



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

[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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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!**



The poster for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run. It features the Middletown Township New Jersey seal at the top left. The title "Mayor's CHALLENGE" is in large, stylized letters, with "CHALLENGE" in red. Below the title are three stylized runners (blue, blue, red) on a red banner that says "5K + 1 MILE". Underneath is a large blue banner with the words "FUN RUN" in white. To the left of the banner is a blue long-sleeved shirt with the event logo. To the right, the location "POLICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK" and the date "SATURDAY, OCT 22 - 8:45AM" are listed. Below that, it says "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION". A "REGISTER AT MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/5K" button is present. Logos for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" and "MAYOR'S Wellness CAMPAIGN" are at the bottom left. A circular logo for the "Tunnel to Towers Foundation" is on the right.

Lace up for a challenging trail race and join Middletown Recreation at the fourth annual Mayor's Challenge on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>! 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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**



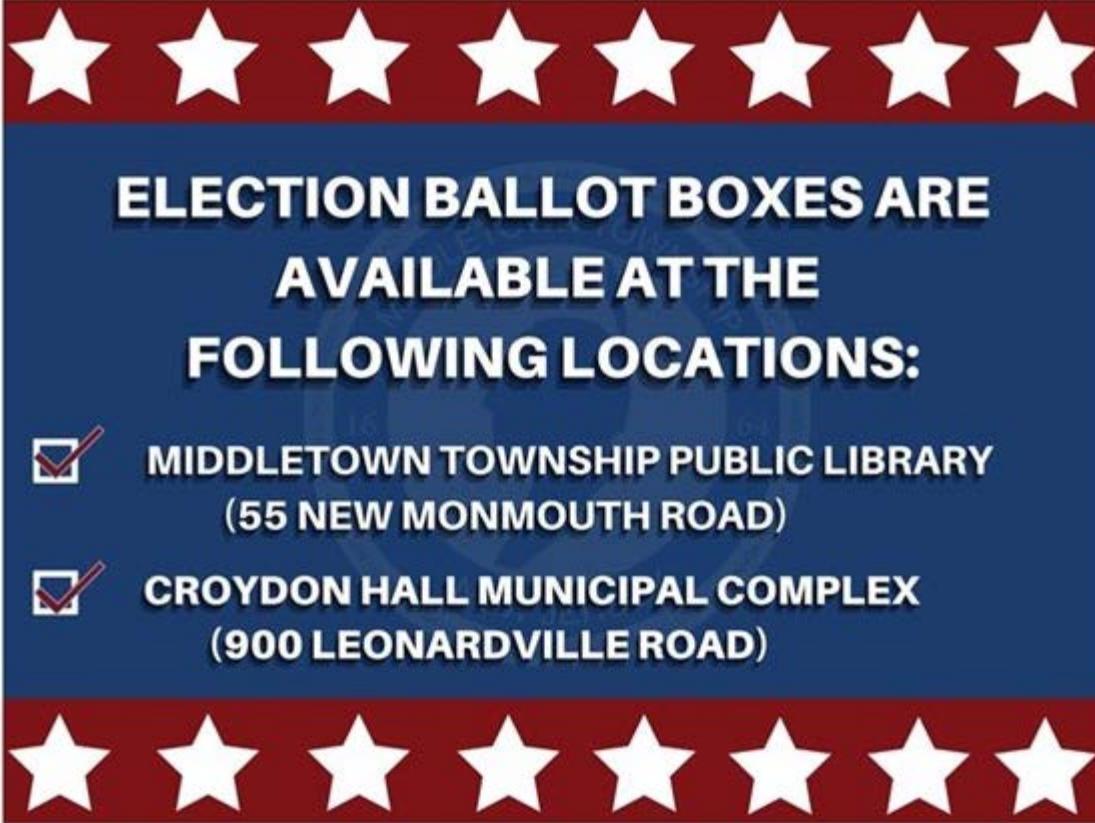
The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the

**2022 VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

All nominations must be received no later than Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/voty](http://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**



**BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive**

**Supply Drive - Through October 13th**

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.

**Scout Logos:** Cub Scout, Middletown Recreation, Boy Scout



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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/supplydrive](http://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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!



**#MTownRec Monthly**

# October 2022

Every Mon: Adult & Youth Kickball 5-7pm Clearwater Fields

Every Mon/Wed: Pickleball Lessons 5-7pm (TBD) **SOLD OUT**

Every Tues: After-School Science Club 4-5pm Poricy Park

Every Tues: Adult Yoga 6:30-7:30pm Indoor Volleyball 7:30-9:30pm Croydon Hall

Every Tues/Thurs: Gone Running Youth Club 4:30-5:30pm Poricy Park

Every Wed: Youth Dodgeball 4:30-7:30pm Croydon Hall

Wed & Thurs 5th & 6th: Pickleball Tournament Men's & Women's Doubles 9am-2pm Tindall Park

Sat 22nd: Mayor's Challenge 5K 8:45am Poricy Park

Wed 26th: Preschool Fair 6-8pm Middletown Library

Sat 29th: Halloween Hullabaloo 5-8pm Poricy Park

[middletownnj.org/recreation](http://middletownnj.org/recreation)

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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recreation](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>! 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>!

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, with the text "NEW JERSEY DEVILS" and "MIDDLETOWN NIGHT" to its right. Below this, the date "SUNDAY, JANUARY 22" and time "2:00PM VS. PITTSBURGH" are prominently displayed. To the right of the text is a photograph of a New Jersey Devils player in action on the ice. On the left side of the poster, there are three icons with corresponding text: a hockey stick icon for "POST-GAME SHOOT FROM THE BLUE LINE", a backpack icon for "DEVILS SWAG BAG FOR ALL KIDS", and a drink icon for "DISCOUNTED CONCESSION + PARKING OPTIONS AVAILABLE". At the bottom left, a red banner displays "\$75 TICKETS: MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/DEVILS" with a ticket stub icon. At the bottom right, there are logos for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" and "MIDDLETOWN".

Hockey season is almost here! Cheer on the New Jersey Devils with Middletown on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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://middletownnj.org/DEVILS) to purchase tickets.*



The graphic features the words "HEALTH" and "RESOURCES" in large, bold, white letters on blue and red rounded rectangles. To the right, a hand holds a smartphone, with a network of dashed lines connecting it to various medical icons: a heart with a pulse, a first aid kit, a stethoscope, a smartphone, and a bandaged hand. The background is dark blue.



## 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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