



Congratulations to Middletown Township Fire Academy's Graduates!



On Monday night, firefighters walked across the stage at Thompson Middle School as they graduated from the Middletown Township Fire Academy.

Middletown Township is so proud of our graduates for going through this rigorous and challenging program so they can volunteer their time and help others. We thank them for their service and wish them a safe career in our all-volunteer fire department!

(Photos courtesy of Middletown Township Fire Department Public Information Officer Photographer Laurie Kegley)



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was honored to

personally congratulate the
graduates.

"Hockey in Middletown" Raises Funds for Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer in Honor of Beloved Resident Luca Iacono



Pictured from left: Denise Carmody from "HIM", Luca Iacono's parents Frank and Michele Iacono, Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer Founder/President Andrea Gorsegner, pediatric cancer fighters Brady Waltz and RJ Ferguson, Mayor Tony Perry, and "HIM" President Jocelyn Gottschalk (Photo courtesy of Infinite Love)

Throughout January, "Hockey in Middletown" (HIM) held a month-long fundraiser to raise money for Middletown-based nonprofit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer. The organization hosted three games in which Middletown High School North's and South's hockey teams competed to fundraise for the nonprofit and in memory of Luca Iacono. Luca was a beloved 11-year-old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019.

Money was not only raised from the tickets sold, but also through fundraising pages from Middletown High Schools North and South hockey teams, as well as Rumson-Fair Haven's hockey team! As of right now, more than \$27,000 has been raised.

Mayor Tony Perry was honored to attend the last game on Tuesday evening and support this important cause.

Middletown High School North Wins Annual Mayor's Cup!



Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke proudly pose with the champions! (Photo courtesy of Kevin Prefer of jerseypics.com)

On Thursday night, the arena at the Middletown Sports Complex was shaking as Middletown High School North and South competed for the annual Mayor's Cup! Both teams played competitively, but High School North won the competition for the second year in a row. Congratulations Lions!

Congratulations to Our Recent Project P.L.U.S Graduates!



Pictured above are students from Tuesday's graduating class. (Photo courtesy of Project P.L.U.S.)

Earlier this week, 5th grade students from Middletown Village Elementary School, Nut Swamp Elementary School, Lincroft Elementary School, and River Plaza Elementary School graduated from Middletown Municipal Alliance's Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students)! The free and after-school 7-week program teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and how to become a leader in their community. Over 120 students were in this graduating class. Congratulations to the graduates!

Middletown Helps Recognize Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary School



*Mayor Perry poses with the students as they show off their congratulatory certificates!
(Photo courtesy of St. Mary School)*

Mayor Tony Perry joined St. Mary School Principal Craig Palmer for a Catholic Schools Week assembly on Thursday morning. The mayor spoke and presented a proclamation to recognize the occasion. Additionally, a group of students were recognized for their "My American Dream" essay submissions to the Middletown Elks contest. They received certificates and gift cards from Ed Hahn and Richard Jaeger of the Middletown Elks.

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, there is a decorative border of white icicles hanging down. In the center, there is a circular logo with a profile of a person's head in blue and white, surrounded by text that is partially obscured. Below the graphic, the text "Code Blue Issued for Monmouth County" is displayed in a large, bold, white font.

The National Weather Service in Mount Holly has issued a weather forecast which calls for temperatures to fall within the prescribed Code Blue Alert thresholds for tonight, February 3rd into late Saturday, February 4th. The Township will be monitoring the weather and open a Warming Center at the Middletown Township Public Library if needed.

Please check the alert bar at the top of the Township's homepage (www.middletownnj.org) for any updates and register for emergency weather alerts by texting "MiddletownNJ" to 888-777. Thank you!

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.



**Township Committee to Host Meeting
on Monday, 2/6 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2333 334 1709 followed by #. Enter 2023 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the agenda.

MIDDLETOWN SOCIAL SERVICES ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR FAMILY IMPACTED BY DEVASTATING HOUSE FIRE



Middletown Social Services has organized a donation drive for a family who recently lost everything in a house fire. Social Services will be accepting gift cards weekdays between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the office located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Social Services will also be collecting food for the family in the main hall at East Keansburg Fire Company (214 Thompson Avenue) on Wednesday, February 8th between 5:00-7:00 PM.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 or kstraniero@middletownnj.org. Thank you!



Important Fire Safety Reminders

Middletown Fire Prevention & Middletown Township Fire Department



Earlier this week, there was a fire in town that started from an overheated lithium battery. In light of this fire, Middletown Township Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly and Fire Chief John Waltz Jr. would like to provide residents with tips on how to safely handle rechargeable lithium batteries. These batteries are typically found in electronics like power tools, computers, and cell phones.

Click [HERE](#) to read our recent fire advisory about rechargeable lithium batteries.

New Jersey American Water Plans for Temporary Water Treatment Changes in Monmouth County until April



Beginning the week of Monday, February 6th through April, New Jersey American Water will temporarily change the water treatment process at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune. The change will apply to its Middletown customers.

During this period, some customers may notice a slight taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and will only be temporary until the system maintenance is complete. Customers who wish to reduce the taste of chlorine can place water in an uncovered glass container in the refrigerator overnight to dissipate chlorine faster.

Click [HERE](#) to read New Jersey American Water's original press release.

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.



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.

Last Day to Pay Taxes Without Interest is Friday, 2/10

QUARTERLY TAXES WERE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023.

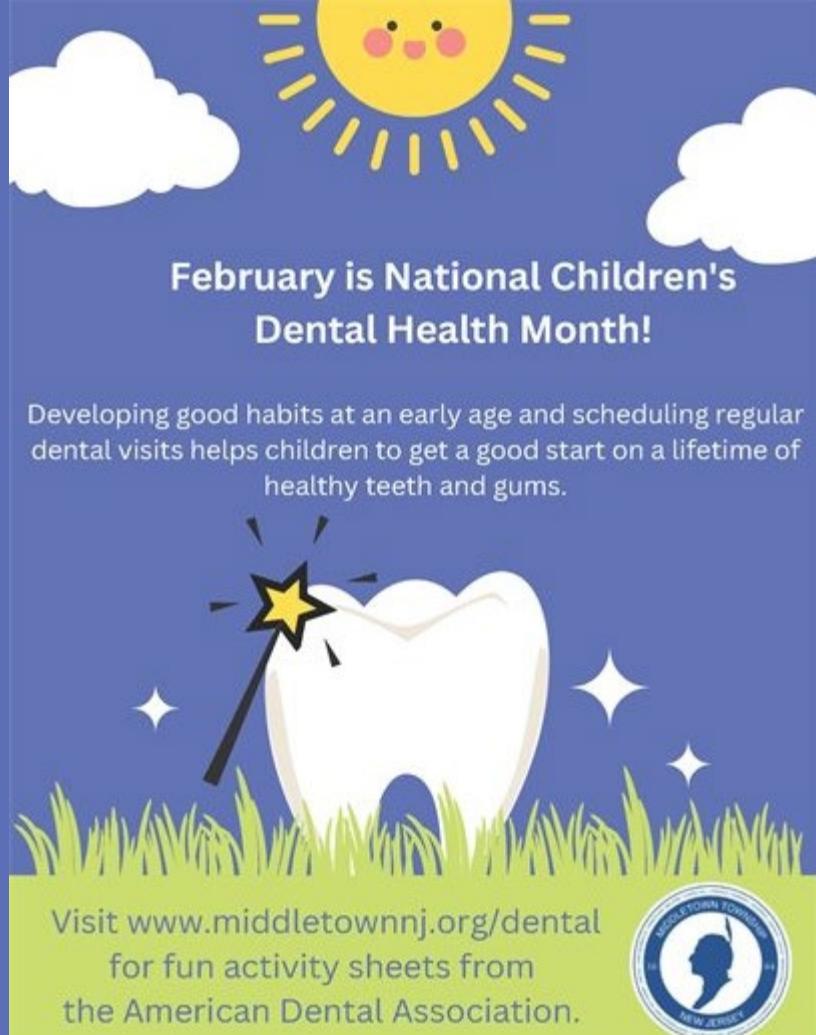
THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE FEBRUARY QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.



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 and additional resources.](#)

Apply for Free Home Repairs by Wednesday, March 15th
Jersey Shore Workcamp Volunteers to Do Free Repairs for Qualifying Homeowners



Workcamps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in the Christian faith through service. Individuals from around the country will be in our community from July 10-14, 2023 to perform home-repair projects for elderly, low-income, veteran, and disabled families. The work at each home will be done by five young people and at least one adult leader representing many Christian denominations.

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households. Homeowners must be home to qualify. Visit www.middletownnj.org/jsworkcamp for more information and to apply.

[Click on the graphic for more information and to apply.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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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.

Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Winter Adult Programs

 **WINTER**
ADULT PROGRAMS, 18 +

Tuesdays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Yoga 6:30-7:30pm Croydon Gym III: Jan 10-Feb 21 Off 2/14 IV: Mar 14-Apr 18 \$12 (R)	Volleyball 7:30-9:30pm Croydon Gym Jan 10-Apr 4 Off 2/14 \$5 (R)	Basketball 7-9pm Croydon Gym Jan 18-Mar 29 \$5 (R)

Register

Sign-Up Online at
middletownnj.org/signup
Choose Winter season. Weekly drop-ins welcome.

Stay active and social with Middletown Recreation's adult sports offerings! You can either commit to a full season and save money or join Middletown Recreation for a weekly drop-in.

Sign into CommunityPass [HERE](#) and choose "Winter Season" to register.

Save the Date: Registration for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp Opens on Wednesday, 3/1 for Residents



The image is a promotional flyer for Middletown Recreation's 2023 Summer Camps. At the top left, there are logos for Middletown Recreation (a person walking, a tree, and a bicycle) and Poricy Park (a landscape with a lake and a mountain). The main title "2023 SUMMER CAMPS" is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, a sun icon with the text "the best days are spent at CAMP" is visible. The background is yellow with a red vertical border on the left. In the top right, there are two circular images: one showing four young boys in orange shirts looking at something together, and another showing children in red shirts on a wooden dock with nets, exploring a pond. Below these images, the text "Registration Opens" is followed by two registration dates: "MARCH 1ST - 10AM (R)" and "MARCH 8TH - 10AM (NR)". Below the dates, "More info: MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP" is written. To the left of the registration text is an illustration of three green pine trees. To the right are illustrations of various sports balls: a soccer ball, a basketball, a football, and a tennis ball. A blue box at the bottom left contains the heading "Traditional Camps" and a list of camp options, each preceded by a checkmark: "Tonya Keller Center Pioneers Camp (PreK)", "Poricy Park Science Camp (PreK-6th)", "Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th)", and "Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7-9th)". Below this list, the text "Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11" is displayed.

Traditional Camps

- ✓ Tonya Keller Center Pioneers Camp (PreK)
- ✓ Poricy Park Science Camp (PreK-6th)
- ✓ Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th)
- ✓ Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7-9th)

Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11

Middletown Recreation's 2023 Summer Camp registration opens on Wednesday, March 1st at 10 AM for residents. Be sure to set an alarm and update your CommunityPass account before it sell outs!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Register for MTPL's Author Visit with Penelope Marzec on Thursday, 2/9 at 6:30 PM



Local Author Visit
featuring

PENELOPE MARZEC



Thursday, February 9 | 6:30 PM
Community Room

REGISTRATION SUGGESTION, NOT REQUIRED AT MTPL.ORG

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Thursday, February 9th for an in-person visit with local author Penelope Marzec! Penelope will talk about her writing and her latest release, "Angel of the L Train." Registration is recommended.

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

**Enjoy Back-to-Back Author Visits at the MTPL on
Thursday, 2/9: Register for Event with Lana Harper at 7 PM**



Middle Township Public Library

Virtual Author Talk Featuring
LANA HARPER

A sly, sassy, charming romp of a novel that scratches that witchy, delicious itch just right.—#1 New York Times bestselling author EMILY HENRY

FROM BAD TO CURSED
A NOVEL
LANA HARPER

I am happily and completely under the spell of The Witches of Thistle Grove series.—#1 New York Times bestselling author EMILY HENRY

BACK IN A SPELL
A WITCHES OF THISTLE GROVE NOVEL
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF PAYBACK'S A WITCH
LANA HARPER

Thursday, February 9 | 7 PM

REGISTER AT LIBRARYC.ORG/MTPL

Join the MTPL for a virtual and magical evening with New York Times bestselling author Lana Harper on Thursday, February 9th as she discusses "Back in a Spell": the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular The Witches of Thistle Grove series!

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

Celebrate Black History Month by Buying Tickets for "The Chef" Happening at the MAC from 2/17-19 & 2/24-26

DUNBAR REPERTORY COMPANY
presents
WORLD PREMIERE PRODUCTION



By
**LARRY
AMERIC ALLEN**

**MIDDLETOWN
ARTS CENTER**
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All Tickets \$20

Directed By
**DARRELL
LAWRENCE
WILLIS, SR.**

The CHEF
of
Romagical Realism
A Romantic Novel Play

**TICKETS ON
SALE NOW!**

FEBRUARY 17-19 + 24-26

Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) later this month for the world premiere of "The Chef", a romantic comedy play! The production will take place at 8 PM on Fridays, 3 PM and 8 PM on Saturdays, and 4 pm on Sundays.

"The Chef" delves into the premise of "inner and outer" beauty through shy and introverted Halo, a man so unappealing to the eye that the world rejects him.

However, he has a magical gift for baking and cooking where his food is so profound that it has the power to heal people and so delicious that people levitate and experience immense pleasure while consuming his food.

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

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 February COVID-19 Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS

February 2023

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

- Feb. 1, 4pm-6pm, Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Feb. 8, 4pm-6pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753
- Feb. 15, 4pm-6pm, Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main Street, Freehold 07728
- Feb. 22, 4pm-6pm, 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 & INQUIRIES:
VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH
DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. APP
OR CALL 732-431-7456

[Click on the graphic to view the image in a larger PDF format.](#)

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.

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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