

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



### MTPD Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out!



Middletown Township Police Department and PBA Local 124 held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Middletown High School North! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods even safer and more caring places to live.

Thank you to everyone who attended this great event on a scorcher of a day! MTPD and K-9 officers, Township Committee members and other elected officials, as well as local organizations were able to connect with the community while residents of all ages enjoyed fun activities like corn hole, inflatables, police equipment demonstrations, a dunk tank, live music, food, and more!

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to view more photos from this year's event.

**Middletown Invites Community to 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of 9/11  
Memorial Service on Saturday, 9/11 at 7:15 PM**

*Middletown*  *Remembers*

**21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the  
World Trade Center Tragedy**

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.

*Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown  
friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.*

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens  
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748  
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.  
Tribute will be held rain or shine.

## MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven Operation Chill to Reward Kids for Good Behavior



**MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven in  
Operation Chill to Reward Kids  
for Good Behavior!**

-  If an officer witnesses your child doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior, they could receive a coupon for a free small Slurpee® drink at participating stores.
-  If your child is issued a "ticket" for doing a good deed, feel free to share it via social media with the hashtag #MTPDOperationChill.

**7-ELEVEN**  
**operation**  
**chill** 

RECOGNIZING GREAT KIDS



## Middletown Introduces Free Tutoring Program: Complete Student/Tutor Surveys by Friday, 8/12



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://www.middletownnj.org/ngsp) for updates and information about the program.

Click [HERE](#) if you would like free tutoring services.  
Click [HERE](#) if you are interested in becoming a tutor.

## Middletown Recycling Center Renovations Continue to Progress





The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations this month. 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.

Construction activities have been progressing at the Recycling Center. New safety bollards have been installed. A deteriorated corrugated metal drainage pipe servicing the Recycling Center has been replaced with a new heavy duty plastic drainage pipe. Concrete curbs, sidewalk, and dumpster pads have been installed. The site has also been rough graded in preparation for paving operations.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the renovations.  
Click [HERE](#) for construction updates.



*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.*

## **A Helping Harvest from Middletown's Community Gardeners**

On Tuesday, Middletown's Community Garden members donated approximately 47 pounds of fresh assorted produce and 18, 1.5oz jars of honey to Calico Cat Thrift Shoppe, located at 96 Kings Highway. Calico Cat 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.

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

## Low-Flying Helicopter Patrolling JCP&L Transmission Lines August 11-18<sup>th</sup>

Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) would like to advise the community that Helo-Air will be mobilizing to the JCP&L Region from 8/11/22 – 8/18/22 and will begin performing Routine patrols on all JCPL 500kV, 230kV, 115kV lines (weather-permitting). These patrols are expected to take approximately one week to complete, but as always, work is strongly weather-dependent and completion could be impeded by any post-storm or outage-related patrols that may occur.



*The helicopter used for these patrols will be a Helo-Air, Blue and White Bell 206, Tail number - N894H.*

Click [HERE](#) to read the community advisory.

## Last Day to Pay Tax Payment: Thursday, 8/18

**THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 1, 2022.**

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE AUGUST QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Quarterly taxes were 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.

## Shadow Lake Management Program Treatment Notice: Tuesday, 8/16 and Tuesday, 9/13



**Middletown is continuing its Shadow Lake Management Program in an effort to improve the lake's water quality, as well as its recreational and aesthetic value. SOLitude Lake Management is planning to apply Clearcast treatment on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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

*Click [HERE](#) to view a PDF of the original notice with more information.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Let's end summer with a bang! Discover Recreation's programming for August including youth and adult programming and special events.

See the complete calendar [HERE!](https://www.middletownnj.org/civicsend/viewmessage/message/177871)



Free summer concerts continue at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> with the Crazy 8's, a rock-and-roll band specializing in Rockabilly and Classic Rock hits!

*Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks! Parking is free.*

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





# SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS

AUGUST DATES  
AVAILABLE!



SNAPOLOGY  
6-12 YO  
PORICY PARK



US SPORTS  
INSTITUTE  
5-11 YO  
CROYDON HALL



MARINE SCIENCE  
K-8TH  
IDEAL BEACH

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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.

## Upcoming Events at the MTPL!

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

# Read to a Dog

**Thursday, August 11th**

**4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**&**

**Monday, August 15th**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Grades K-5**



**Location: Children's Quiet Reading Area**

Read to a Dog is a great way to improve the literacy skills of children. It encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener in our furry friends. Independent readers in Grades K-5 will read to a certified therapy dog for ten minutes. The therapy dogs and their owners are members of Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Children can bring a book they'd like to read to a dog or pick one out at the library. The program will take place in the Community Room.



55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ  
732-671-3700 \*MTPL.ORG

# PLANT-FORWARD COOKING: VIRTUAL PROGRAM

with Vanessa Young, of *Thirsty Radish*

Thursday, August 11

11:00 am via



PLEASE REGISTER @MTPL.ORG FOR ZOOM LINK

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD MIDDLETOWN, N.J. 07748  
PHONE: 732-671-3700 • WWW.MTPL.ORG



Summer is the ideal time to let plants take center stage! The program is centered around plant-based cooking, featuring Vanessa Young of "Thirsty Radish." Vanessa will share recipes featuring plants that are both vibrant and mouthwatering. Learn to incorporate more vegetables, beans, fruits, whole grains, and other plants into your meals through satisfying recipes, methods of preparation, and practical lifestyle strategies.

Registration is required. Registrants will receive the Zoom link within 24 hours before the program starts.

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/civicsend/viewmessage/message/177871) to register.




*Middletown is hiring*

## School Crossing Guards

The Middletown Township Police Department is now hiring Crossing Guards. Shifts take place before and after school with a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/jobs](http://www.middletownnj.org/jobs) for additional information and to fill out an application.



This is a very rewarding part-time position that affords the opportunity to help protect children as they walk to and from school. The position requires that you are able to work on all school days and have reliable transportation to get to the site. You will be required to successfully complete a criminal background check along with a pre-employment physical that includes a vision and hearing test.

The position pays \$13.00 per hour and offers paid holidays, as well as two days paid vacation and sick time. A clothing allowance will also be provided for purchase of uniform and safety equipment. Interested applicants can complete an application and e-mail it to [cvenezia@middletownnj.org](mailto:cvenezia@middletownnj.org).

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply.

# HEALTH RESOURCES



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

Spotted lanternflies are being spotted everywhere! This insect 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.

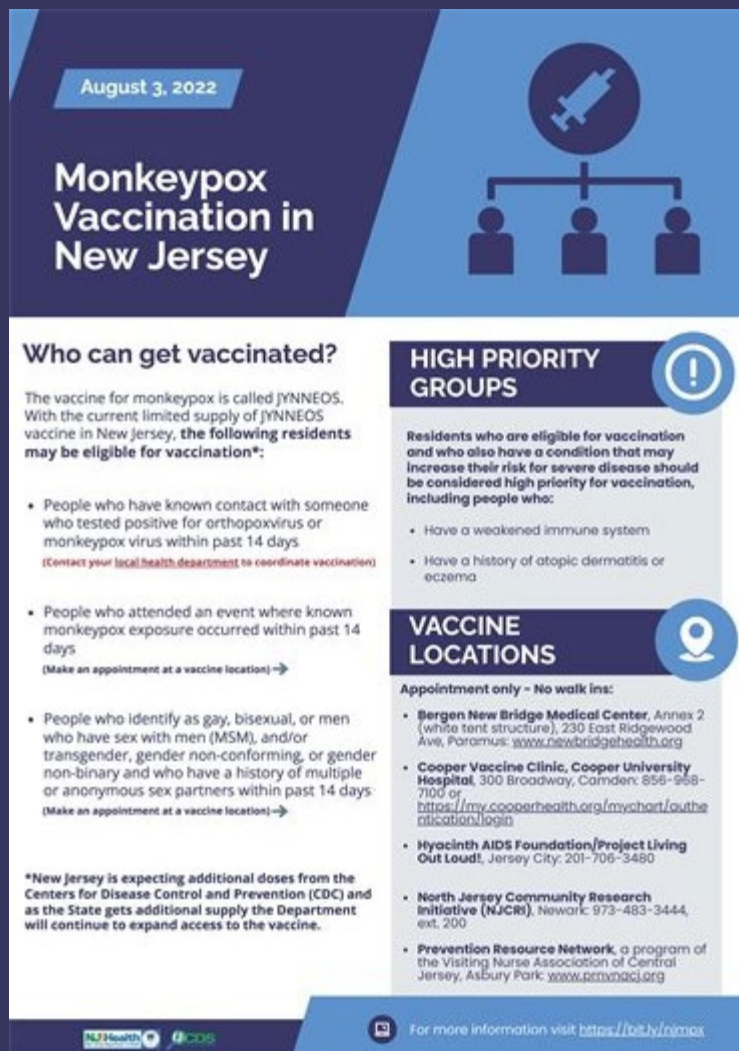


The Middletown Health Department advises residents to kill and [report them to the](#)

**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.

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



**August 3, 2022**

### Monkeypox Vaccination in New Jersey

**Who can get vaccinated?**

The vaccine for monkeypox is called JYNNEOS. With the current limited supply of JYNNEOS vaccine in New Jersey, **the following residents may be eligible for vaccination\*:**

- People who have known contact with someone who tested positive for orthopoxvirus or monkeypox virus within past 14 days  
(Contact your [local health department](#) to coordinate vaccination)
- People who attended an event where known monkeypox exposure occurred within past 14 days  
(Make an appointment at a vaccine location) →
- 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  
(Make an appointment at a vaccine location) →

\*New Jersey is expecting additional doses from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and as the State gets additional supply the Department will continue to expand access to the vaccine.

**HIGH PRIORITY GROUPS**

Residents who are eligible for vaccination and who also have a condition that may increase their risk for severe disease should be considered 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:

- **Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, Annex 2** (white tent structure), 230 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus: [www.newbridgehealth.org](http://www.newbridgehealth.org)
- **Cooper Vaccine Clinic, Cooper University Hospital**, 300 Broadway, Camden: 856-968-7100 or <https://my.cooperhealth.org/mychart/outpatientlogin>
- **Hyacinth AIDS Foundation/Project Living Out Loud**, Jersey City: 201-706-3480
- **North Jersey Community Research Initiative (NJCRI)**, Newark: 973-483-3444, ext. 200
- **Prevention Resource Network**, a program of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Asbury Park: [www.pcrnncj.org](http://www.pcrnncj.org)

For more information visit <https://doh.nj.gov>

Click on the [graphic](#) to view the flyer in a larger format. (PDF)

With the recent increase in monkeypox cases, the Middletown Health Department would like to share information from the New Jersey Department of Health. Individuals with questions regarding monkeypox symptoms or close contact should contact their healthcare provider. Only a healthcare provider can determine eligibility for monkeypox treatment.

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.  
*Please note that vaccine supply is currently limited.*

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

Know a Senior Who Needs Food?



**fulfill**

MONMOUTH & OCEAN

HUNGER WON'T WIN HERE

Member of the  
FOOD BANK OF  
AMERICA

**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:



fulfillnj.org

Household Size	MAXIMUM	
	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.

[Click on the graphic to view the flyer larger. \(PDF\)](#)

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).



**TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS**

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP





- 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>.**

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

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