

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown Day Fall Festival Celebrates All that Makes Community Special



Last Saturday was a beautiful day to celebrate everything that makes Middletown special! Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, staff, vendors, nonprofits, entertainers, and attendees for making this year's Middletown Day so much fun! There are many incredible aspects about our annual fall festival, but the best one is our community coming together.

At this year's event, Leonardo First Aid & Rescue Squad held an ambulance dedication with the help of Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee. We are proud to welcome this new vehicle, which will help our EMS responders even better assist our residents when they need it the most.



Mayor Tony Perry breaks a bottle of champagne to christen Leonardo First Aid & Rescue Squad's new ambulance!

Be sure to save the date for next year's Middletown Day fall festival happening on Saturday, September 23rd!

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

Elementary Student Receives Tour of New Town Hall: Aspires to be a Police Officer & Mayor!



Mayor Tony Perry and future mayoral candidate Jack Niklinski pose after "talking shop" in the Mayor's Office.

Last week, New Monmouth Elementary third-grade student Jack Niklinski got a personal tour of the new Town Hall and Police Station from Mayor Tony Perry and MTPD Detective Ric Cruz! Before school started this year, Jack's mom emailed Mayor Perry to let him know that her son wants to be a police officer and mayor when he grows up. Jack brought along his two siblings and parents on the tour, where they learned about Middletown's history and what police officers do. Jack even received an exclusive Middletown pin typically only worn by Township Committee members.

We are so proud that our young residents have an interest in local government and law enforcement! Keep chasing your dreams, Jack!

**Descendant of "First Lady of
Middletown" Penelope Stout**



Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and author Michael A. Stout met briefly today to talk about Stout's new book "Penelope"!

Publishes Novel About Her Life

Earlier today, author Michael A. Stout stopped by Town Hall to drop off the first edition of his short novel, "Penelope", which is about the "First Lady of Middletown" Penelope Stout. The book is a fictional story built around historical facts and recorded oral history.

Visit www.penelope1622.com for more information and to purchase the book.

Demolition of Old Town Hall Buildings Begins



Earlier this week, demolition began on one of the old Town Hall buildings that was most recently a boxing gym. Although it is bittersweet, removing this building and the old Town Hall/police station will make way for a large parking lot for our new municipal complex. We are grateful for the memories we made in the old buildings and are looking forward to our upcoming improvements!



Middletown Township Committee to Host Workshop Meeting on Monday, 10/3 at New Town Hall

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd 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 745 7772 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.

Car Theft Investigation Yields Arrests

Yesterday, Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber announced the recent arrests of two juveniles who were charged in connection with the recent theft of a vehicle.

Additionally, Middletown Police and members of the NJSP Auto Theft Task Force are continuing to investigate thefts of other vehicles in the township.



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

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 Now for Middletown's Emergency Alerts



Due to the impending rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ian, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection closed the Port Monmouth Road floodgate at approximately 5:00 PM this evening, and it will stay closed until further notice. In addition, the gate may be manually opened during this time to allow water in and out of the basin to assist the eco system.

We encourage our residents to 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.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of flood-prone streets.

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

Register for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, 10/22 at 8:45 AM: Prices Increase TOMORROW!



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.

October is Make a Difference Month in Middletown!
We ask that residents help make a difference by participating in our



FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE



Middletown Social Services is collecting non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, personal items, and paper products.

Bring donations to the following locations:
Town Hall (1 Kings Highway), Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road), and Social Services (180 Main Street).

Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085.

Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the Township's Inaugural "Veteran of the Year" Award



The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the

2022 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be received no later than Friday, November 11th. Please visit www.middletownnj.org/voty for more information.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the award.
Click [HERE](#) to complete a nomination form.

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



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.

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.**

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.



Take a Virtual Tour of Our Recently Renovated Recycling Center

Watch our latest TikTok to check out our recently renovated Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane)!

Need to drop off your recyclables? The Center is open Thursdays - Mondays, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

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

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

Recycle Your Fridge/Freezer with JCP&L and Receive \$100

Limited-Time Offer!

Receive \$100 when you recycle your old fridge or freezer.*



Receive \$100 when you sign up to recycle your old fridge or freezer before November 30, 2022.

The Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) encourages residents to recycle their working fridge or freezer to receive \$100 from JCP&L! You can also recycle your air conditioners or dehumidifiers and earn \$35. JCP&L will collect the item and responsibly recycle it for you. No contact pickups are also available.

You must schedule your pickup before Wednesday, November 30th to receive the money. You can either schedule online or by calling 888-740-8005.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to schedule a pickup online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Browse through Recreation's October Events!



Mark your calendars - October is a busy month with Middletown Recreation!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation to check out all the adult and youth programs, as well as special events, happening next month.

Register Your Children for MAC's School's Out Day Camp on Wednesday, 10/5 and Monday, 10/10



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on Wednesday, October 5th and Monday, October 10th! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their day off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude & friends!

There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-day costs \$75. Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

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

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



**Support the MTPL at the Black & White Masquerade Gala
on Friday, 10/28 at 7 PM**

Middletown Township Public Library

Black & White

Masquerade Gala

October 28, 2022 • 7:00pm

Jacques Reception Center
500 Palmer Ave. • Middletown

\$125.00 per ticket

Cocktail Hour, Awards, Dinner, Dancing, Open and Cash Bar
Black or white cocktail attire with a masquerade mask suggested

RSVP to: 732-671-3700x 354 • alindner@mtpl.org

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Black & White Masquerade Gala on Friday, October 28th!

The gala is the kickoff event for the MTPL's "Re-Imagining Your Library" campaign, which is geared toward the redesign and renovation of our library's interior space!

Anticipated upgrades include:

- Additional group collaboration and study rooms
- Increased space for community programs
- Open concept space leading toward relaxed "Living Room" seating areas
- A new room featuring Middletown's history and archives, comfortable seating, advanced technology, and room for programming

50/50 Raffle

The Friends of the MTPL are also hosting a 50/50 Raffle, which can be purchased for \$5 per ticket at the MTPL's circulation desk. The winner will receive 50 percent of the amount received for all tickets or rights to participate. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing, which will take place at the gala at 9:45 PM.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the gala and its opportunities.

Catch a Hockey Game at Recreation's New Jersey Devils

Middletown Night on Sunday, 1/22 at 2 PM



The poster features the New Jersey Devils logo on the left. To its right, the text reads "NEW JERSEY DEVILS" and "MIDDLETOWN NIGHT". Below this, a red banner contains the text "SUNDAY, JANUARY 22" and "2:00PM VS. PITTSBURGH". On the right side, there is a photo of a Devils player in a red jersey with the number 7. To the left of the player, three icons are listed with their corresponding benefits: a hockey stick for "POST-GAME SHOOT FROM THE BLUE LINE", a backpack for "DEVILS SWAG BAG FOR ALL KIDS", and a drink cup for "DISCOUNTED CONCESSION + PARKING OPTIONS AVAILABLE". At the bottom left, a red box says "\$75 TICKETS: MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/DEVILS" next to a ticket icon. At the bottom right, there are logos for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" and the "Middletown Recreation" logo.

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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Hockey season is almost here! Cheer on the New Jersey Devils with Middletown on Sunday, January 22nd as they take on Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Purchase through the ticket link and you can enjoy an on-ice post-game experience! Limited tickets remain, so buy them today!

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/Devils) to purchase tickets.



The banner has a dark blue background. On the left, the words "HEALTH" and "RESOURCES" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font, each inside a rounded rectangle. A small white icon of a person is positioned between the two rectangles. On the right, there is a graphic of a hand holding a white smartphone. Above the phone, several circular icons are arranged in a semi-circle, connected by dotted lines. The icons include a heart with a pulse line, a pill bottle, a clipboard, a stethoscope, a bandage, and a medical bag.

HEALTH

RESOURCES



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 a drop off location.

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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