



Middletown Hosts Government Leaders Across Monmouth County to Address Auto Thefts



[Mayor Tony Perry speaks to a crowd of reporters as he discusses the uptick in auto thefts.](#)

In response to the ongoing auto thefts across Monmouth County, leaders from different levels of government held a press conference earlier this week outside the Middletown Township Police Department at the new Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Mayor Tony Perry kicked off the press conference by stressing how public safety must continue to be the number one priority for leaders up and down the State of New Jersey. This year, 158 vehicles have been stolen in Monmouth County, and there has been an increase of over 110 percent of high-end auto thefts, according to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office.

[Click HERE to read more about the press conference.](#)

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!**



Help Us Recognize the MTPD During Police Week

Attend Our Annual Police Memorial on Friday, 5/20 at 11 AM



Police Week: May 15th - May 21st

Police Memorial:

Friday, May 20th at 11:00AM

Police Week is an annual event held in May. During the week, Police Department tours are available to students, scouts, senior citizens, and anyone who is interested. Call 732-615-2039 for information.

The Police Memorial service will be held rain or shine on Friday, May 20th at 11:00AM at the Middletown Police Memorial located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The public is invited to attend.

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

Register for Emergency Updates



[Click **HERE** to register for severe weather alerts and updates.](#)

Middletown Hosts Grand Opening for First Community Garden



[Mayor Tony Perry and Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino cut the ribbon alongside eager gardeners, as well as employees of our Department of Public Works & Engineering \(DPW\).](#)

On Saturday, April 30th, Middletown officially opened its first community garden at Stevenson Park, located on West Front Street near Shadow Lake!

Mayor Tony Perry and Recycling & Clean

Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino cut the ribbon and opened the garden to the 50 Middletown residents who signed up for a plot. The gardeners wasted no time in getting started on that beautiful spring day by building support for their future produce and getting plants in the ground!

The purpose of the Middletown Township Community Garden is to provide an opportunity for residents to grow organic produce, educate the public on planting food that respects the environment, improve our health and ecosystems, and provide a space where the community can grow and learn from each other. Although all plots are currently reserved, keep an eye out for upcoming seasons!

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release with more information.
Click [HERE](#) to watch our TikTok about the grand opening.
Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.



Check out our latest TikTok that features the Community Garden!

Township Committee Proclaims April 30, 2022 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Day



Katie's parents, Debbie and Steve McCarthy, proudly show off Middletown Township's proclamation and stand alongside Mayor Tony Perry and Katie's loved ones.

Last Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee proclaimed April 30,

2022 as Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Awareness Day in honor of Kathryn Ann (Katie) McCarthy. Katie was a vibrant and loving young woman who always embraced life. She was diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension in August 2012 and passed away on April 30, 2013 after a valiant fight against the disease.

Katie's loved ones participated in a volunteer cleanup at Ideal Beach last weekend to celebrate her life and raise awareness for both PH and their Belford-based nonprofit sMiles for Katie.

Mayor Perry was honored to recognize Katie in this way and also proclaim April 30, 2022 as Katie McCarthy Day in Middletown Township.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about sMiles for Katie.

Girl Scout Jersey Shore Troop 61230 Participates in NJ Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program



Members of Girl Scout Jersey Shore Troop 61230 proudly pose with the bags of plastic and other harmful materials they collected while cleaning Ideal Beach.

Last weekend, Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Troop 61230 participated in the [New Jersey Clean Communities Mini-Grant](#) program by cleaning up Ideal Beach in the bayside area of Middletown. Altogether, this hard-working team cleaned up over 25 bags of plastics and other harmful materials that were polluting our oceans.

A big thank you to this amazing group for their efforts!

Statewide Plastic Bag Ban Officially Begins



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

Middletown Community Affairs Council Hosts Successful High School Student Job Fair



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz gather with members of the Middletown Community Affairs Council, Middletown Board of Education President Frank Capone, and Middletown High School North Principal Dr. Patricia Vari-Cartier

Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were thrilled to see all the employers and students at the job fair at Middletown High School North on Wednesday night. Thank you to the Middletown Community Affairs Council for hosting this amazing annual event!



[Township Committee members and officials sit at the dais during the meeting.](#)

Watch the Monday, 5/2 Township Committee Workshop Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, May 2nd 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, May 15th.

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



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.

Register for MTPL's Reducing Anxiety for Teens Event on Wednesday, 5/25 at 7 PM

Reducing Anxiety for Teens

May 25 @ 7PM

May is Mental Health Month! Learn about special breathing techniques to reduce anxiety from Megan Callus, Z-Health Applied Neuroanatomy Specialist from Reactive Neuro-Physical Advancement Center!

RELAX

REACTIVE
NEURO PHYSICAL ADVANCEMENT CENTER

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Recognize Mental Health Awareness Month by attending the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Reducing Anxiety for Teens program on Wednesday, May 25th! This educational event will begin at 7 PM and take place in the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

Register for Free Mental Health First Aid Trainings for Youth Session by 5/12

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 Thursday, 5/12

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

MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

MHAA
Mental Health Association of Monmouth County
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

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 orders in children and adolescents (ages 6-18) and help connect them to the appropriate care. *The deadline to register has been extended to Thursday, May 12th.*

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.

Support the MTFD and Middletown EMS by Donating to IMA's Water Bottle Drive through 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 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).

Recreation is Hiring: Apply Today!



A yellow speech bubble graphic with a black outline and a black shadow. Inside the bubble, the Middletown Recreation logo is at the top, followed by the text "WE ARE HIRING" in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. The background of the main area is white with a yellow border. To the right of the speech bubble is a blue megaphone icon. Below the megaphone is the word "POSITIONS" in bold black capital letters. To the right of "POSITIONS" is a list of four job titles in red text: "PRESCHOOL TEACHER ASSISTANT", "SUMMER CAMP COORDINATOR", "SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR", and "SUMMER CAMP EMT". The background of the main area is white with a yellow border. There are several small yellow stars and black 'x' marks scattered around the text and icons.

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

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



A pink header bar with the text "UPCOMING EVENTS" in white, bold, sans-serif font, flanked by two white stylized 'U' icons. Below the header is a pink grid of 14 white rectangular boxes, arranged in two rows of seven. Each box contains a day of the week in black, cursive-style text: Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat. in the top row, and Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat. in the bottom row.

Explore Recreation's Upcoming Events!



Middletown Recreation is so excited to announce its May events! Although some have already passed, so many are yet to come!

Get your spring cleaning done by participating in the Town-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th! Sellers can register to be included on the map. More interested in shopping? Good news: the event is free for shoppers!

Come to the Poricy Park Fossil Beds (345 Oak Hill Road) on Wednesday, May 11th and Sunday, May 22nd for a Guided Fossil Hunt! Fossil hunting is great family fun all spring long! The Poricy Brook Fossil Beds have Cretaceous-Era marine fossils in abundance. Recreation's guide will supply equipment for screening for fossils and help you identify your treasures. The event costs \$5.00 per participant (ages 5+).

[Click HERE for more information about the Town-wide Garage Sale.](#)
[Click HERE for more information about the Guided Fossil Hunts.](#)

Embark on a History Lesson of the Titanic at the MTPL on Wednesday, 5/11 at 7 PM



THE TITANIC: 110 YEARS LATER
with Greg Caggiano

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 11 | 7:00 PM
THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

 *Register on library calendar at mtpl.org*

On Wednesday, May 11th, historian Greg Caggiano will lead a program at the MTPL on the story of the Titanic - both its voyage and sinking. On April 15, 1912, the RMS Titanic sank on the fourth day of its trip from England to New York City.

The presentation will begin at 7 PM and take place in the library's Community Room. It will include an overview of passengers' life on the ship, a study of how the ship was constructed, and reasons why the ship sank. Foodies will love the inclusion of the ship's cuisine!

Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

Register for MTPL's "How to Become an Illustrator" Program on Wednesday, 5/11 at 7 PM



Calling all teens! Are you interested in the illustration process? Come to the MTPL on Wednesday, May 11th to meet local illustrator Toby Gowing, see her illustrations, and learn about the illustration process!

This event will take place in the library's Teen Room and begin at 7 PM.
Registration is required.

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

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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