



## **Township Committee Honors MTFD Volunteer Tom Somerville with Key to Township for 50 Years of Service & Recognizes Middletown HS North's Boys Track & Field Team for State Sectional Championship**



*Pictured from left: Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, Middletown Fire Company #1 Ex-Captain and Life Member Frederick Gorsegner, Key to the Township recipient Thomas P. Somerville, MTFD Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, MTFD Third Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly, and Deputy Mayor and Ex-Fire Chief Rick Hibell*

**At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee recognized Middletown Fire Company #1 Volunteer Thomas P. Somerville for 50 years of service with a certificate and Key to the Township. Thomas has received multiple lifesaving awards and has earned the title of Top Responder for many years. A true leader, he is a founding member of several divisions within the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and has undertaken many different roles. We thank Thomas for his admirable dedication and volunteerism.**

**The Township Committee also presented congratulatory certificates to Middletown High School North's Boys Track and Field team for winning a state sectional championship! We are so proud of our amazing athletes!**

**[Click HERE to view photos from the meeting.](#)**  
**[Click HERE to watch the meeting on YouTube.](#)**



***Mayor Tony Perry proudly poses with Middletown North Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach Kim Papa and some athletes from the team.***

## **Congratulations to the Recent 2022 Middletown Township Police Youth Week Graduates!**



**Police Youth Week campers get some exercise in as they train like real police officers!**

*Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective Ric Cruz*



***Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kim Kratz congratulate a graduate as they walk across the stage to receive their badge and certificate!***



***Campers take a break from training in the "ruff" weather and pose with one of Middletown's K-9 officers!***  
*Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective Ric Cruz*

**The Middletown Township Police Department just held its second Police Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 58 children, between the ages of 8 to 11, who participated in this program that gave them their first exposure to law enforcement at the recruit phase.**

**The Police Youth Week program is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training. Participants learned firsthand about a wide variety of law enforcement training and techniques including officer safety, crime scene investigations, traffic**



***Our amazing officers are all smiles after another successful Police Youth Week! Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective***

enforcement, and the K-9 unit. The program also emphasized the importance of citizenship and community policing. The campers even got to work with mini horse heroes with the P.O. Ken Tietjen Memorial Foundation!

*Ric Cruz*

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony at Brookdale Community College's Performing Arts Center. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, along with Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Kaiser, congratulated each child. Kudos to our Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program!

## Middletown Hiring Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers: Apply by Monday, 8/1



The Township Committee recently approved a shared services agreement with the Board of Education to hire Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (S.L.E.O.s) to work in our public schools to enhance security. The deadline to apply is Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Applicants must:

- Possess a Police Training Commission (PTC) S.L.E.O. III Certification or be eligible for a waiver
- Be a retired police officer who has previously served as a duly qualified, full-time law enforcement officer in any municipality, county, agency of this state, bi-state agency, or federal agency, with a break in service not exceeding three (3) years

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/jobs](http://www.middletownnj.org/jobs) for more information.

*Click [HERE](#) for information about how to apply.*



### New Jersey American Water Issues Mandatory Odd/Even Watering Notice for Residential Customers

Given the consecutive days of hot, dry weather in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey

American Water (NJAW) is asking customers in this region to restrict outdoor water use to odd/even days until further notice to help ease the demand on water supplies.

If your street address is an even number, please water only on even numbered dates. If your street address is an odd number, please water only on odd numbered dates. NJAW will issue a follow up communication when this restriction is lifted.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release by NJAW.

## Keep Up with the Ongoing Progress of the Middletown Recycling Center Upgrades!



The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations until Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. While construction is taking place, limited items are being accepted at the recycling drop-off site at the Middletown Train Station (located in the parking lot off Middletown-Lincroft Road). Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recyclingcenter](http://www.middletownnj.org/recyclingcenter) to see what is and isn't being accepted.

As of Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the concrete work that constitutes the curb, pad, and sidewalk has been completed. This pad will serve as the area for the Styrofoam™, metals, and electronic recycling. The electrical conduit is also complete. Materials have been brought in to raise the grade of the site which will allow for a more leveled surface area and improved drainage. The safety bollards are also in the process of being installed, along with the entry gates and surrounding fencing.

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 about the renovations.

Click [HERE](#) for construction updates.

## Middletown Community Garden Donates Produce to Local Food Bank

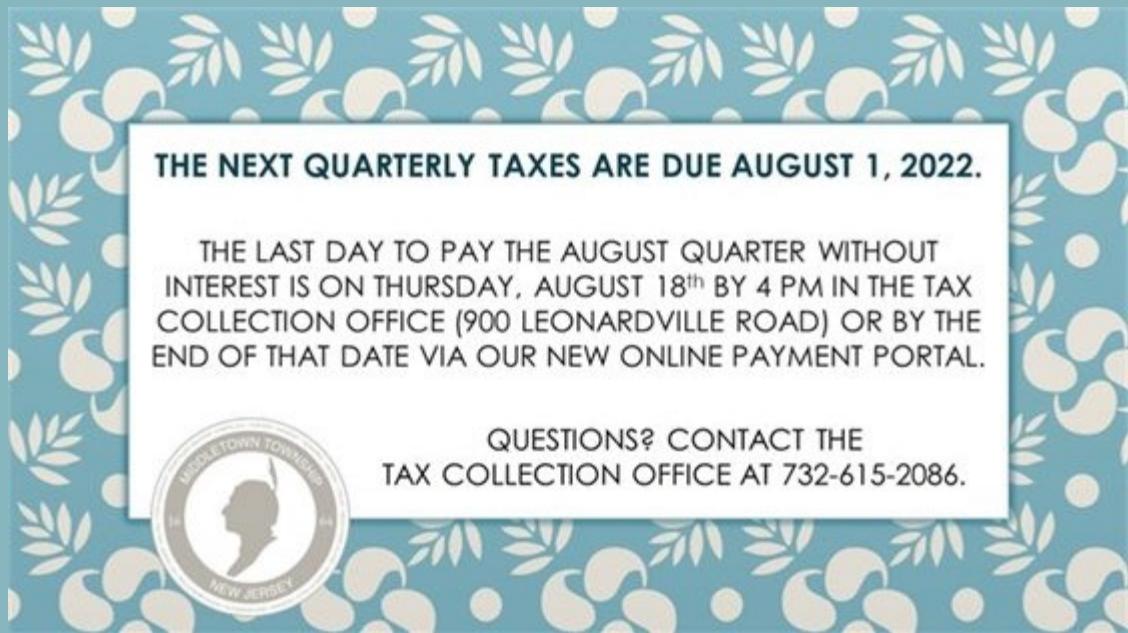
This week, members of the Middletown Community Garden donated 55 pounds of fresh produce to Calico Cat Thrift Shoppe (96 Kings Highway), which collects food for Monmouth County's food bank, Fulfill. This produce will provide local families with a nutritious meal during a time when food pantries often run low and children are in need of more meals due to the summer break. Donations included freshly grown zucchini, squash, cucumbers, peppers, and kale!



If you have extra produce that you would like to donate, the Calico Cat Thrift Shoppe accepts fresh fruits and vegetables on Tuesdays. Please call 732-671-0550 for more information.

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

## Next Quarter Property Tax Payment Due Monday, 8/1



The next quarterly taxes are due August 1, 2022. The last day to pay without interest is August 18, 2022. Any payment received after 4 PM on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in the Tax Collection Office (900 Leonardville Road) or by the end of that day online will accrue interest from the statutory due date of Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about how you can pay.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Register for Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps!



The flyer for Middletown Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps features a blue header with the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' and a yellow grid below it with days of the week. The main body is yellow with a purple border. It includes the Middletown Recreation logo (a stylized person, leaf, and bicycle), a large circular graphic with the text 'SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS' in purple, green, and red, and a speech bubble saying 'A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL CAMPS!'. Below this are three circular images: one of hands playing with Legos, one of a child kicking a soccer ball, and one of a child holding a crab. The camps listed are: SNAPOLY (6-12 YO, PORICY PARK), US SPORTS INSTITUTE (5-11 YO, CROYDON HALL), and MARINE SCIENCE (K-8TH, IDEAL BEACH). A green 'REGISTER TODAY!' button is at the bottom.

Only a few spots remain for Recreation's specialty summer camps in August, 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.*

**Join the MTPD at National Night Out on  
Tuesday, 8/2 from 5 - 8 PM**



National Night Out will be celebrated at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road) this year on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) will be on site to meet the public, give demonstrations, and have fun. Activities include fingerprinting, K-9 demonstrations, police equipment displays, impaired driving simulator, inflatables, giveaways, food and more!

We hope to see all our residents at this FREE, family-friendly event!

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

**Enjoy Live Music at Recreation's Next "Music in the Park Summer Concert Series" Concert at the MAC on Tuesday, 7/26 at 7 PM**



Middletown Recreation's FREE "Music in the Park Summer Concert Series" continues at the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) northern lawn (36 Church Street) on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 PM! Conor Quigley & The Wide-Eyed Soul Brothers will be playing soul music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and refreshments for this fun event.

There is free parking on site. Alcohol is prohibited.

*Click [HERE](#) for upcoming dates in the concert series.*

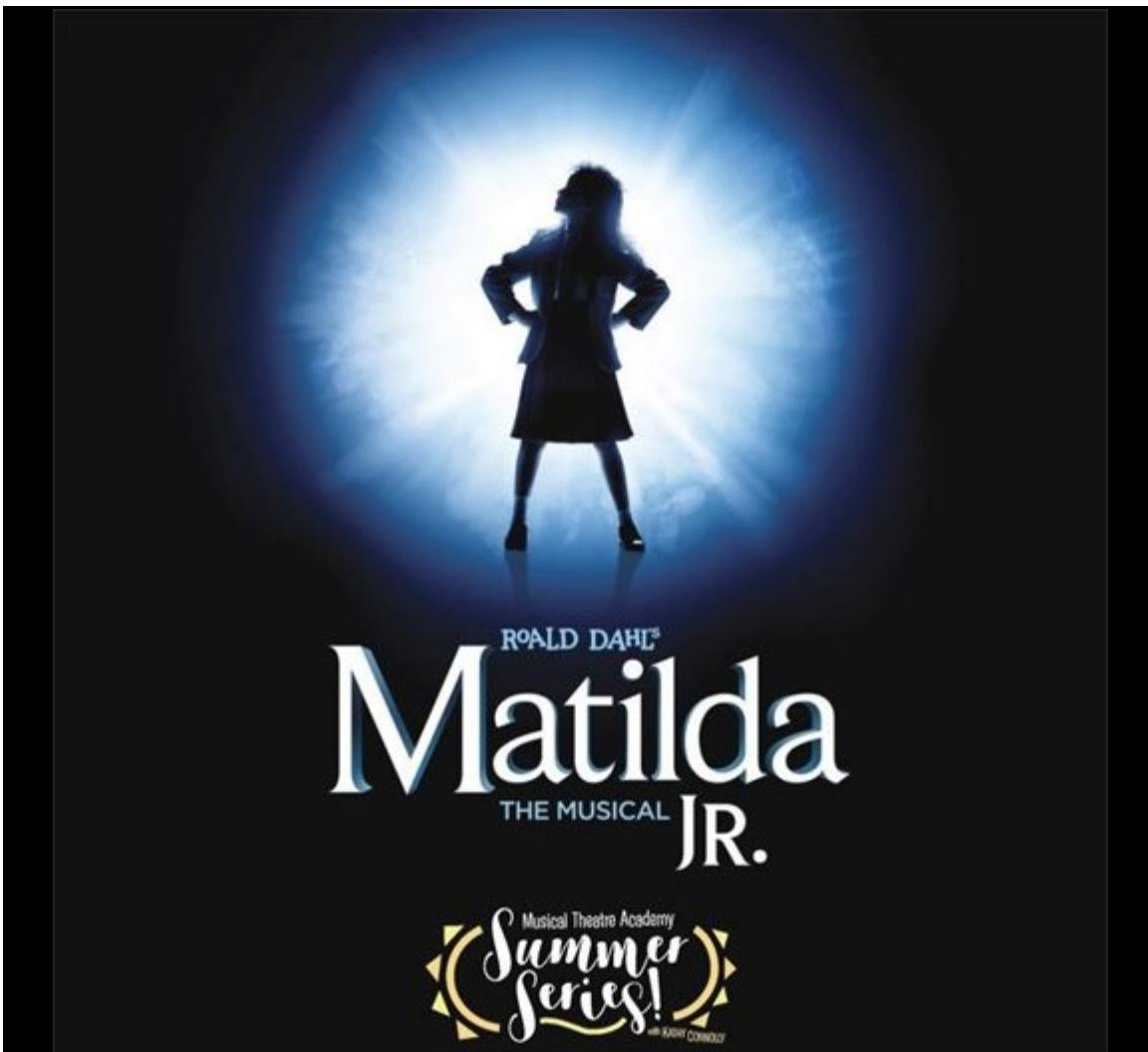
**Watch "The Jungle Cruise" with Middletown Recreation on Thursday, 7/28 at 8:45 PM**



Meet Middletown Recreation at Ideal Beach (Bayside Parkway in North Middletown) to watch "The Jungle Cruise" on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>! The FREE movie will begin at 8:45 PM. Remember to bring your own chairs, blankets, and movie snacks!

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

**Purchase Tickets for MAC's "Matilda Jr." This Weekend**



Tickets are now on sale for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Musical Theatre Academy's "Matilda Jr." which is a summer camp student production! Campers between the ages of 10 - 12 who participated in the MAC's Acting, Voice, Dance, and Set Design classes are the musical's stars! Performances will be on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM and Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM and 7 PM.

#### **"Matilda Jr."**

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey.

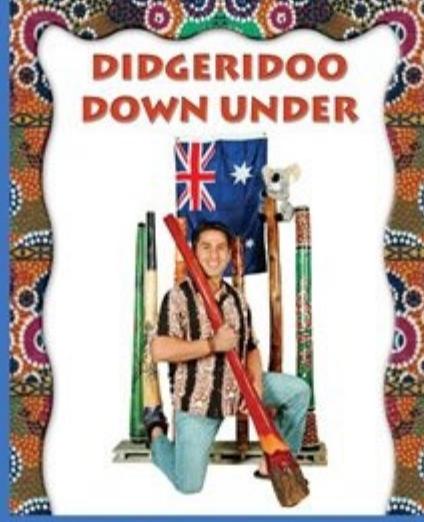
The school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupil's saving grace! Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, "Matilda Jr." is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.*

**Register for MTPL's Didgeridoo Down Under on  
Tuesday, 7/26 at 4 PM**

**Tuesday, July 26th**  
4:00pm-5:00pm  
Community Room

**LIVE Performance** **Grades K-12**



The Didgeridoo Down Under Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation.

**Registration is Required!**

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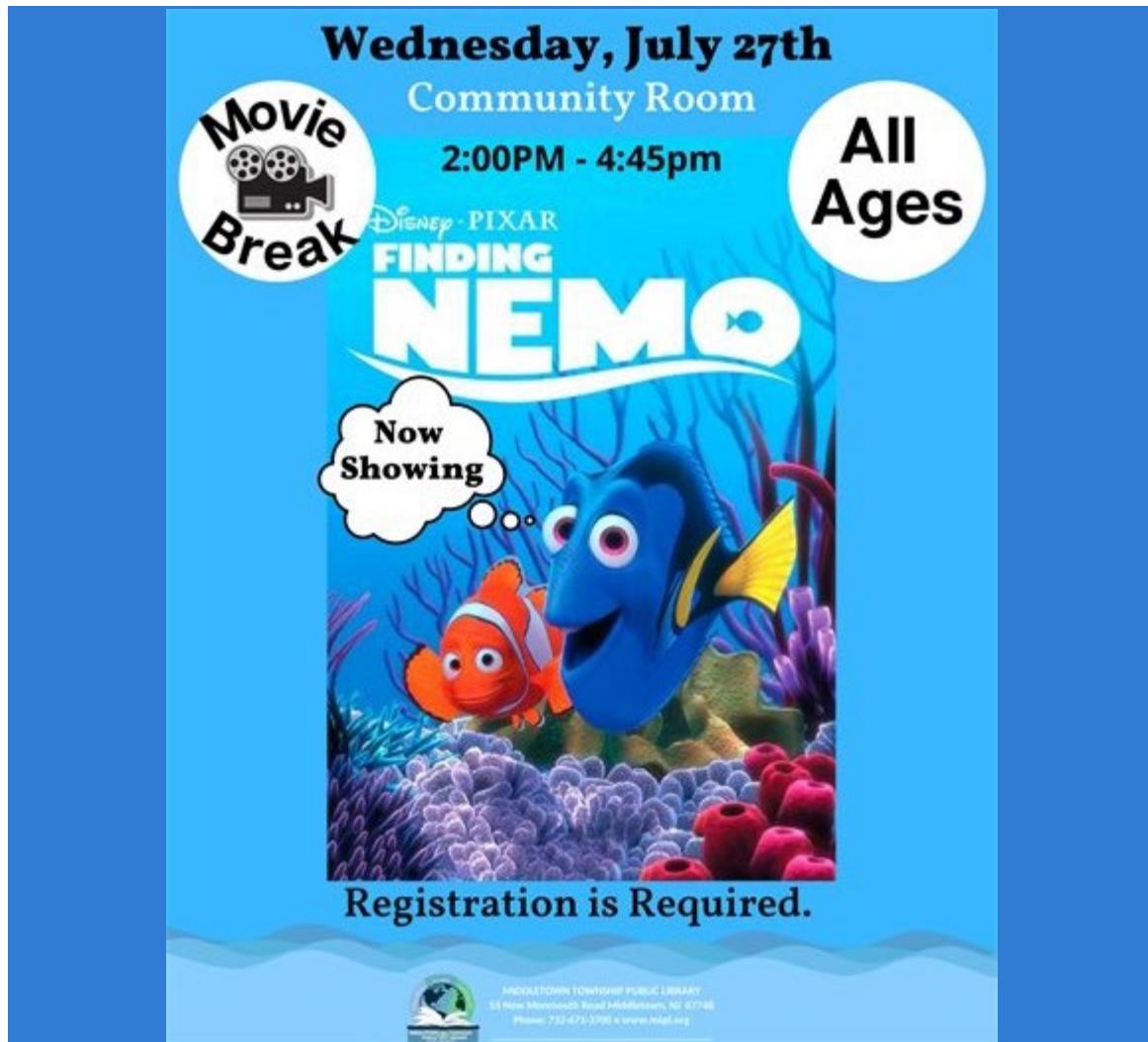
Come to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for the Didgeridoo Down Under (DDU) show, an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling, and audience participation! The didgeridoo is a wind instrument that has been played by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1,500 years and is known for its otherworldly sound.

However, DDU is much more than music. It's interactive, educational, motivational, and super fun for all ages. You'll learn about Australian sea creatures, the Great Barrier Reef and more, all while moving and grooving to the pulsing rhythms of the didgeridoo in the Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)!

The event will begin at 4 PM. Registration is required.

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

**Watch "Finding Nemo" at the MTPL on  
Wednesday, 7/27 at 2 PM**



Come over to the MTPL's Community Room on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM to enjoy some air conditioning, light snacks, and a family movie!

**"Finding Nemo"**

The fretful Marlin and his young son, Nemo, become separated from each other in the Great Barrier Reef. Nemo, a clown fish, is unexpectedly taken from his home and thrust into a fish tank in a dentist's office overlooking Sydney Harbor. Buoyed by the companionship of a friendly fish named Dory, Marlin embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero.

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



## Read Information about the State's Monkeypox Vaccination Regulations



**July 20, 2022**

### Monkeypox Vaccination in New Jersey

**Who can get vaccinated?**

With the current limited supply of JYNNEOS vaccine in New Jersey, the following residents may be eligible for vaccination:

**People who are at high risk of being exposed to monkeypox**

- People who have known contact with someone who tested positive for orthopoxvirus or monkeypox virus within past 14 days. (Contact your local health department for vaccination)
- People who attended an event where known monkeypox exposure occurred within past 14 days
- People who identify as gay, bisexual, or men who have sex with men (MSM), and/or transgender, gender non-conforming, or gender non-binary and who have a history of multiple or anonymous sex partners within past 14 days

**People who may have been exposed to monkeypox**

- Currently, with the limited supply of JYNNEOS vaccine, only people at occupational risk according to [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices guidance](#) can be considered for vaccination, including laboratory workers, selected clinicians, and response team members

**HIGH PRIORITY GROUPS**

People who have a condition that may increase their risk for severe disease should be high priority for vaccination, including people who:

- Have a weakened immune system
- Have a history of atopic dermatitis or eczema

**VACCINE LOCATIONS**

Appointment only - No walk ins:

- Hyacinth AIDS Foundation/Project Living Out Loud, Jersey City: 201-706-3480
- The Prevention Resource Network, a program of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Asbury Park: 732-502-5100
- North Jersey Community Research Initiative (NJCRI), Newark: 973-483-3444, ext. 200

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/njmox>

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With the recent increase in monkeypox cases, the Middletown Health Department would like to [share information from the New Jersey Department of Health](#).

Those who are eligible for the monkeypox vaccine can make an appointment at the Prevention Resource Network, which is part of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, in Asbury Park. Please call 732-502-5100 to make an appointment.

### Spotted Lanternflies Have Returned: Tips for How to Prevent the Spread and Report Sightings to NJDA

Now that summer is 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". Beginning in July, many spotted lanternfly nymphs enter their final developmental stage before they reach adulthood when they can fly and lay eggs. In this stage, they become bright red and covered in black stripes and white spots. Adult spotted lanternflies also begin to appear in 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 instructions on how to report a sighting to the NJDA.](#)

## Residents Ages 60+ In Need of Food: Apply for Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program!

**Know a Senior Who Needs Food?**



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**Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program May Help!**

Seniors 60 years of age and over who meet income requirements receive a monthly food box of items like these:



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Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$17,667	\$1,473
2	\$23,803	\$1,984
3	\$29,939	\$2,495
4	\$36,075	\$3,007
5	\$42,211	\$3,518
for each additional household member add	\$6,136	\$512

All incomes are Gross Income before any deductions.

**For assistance:**  
Please reach out to Kathy Staniero of Middletown Township's Department of Social Services by calling 732-615-2085 or emailing [kstraniero@middletownnj.org](mailto:kstraniero@middletownnj.org).



Senior Staples is a USDA program also known as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Esta institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

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Residents ages 60 years and older who meet certain income requirements can receive a monthly box of food items through Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program! Fulfill is a local food bank that serves Monmouth and Ocean counties.

Interested? Please reach out to Kathy Straniero of Middletown's Social Services Department by either calling 732-615-2085 or emailing [kstraniero@middletownnj.org](mailto:kstraniero@middletownnj.org).



- New Jersey American Water and Asphalt Restoration Enterprise (L&L Paving) will be paving in Port Monmouth from **Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. The following roads are expected to be paved next week: Eastmond Place, York Avenue, Montana Avenue, Virginia Avenue, and Hudson Avenue.

- Holly Avenue is scheduled to be repaved on **Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. On Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be no vehicular access to or from Holly Avenue from 8 AM - 5 PM.

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

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