



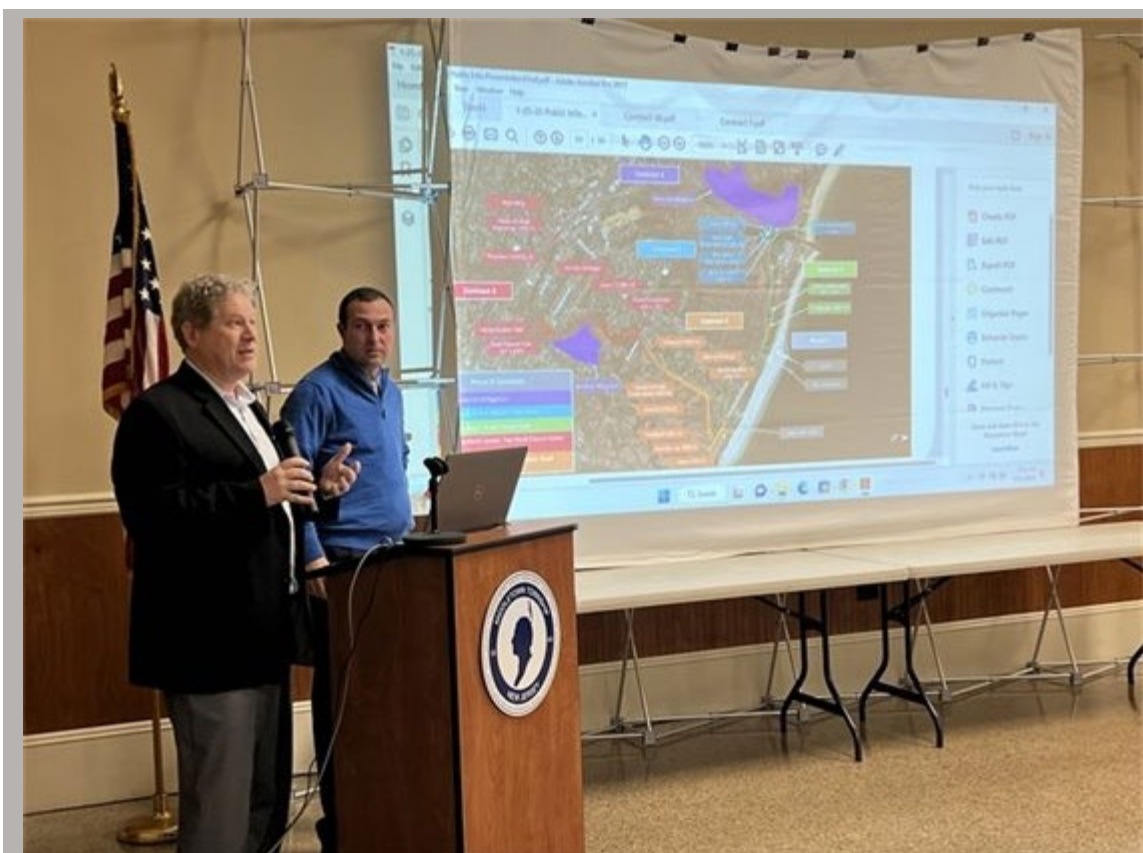
Middletown Township Files Complaint Against State of NJ Due to Bail Reform Unfunded Mandate and Promotes "Safe Streets NJ" on National & Local Media Outlets



Following last week's press conference, Middletown and Mayor Tony Perry have continued to lead the discussion on bail reform and the auto theft wave that has struck the state. The Township's concerns have been reported by several media outlets, including [Fox & Friends](#) (pictured above), [CBS News](#), [News 12 NJ](#), [Sid & Friends In The Morning](#), [The Joe Piscopo Show](#), and [New Jersey 101.5](#).

Want your voice to be heard? Sign the [Safe Streets NJ petition](#).

Middletown Township, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and
NJDEP Host Port Monmouth Flood Control Project
Public Information Session



Middletown Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District Project Manager David Gentile address the crowd.

Over 100 community members attended the most recent public information session about the Port Monmouth Flood Control Project on Wednesday evening at VFW Post 2179. Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, along with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, provided some background information about the project, its current status, and discussed the future of the project which is expected to be completed in 2025. Residents were then invited to ask questions which contributed to a productive conversation and an overall positive event.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/floodcontrolproject to access the presentation materials. A recording of the meeting will also be uploaded to the [Township's YouTube channel](#).



Mayor Tony Perry & Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz Help Bayshore Middle School Kick Off The Great Kindness Challenge



The challenge is a weeklong, global campaign that is dedicated to students performing as many kind deeds as possible while using a provided checklist.

Middletown commends Bayshore Middle School for uniting our community and spreading kindness!

Liquivida Celebrates Grand Opening in Middletown



This morning, Mayor Tony Perry joined Liquivida Wellness Center owner Christine Ruggiero and staff at their beautiful facility, located at 1500 NJ-35 Suite 3 in the Kings Commons Shopping Center, to cut the ribbon and officially welcome the business to town. Liquivida is a medical spa center that focuses on health and wellness through a variety of services.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Liquivida's website.

Renew Your Dog License By January 31st to Avoid Late Fees

Attention All Dog Owners: **2023 Dog License Renewals Beginning 1/1/2023**

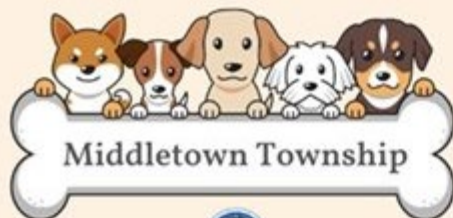
Look out for your dog license renewal paperwork in the coming weeks. It will be mailed and emailed to you (if you have an email address on file). Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1st and January 31st. Late fees begin February 1st.



**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097
or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.**

The deadline to renew your dog license is rapidly approaching! Animal Control is also extending its hours until 6:00 PM on Monday, January 30th to assist residents who may have questions about dog license renewals.

BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control
732-615-2097
www.middletownnj.org/petlicensing

- **Your lost pet will have a better chance of reuniting with you quickly.** The fastest way to access important owner information is with a license tag. Most pets wearing a tag are returned to owners within minutes of our Health Department's Animal Control Division arriving on scene.
- **The annual licensing fee goes directly toward services that benefit your pet.** Licensing fees are divided into several services including free rabies clinics, animal shelter fees, veterinarian fees, Animal Control equipment fees, and more.
- **A dog license proves that your pet is vaccinated and promotes public health.** Dog licenses are only provided to pets who have an updated rabies shot. A dog with a license tag gives good samaritans the confidence to approach a lost pet, since they know that they are not rabid.
- **Your pet can have a social life.** Many places (like groomers, dog parks, pet-friendly hotels, airlines, etc.) require pet licenses.
- **Licensing a pet in your name establishes legal ownership.** Having a pet with a current license helps prove ownership in case you are ever in a situation where it is needed.
- **You will be complying with the law.** Dogs are legally required to be licensed in New Jersey, so please license your dog to avoid any unnecessary consequences.

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MTPS Kindergarten Registration Opens Monday, 1/30



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
2023-2024 ONLINE KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH.**

**VISIT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/KINDERGARTEN](https://www.middletownnj.org/kindergarten)
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF with more information.

Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Encourages Community to Attend Four Chaplains Service on Sunday, 2/5 at 2 PM

The Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to Attend the Four Chaplains Service

Sunday, February 5th

2:00-3:00 PM

VFW Post 2179

(1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth)

**Refreshments to follow*



The Four Chaplains Service is held annually to commemorate the selfless acts of valor of the four chaplains who perished on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943. The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation exists to further the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging goodwill and cooperation among all people.

The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) encourages residents to attend the annual Four Chaplains Service on Sunday, February 5th from 2-3 PM at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane). The ceremony will honor the four chaplains who selflessly sacrificed their lives to save the troops aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which was struck by a torpedo during World War II. Please join the VAC in commemorating the four chaplains' unity, bravery, and legacies.

MTPD Announces Police Youth Week 2023 Dates: Registration Opens Wednesday, 2/22 at 10 AM



Save the date for MTPD's Police Youth Week registration! Once registration opens, applications can be completed online via CommunityPass.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Police Youth Week.
Visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to access CommunityPass.

**MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on
Wednesday, 2/8 from 2-6 PM at Old Village Fire Company**



Residents are invited to a [FREE](#) Car Seat Safety Checkpoint hosted by the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) on Wednesday, February 8th at Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35) to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from 2-6 PM.

Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.



Pictured above is the helicopter that will be used.

Helicopter Inspecting JCP&L Transmission Lines For Six Weeks

Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) would like to advise the community that Chesapeake Bay Helicopters will be mobilizing to the JCP&L Region to begin performing comprehensive visual inspections (CVIs) on all JCP&L 500kV and 230kV lines.

These inspections are expected to take approximately six weeks to complete, however, any storm or outage-related patrols could prolong completion.

Click [HERE](#) to read the community advisory.

Quarterly Property Taxes Due Wednesday, 2/1

THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE FEBRUARY QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 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.

**Middletown Health Department Encourages You to
Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month!**



February is National Children's Dental Health Month!

Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.



Visit www.middletownnj.org/dental for fun activity sheets from the American Dental Association.



[Click on the graphic to access the activity sheets.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Bring Your Class on a Field Trip to Poricy Park



The graphic features a background of dense green foliage. At the top left is the Poricy Park logo, which includes a stylized green and blue shape with a yellow sun and a purple butterfly. To its right is the Middletown Recreation logo, consisting of a white rectangle divided into four sections with icons of a runner, a plant, a winding path, and a bicycle, with the text 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION' below it. Below the Poricy Park logo is a circular inset photo of a young woman in a white shirt and dark vest holding a small blackboard. Below that is another circular inset photo of two children in a garden, one using a red shovel. To the right of these photos is a large green rectangular box with the text 'BRING YOUR SCHOOL FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING!' and 'SCIENCE AND HISTORY FIELD TRIPS AVAILABLE' in white. To the right of this box is a yellow rounded rectangular button with the text 'BOOK NOW' in black, and a white hand cursor icon pointing at it. Below the button is a circular inset photo of a child in a blue shirt crouching by a stream, looking into a wooden frame.

PORICY PARK

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

**BRING YOUR SCHOOL
FOR HANDS-ON
LEARNING!**

**SCIENCE AND HISTORY
FIELD TRIPS AVAILABLE**

BOOK NOW

Teachers: Make this school year great with hands-on learning at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)! Middletown Recreation offers a range of science and colonial history programs for students in preschool through middle school. Limited spots remain for winter and spring so book a trip today!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Register for Middletown Recreation's March Madness
Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition on Wednesday, 3/15**



MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION

MARCH MADNESS

DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH

March
15th

Croydon Hall
Gym



\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM

AGES 6-9
Boys & Girls
5:00 - 5:30 PM

AGES 10-13
Boys & Girls
5:30 - 6:00 PM

AGES 14-ADULT
Boys & Girls
6:00 - 6:30 PM

**TOP 3 WINNERS IN
EACH AGE RANGE
RECEIVE A PRIZE!**

Wear your favorite basketball jersey and dribble, dish & swish your way to victory at Middletown Recreation's March Madness competition! Showcase your basketball skills against your peers by competing in your specific age division for cool prizes on Wednesday, March 15th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Make a Difference & Volunteer with Middletown Recreation



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Register for upcoming opportunities at
middletownnj.org/volunteer



Give back this year by volunteering in our community! Middletown Recreation has upcoming programs and events that need your help. Make it extra fun by bringing a friend! All volunteers receive paperwork to count toward their service hours, projects, etc.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Cafe on
Sunday, 1/29 from 4-6 PM**



SHOTGUN BILL ANANIA
LINDA ECKMAN +
TOM LUCAS
RICK DILL
ERIKA SHERGER



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, January 29th from 4-6 PM for its first music showcase of the year, featuring Shotgun Bill Anania, Linda Eckman and Tom Lucas, Rick Dill, and Erika Sherger! The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the showcase's artists.
Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

**Support Your Child's Writing Skills at the MTPL on
Monday, 1/30 at 6:30 PM**

STUDENT WRITING SUCCESS!



Join Nicole Kagan, founder of "English Connected," as she shares 2 key steps to help your child improve their writing.



1.30.2023 @ 6:30 pm

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Monday, January 30th as Nicole Kagan, founder of English Connected, shares steps to support your child's writing success in middle school, high school, and beyond! This free program will take place in the MTPL's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is not required.

During the presentation, attendees will learn the following: how students can align with their own ideas to express their authentic voices in a clear and powerful way; the ingredients needed to increase student motivation around writing; and why being a good writer leads to success in all areas of life.

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

**Teens: Register for First Aid Safety at the MTPL on
Wednesday, 2/1 at 7 PM**

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 1 @ 7:00 PM**



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

Click [HERE](#) to register.

RESOURCES

Deadline to Apply for ANCHOR Program Extended to Tuesday, 2/28



Information mailers about the 2019 Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR) Program have been mailed by the state. The deadline for filing the application has been extended to Tuesday, February 28th. For information, please visit www.njtaxation.org and select "ANCHOR" or call the ANCHOR Hotline at 1-888-238-1233.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Monmouth County January COVID-19 Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



COVID-19 Vaccines
are safe, free, & effective

Walk-ins welcome
ages 6 months & up



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

Free At-Home Testing:
Free over the counter
antigen test distribution
program at
www.covid.gov/tests

Free transportation
To your vaccination:
-Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1
-Call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-5555.
-Monmouth County Division of
Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480

DATES & TIMES



Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Jan. 4, 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Jan. 11, 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753
- Jan. 18, 4pm-7pm, Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main Street, Freehold 07728
- Jan. 25, 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road, Howell 07731



Pfizer, Moderna
(including bivalent boosters)
Novavax & J&J shots are available

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
- Entrance closes 15 minutes before end of clinic



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES:
VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH
DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. APP
OR CALL 732-431-7456

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Visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

Free Pack of At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available Through USPS

Order Free
At-home
COVID-19
Tests
Through
USPS

All households in the U.S. are eligible to order one pack of at-home COVID-19 tests through USPS. One pack comes with four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. The entire order, including shipping, is free.

Visit special.usps.com/testkits to place your order.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to order a pack of COVID-19 tests.

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