



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Please Join Us at Middletown Day TOMORROW, 9/24!



**MIDDLETOWN DAY
FESTIVAL
2022**

Saturday, September 24

Entertainment/Activity Schedule

11:00am	Festival Opens	Info Booth
	Official Welcome from Mayor Tony Perry	
	National Anthem performed by Navesink Brass	
11:15am	Rizzo's Reptile Show	Stage 2
11:15am	Navesink Brass Performance	Stage 1
11:30am	Cartooning with the Doodle Dude - All Day	Arts Tent
12:00pm	Soccer Shootout hosted by BYAA (ends at 1:30pm)	Turf Field
12:30pm	Leonardo First Aid Squad Ambulance Dedication	First Aid Display
1:00pm	Middletown Arts Center "BIG BAND" Performance	Stage 1
1:30pm	Ping Pong Ball Drop supported by the Independent Fire Co. of Belford	Turf Field
2:00pm	BMX Show #1	Parking Lot
2:15pm	Rock'n Music Academy	Stage 1
2:45pm	Kids Fun Magic Show	Stage 2
3:15pm	Outer Limits	Stage 1
3:30pm	BMX Show #2	Parking Lot
4:15pm	Lincroft Music Academy	Stage 1
5:00pm	Festival Closes	

Croydon Hall 11am-5pm

middletownnj.org/middletownday

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

Make sure you check out our fall festival's event schedule in the graphic above! Want to rep Middletown Day? Browse our new Swag Shop on [CommunityPass](#) to preorder a commemorative t-shirt, tank top, pint glass, blanket, or window cling. Leftover swag will also be sold at the event.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this fun family-friendly event.

Sign into CommunityPass and click [HERE](#) to purchase gear.

**Mail-in Ballots Arriving Soon:
Drop Them Off at Middletown's Ballot Box Locations!**



**ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**
- CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**



November General Election mail-in ballots should be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please feel free to drop off your ballot at one of Middletown's two ballot box locations: Croydon Hall or the MTPL!

*Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to vote by mail.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's election services.*

**Middletown Recreation's Summer Beach Bash Wraps Up
Season with a Smile**



Residents put on their mermaid tails and race to the finish line!

Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation

From sand art to a mermaid race to a watermelon eating contest, Middletown Recreation's beach bash was waves of fun! Thanks to all our residents who came out to enjoy what local summer is all about — great weather and an even greater community!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the "shell-abration"!

Community Gardeners Meet for First Public Information Session



MCG Steering Committee member Kelly Reynolds speaks about the basics of gardening including best practices, plant needs, and the best types of soil for plants to thrive!

The Middletown Township Community Garden (MCG) Steering Committee held its first public information session this past Sunday at the Community Garden located at Stevenson Park. Speakers Kelly Reynolds and Barbara Ely covered the basics of starting a garden as well as some best practices for winter gardening to prepare for next spring.

This is the first of many public information sessions that will be hosted by the MCG Steering Committee to encourage residents to get growing! Keep an eye out for online sessions hosted over the winter months to get a head start.

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

**Vincent T. Lombardi Knights Of Columbus Council #6552
Volunteer through Clean Communities Mini Grant Program**



Members of the Vincent T. Lombardi Knights Of Columbus Council #6552 pose with our Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) employees and the trash they collected!

Last Saturday, the Vincent T. Lombardi Knights Of Columbus Council #6552 participated in the Township's Clean Communities Mini Grant Program by picking up over 100 pounds of litter near the Belford Seafood Co-Op that would have otherwise polluted our waterways. We are so grateful to the Knights of Columbus for being a part of this program and everything they do for Middletown!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/minigrants if you are interested in participating in our Clean Communities Mini Grant Program.

Township Committee Spends Weekend Supporting Local Causes and Events



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz shows off the artwork she bought at Arts for Autism! Will Smith from OASIS tlc created it.



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Mayor Tony Perry cheer on the runners at the Love for Luca 5K!



Committeewoman Kratz speaks about the importance of remembering our prisoners of war and missing soldiers at VFW Post 2179's POW/MIA ceremony.

Members of the Township Committee were honored to attend several events last weekend to support local causes. On Friday night, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz attended VFW Post 2179's 40th annual POW/MIA service in honor of our soldiers who were either prisoners of war or have gone missing. Middletown is so thankful for their service and will never forget them.

Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz began their Saturday morning by attending Arts for Autism, hosted by Under My Skin For Life Foundation. The event had fun entertainment, a motorcycle run, vendors, and more! Proceeds were donated to OASIS tlc, a local nonprofit whose mission is to promote autism inclusion and acceptance by employing autistic adults to work on its farm.

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell ended the weekend by supporting the inaugural Love for Luca 5K, which Mayor Perry helped kick off. The race was held in memory of beloved 11-year-old resident Luca Iacono, who passed away from pediatric cancer in 2019. All proceeds were donated to Middletown-based nonprofit [Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer](#).

Middletown has so many incredible organizations, and the Township Committee is so happy to support them!

Troop 246 Boy Scout Soars to Eagle Scout Rank



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell talks about Eagle Scout Eamon Sullivan's impressive accomplishments

*at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony.
Photo courtesy of Jennifer Sullivan*

Last weekend, Eamon Sullivan from Troop 246 advanced to the impressive rank of Eagle Scout. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell attended his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony to personally congratulate him and present him with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Eagle Scouts must complete service projects to earn this prestigious title. Eamon used his leadership skills to manage construction of a ChickShaw for OASIS tlc. A ChickShaw is a portable chicken coop that was designed to help keep chickens active and move many chickens at once. Building a ChickShaw makes it easier for OASIS tlc to raise more chickens in an efficient way. Eamon fundraised through GoFundMe, purchased all the supplies from hardware stores, prepared the wood with his father and brother, and worked alongside other scouts to build it.

Congratulations Eagle Scout Eamon Sullivan! Thank you for making a difference in Middletown!



Watch the Monday, 9/19 Township Committee Regular Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch our recent Township Committee Regular Meeting on YouTube.

Homeowner Advisory: How to Safely Put Out Cigarettes and Charcoal Grills to Avoid Garbage Fires

In light of several recent garbage fires, Middletown's Fire Marshal and Fire Chief would like to provide homeowners with tips on how to properly discard smoking materials.

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



UPCOMING & COMPLETED ROAD PAVEMENT PROJECTS

Please visit www.middletownnj.org/roads to see a complete list of road pavement projects in Middletown Township.



Click [HERE](#) to view the list.

**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.

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!**



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



BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive

Middletown Cub Scout Packs, Middletown Township's Social Services and Middletown Recreation have teamed up to create this great opportunity to support our community preparing to head back to school. All items will be collected through October 13th when our Packs will come together as one unit and stuff backpacks for the fall.

Please consider donating!

Please click here for our complete list of supplies as well as drop off locations.

Supply Drive - Through October 13th

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

CUB SCOUTS



**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 sports-tek shirt and medal (while supplies last). Prices will increase on Saturday, October 1st.

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



**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on
Sunday, 9/25 from 4 - 6 PM**



GEORGE WIRTH
SHOTGUN BILL ANANIA
PATRICK BAMBURAK
RALPH RASA



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) popular music showcase is back this fall! Join the MAC on Sunday, September 25th from 4 - 6 PM to listen to a group of talented performers: George Wirth, Shotgun Bill Anania, Ralph Rasa, and Patrick Bamburak! 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.*

**Groove to Some Tunes at the MTPL's Steel Drum Concert
on Thursday, 9/29 at 7 PM**



A poster for a Steel Drum Concert. The background features a tropical scene with palm fronds and a sunset. The text on the poster is as follows:

**STEEL DRUM
CONCERT**
with the Trinidad North Steel Drum Band
Celebrate Local Summer at the Library!
Thursday, September 29th | 7pm
The Community Room

Below the text is a photograph of several shiny steel drums. At the bottom of the poster is the logo and contact information for the Middletown Township Public Library.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

The Trinidad North Steel Band, one of the most popular steel band groups in New Jersey and the surrounding states, will be performing in the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) next Thursday! The duo is extremely tight and play an amazing variety of songs in the soca, calypso, reggae, rock, and jazz genres. Participants do not need to register.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to view the MTPL's calendar for upcoming events.

Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Invites Local Veterans to Open House on Saturday, 10/22 at 1 PM



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

Know a
Senior Who
Needs Food?



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

MAXIMUM		
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 Straniero of Middletown Township's Department of Social Services by calling 732-615-2085 or emailing kstraniero@middletownnj.org.



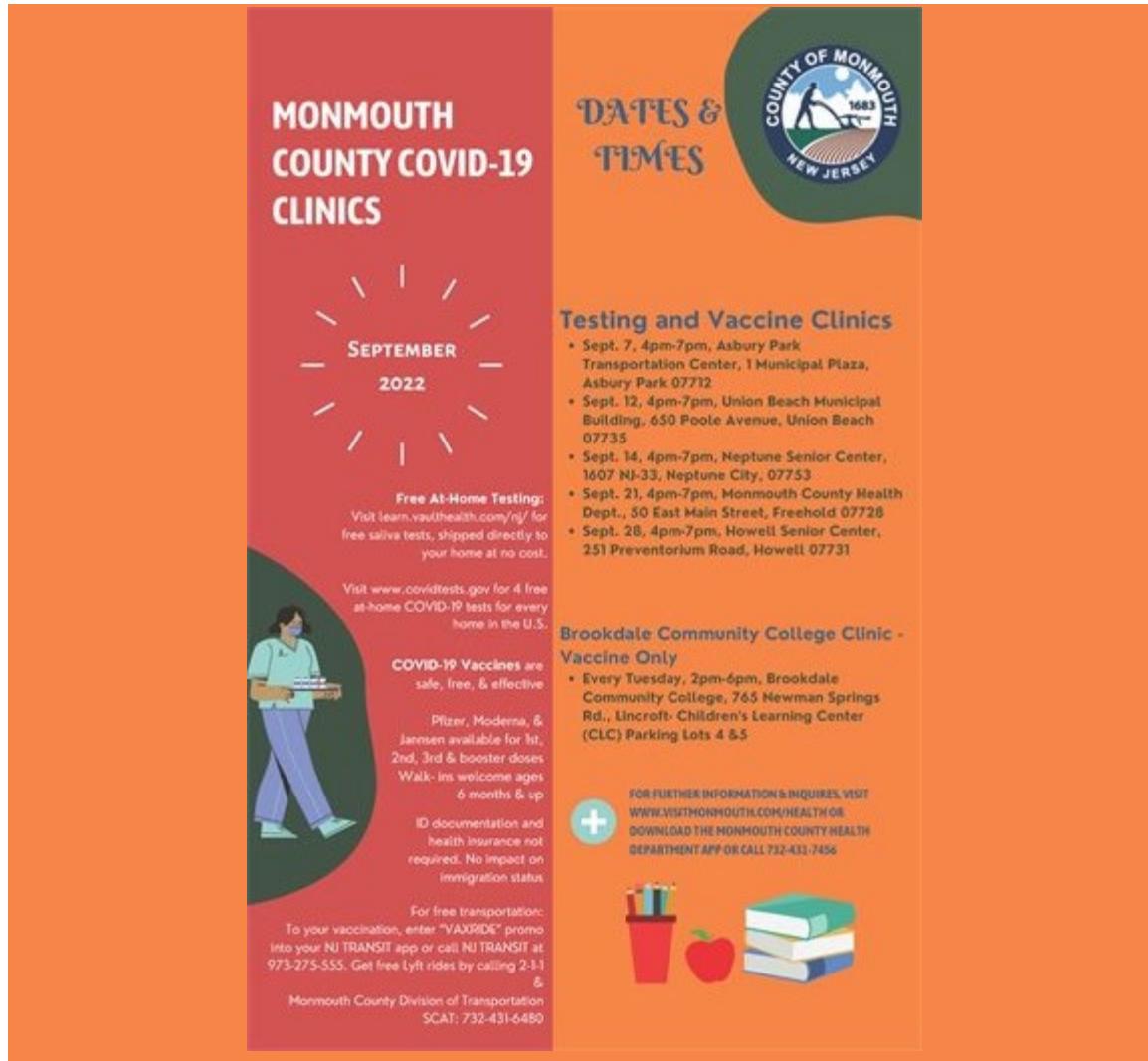
Senior Staples is a USDA program also known as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Esta institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

[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



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