



## Township of Middletown Donates Land to Habitat for Humanity



*Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante proudly visit the site with members of Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Daughters of Americas.*

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante were honored to visit Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity's 61<sup>st</sup> site (27-29 Ideal Ave.), which was donated by Middletown. Nonprofit Catholic Daughters of Americas was also there to present Habitat for Humanity with a \$50,000 check.

Middletown is happy to be part of this wonderful project!

**Relay for Life Returns to Middletown to Honor Cancer Survivors and Fundraise for a Cure**



*Mayor Tony Perry walks with local cancer survivors to help raise awareness and find a cure.*



*The mayor officially proclaims June 11, 2022 as Relay for Life Day in Middletown Township.*

June 11, 2022 as Relay for Life Day in Middletown. After the Survivor Lap and Caregiver Lap, Mayor Perry walked Middletown High School South's track alongside survivors, caregivers, and supporters.

*Click [HERE](#) to donate to Relay for Life.*

## Community Shows Support for Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's Annual Tutu Trot



*Mayor Tony Perry pumps up the crowd of runners in the rain with the help of Infinite Love's Hannah Gorsegner (left) and 12-year-old cancer survivor Natalie Gorsegner (right). Their mother, Andrea Verdone Gorsegner, founded the organization.*

Last Sunday, almost 800 people participated in Middletown-based nonprofit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's annual "Tutu Trot" 5K!

Although this is the 7<sup>th</sup> "Tutu Trot", this was the first one held in Middletown, NJ. The "Tutu Trot" originated in Trumbull, Connecticut in honor of kindergartener and cancer fighter Mia McCaffrey. This community event now takes place in both Trumbull and Middletown, bridging the gap between the two states and uniting everyone for an important cause. All money raised goes toward the Children's Brain Tumor Network.



Dressed in tutus and smiles, kids begin finishing the race!  
Photo courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography

Click [HERE](#) to donate to Infinite Love's "Tutu Trot".

## Congratulations to WPC's Reverend Joseph Hein on His Retirement!

On Thursday evening, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Police Chief Craig Weber celebrated the retirement of Reverend Joseph Hein, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (94 Tindall Road). Pastor Joe has been a devoted and passionate leader for both his church as well as our community for many years. We thank Reverend Hein for all he has done and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement!



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Reverend Joseph Hein, and MTPD Police Chief Craig Weber



## Middletown Township Committee to Host Regular Meeting at New Town Hall on Monday, 6/20

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, June 20, 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.

Register for Recreation's Summer Camps!

**CAMP 2022**  
**FEW SPOTS REMAIN!**

- Pioneers (PreK 3-5 YO)
- Explorers (Grades 3-6)
- Trail Blazers (Grades 7-9)
- Poricy Park Science Camps\*

*the best days are spent at CAMP*  
[middletownnj.org/camp](http://middletownnj.org/camp)

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

A few spots remain in Recreation's summer camps! Learn more about openings by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) and choosing the "Summer Camp" season.

Camp runs from Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Select weeks have openings based on grade range and camp location.

Questions? Call Recreation at 732-615-2260 or email [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org).

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

**Middletown Recycling Center Temporarily Closing for  
Renovations from Tuesday, 6/28 - Thursday, 8/11**



The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations from Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Limited additional items will be accepted at the recycling drop-off site at the Middletown Train Station (located in the parking lot off Middletown-Lincroft Road) during this time.

Improvements to the Middletown Recycling Center will include increasing access and efficiency to the recycling drop-off bins, improving traffic circulation, allowing room for the expansion of recyclable commodities in the future, and ensuring ADA compliance to both the Middletown Recycling Center and Administrative Building.

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

## Hurricane Season Began in June: OEM Presents Preparedness Tips

The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1<sup>st</sup>! Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret provides residents with tips on how to prepare for hurricane season.



*Click [HERE](#) to watch the video for tips.*



## MTPD Hiring Class III SLEOs: Apply by Thursday, 6/30!

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is seeking qualified candidates for positions of Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Class III to conduct school safety and security duties within the Middletown Township public school district.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* to apply.](#)



# TOWNSHIP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Middletown Township is hiring! Employment opportunities are available for the following positions:

- Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers
  - Clerk
  - Crossing Guards
  - Laborers at DPW
  - Mechanic Helper
- Per-Diem Animal Control Officers
  - Plumbing Inspector
  - Seasonal Laborers at DPW
- Seasonal Park Maintenance Laborer
  - Senior Center Supervisor

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

## TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES NOW MOVING INTO NEW TOWN HALL



As of Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/directory) for a phone directory of our departments.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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**Save the Date for Middletown Day: Saturday, 9/24**

*Sponsorship Opportunities Available*



**Croydon Hall 11am-5pm**  
[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)

Our annual fall festival, Middletown Day, returns on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>! This fun event will take place at the Croydon Hall Great Lawn (900 Leonardville Road) from 11 AM - 5 PM. Recreation is currently looking for businesses, vendors, and sponsors to participate. Apply today!

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

**Register for MTPL's "The Little Mermaid" Performance on  
Monday, 6/20 at 4 PM**

**The Little Mermaid**  
*performed by Brightstar Theatre*



**Monday, June 20**  
**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Family Event**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES  
AS SPACE IS LIMITED.**



**Summer Reading Challenge Alert:**  
Attend this program and receive an extra virtual raffle ticket by completing the activity on Beanstack. See Beanstack for complete details.



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55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
Phone: 732-671-3700 • [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)



Head under the sea with the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>! Brightstar Theatre will be performing "The Little Mermaid" in the Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) from 4 - 5 PM. Registration is required.

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

**MTPL's Summer Reading Challenge Begins Monday, 6/20**

 JOIN THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

LOGGING BEGINS JUNE 20 - ENDS AUGUST 15, 2022

To Register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or scan QR Code



**EXPLORE...**



*Click [HERE](http://mtpl.org) to visit the MTPL's website.*

**Watch "Space Jam 2: A New Legacy" with Recreation on  
Thursday, 6/23 at 8:30 PM**



It's time to "Jam"! Join Recreation for a free movie screening of "Space Jam 2: A New Legacy" on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Poricy Park Nature Center Lawn (345 Oak Hill Road). The movie will begin at sunset, approximately around 8:30 PM. Bring your chairs, blankets, and movie snacks!

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

**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on Sunday, 6/26 from 4 - 6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 PM for its June singer-songwriters showcase featuring new performers and local singer-songwriters Ron Maletich, Barbara Paskin, Frank Patrouch, and Michael Baine. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the concert.*  
*Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.*



## Spotted Lanternflies Have Returned: Tips for How to Prevent the Spread

Now that summer is almost here, spotted lanternflies are back! The spotted lanternfly is a serious invasive pest that feeds on sap from over 70 different plant species. Spotted lanternflies can negatively impact our agriculture, economy, and everyday life through the honeydew they excrete, which eventually turns into mold.



According to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), Monmouth County is in the "spotted lanternfly quarantine zone". Since spotted lanternflies are currently hatching and will not develop their wings until July, the Middletown Health Department advises residents to kill and report them to the NJDA when spotted. The Middletown Health Department also encourages residents to utilize the NJDA's checklist for spotted lanternfly quarantine areas, in an effort to stop the spread.

[Click HERE to read the NJDA's checklist.](#)  
[Click HERE for information about how to report a spotted lanternfly.](#)

## Order Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Through USPS

Order Free  
At-home  
COVID-19  
Tests  
Through  
USPS

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](http://special.usps.com/testkits) to place your order.

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