



Middletown Recognizes National First Responders Day and 10th Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy



Middletown stands united with its past and current community leaders, first responders & staff.

Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and the County Commissioners, held a press conference today in recognition of National First Responders Day and the 10th Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. The press conference was held at Port Monmouth Fire Company on Main Street and was attended by chiefs and members of Middletown's Fire, Police, OEM, and EMS departments, along with local dignitaries, and mayors from surrounding towns impacted by Sandy.

Mayor Perry thanked our first responders for their selfless and heroic actions during Sandy, and every day, and discussed how our community united during this trying time. Both he and Commissioner Director Arnone applauded the leadership during the disaster, including Tony Fiore, who was Middletown's mayor during Sandy, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, OEM Director Charlie Rogers,

Mike Oppegaard, who was the County's OEM Director, and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden.

Sheriff Golden highlighted the tireless efforts of our first responders, as did Aberdeen Mayor Fred Tagliarini who spoke on behalf of the Bayshore Conference of Mayors. Other mayors in attendance were Union Beach Mayor Charles Cocuzza and Keansburg Mayor George Hoff.

Mayor Perry closed the press conference by commending all those involved with the U.S. Army Corps' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project which will prevent future flooding in the township's most vulnerable neighborhoods.



Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Update

The U.S. Army Corps' Port Monmouth Flood Control project is moving closer to its final phases. Completed phases include beach and dune replenishment and the construction of a jetty, levee, floodwall, pump station & tide gate, road closure

gate, and the regrading of Route 36 with these features being turned over to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for continued operation and maintenance of the project.

Contract 5 was awarded in September and work will soon begin on the Compton's Creek side of the project. Property surveys, appraisals, permits, and easement acquisitions are currently underway to allow the construction of a floodwall & levee system along Route 36, Creek Road, and Main Street. Also included is the construction of a levee, floodwall, elevation of a portion of Port Monmouth Road, installation of road closure gates on Broadway and Campbell Avenues, and construction of a pumping station on Main Street, across from Renfrew Place. Construction is scheduled to be completed by 2025.



Middletown Recreation Hosts 4th Annual Mayor's Challenge Benefiting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation



With the American flag waving in the wind, runners line up for the 5K benefiting Tunnel to Towers.



Mayor Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kim Kratz were excited to begin their morning supporting the 5K Fitness Walk, family-friendly 1-mile Fun Run, and 5K Race.

Last Saturday, Middletown Recreation hosted the 4th annual Mayor's Challenge at Poricy Park!

Mayor Tony Perry kicked off the event by speaking about the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which was this year's beneficiary. Tunnel to Towers is a nonprofit 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.

Thank you to the businesses and organizations that sponsored the event, our volunteers, and everyone

who showed up for this important cause!

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

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation's website.

Homeowner Advisory: Inspect Electrical Panels Due to Recent Power Surge to Ensure Safety

Several fires have occurred over the last week due to a power surge on Wednesday evening. This type of power surge can blow out fuses or trip circuit breakers. To ensure safety, the Middletown Township Fire Department and Fire Prevention Office encourages residents to inspect their fuse box/electrical panel, which can typically be found in a closet, basement or garage, to ensure it is working properly.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full homeowner fire prevention advisory.



Spend a Spooky Evening at Middletown Recreation's

Halloween Hullabaloo on Saturday, 10/29 from 5 - 8 PM!



The poster features a dark purple background with a large, stylized orange and white 'HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO' title. Below the title is 'PORICY PARK'. A row of three circular logos is at the top: 'Middletown Arts Center' (15th anniversary), 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION' (with icons for walking, running, cycling, and swimming), and 'Partnership Education Foundation'. The center of the poster shows a row of three jack-o'-lanterns with various faces, and a small white ghost is flying above them. The text 'Saturday, October 29 - 5pm-8pm' and 'Costume Contest, Hayride, Bonfire, Music & More!' are in the middle. At the bottom, it says 'Free for Residents! Goodie bags for the first 500 kids in attendance'.

Join Middletown 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! Chick-fil-A, Best Day Ever Ice Cream, and Sweetpepper Empanada food trucks will be on site. 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.*



BRING YOUR GHOSTS AND GOBLINS TO
TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH OUR
"GOUL-ICE" OFFICERS!

Middletown Township Police Department and fellow
Bayshore Police Departments & Chaplains invite you to a spooktacular
Trunk-or-Treat event!

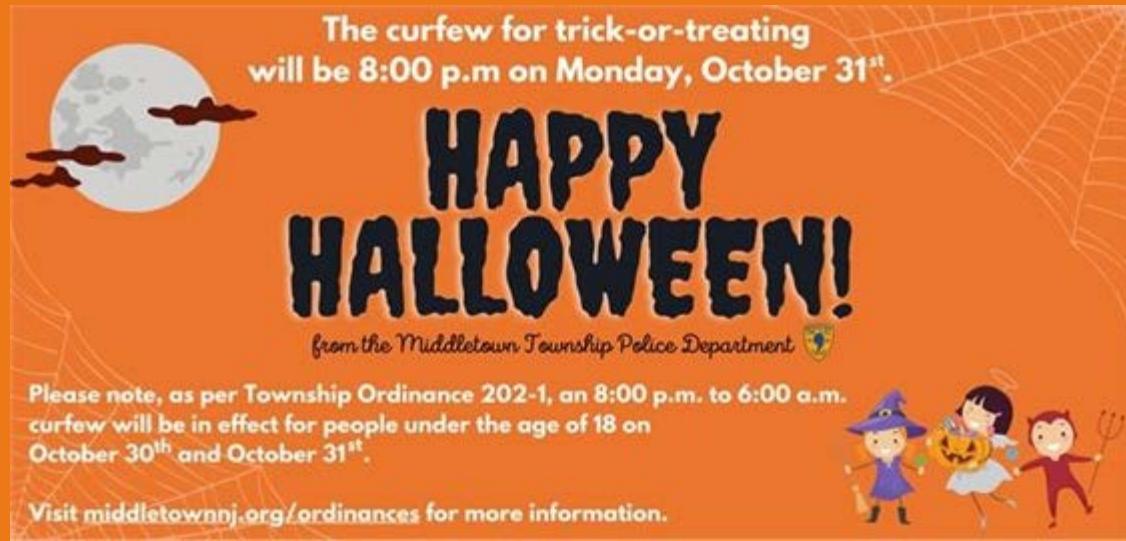
WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FROM 1:30 – 3:30 PM

WHERE: MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT
(1 KINGS HIGHWAY) *Parking will be available across the street*

On Sunday, October 30th, Penelope Lane (between Kings Highway and Route 35) will be closed to all traffic from 1:30 - 3:00 PM.

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

Halloween Trick-or-Treating Curfew is 8 PM



The curfew for trick-or-treating will be 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

from the Middletown Township Police Department

Please note, as per Township Ordinance 202-1, an 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew will be in effect for people under the age of 18 on October 30th and October 31st.

Visit middletownnj.org/ordinances for more information.

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

**MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in
Operation Take Back on Saturday, 10/29 from 10 AM - 2
PM**

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, October 29th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.



Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPD's press release for more information.

Poricy Park Becomes Certified Wildlife Habitat



Pictured from left: Poricy Park Conservancy Trustee Teresa Johnson, President Elaine Hinckley, Mayor Tony Perry, Trustee Linda Maresca, Trustee Janet Currie, and Secretary David Waite

Yesterday, Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Poricy Park Conservancy unveiled its newest sign designating Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) as a certified wildlife habitat! The Conservancy was granted this special designation by the National Wildlife Federation and the New Jersey Audubon.



The Poricy Park Conservancy is a nonprofit with the mission to preserve and enrich the park as well as educate the community about its historic and recreational

resources.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Poricy Park Conservancy's website.

Brookdale Community College Celebrates Solar Project



Brookdale Community College employees and local dignitaries, including Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, gather together to cut the ribbon! Photo courtesy of Brookdale Community College



Photo courtesy of Brookdale Community College

Earlier this week, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell attended a ribbon cutting for Brookdale Community College's Solar Project. Brookdale partnered with Luminace, the North American decarbonization business of Brookfield Renewable, to install solar canopies in the parking lots of its Lincroft and Wall campuses. This clean energy project will help Brookdale lower its electric bill, reduce its carbon footprint, and counter rising electricity costs.

Click [HERE](#) to read Brookdale's press release about the ribbon cutting.

Nonprofit The Arc of Monmouth Shows Mayor New Facility



TAZ participants show off the canvas they created at the MAC to welcome Mayor Perry!

On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry was humbled to receive an exclusive tour of The Arc of Monmouth's facilities in Tinton Falls and Wall Township. The local nonprofit empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a variety of programs. The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) holds weekly art classes for the nonprofit's TAZ (The Achievement Zone) program.

Click [HERE](#) to visit The Arc of Monmouth's website.

Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2022 General Election



WHEN

Saturday, 10/29
through Sunday, 11/6

WHERE

Croydon Hall Gymnasium
(900 Leonardville Road)

TIME

10 AM - 8 PM,
Monday through Saturday
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountvotes.com.

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



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

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



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.

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.

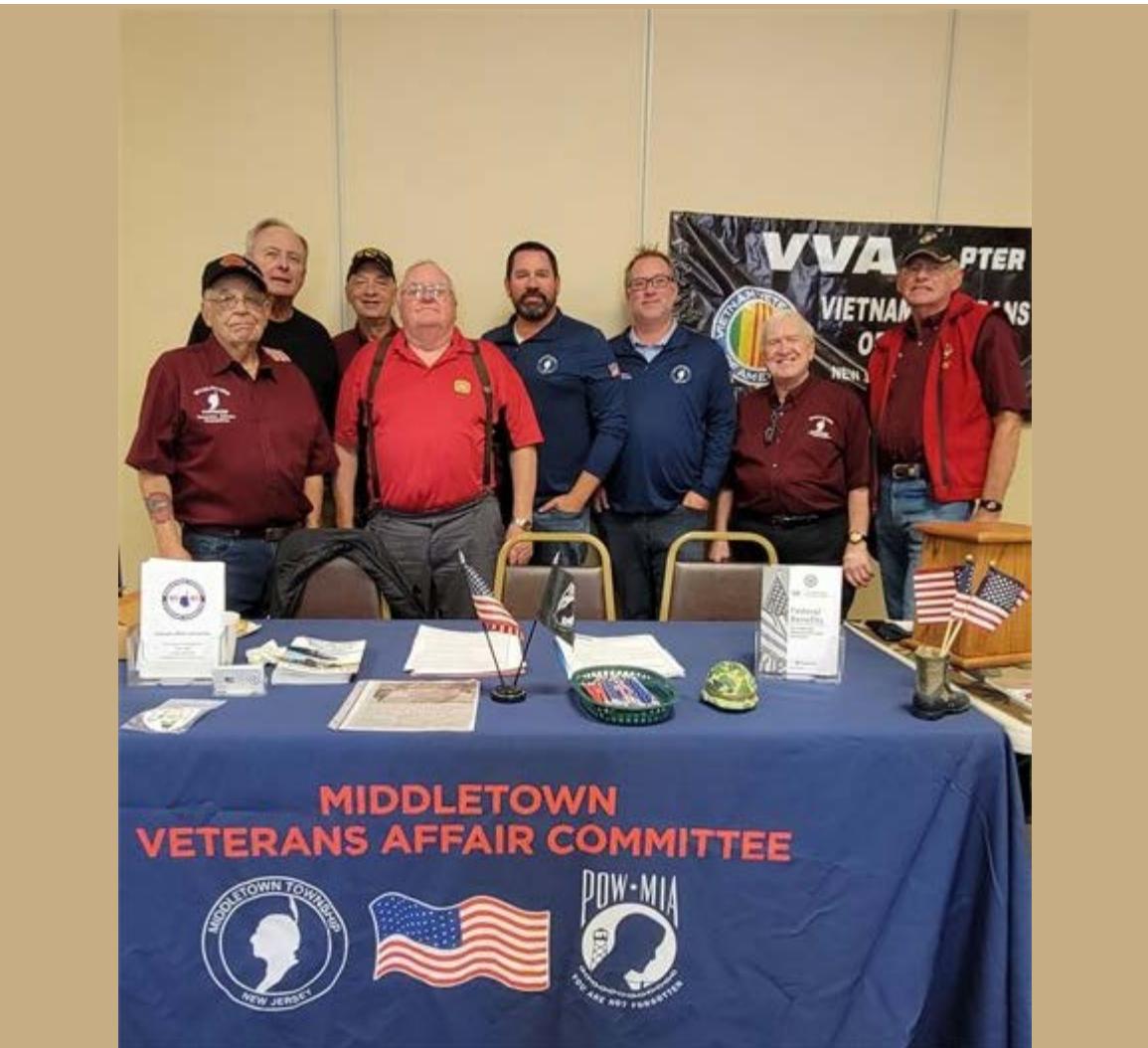
Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for November 2022 Election



The graphic features a stylized American flag with a blue star in the upper left corner. Below the flag, the text reads: **Help Your Community Exercise Their Right to Vote!** Underneath this, it says: **Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker Today!** The text then continues: 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. At the bottom, there is the Monmouth County Board of Elections logo and the address: 300 Halls Mills Road, Freehold, NJ 07728, with the phone number 732-431-7802 x7150.

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

Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Hosts Successful Open House for Local Veterans

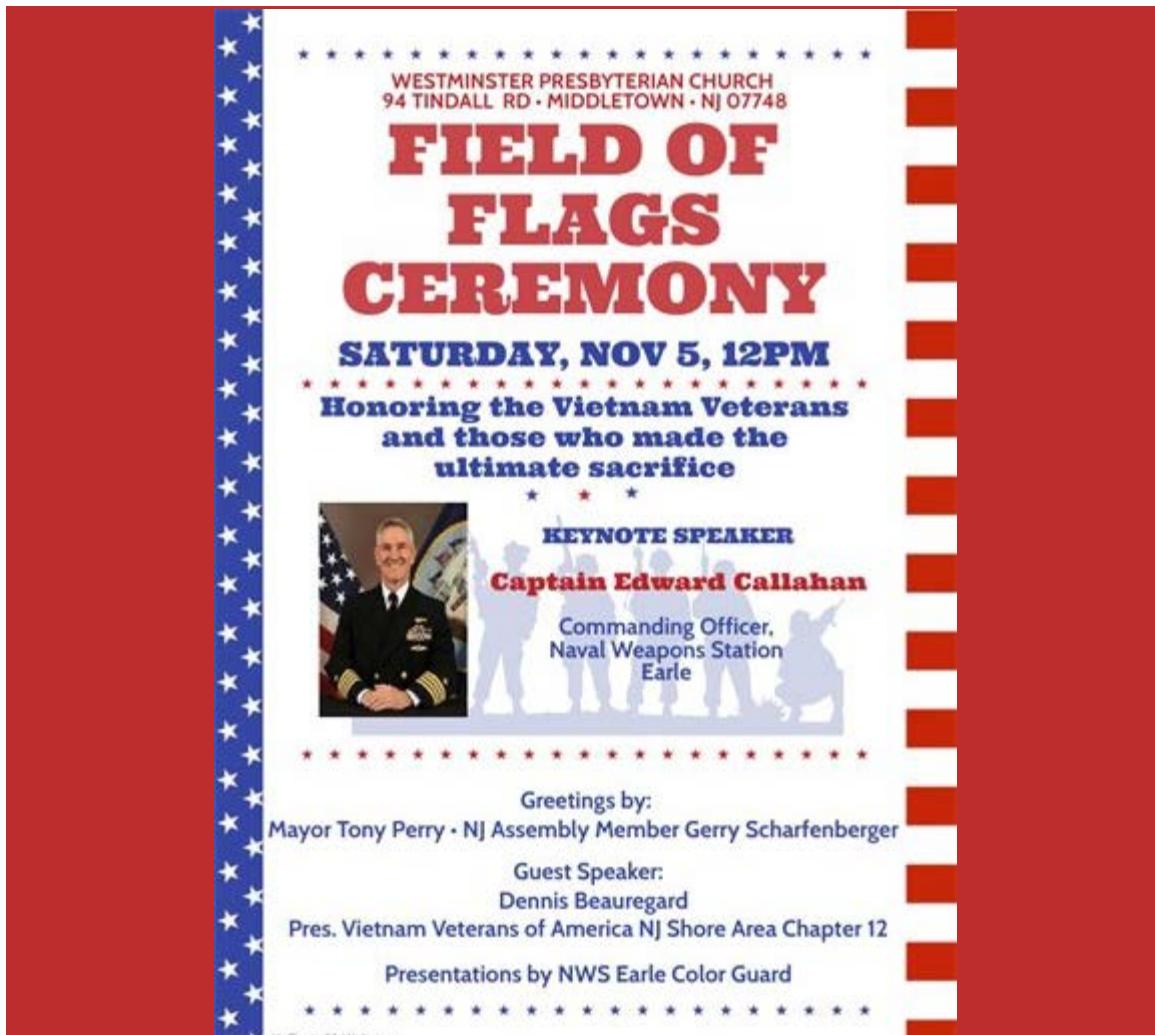


Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and members of the VAC show off the committee's helpful resource table for local veterans.

Last weekend, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) hosted an open house for local veterans who are interested in getting more involved. Representatives from different veterans' organizations were there to provide information and volunteer opportunities. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeeman Ryan Clarke stopped by to support this important event.

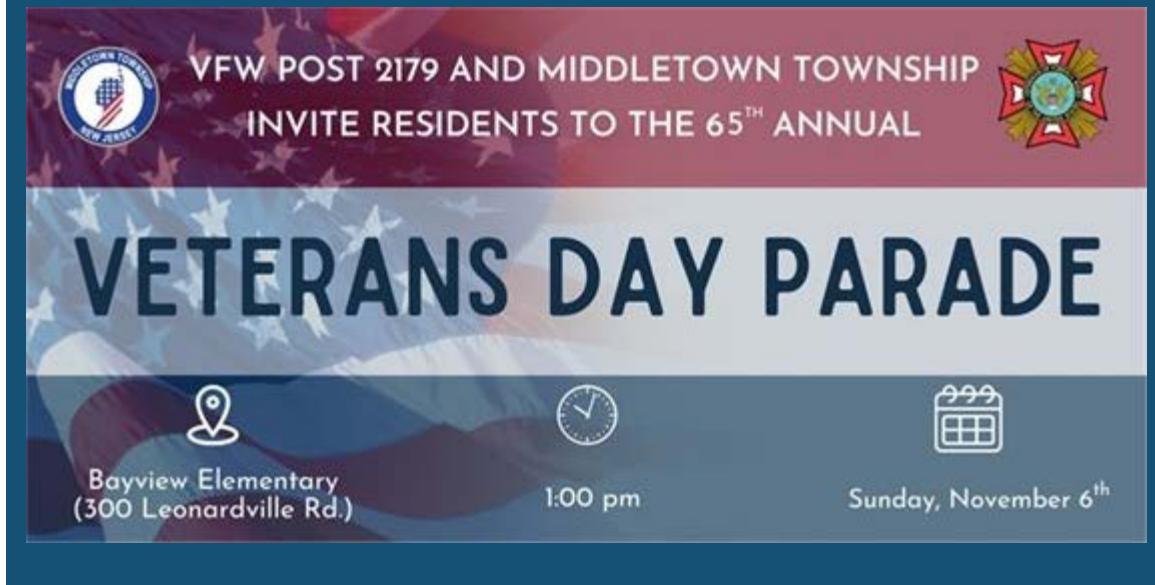
Click [HERE](#) for more information about the VAC.

Honor Fallen Heroes at WPC's Annual Field of Flags Ceremony on Saturday, 11/5 at 12 PM



Join Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman and Vietnam veteran Dennis Beauregard at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (94 Tindall Road) on Saturday, November 5th for the annual Field of Flags ceremony.

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



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.

Senior Freeze Reminder: Applications Due Monday, 10/31

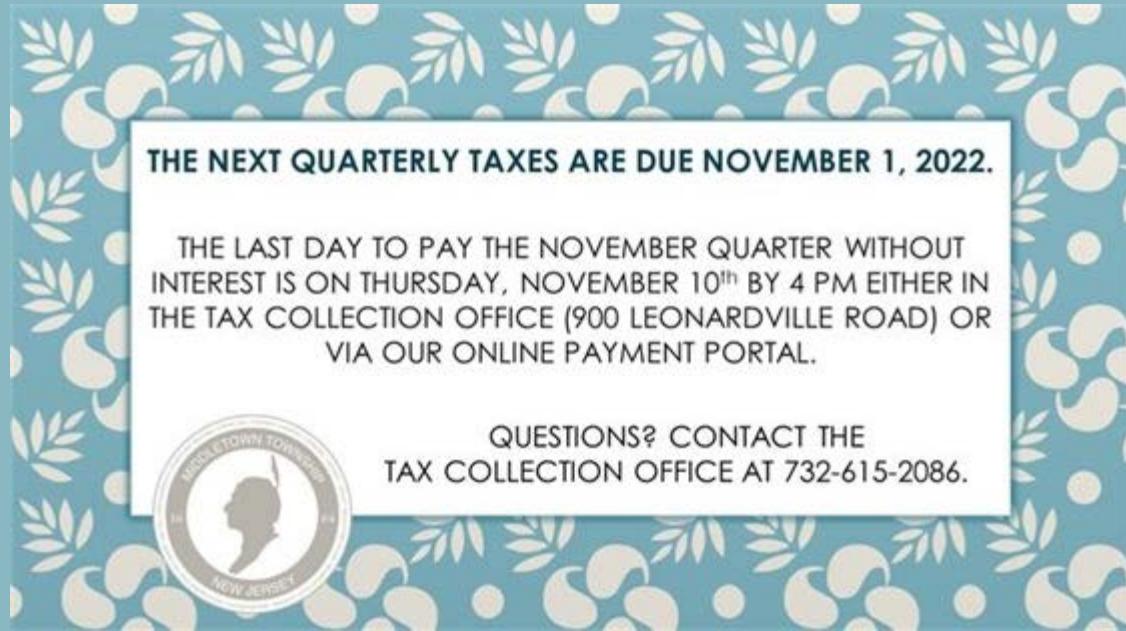


Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications have been mailed by the state. The deadline for filing the application is Monday, October 31st. For information, please visit www.njtaxation.org and select "Senior Freeze" or call the Senior Freeze Hotline at 1-800-882-6597.

If you have already applied and have not received your check, please call the hotline or visit the NJ Treasury Division of Taxation's website.

[Click HERE to visit the NJ Treasury Division of Taxation's website.](#)

Next Quarterly Property Tax Payment Due Tuesday, 11/1



[Click HERE for more information about how you can pay your taxes.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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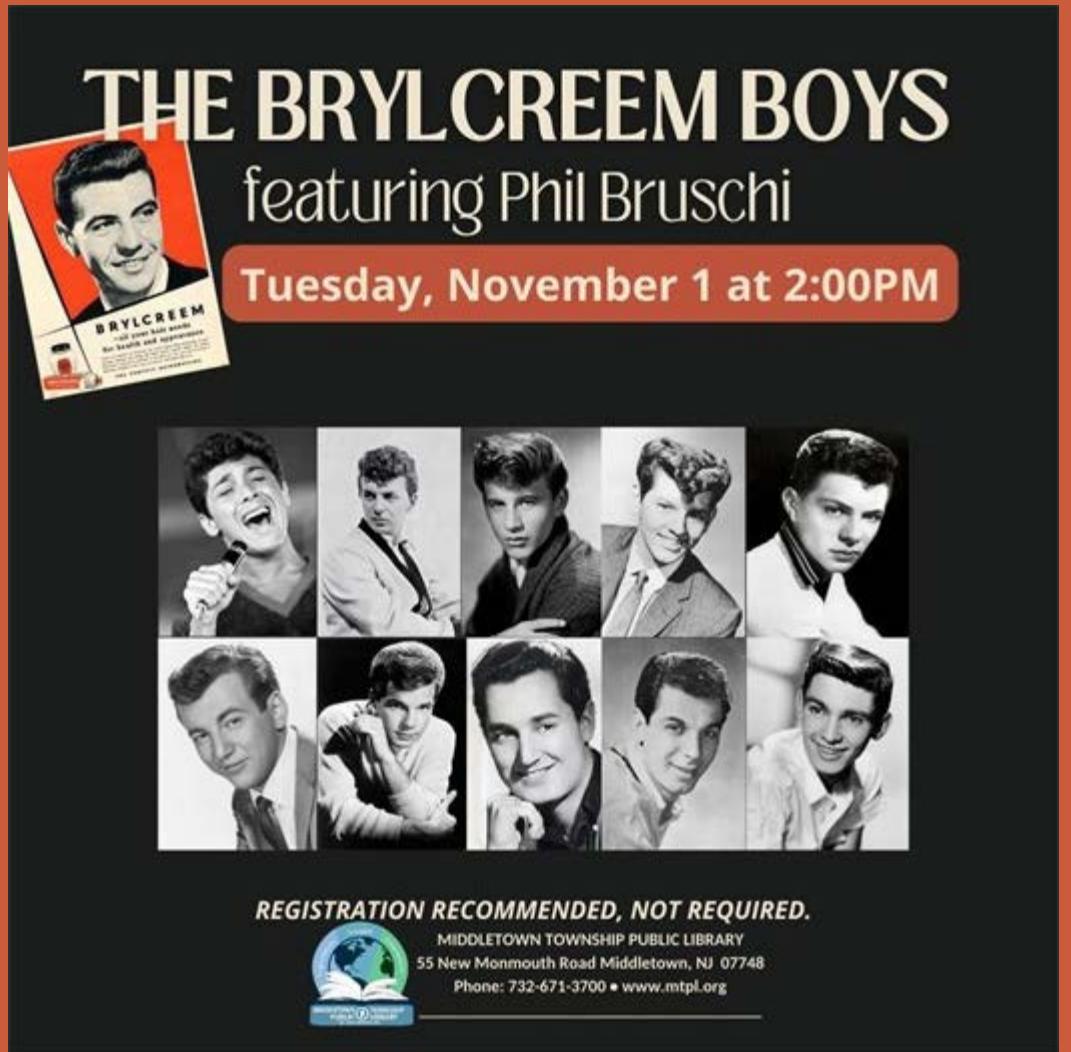
Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Next Week (Monday, 11/7 - Friday, 11/11)

The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp from Monday, November 7th to Friday, November 11th! 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.**](#)

**Check Out "The Brylcreem Boys" at the MTPL on
Tuesday, 11/1 at 2 PM**



THE BRYLCREEM BOYS
featuring Phil Bruschi

Tuesday, November 1 at 2:00PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED, NOT REQUIRED.

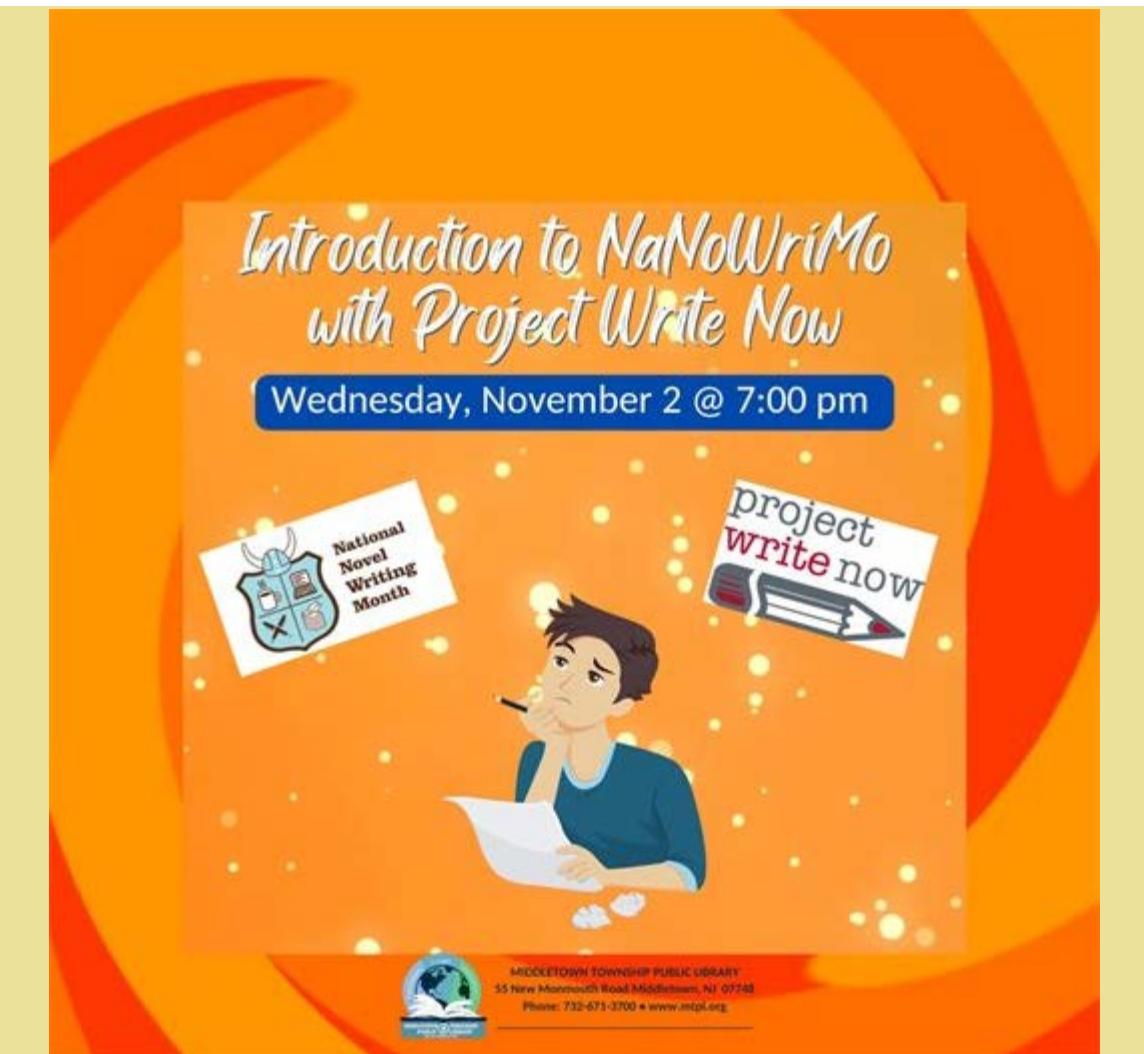
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, November 1st for a musical history program centered around the late '50s and early '60s rock 'n roll!

This program will take place in the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) and will focus on 10 Brylcreem Boys who carved out singing careers for themselves as "the complete package" of talent and good looks. Phil Bruschi will briefly discuss their careers while singing some throwback hits!

[**Click HERE for more information about the program.**](#)

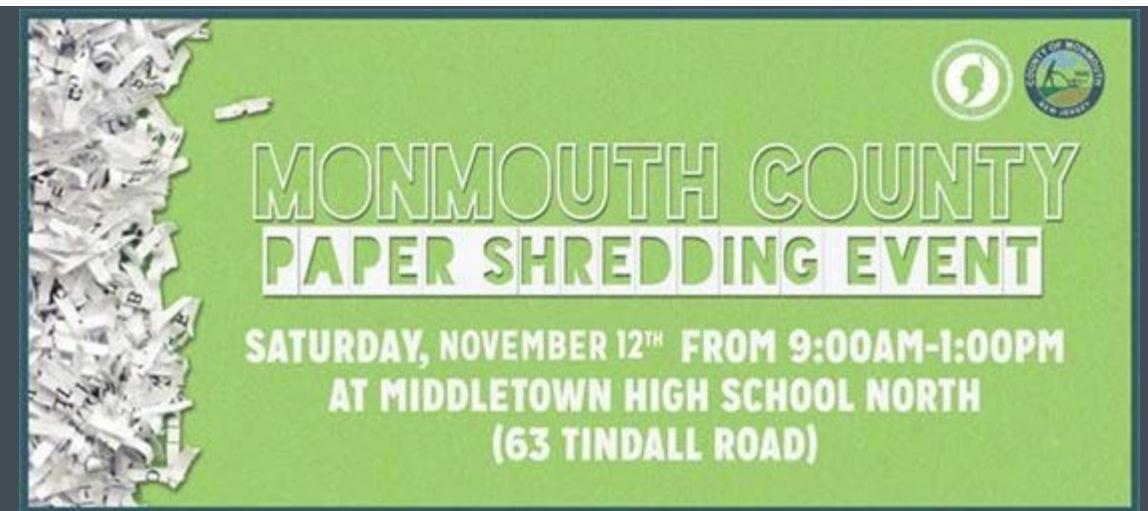
**Perfect Your Writing Skills at the MTPL on
Wednesday, 11/2 at 7 PM**



Celebrate National Novel Writing Month at the MTPL on Wednesday, November 2nd with Project Write Now! Stop by the Teen Room to learn the best tricks and tips for writing your novel!

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School North on Saturday, 11/12 from 9 - 1 PM



Monmouth County will be holding its annual paper shredding event in Middletown on Saturday, November 12th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Middletown High School North.

Middletown residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large sized trash bags. All paper will be shredded on location in the mobile truck, and the event will end either once the mobile truck is full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents, but staples and paper clips can remain.

Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release with more information.

**Give Back this Giving Season with Social Services'
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.

Show Off Your Soccer Skills at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout on Saturday, 11/19 at 10 AM



Think you've got the best penalty shot in town? Take your best shot at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout on Saturday, November 19th! Each participant gets five chances to rack up the most points. Top winners in each age range receive a frozen turkey courtesy of Circus Foodtown.

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

Purchase Discount Christmas Spectacular Tickets for Sunday, 12/11 through Middletown Recreation



Save money this holiday season while still enjoying a holiday favorite: the Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes!

Purchase 1st Mezzanine tickets to the Christmas Spectacular on Sunday, December 11th through Middletown Recreation's special ticket link and save over \$20 per ticket! Hurry and purchase today because there are limited tickets available!

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



Rabid Raccoon Found in Area of South End and Bray Avenues



The Middletown Township Animal Control Division responded to a call for a sick raccoon on Tuesday, October 25th. The animal was found in the area of South End Avenue and Bray Avenue. Middletown Animal Control Officers captured the raccoon after a possible exposure to two domestic animals. Lab results confirmed the raccoon was positive for rabies.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full alert.

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



Let's save lives! **CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES**

Blood Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 8 12:30-6:30

Lincroft Fire Company
601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft

Appointments recommended. For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org/drive or scan QR Code and search for sponsor code 70286

Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.
16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

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.

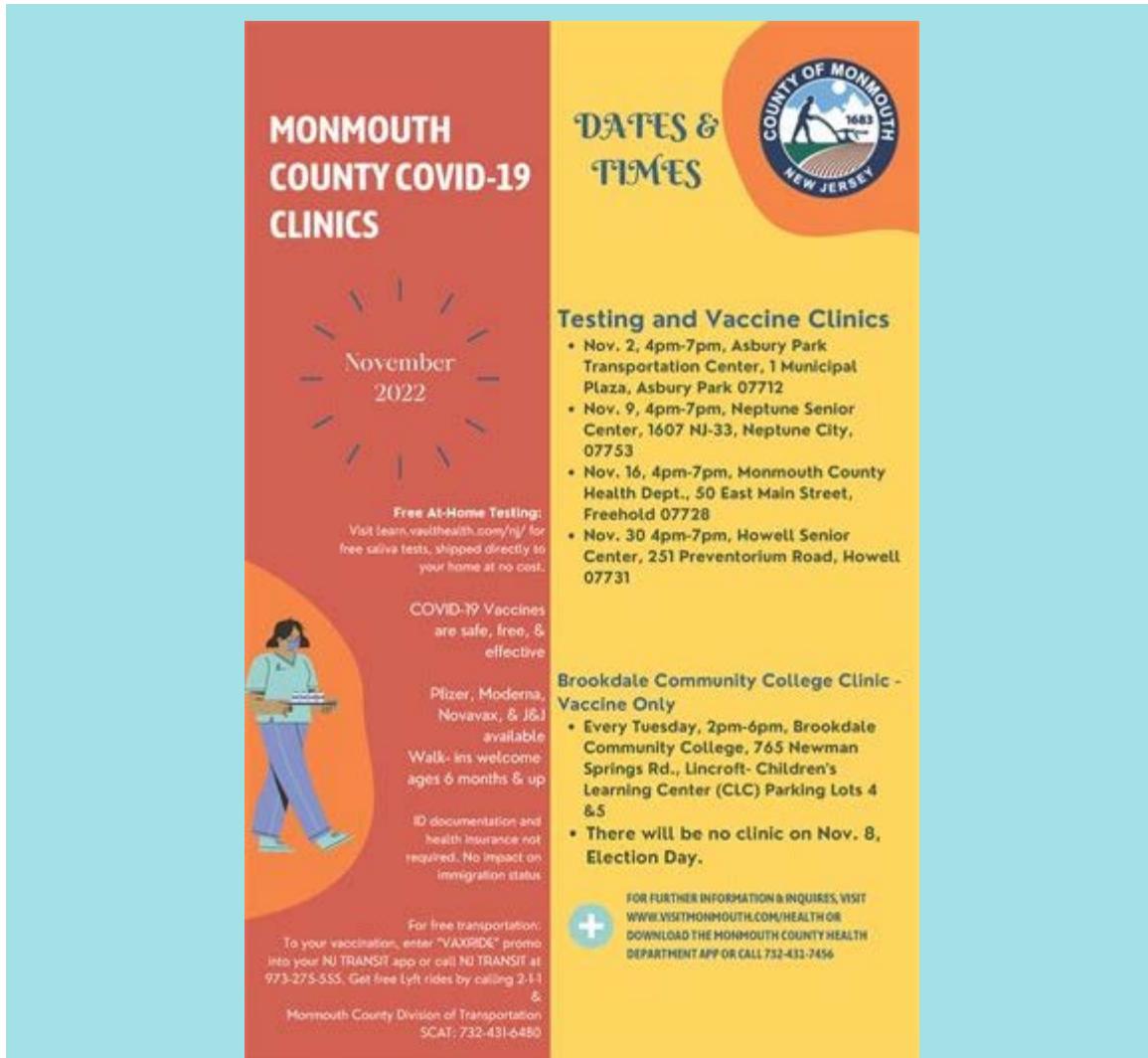
 **New Jersey Blood Services**

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Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.*

Monmouth County November COVID-19 Clinics



MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS

November 2022

Free At-Home Testing:
Visit team.vaulthealth.com/nj/ for free saliva tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.

COVID-19 Vaccines
are safe, free, & effective

Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax, & J&J available
Walk-ins welcome ages 6 months & up

ID documentation and health insurance not required. No impact on immigration status

For free transportation:
To your vaccination, enter "VAXXIDZ" promo into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1 &
Monmouth County Division of Transportation
SCAT: 732-431-6480

DATES & TIMES

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY

Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Nov. 2, 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Nov. 9, 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753
- Nov. 16, 4pm-7pm, Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main Street, Freehold 07728
- Nov. 30 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road, Howell 07731

Brookdale Community College Clinic - Vaccine Only

- Every Tuesday, 2pm-6pm, Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft- Children's Learning Center (CLC) Parking Lots 4 &5
- There will be no clinic on Nov. 8, Election Day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRIES, VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-431-7456

Click on the graphic to view the image larger.
Visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

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