they have fun and practice bike safety. This great event also fulfills boy and girl scouts requirements. Bring your group and sign up!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Register for MTPL's Upcoming Programs



[Teen Snapology: Battle Robots on Wednesday, 5/4 at 7 PM](#)

[Gymboree on Thursday, 5/5 at 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 11:30 AM](#)

[Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, 5/7 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM](#)

Mark your calendars for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) fun upcoming events!

Teenagers, listen up! Come to the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, May 4th at 7 PM to battle and build Lego® robotic models with Snapology! You will learn about sensors, gears, pulleys, and programming as you create robotic catapults, crossbows, battleships, and other attack bots! Registration is required.

Gymboree of Red Bank will be visiting the MTPL's Community Room on Thursday, May 5th to offer a gym class for children between the ages of 6 months and 3 years! There will be three sessions: Gymboree for walking children between the ages of 13 months and 3 years at 9:30 AM, crawling babies between 6 months and 15 months at 10:30 AM, and walking children between the ages of 13 months and 3 years at 11:30 AM. Registration is required, so sign up before all slots are booked!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library! There will be fun activities available for patrons of all ages on Saturday, May 7th from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Click on each graphic for more information.

******Gymboree's graphic links to information about the 11:30 AM class.
Click [HERE](#) for information about the 10:30 AM class.
Click [HERE](#) for information about the 9:30 AM class.***

**Register for Recreation's Mother-Son Cornhole
Tournament on Friday, 5/6 at 5 PM**



Moms, team up with your sons for an exciting night of cornhole on Friday, May 6th! This fun event will take place from 5 - 8 PM at the Croydon Hall Turf Field (900 Leonardville Road) and is fiesta-themed! Enjoy tacos and a piñata as you compete.

This competition is open to children in grades 1 - 6. Double elimination format guarantees each team at least two games. A custom cornhole set will be awarded to the top mother-son team in each grade! The last day to register is Tuesday, May 3rd.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Attend the MAC's "Savor India" Event on Saturday, 5/7

SAVOR INDIA

An immersive experience in the arts and culture of India.

Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Saturday, May 7th for an immersive experience in the arts and culture of India with authentic Indian art, music, and dance! This free event will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) from 1- 4 PM.

It will feature an arts and crafts exhibition, cultural performances by various dance and music schools, gift items for sale (just in time for Mother's Day!), Indian cuisine and drinks, and henna tattoos!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Complete MTPL's Strategic Input Survey by Monday, 5/31



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is asking for YOUR input!

Middletown is a growing community and the library wants to hear from you about its current and future services for the public. The library serves as a community hub and plans to reimagine its space to best serve Middletown.

Please fill out the MTPL's survey by Monday, May 31st. Questions should be directed to MTPL's Business Manager, Wendy LaTona at wlatona@mtpl.org or 732-671-3700 ext. 311.

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

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