

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



**Register for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run
TOMORROW, 10/22!**

Mayor's
CHALLENGE

5K + 1 MILE
FUN RUN

PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK
SATURDAY, OCT 22 - 8:45AM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION

REGISTER AT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/5K](https://www.middletownnj.org/5K)

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION MAYOR'S Wellness CAMPAIGN

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

It's not too late to register for the 4th annual Mayor's Challenge happening
TOMORROW, October 22nd!

Lace up your sneakers and join Recreation to exercise for a cause! 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).

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

Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Invites Local Veterans to Open House TOMORROW, 10/22!





Click [HERE](#) to preview the latest issue of Middletown Matters.

Dedicated Volunteer Thomas P. Somerville Honored for 50 Years of Service with EMS



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Fairview First Aid Squad Volunteer Thomas Somerville, Fairview First Aid Squad President Richard Yarczower and Captain Scott Agrusti, and EMS Chief Floyd Goldstein

At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee recognized Thomas P. Somerville for volunteering 50 years of service to Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) Fairview First Aid Squad. Tom has undertaken many different positions and designed unique

ambulances for the squad. He still teaches a variety of classes and serves as a boat handler of the Fairview Dive Team.

The Township Committee celebrated this milestone by proclaiming October 17, 2022 as Thomas P. Somerville Day. He was also given a certificate and Key to the Township this summer when he was recognized for his 50 years of service to the MTFD. Middletown is so grateful for his invaluable contributions.

Greene Street Joinery Receives Middletown's 2022 Green Business Award



Pictured from left: DPW & Engineering Director Ted Maloney, Mayor Tony Perry, Greene Street Joinery co-owners Rob Barone and Jeff Krug, and Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino

The Township Committee presented its 2022 Green Business Award to Greene Street Joinery (213 Wilson Avenue) at Monday's meeting. This Middletown-based furniture shop operates in an environmentally-friendly way by choosing lumber that is native and sustainably harvested, using chemical-free finishes, and making pieces that are multigenerational and can be used for decades.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Greene Street Joinery's website.

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

Habitat for Humanity Hosts Building Event to Fundraise for Home Lot Donated by Township



Mayor Tony Perry speaks about the importance of Habitat for Humanity's mission and how proud he is of Middletown's involvement with this project.

On Wednesday, October 19th, Mayor Tony Perry attended the opening ceremony for Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County's (HFHMC) 7th Annual "House that Rock Built" Build Event in partnership with WRAT 95.9 and Monmouth Mall. The purpose of this "House that Rock Built" was to fundraise and construct frames for HFHMC's 61st affordable single-family home to be built on Ideal Avenue in Middletown. The property was donated by the Township. Both Mayor Perry and Mayor Anthony Talerico Jr. of Eatontown spoke at the event and thanked Habitat for Humanity as well as the volunteers and organizations who participated in this important project.

Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteer opportunities with HFHMC build projects.

Community Fire Company Celebrates 100th Anniversary



Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden join longtime members and volunteers of Community Fire Company for a group photo!

Members of the Middletown Township Committee, along with local elected officials, enjoyed celebrating Community Fire Company's 100th anniversary last weekend! Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor and Ex-Fire Chief Rick Hibell, and Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke gifted the company a proclamation and thanked members for their service. Community Fire Company is the second centennial Middletown has celebrated in the past two weeks!

Thank you to everyone who has served on our all-volunteer fire department.

MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber Inducted into Fairleigh Dickinson University's Chiefs' Circle



FDU President Dr. Christopher Capuono welcomes Chief Weber into the "Circle" at this red carpet event with many distinguished alumni. Photo credit to Bill Blanchard Photography

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief R. Craig Weber was inducted into Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) Chiefs' Circle on Thursday, October 13th. He also received a challenge coin from the school's administration. The Chiefs' Circle recognizes honored alumni who have graduated from the School of Public and Global Affairs with a Master of Administrative Science Degree and have achieved the outstanding career status of Chief of Police in their respective law enforcement agencies.



Chief Weber was accompanied by his beautiful daughter Sarah at the event!

Demolition of Old Police Station Begins



This week, demolition began on the Police Station which is the last of the old Town Hall buildings to be torn down. Last week, the old Town Hall was demolished and last month the other Town Hall building (which was most recently used as a boxing gym) was removed.

Once the Police Station is fully demolished, the Township will be able to make way for a large parking lot for the new municipal complex.

Middletown's No Limits Cafe Hosts 2nd Annual 5K



Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell are all smiles with some of No Limits Cafe's volunteers and employees!

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell kicked off last weekend by supporting No Limits Cafe's 2nd annual 5K! No Limits Cafe (418 NJ-35) is a local 501(c)(3) organization that trains and employs adults with intellectual disabilities to run a restaurant. The lunch cafe advocates for inclusivity and empowers adults with intellectual disabilities — all while serving delicious meals!

Click [HERE](#) to visit No Limits Cafe's website.

Daughters of the American Revolution's Middletown Chapter Marks Grave of American Revolution Doctor at Fairview Cemetery



Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell stand with volunteers and nonprofits Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard at Fairview Cemetery. Photo courtesy of the Middletown chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Last weekend, the Middletown chapter of the nonprofit Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) began its quest to identify and mark the graves of all the American Revolutionary War patriots in Monmouth County. The chapter, along with the help of volunteers, is repairing fallen or broken stones, cleaning them, and replacing ones that are either missing or damaged beyond repair.

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to join Middletown's DAR for its first ceremony, which was held in honor of Dr. Jacobus Hubbard at Fairview Cemetery. Dr. Hubbard served active duty as a surgeon in the 1st Regiment under Colonel Asher Holmes's command.

Interested in cleaning local burial grounds? Please email our local DAR chapter at middletowndar@gmail.com.

St. Mary, Mother of God Church Becomes Diocesan Shrine



Pictured from left: Father Jeff Kegley, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Bishop David O'Connell, Mayor Tony Perry, and Police Chief Craig Weber. Photo courtesy of Saint Mary, Mother of God Church

Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and MTPD Chief Craig Weber were honored to attend the consecration of Saint Mary, Mother of God Church (19 Cherry Tree Farm Road) last Sunday. Bishop David O'Connell consecrated the Diocesan Shrine, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He also blessed the new Altar of Repose for the tabernacle in the church's sanctuary and the new statue of Mary, Mother of God.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video about the Shrine Dedication.
Click [HERE](#) to visit Saint Mary, Mother of God Church's website.

Drop Off Mail-In Ballots at Middletown's Ballot Boxes & Sign Up for Monmouth County's BallotTrax to Track Them



Please feel free to drop off your November General Election mail-in ballot at one of our two ballot box locations: Croydon Hall or the MTPL.

Want to see if your ballot was received? Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding Monmouth County voters who choose to vote by mail that they can sign up for the County's enhanced ballot tracking notification system: BallotTrax. Voters who sign up for the Monmouth County BallotTrax will receive alerts of when their ballots are received by the County Board of Elections for counting. Voters can opt to enable notifications by text message or email, and can sign up for the software at [MonmouthBallotTrax.com](https://www.monmouthballottrax.com).

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to vote by mail.

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

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's election services.

**Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for
November 2022 Election**



**Help Your Community
Exercise Their
Right to Vote!**

**Become a Monmouth County
Poll Worker Today!**

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking poll workers. Call us today to find out more about taking part in this important civic responsibility.

To qualify, you must be a registered voter in Monmouth County and attend a poll worker training class.

You will be paid \$300 for working a Primary Election or General Election. Call us today at 732-431-7802 x7150 to register for a training class.



Monmouth County Board of Elections
300 Halls Mills Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-7802 x7150

Click [HERE](#) for information about how to become a poll worker in Monmouth County.

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



VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE 65TH ANNUAL



VETERANS DAY PARADE



Bayview Elementary
(300 Leonardville Rd.)



1:00 pm



Sunday, November 6th

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

Nominate a Middletown Veteran for 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.

Give Back this Giving Season with Social Services's Holiday Food Drive & Adopt-a-Family Program

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON THROUGH MIDDLETOWN'S



WHAT TO DONATE



All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham, especially the free ones you may earn through supermarket promotions, to a family in need.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY



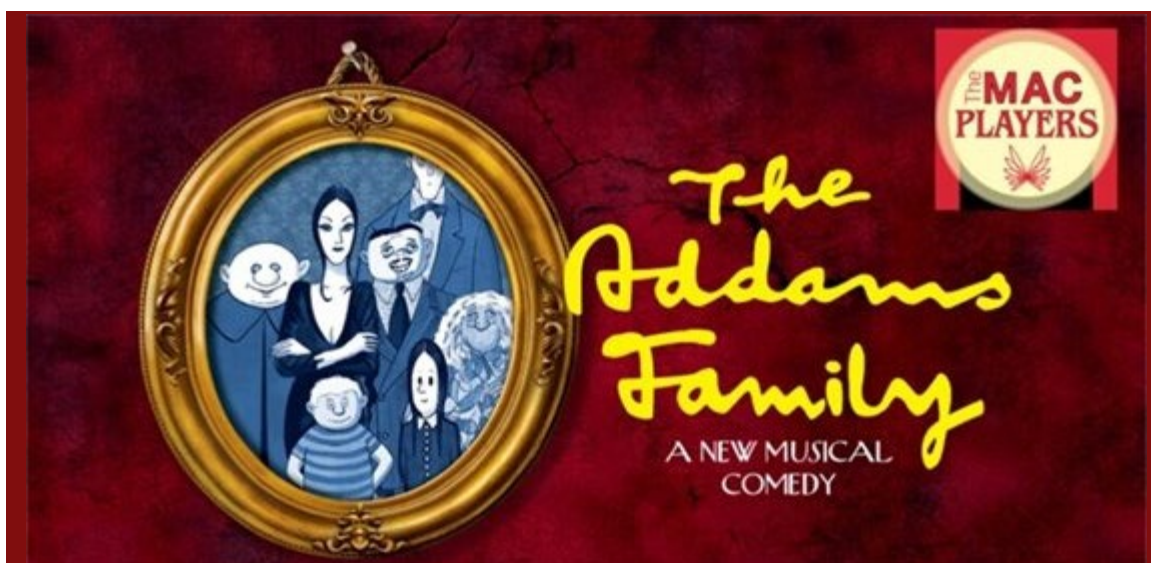
Middletown Social Services is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to "adopt" underprivileged households during the holiday season. Social Services will provide a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, we ask that you kindly provide a few of the listed items or gifts cards, in hopes that your adopted family may have a special holiday season. Donations are accepted at Social Services (180 Main Street). Questions? Call 732-615-2085.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of food pantry items that are needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Purchase Tickets for MAC's "The Addams Family" for This Weekend and Next Weekend



The MAC Players, the MAC's community theater group, returns this weekend with the creepy, mysterious, spooky and altogether kooky *The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy*! Performances begin TODAY, October 21st at 7 PM!

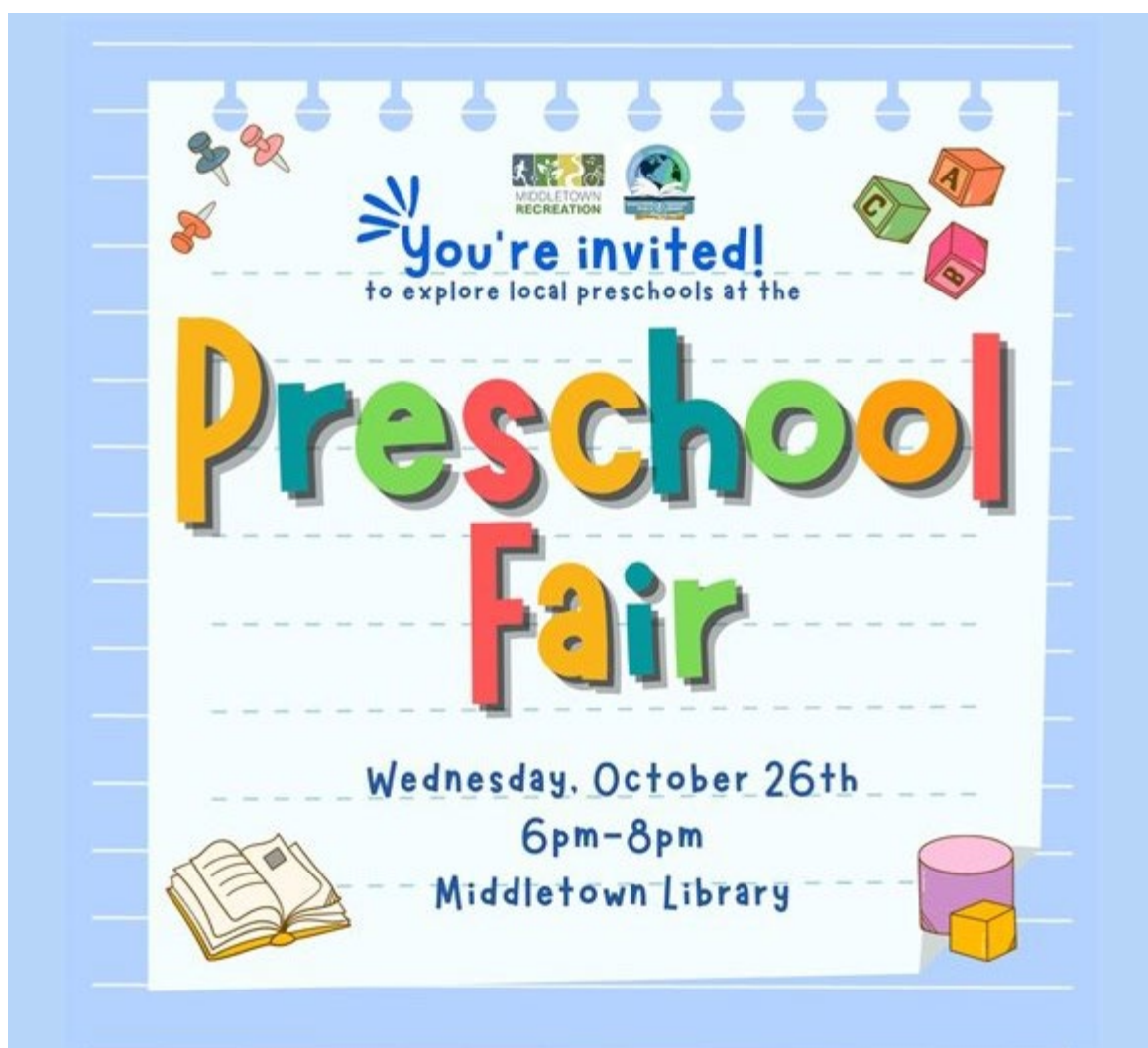
The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy

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!

**Find the Perfect Preschool at Recreation's Fair on
Wednesday, 10/26 from 6 - 8 PM**



Finding the perfect preschool for your child can be tough, so Recreation is here to save the day with a FREE Preschool Fair for interested parents and guardians!

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.

**Support the MTPL at the Black & White Masquerade Gala
Next 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

Looking for a night full of dancing and fun? Purchase tickets or become a sponsor 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!

Award Winners

The MTPL will recognize members of the community for their service and dedication to Middletown with four awards at the gala: Craig Palmer (Joyce P. Murphy Imagination in Education Award), Tony Panzica (Outstanding Philanthropist Award), The Saker Family (Business Generosity Award), and Friends of the Cedar View Cemetery (Historic Preservation Award).

50/50 Raffle

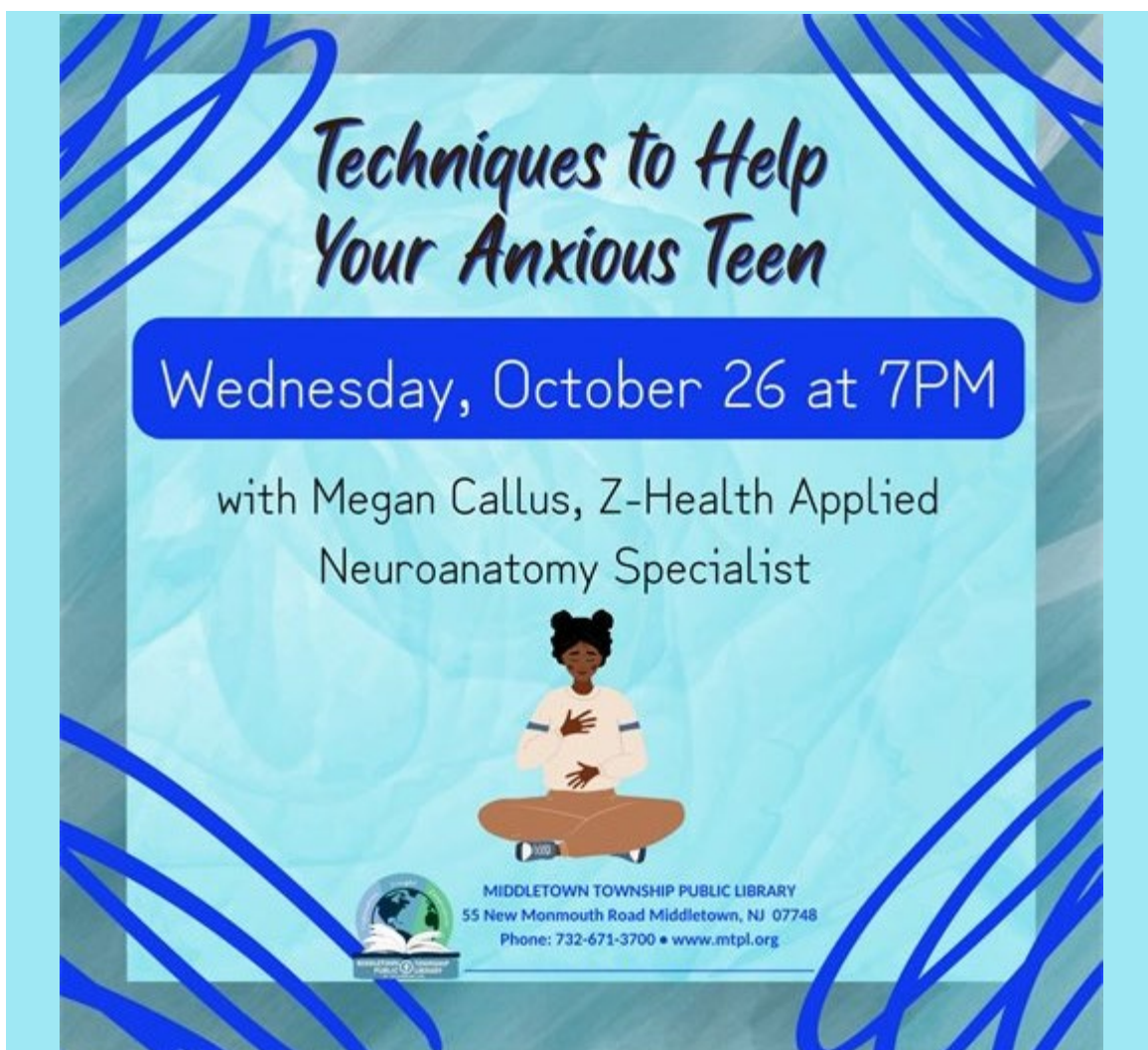
The Friends of the MTPL are also hosting a 50/50 Raffle, which can be purchased for \$5 per ticket at the MTPL's circulation desk. The winner will receive 50 percent of the amount received for all tickets or rights to participate. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing, which will take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

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release about the award winners.

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



Register for MTPL's "Techniques to Help Your Anxious Teen" Program on Wednesday, 10/26 at 7 PM



Teenagers and parents/guardians of teenagers are encouraged to learn techniques to help an anxious teen at the MTPL's Children's Quiet Reading Area (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, October 26th! Megan Callus, Z-Health Applied Neuroanatomy Specialist from Boundless Breath NJ, will be leading the program and providing tips on how to help teens manage their anxiety.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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



HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO

PORICY PARK



Saturday, October 29 - 5pm-8pm

Music, Costume Contest, Hayride, Crafts, Music & More!

Free for All! Goodie bags for the first 500 kids in attendance

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.*

**Watch MTPL's Documentary About Middletown Legend
Vince Lombardi**

Vince Lombardi



the man behind the legend



Vince Lombardi is considered one of the greatest coaches in football history — the Super Bowl trophy even bears his name... but what about the man himself and the life he led? The MTPL recently produced a documentary on renowned Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi, focusing on the man behind the legend and his connection to the Middletown area.

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



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP



On Saturday, October 22nd, Nutswamp Road/Hubbard Avenue will be intermittently closed from River Plaza Elementary School (155 Hubbard Avenue) to the area of Nut Swamp and Michael Drive due to a school event. The road is expected to be closed from 8 - 11 AM. Local residents in the affected area will have access when police personnel find it safe to open sections of roadway for vehicular traffic. Please plan an alternate route.

Click [HERE](#) to view a map of the route and detour.

Click [HERE](#) to register for emergency traffic alerts.



**Donate Blood at Lincroft Fire Company's Blood Drive on
Tuesday, 11/8 from 12:30 - 6:30 PM**

A poster for a blood drive. At the top, there is a red banner with the text "Let's save lives!" in a stylized, bubbly font. To the right of this, in a black box, is the text "CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES". Below the banner, the words "Blood Drive" are written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that, "Tuesday, Nov. 8 12:30-6:30" is written in red. Then, "Lincroft Fire Company" is written in red, followed by "601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft" in black. A yellow banner contains the text: "Appointments recommended. For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org/drive or scan QR Code and search for sponsor code 70286". Below this is a QR code. Further down, in small text, it says: "Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file. 16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form." and "Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your NYBC donor ID card or ID with name and photo. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus". At the bottom left is the New Jersey Blood Services logo. At the bottom right are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, along with the text "800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org #njbloodservices".

*Click on the graphic to view the image larger.
Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.*

Monmouth County October COVID-19 Clinics



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