



Middletown Remembers 21st Anniversary of 9/11 with Silent Memorial Service



On Sunday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent memorial service at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens to honor the 37 residents we lost 21 years ago. Hundreds of people, including 9/11 victims' loved ones, Township Committee members, local dignitaries, first responders, veterans, and community members, stood in the pouring rain to attend the service.

"Despite the rain, our community came out in droves to support our annual memorial service, which is a testament to how we continue to uphold our vow to never forget," said Mayor Tony Perry. "The addition of our very own Survivor Tree at the memorial is also a reminder of resilience and hope as we continue to

move forward.”

The Middletown Survivor Tree made its first public appearance at the ceremony. It is a descendant of the 9/11 Memorial Survivor Tree that endured the World Trade Center terror attacks in 2001. Our tree is the first clone produced from a cutting of the original that NYC Parks gave to a municipality outside of New York City. May it continue to be a living tribute to our strength as a community.

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

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

MTPD and Township Committee Support PBA Local 124's 2nd Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K Run



Participants line up at the start/finish line and get ready to run!

Photo courtesy of Sergeant Anthony Dellatacoma

Last weekend, members of the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) and Middletown PBA Local 124 ran in the second annual 9/11 Memorial 5K Run. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were honored to attend and support our law enforcement at this important tribute.

Proceeds from the 5K will go to a scholarship fund created in memory of MTPD Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti. As "keeper of the list" of the 37 residents we tragically lost on 9/11, Capriotti personally notified every Middletown family who lost a loved one that day. As a result of his response to Ground Zero, he developed cancer and lost his battle in June 2019. The memorial scholarship fund was created as a way to pay tribute to the tremendous impact he has made to the families of the victims and to our community.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Do a Virtual Walk-Through of the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens

If you weren't able to join us at our annual 9/11 ceremony, you can watch our latest TikTok to do a virtual walk-through of the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens, located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street). Visitors are welcome at the Memorial Gardens from dawn to dusk daily.



Click [HERE](#) to watch the TikTok.

Township Committee Celebrates Monmouth Museum's Newly-Renovated Becker Wing and STEAM Exhibits



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Mayor Tony Perry (and his son Grant) check out Mayor Perry's STEAM exhibit, "A Race to Space"!

Yesterday, the Monmouth Museum, located in Lot 1 of Brookdale Community College (765 Newman Springs Road), honored Mayor Tony Perry with a cocktail reception for sponsoring "A Race to Space", one of the STEAM exhibits in the museum's newly-renovated Becker Wing. Mayor Perry also received the museum's first Community Leadership Award for his unwavering support of the arts. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, staff members, elected officials, friends, and family attended this special event to support Mayor Perry and the museum!

Deeply rooted in STEAM disciplines, the Becker Wing is dedicated to sparking curiosity and inspiring future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and artists. From dinosaurs and fossils to astronauts, the museum is excited to bring a state-of-the-art experience to children and adults in New Jersey. The Monmouth Museum is 15,000 sq. ft. with two children's wings and two galleries with rotating exhibits.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Monmouth Museum's website.



Middletown Township Committee to Host Regular Meeting on Monday, 9/19 at New Town Hall

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at the new Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2344 747 8736 followed by #. Enter 2022 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the agenda.

**Please Contact 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if Needed:
You Are Never Alone**

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S.,
you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to
chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.



September is National Suicide Prevention Month. We encourage all our residents to reach out to 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if they are experiencing a mental health crisis and need assistance.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to chat with a counselor.

**September is National Preparedness Month:
Register Now for Middletown's Emergency Alerts**

Sign up to receive emergency and traffic alerts

**TEXT MIDDLETOWNNJ TO 888-777 OR VISIT
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/NIXLE TO OPT-IN**

Receive alerts for

-  Traffic & Detours
-  Severe Weather
-  Criminal Activities
-  Missing Persons

Earlier this month, the Township Committee proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month in Middletown. Please register for our emergency communications platform, Nixle, to receive alerts regarding emergencies, traffic and detours, and severe weather.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Nixle.

Celebrate National Senior Center Month with our TikTok

September is National Senior Center Month. Watch our latest TikTok to get a glimpse of all the fun that happens at the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road)!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the TikTok.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Middletown Senior Center.



Please Join Us at Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/24!



Middletown Day returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) next Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM! Join us for entertainment, games, inflatables, and so much more!

While you're waiting for the festival's event schedule (which is coming soon), check out the newest addition: a swag shop! Preorder a t-shirt, tank top, pint glass, blanket, or window cling so you can always remember Middletown Day.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this fun family-friendly event. Sign into CommunityPass and click [HERE](#) to purchase gear.

Give Back by Donating to Middletown's Back to School Supply Drive: Deadline is Thursday, 10/13



**Stop by the new Town Hall
(1 Kings Highway) to donate!**

**Visit www.middletownnj.org/supplydrive to
view a list of needed supplies and other drop
off locations throughout town.**

**Exercise for a Cause at the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile
Fun Run on Saturday, 10/22 at 8:45 AM: Register Now!**



Lace up for a challenging trail race and join Middletown Recreation at the fourth annual Mayor's Challenge on Saturday, October 22nd! The morning will be an event for the whole family – choose from the 5K Fitness Walk, a family-friendly 1 mile Fun Run, or gear up for the 5K Race!

All proceeds will benefit the [Tunnel to Towers Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) that honors our military and first responders who have either been catastrophically injured or have lost their lives by providing mortgage assistance to their families. Registration includes a long-sleeve performance shirt, bib with a timing chip, and a medal (while supplies last). Prices will increase on [Saturday, October 1st](#).

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

Rabid Skunk Found in Area of Jefferson St. Near Wilmort Park

The Middletown Township Animal Control Division responded to a call of a skunk acting aggressively in the area of Jefferson St. near Wilmort Park last week. Middletown Animal Control captured the animal after an exposure to a resident. Lab results confirmed the skunk was positive for rabies.

**RABIES
ALERT!**

Click [HERE](#) to read an advisory with more information and helpful tips.

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!



Register for MAC's Fall 2022 Classes

CLASSES

FALL 2022

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES + SKILL LEVELS



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) fall registration is now open! Children, teens, and adults are encouraged to join the MAC for great classes in theater, dance, art, music, and more! Classes will be held at TWO convenient locations just minutes apart from each other and begin as early as Monday, September 26th.

Click [HERE](#) to explore youth classes and register.

Click [HERE](#) to explore adult classes and register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Check out MAC's New Exhibit "Et Cetera" and Attend "Artist Talk" on Sunday, 9/18 at 1 PM



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) new exhibition, "Et Cetera", opened last week! The exhibit features a variety of paintings by E.T. Grewen during her lifelong pursuit of art excellence. There will be an "Artist Talk" event at the MAC (36 Church Street) on Sunday, September 18th at 1 PM. The show will remain on view through Friday, September 30th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Grow Your Skills at the Gardening 101 Info Session on Sunday, 9/18 at 10 AM

**The Middletown Township Community Garden
Members invite residents to the**

GARDENING 101 INFO SESSION

featuring speakers Barbara Ely and Kelly Reynolds

**Topics include gardening basics such as when,
where, and how to plant your first vegetable
garden as well as starting seeds in the winter
to be ready to grow in the spring!**

**When: Sunday, September 18th from
10:00-11:00 AM**

**Where: The Middletown Township
Community Garden
(located at Stevenson Park off of West Front Street)**

**Please RSVP to jticino@middletownnj.org.
Hope to see you there!**



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Click [HERE](#) for information about the Community Garden.

Make Some Music at the MAC's MOAM-A-PALOOZA on Sunday, 9/18 at 11 AM

MOAM-A-PALOOZA

OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Musicians
On
A Mission**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) and Musicians on a Mission at MOAM-A-PALOOZA on Sunday, September 18th! This outdoor music festival will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) from 11 AM - 3 PM.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own instruments and jam out! Don't play? Come out to listen and enjoy the day! MOAM-A-PALOOZA will be a socially distanced outdoor event. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own food and drinks so they can enjoy a picnic with music and lots of friends!

The event is free, but a donation of \$10 is suggested. All proceeds benefit the MAC.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Play in Recreation's First Pickleball Tournament:
Registration Closes on Wednesday, 9/21!**

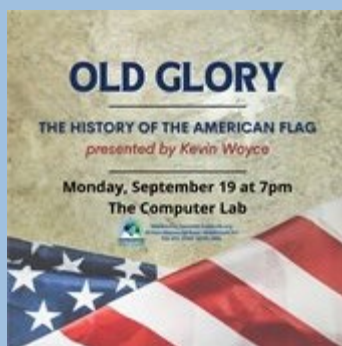


Grab your partner and register for Middletown Recreation's inaugural Pickleball Tournament on Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st! All participants will receive a sports towel and winners will be awarded trophies.

Registration costs \$60 per team. This year's theme is neon and the best dressed team wins a prize! **Registration closes on Wednesday, September 21st.**

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

Register for MTPL's Upcoming Events



["Old Glory: The History of](#)



["College Planning](#)



["Mind. Money & Body" on](#)

[the American Flag" on
Monday, 9/19 at 7 PM](#)

[Workshop" on Wednesday,
9/21 at 7 PM](#)

[Thursday, 9/22 at 1 PM](#)

Mark your calendars for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) upcoming events!

Kick off the week by attending "Old Glory: The History of the American Flag" on Monday, September 19th at 7 PM in the Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road). With original photographs, vintage images, and patriotic music, Kevin Woyce will explore the history of the American flag, from its origin in the Revolution to the addition of its 50th star in 1960. He will also explain how a poem about the 1814 Battle of Baltimore - set to a popular English melody - became our National Anthem.

Calling all parents, guardians, and teens planning for college in the near future! Stop by the Computer Lab on Wednesday, September 21st at 7 PM for a "College Planning Workshop". The program will be presented by College Funding Associates. Participants will learn how to maximize your potential for financial aid, how to lower your "out-of-pocket" costs, the importance of FAFSA and your EFC, how the SAT/ACT scores translate into financial aid dollars, and more!

Interested in learning about financial wellness and lowering stress? Come to the Computer Lab on Thursday, September 22nd at 1 PM for the "Mind, Money & Body" seminar. This program will be led by Nicole Landolfi of United Teletech Financial.

*Click on each graphic for more information about each program.
Registration is strongly recommended.*



**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:



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.



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 foodbank that serves Monmouth and Ocean counties.

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

Monmouth County September COVID-19 Clinics

September 14, 2022

Monkeypox (hMPXV) Vaccination in New Jersey



Who can get vaccinated?

The vaccine for human monkeypox (hMPXV) virus 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 (hMPXV) within past 14 days
(Contact your local health department to coordinate vaccination)
- People who attended an event or social gathering where known monkeypox (hMPXV) exposure occurred within past 14 days or who plan to attend an event or social gathering where monkeypox (hMPXV) exposure is more likely- such events would include those where close skin-to-skin contact or intimate contact will occur in an area where monkeypox (hMPXV) is circulating
(Make an appointment at a vaccine location) →
- People with multiple sex partners, or who have a partner that has multiple sexual partners
(Make an appointment at a vaccine location) →

Anyone who attests to their eligibility (by meeting any of the above criteria) is eligible for vaccination.

Current vaccination efforts focus on disproportionately affected groups, including gay and bisexual men, and other men who have sex with men. This may change over time.

***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

Visit nj.gov/health/monkeypox/vaccines for additional details and up-to-date information

- Atlantic County: Atlantic City
- Bergen County: Paramus
- Camden County: Camden
- Essex County: Newark
- Hudson County: Jersey City, Roselle & Union City
- Mercer County: Trenton
- Middlesex County: New Brunswick
- Monmouth County: Asbury Park
- Morris County: Dover
- Ocean County: Toms River
- Passaic County: Totowa
- Somerset County: Somerset
- Union County: Plainfield

For more information visit nj.gov/health/monkeypox

[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. Visit www.prvnaci.org to make an appointment. Please note that vaccine supply is currently limited.



DISPOSING OF MEDICAL SHARPS/SYRINGES

To dispose of used syringes and needles safely in your household trash:

1. Place into FDA-approved sharps container or heavy-duty plastic container (i.e. laundry detergent bottle). The bottle should be sturdy, puncture-resistant and should not leak.
2. Close the screw-on lid tightly and label the sealed container *"Do Not Recycle, Contains Sharps"*.
3. Don't use plastic lids that can come off easily or glass bottles which may break. Do NOT put a plastic container with used needles/syringes out with the recyclables.

For facility drop off locations in our area:
<https://safeneedledisposal.org/>



Click [HERE](#) to find local drop off locations.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY HOMEOWNER ADVISORY

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION
ABOUT THIS INVASIVE SPECIES,
PLEASE VISIT
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/NJDOA.



FOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, YOU
CAN CONTACT THE MASTER
GARDENERS OF MONMOUTH'S
HOTLINE BY EITHER CALLING
732-303-7614 OR EMAILING
MGARDEN@CO.MONMOUTH.NJ.US.



Click [HERE](#) to read the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's guide.
Click [HERE](#) to learn how to build a spotted lanternfly trap.

TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

The Love for Luca 5K will be taking place on **Sunday, September 18th** from **approximately 8:30 - 10 AM**. The race will begin at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road). During this time, there will be limited or no access by vehicle to Tindall Park from Tindall Road. All side streets off the main route will be closed until it is safe to open. Expect detours and delays.


Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view the race map.
Please expect the roads outlined to be closed.


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