



Middletown Receives 9/11 Survivor Tree Clone from NYC Parks to Plant in WTC Memorial Gardens



The clone of the 9/11 Survivor Tree stands tall next to an American flag being flown by the Middletown Township Fire Department.

Last week, Middletown Township held a ceremony welcoming a clone produced from the [original 9/11 Survivor Tree](#) graciously donated by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks) to the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens, located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street).

The Survivor Tree is a Callery pear tree that endured the September 11, 2001 terror attacks at the World Trade Center. Due to how damaged the Survivor Tree was, very few clones exist from its cuttings. This is the first time NYC Parks has donated a

clone to a municipality outside of New York City.

The cloned offspring of the Survivor Tree will be planted in the Memorial Gardens in preparation for the 21st anniversary of 9/11.

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release about the ceremony.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.

Congratulations to Middletown's Mayors for a Day!



Members of the Township Committee and Middletown Township Public School District Board of Education President Frank Capone talk to the eight mayors for a day, pictured from left: Dominick Caddle (River Plaza Elementary School), Kingston Iglesias (Lincroft Elementary School), Christopher Evans (St. Mary's School), Logan Nadal (New Monmouth Elementary School), Willow Black (Middletown Village Elementary School), Emilyya Hastings (Bayview Elementary School), James Tobin (Nut Swamp Elementary School), and Angelina Dietrich (Harmony Elementary School)

Last week, members of Middletown's Township Committee, Administration, Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services brought back the Mayor for a Day tradition!

Eight elementary students from different schools came to the new Police Station and Town Hall where they were able to take photos with Mayor Tony Perry in front of an American flag and first responder vehicles. The mayors then visited the Mayor's Conference Room, where they enjoyed pizza and discussed the importance of being mayor as well as what laws they would like to make in town. Several of the students suggested that the Township introduce an ordinance that would encourage random acts of kindness throughout our community. Mayor Perry wholeheartedly agreed! Each young mayor then visited the Mayor's Office where they signed their Mayor for a Day certificate and a proclamation recognizing May

30, 2022 as Memorial Day in the Township of Middletown.

Police Chief Craig Weber then gave the mayors a tour of the new jail cells and led them to the courtroom where Mayor Perry performed each mayor's Oath of Office. This was followed by a mini Township Committee meeting that included the Pledge of Allegiance, reading a proclamation for the record, and the opportunity for the mayors to make any comments to the public.

Congratulations to our young community leaders!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.

MTPD Holds Annual Police Memorial



On Friday, May 20th, Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week. The service was held at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The memorial honored our fallen police and K-9 officers who served the MTPD.

The service began with a Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Jeffrey Kegley of St. Mary, Mother of God Church led the ceremony with an invocation. Police Chief Craig Weber and Mayor Tony Perry delivered speeches at the event, and Corporal Janine Kennedy read the names of Middletown's deceased officers. Members of the VFW Post 2179 laid down a wreath at the memorial, where friends and loved ones of the officers placed flowers after the ceremony.

The memorial concluded with a benediction by Father Kegley and Deacon Jim Neubauer, Colonel USMC (Ret.) of Holy Family, and TAPS performed on the trumpet by Middletown High School North student Ty Boehler.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the memorial service.

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES NOW MOVING INTO NEW TOWN HALL



As of Tuesday, May 17th, various departments have begun moving into the new Town Hall. We appreciate your patience and ask that you please call ahead in the next few weeks before conducting Township business to ensure you visit the correct location. Thank you!



WANT TO CALL A CERTAIN DEPARTMENT?

Please visit

www.middletownnj.org/directory for a phone directory of our departments.

Click [HERE](#) to access our phone directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSING EARLY ON WEDNESDAY, 5/25



All municipal buildings will close at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, May 25th for the Township's annual Employee Appreciation Picnic. The Middletown Recycling Center will also close at that time. The Middletown Township Public Library will close at 1:00 PM and reopen at 5:30 PM.

Township Committee Hosts Police Promotion and Recognizes Students Appointed to West Point Academy and Special Forces Cheer Team at Meeting



Mayor Tony Perry swears Sgt. Nicholas Haines into his new role, as his brother USAF Lt. Colonel Kevin Haines holds the bible and his wife, children, brother, and Police Chief Craig Weber proudly watch.



Pictured from left: West Point Academy Admissions Field Force Representative Tricia Maguire, students Jack Latore, James Miguel Conway, Fiona Maguire, and Mayor Tony Perry



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and Mayor Tony Perry pose with Special Forces coach Brooke Palle and her amazing team!

The Township Committee was honored to have three very important presentations at last Monday's meeting! The meeting began with Middletown Police Chief Craig Weber promoting Sgt. Nicholas Haines who has been working with the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) for almost a decade. During his time here, Sgt. Haines has completed multiple training courses, including Monmouth County Crisis Intervention Team, Methods of Instruction, and the Basic Narcotics Investigation.

Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of swearing Sgt. Haines into his new role.

The Township Committee also recognized four Middletown students who will soon be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. These brave individuals were thanked for their service with a standing ovation.

The meeting ended on a cheerful note by presenting congratulatory certificates to members of the Special Forces Cheer Team who recently made history by winning the 2022 World Cheerleading Championship in the Cheerabilities Elite Division.


Shoutout to all these amazing residents, employees, and organizations that make Middletown so special!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, May 16th 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, June 5th.

Township Committee to Recognize Graduating Seniors Enlisting in Military on Monday, June 6th

Contact us by Friday, 5/27 to be included




UPDATE:

Middletown will be recognizing all Middletown residents who are graduating high school and enlisting in the military at the Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, June 6th.

We kindly ask that if you would like to be included, please email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org by Friday, May 27th. Please include the following information: your name, high school, and which branch of the military you will be enlisting in.

Thank you for your service!



**Join Middletown and American Legion Post 338 at
Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, 5/30**



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 30TH

**THE ANNUAL PARADE BEGINS AT BAYSHORE MIDDLE
SCHOOL (834 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) AT 10:00AM.**



Middletown Township is honored to partner with American Legion Post 338 for our annual Memorial Day Parade. We encourage our residents to join us in remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Click [HERE](#) to read the parade's route.

Register to Ride Your Bike in the Memorial Day Parade!



MEMORIAL DAY *parade*

Monday, May 30th

Join in the bike portion of the parade! Free to register.
All kids receive a bike bell. Prize to best decorated bike!

10am

Starts at Bayshore Middle School
Ends at Leonardo American Legion



This fun event is free, but participants must register via **CommunityPass**.

Click **HERE** for more information and to register.

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.

Register for Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps!



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A GREAT
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TRADITIONAL
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PORICY PARK



US SPORTS
INSTITUTE
5-11 YO
CROYDON HALL



MARINE SCIENCE
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REGISTER TODAY!

Only a few spots remain for Recreation's specialty summer camps, so register TODAY! Explore STEAM with Snapology, multi-sports with the US Sports Institute, or marine science with New Logic.

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



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP



- As part of the Middletown Walk project, removal and replacement of the existing sanitary sewer along Rt. 35 and partially along Kings Highway East is required.

Beginning Monday, May 23rd, Kings Highway East will be closed every day from 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM between Rt. 35 and Sleepy Hollow Rd. Construction is expected to last two weeks.

- Repair of the South Laurel Ave. train bridge is complete and the detour is no

longer in effect.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Kings Highway East detour.
Click [HERE](#) to register for traffic safety and emergency updates.



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All households in the U.S. are eligible to order two packs of at-home COVID-19 tests through USPS. Each pack comes with four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests, so each order has a total of eight tests. The entire order, including shipping, is free.

Visit special.usps.com/testkits to place your order.

Click [HERE](#) to place your order.

**Register for MMA's Free Mental Health First Aid Training:
Deadline for Adult Session is Saturday, 5/28**

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. Trainings will take place at Crossroads (730 Newman Springs Rd.)



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. To register, please email Angela Pepe-Lage at apepe-lage@middletownnj.org and include your name, email address, and phone number.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/mhfa for more information.

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