



## Middletown Recognizes National First Responders Day and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*





A poster for a "Trunk-or-Treat" event. The top section has a dark blue background with a "FAITH & BLUE" logo and a "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE" badge. The main text is in large, bold, orange letters: "BRING YOUR GHOSTS AND GOBLINS TO TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH OUR 'GHOUL-ICE' OFFICERS!". There are illustrations of a ghost and a jack-o'-lantern. The bottom section has a dark background with white and orange text: "Middletown Township Police Department and fellow Bayshore Police Departments & Chaplains invite you to a spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat event!". It lists the date and time: "WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:30 - 3:30 PM" and the location: "WHERE: MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) Parking will be available across the street".

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

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On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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



A notice about the Halloween curfew. It features a full moon and clouds on the left, and a spiderweb on the right. The text is in white and orange. It says: "The curfew for trick-or-treating will be 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>." followed by "HAPPY HALLOWEEN!" in large, bold, orange letters. Below that, it says "from the Middletown Township Police Department" with a small badge. It then states: "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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>." and "Visit [middletownnj.org/ordinances](http://middletownnj.org/ordinances) for more information." There are illustrations of three children in costumes (witch, girl, and devil) at the bottom right.

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

from the Middletown Township Police Department

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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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.





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://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.

**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**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
94 TINDALL RD • MIDDLETOWN • NJ 07748

FIELD OF  
FLAGS  
CEREMONY

SATURDAY, NOV 5, 12PM

Honoring the Vietnam Veterans  
and those who made the  
ultimate sacrifice



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Captain Edward Callahan**  
Commanding Officer,  
Naval Weapons Station  
Earle

Greetings by:  
Mayor Tony Perry • NJ Assembly Member Gerry Scharfenberger

Guest Speaker:  
Dennis Beauregard  
Pres. Vietnam Veterans of America NJ Shore Area Chapter 12

Presentations by NWS Earle Color Guard

with PosterMyWall.com

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 5<sup>th</sup> for the annual Field of Flags ceremony.

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



VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



VETERANS DAY PARADE



Bayview Elementary  
(300 Leonardville Rd.)



1:00 pm



Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/parade](http://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 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.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. For information, please visit  
[www.njtaxation.org](http://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

**THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2022.**

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE NOVEMBER QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE  
TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

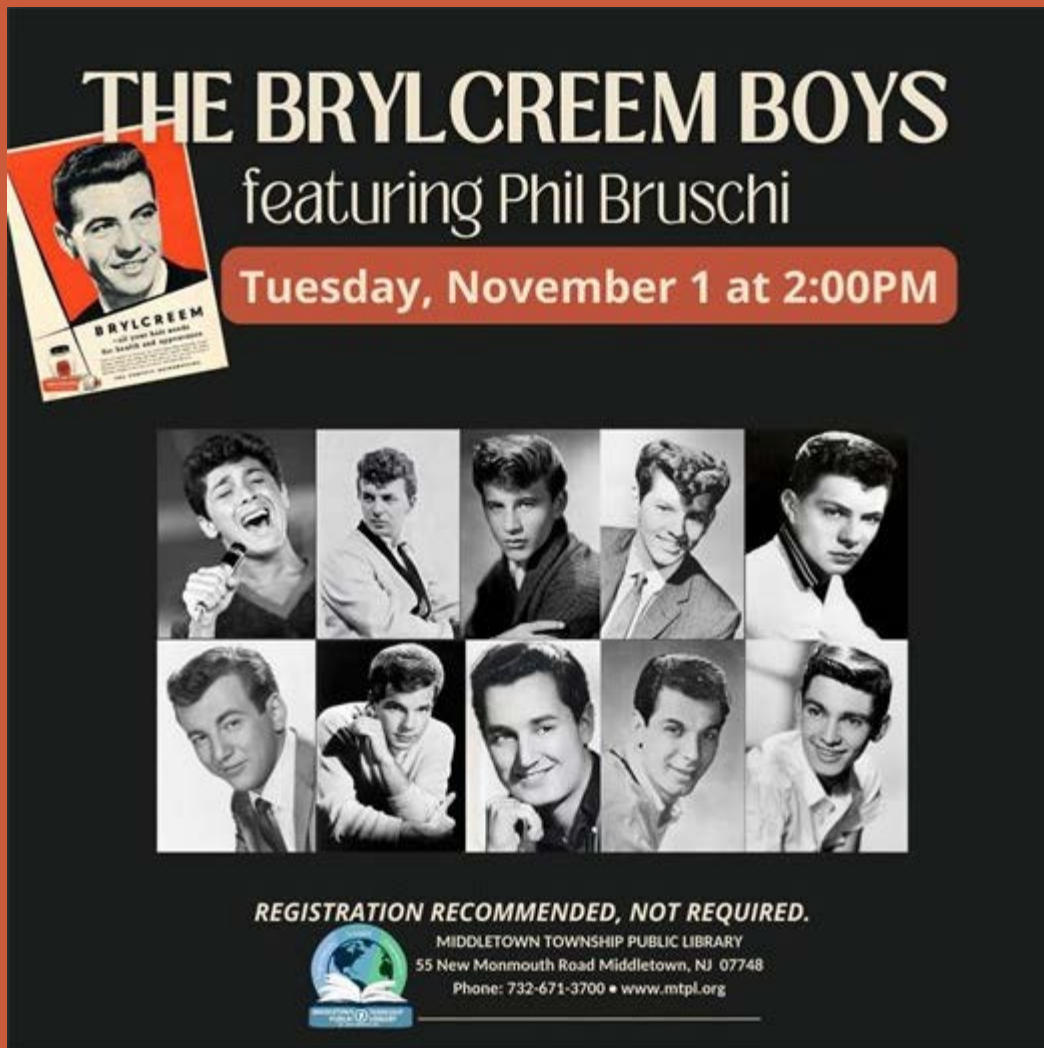
The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp from Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are 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.

**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.**

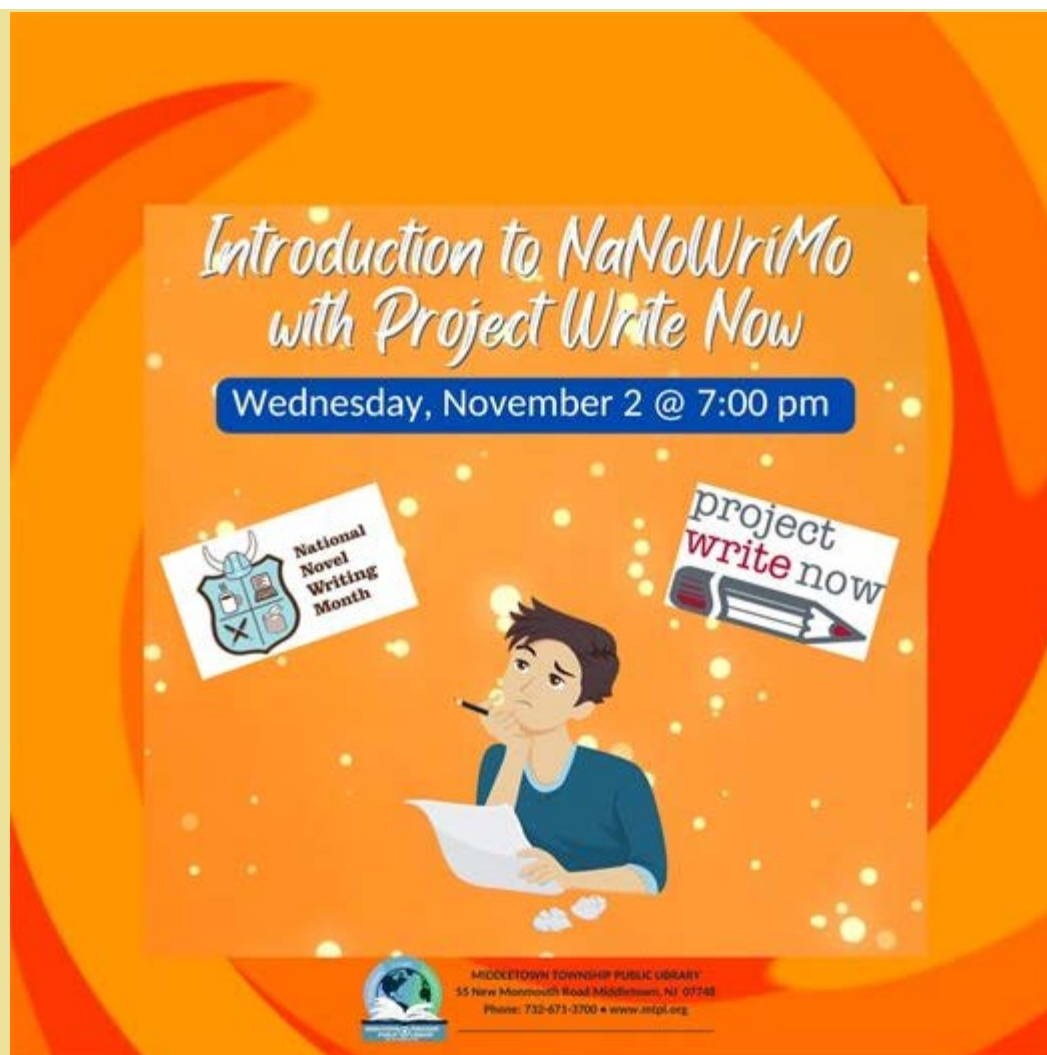
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55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
Phone: 732-671-3700 • [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

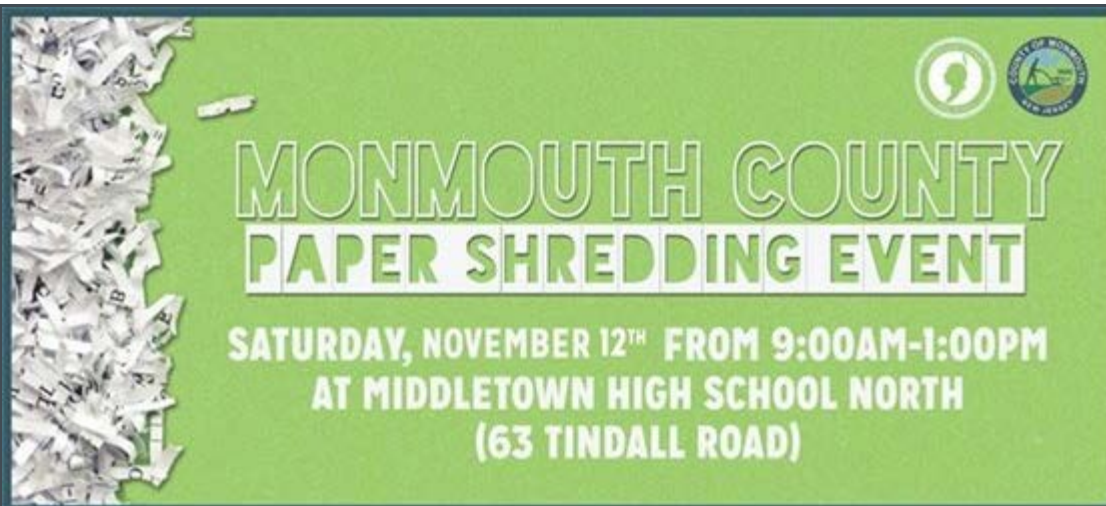


**Celebrate National Novel Writing Month at the MTPL on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> with Project Write Now! Stop by the Teen Room to learn the best tricks and tips for writing your novel!**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>! 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 1<sup>st</sup> Mezzanine tickets to the Christmas Spectacular on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

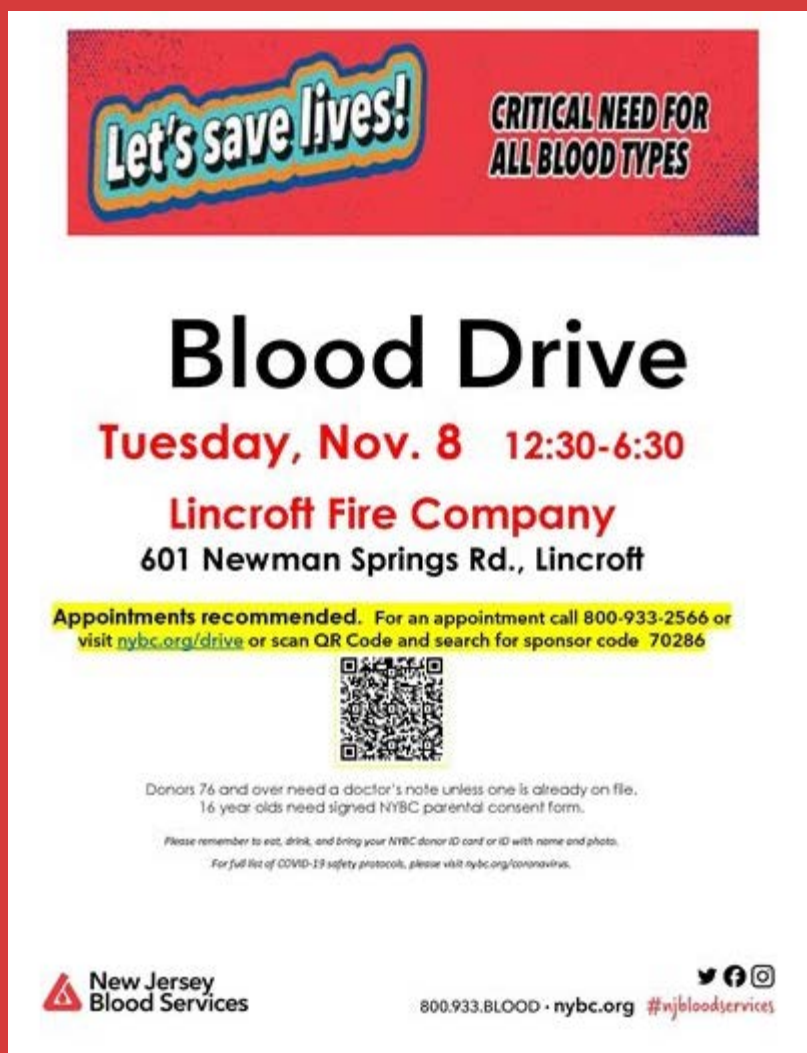




The Middletown Township Animal Control Division responded to a call for a sick raccoon on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The animal was found in the area of South End Avenue and Bray Avenue. Middletown Animal Control Officers captured the raccoon after a possible exposure to two domestic animals.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

A graphic for a blood drive. At the top, a red banner contains the text "Let's save lives!" in a stylized font and "CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the words "Blood Drive" are written in large, bold, black font. Underneath, "Tuesday, Nov. 8" and "12:30-6:30" are written in red. The location "Lincroft Fire Company" and "601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft" are listed in black. A yellow box contains the text: "Appointments recommended. For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) or scan QR Code and search for sponsor code 70286". Below this is a QR code. Further down, smaller text states: "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](https://nybc.org/coronavirus)". At the bottom, the New Jersey Blood Services logo is on the left, and the text "800.933.BLOOD • [nybc.org](https://nybc.org) #njbloodservices" is on the right, accompanied by social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Click on the graphic to view the image larger.  
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.vaxthealth.com/nj/](http://team.vaxthealth.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 "VAXRIDE" promo  
into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at  
973-275-5555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1  
&  
Monmouth County Division of Transportation  
SCAT, 732-431-6880

DATES &  
TIMES



**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.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES, VISIT  
[WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH](http://WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH) OR  
DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-432-7456


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