

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Township Committee Approves \$5 Million in Bond Ordinances for Public Improvements



The Middletown Township Committee approved \$5 million in bond ordinances at the Workshop Meeting on Monday, October 3rd. The funds will be invested in the following projects and more:

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Annual playground renovations
- Field lighting and placing stationary garbage/recycling carts at various parks
- New pickleball courts at McMahon Park

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

- Design of 2023 Capital Road and Drainage Improvements Program
- Fire engine replacement and purchasing new vehicles for Animal Control and DPW
- Upgrades to Middletown Arts Center

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information.

Next Generation Support Program Moves Forward with Bright Connections Tutoring Center



Bright Connections owner Jennifer Wetjen leaves the dais smiling after she discusses the program's next steps and her excitement to begin!

After an extensive search and interview process, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee unanimously passed a resolution at Monday night's meeting to hire [Bright Connections Tutoring Center](#) of Lincroft to engage with parents and students with initial assessments and tutoring services.

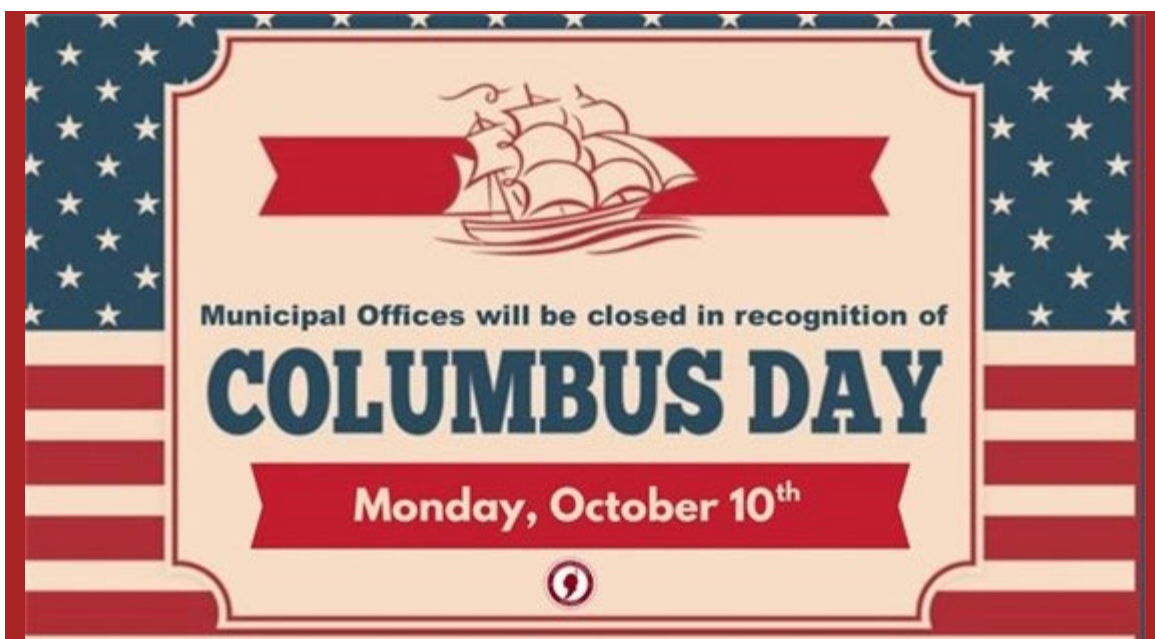
Jennifer Wetjen, owner of Bright Connections, and her staff will be reaching out to parents and guardians who submitted the Township's Free Tutoring Services Questionnaire in August to

schedule an assessment. This will be the first step in enrolling in the Next Generation Support Program.

The Township is thrilled to bring Jen and her team onboard to help execute this important program to help students who suffered from learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Workshop Meeting on YouTube.



Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp on Monday, 10/10



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on 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.

Homeschooled Students Tour Town Hall with Mayor Perry



Mayor Perry and the group of students check out the courtroom at Town Hall!

Earlier this week, Mayor Tony Perry met with one of Middletown's homeschooling groups for a class trip at Town Hall! Students visited the courtroom and Mayor's Office, where they participated in a mock Township Committee meeting. Mayor Perry spoke about the role of government and listened to the students' different proposals for Middletown.

We are so happy we were able to host this educational field trip!

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.**

**MTFD River Plaza Hose Company Hosts 8th Annual
Barrel of Bucks Fundraiser**



Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell take a break from all the fun at Barrel of Bucks to take a picture with MTFD members.

Despite last weekend's rain, members of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and hundreds of residents stopped by River Plaza Hose Company's 8th annual Barrel of Bucks! There was a 50/50 raffle at the sold-out event and a total of \$50,000 was given out in prizes. Attendees were also able to enjoy delicious food and drinks, corn hole, and live music from the Sundries!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our all-volunteer fire department!

DPW Announces Fall 2022 Leaf Collection Schedule



FALL 2022 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I	MONDAY, 11/28
J,K,L	THURSDAY, 12/8

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY – NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED – Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of FAQs, updates, and more information.

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.



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



Lace up for a challenging trail race and join Middletown Recreation at the 4th 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 Monday, October 10th.

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

Save the Date for the Veterans Day Parade: Sunday, 11/6



A poster for the Veterans Day Parade. At the top left is the Middletown Township logo. To its right, the text reads "VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE ANNUAL". At the top right is a Maltese cross logo with a globe in the center. The background features a stylized American flag. The title "VETERANS DAY PARADE" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, three icons are shown: a location pin, a clock, and a calendar. Under the location pin icon is the text "Bayview Elementary (300 Leonardville Rd.)". Under the clock icon is "1:00 pm". Under the calendar icon is "Sunday, November 6th".

VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Bayview Elementary
(300 Leonardville Rd.)

1:00 pm

Sunday, November 6th

The community is invited to enjoy refreshments after the parade at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth).

Nominate a Middletown Veteran for Inaugural "Veteran of the Year" Award



A poster for the 2022 Veteran of the Year award. The background is a dark blue/black field with a stylized American flag. A central white box with a gold border contains the text. The text reads: "The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2022 VETERAN OF THE YEAR". Below this, it says "All nominations must be received no later than Friday, November 11th. Please visit www.middletownnj.org/voty for more information."

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.

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



The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee
invites local veterans to its free

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**VETERANS
OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
1:00 - 4:00 PM
VFW POST 2179 (1 VETERANS LANE)

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Representatives from local veterans' organizations will be
there to provide information and volunteer opportunities.
We hope you consider joining us at this great event!

**Pre-Register for Middletown Health Department's Free
Dogs-Only Rabies Clinic on Saturday, 10/22**



FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SATURDAY, 10/22 FROM 8:30 - 9:30 AM
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult.
Please visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies or call
Animal Control at 732-615-2097
for more information.

The Middletown Township Health Department is holding a **FREE** dogs-only rabies clinic on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot (900 Leonardville Road).

Animal Control will open an additional session from 9:30 - 10:00 AM if the first session fills up. Registration closes on Thursday, October 20th at 10:00 AM.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register.



County Initiates Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program

Monmouth County has received \$7,289,244 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to provide grants to qualified small businesses, microenterprises, and nonprofits either located in or providing services to low moderate income areas for reimbursement of

eligible expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be administered through the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and are subject to HUD program rules and requirements.

The County is now accepting applications from Middletown. We encourage our small businesses, microenterprises, and nonprofits to apply!

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

Drop Off Mail-In Ballots at Boxes Located at MTPL and Croydon Hall



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

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



Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) are bringing preschools across town together in one place for your convenience on Wednesday, October 26th at the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road). Representatives from different schools will be present to speak to you about class options, registration availability, and answer any questions you may have.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list of participating schools.

Spend a Spooky Evening at Recreation's Halloween Hullabaloo on Saturday, 10/29 from 5 - 8 PM!

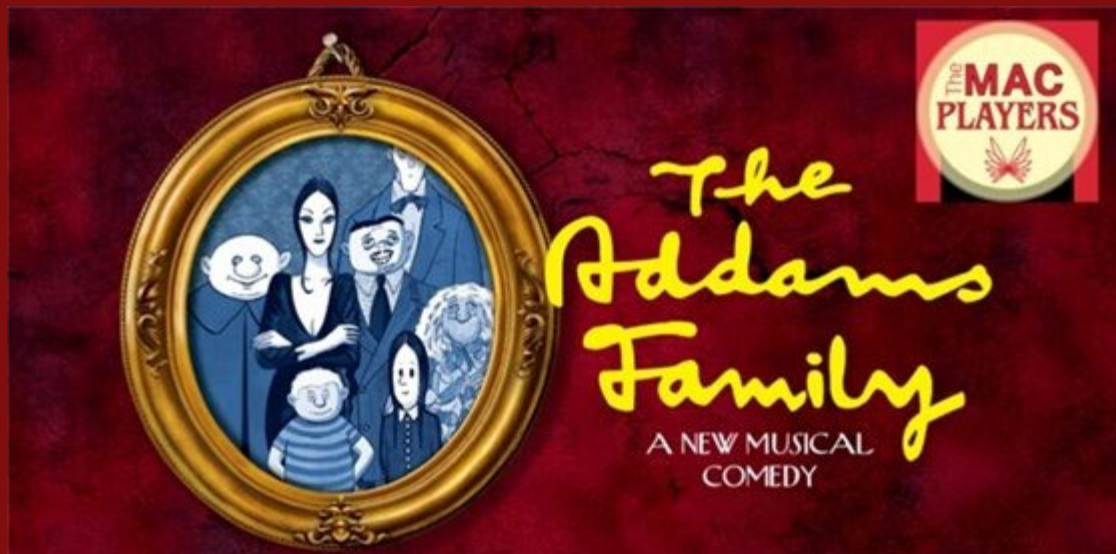


Join Recreation for a spooktacular evening filled with hayrides, a bonfire, human and dog costume contest, cartooning with the Doodle Dude, crafts, a mechanical Pumpkin ride, DJ, and more at the Halloween Hullabaloo at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Saturday, October 29th from 5 - 8 PM!

All activities are FREE for residents! Best Day Ever ice cream and Chick-fil-A food trucks will be on site and goodie bags will be given to the first 500 children at the event. Registration via CommunityPass is recommended.

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

**Purchase Tickets for MAC's "The Addams Family" from
Fri., 10/21 - Sun., 10/23 & Fri., 10/28 - Sun., 10/30**



The MAC Players, the MAC's community theater group, returns this fall with the creepy, kooky, mysterious, spooky and altogether ooky *The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy*!

The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy

Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness and daughter of Gomez and Morticia, has fallen in love with a sweet, smart "normal" young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. Everything changes for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "regular" boyfriend and his parents. This musical is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family and is a whimsical night of music, chills, and thrills!

Performances will take place from Friday, October 21st - Sunday, October 23rd and Friday, October 28th - Sunday, October 30th. The Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7 PM and the Sunday shows will be at 2 PM.

Get your tickets [HERE](#) today!

**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 MTPL's 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.

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 & 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.

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.

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