



Middletown OEM Coordinator and Ex-Fire Chief Charles Rogers III Recognized at VFW 2179's Four Chaplains Service



Pictured from left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Charles Rogers III, Mayor Tony Perry, Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn, VFW Post 2179 Trustee Frank Cannon, and MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber (Photo courtesy of Anita Rogers)

Last weekend, Middletown Township's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Charles (Charlie) Rogers III was recognized at VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary's annual Four Chaplains Service. The event was held in honor of 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. The Chapel of Four

Chaplains presented Charlie with "The Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award" in recognition of his dedication to helping people.

Charlie is a lifetime member of the Middletown Township Fire Department, having served as Fire Chief in 1992 as well as a number of ranks in the Port Monmouth Fire Company, including Captain, President, and Trustee. Please join us in congratulating Charlie and thanking him for his service!



Watch the Monday, February 6th Township Committee Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FIOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Monday, February 20th.

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.

Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening on Monday, 2/20



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on Monday, February 20th! 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, and 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.

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

MIDDLETON RECREATION PORICY PARK

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

the best days are spent at CAMP

Registration Opens
MARCH 1ST - 10AM (R)
MARCH 8TH - 10AM (NR)

More info: MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/CAMP

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.

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.

QUESTIONS?

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



Important Fire Safety Reminders

Middletown Fire Prevention

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Middletown Township Fire Department



Last 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.

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.

Middletown Health Department Encourages Residents to Apply for Free Lead-Safe Home Program

FREE LEAD-SAFE HOME PROGRAM
available in Monmouth, Atlantic and Middlesex Counties

Lead poisoning remains one of the top childhood environmental health problems today.

One of the ways to protect your family is to get your home checked for lead based paint hazards and have them remediated at no cost! You might qualify for this free grant funded program!

Lead Poisoning is Preventable!

In children, exposure to lead can cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavior and learning problems• Hearing problems• Damage to the brain• Hyperactivity• Anemia• Slower growth and development	How do you qualify? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your household income is within the low-to-moderate income limits (scan below to access income chart)• You live in a one to four unit residential home built before 1978• The property is structurally sound• Rental and homeowners welcomed to apply
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CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE TEST CONVENIENT FOR YOUR TIME SCHEDULE.

Call us at 732-774-3282 and ask for Vivienne (vsoria@carcnj.org) or Rosa (rzaremba@carcnj.org)

Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.

The Community Affairs and Resource Center is administering the Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program with funds provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

The purpose of this program is to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards to prevent elevated blood lead levels in residents in Monmouth, Ocean and Atlantic Counties, with a specific focus on children and pregnant women. It can also assist households with no children. The program provides funding and technical assistance to low-to-moderate income tenants and owners.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors: Apply for Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Friday, 3/10



Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the **2023 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 10th. Visit www.middletownnj.org/scholarship to apply!

Middletown Township is excited to partner with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the 2023 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition! We encourage high school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown to compete for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

The essay for the statewide scholarship competition should be approximately 500 words and focus on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". All applicants must submit the completed application and essay to the Mayor's Office by either emailing it to mayoroffice@middletownnj.org or mailing it to 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 ATTN: Mayor's Office by Friday, March 10th.

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

Join Middletown PBA 124 and Hazlet PBA 189 at Annual Climb With A Cop Fundraiser on Saturday, 3/11 for SONJ

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TO BENEFIT

**Special
Olympics**
New Jersey



SATURDAY
March 11, 2023

10:00AM - 2:00PM
Entry fee \$30

*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ

**THE
GRAVITY VAULT**
INDOOR ROCK GYMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN[®]
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW JERSEY

**Climb
With
A
Cop**



Event will be hosted at The Gravity Vault located in Upper Saddle River, Hoboken, Chatham (3/18/22), Flemington, Middletown, Voorhees, and Brick.

Visit www.gravityvault.com, www.njletr.org or call
Contact your Anthony Pulizzano with questions (973) 715-6162.

Must be 5 years old or older to climb. Individuals under 18 must have waiver completed by parent or legal guardian.

Middletown PBA 124 is partnering with Hazlet PBA 189 to host the annual Climb With A Cop fundraiser on Saturday, March 11th. The event will take place at Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Lane) from 10 AM - 2 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). We hope to see you there!

Apply for MTPD'S DVRT by Friday, 4/14

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers

Apply Now!

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as advocates on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers in April and May. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 14th.

Want to Apply?

Contact Lt. Anthony Gigante, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2075 or visit 180nj.org.



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

Helicopter Inspecting JCP&L



Pictured above is the helicopter that will be used.

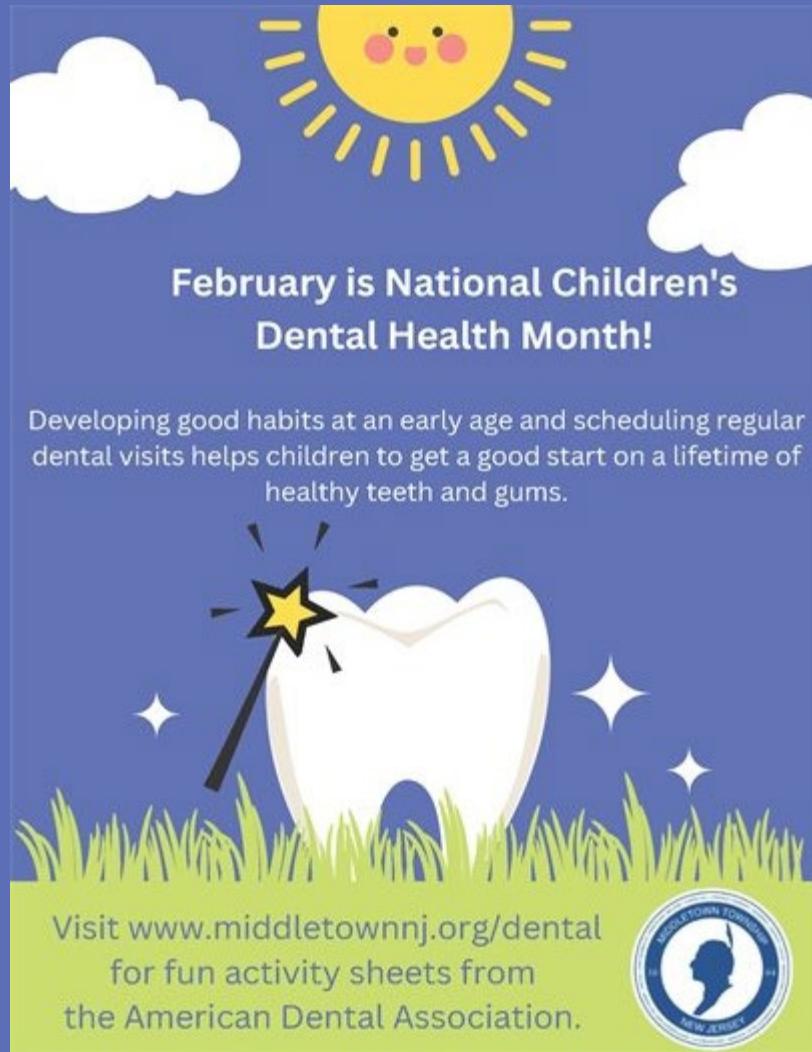
Transmission Lines For Six Weeks

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.

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



Click on the graphic to access the activity sheets and additional resources.

Get Your Tires Picked up by Monmouth County's Mosquito

Madness Tire Pick-up Program until Friday, 3/31



The graphic is a white rectangular card with a blue border. At the top left is a stylized mosquito. To its right, the text "Mosquito Madness" is written in a bold, serif font, with "Mosquito" above "Madness". To the right of "Madness" is the official seal of the County of Monmouth, New Jersey. Below the title, the text "Tire Pick-up Program" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, a paragraph of text reads: "Tires stored outside hold enough rainwater for mosquitoes to grow. One tire can produce more than 10,000 biting mosquitoes." Below this, another paragraph says: "Help protect your family and friends from mosquitoes by taking part in the 2023 tire pick-up program." A third paragraph states: "Monmouth County Mosquito Control personnel will come to your property and pick up as many as **10 car tires without rims** – you do not need to bring the tires to the curb!" Below these paragraphs, a bold line of text reads: "Call **732-542-3630** to make arrangements **TODAY!**". Underneath this, smaller text says: "You'll need to provide your name, address, number of tires and the location of the tires on your property." To the right of this text, a box contains the text: "Tires will be picked up between **Now and March 31, 2023**". Below this box, a small note says: "If you have tires you want to keep, store them inside or securely cover them." At the bottom left of the graphic, there is an illustration of a stack of three tires with a mosquito on top of the top tire. A small stream of water flows from the bottom of the stack. To the right of the tires, another mosquito is shown. Below the illustration, the text "visitmonmouth.com/mosquito" and "732-542-3630" is printed. At the very bottom of the graphic, the text "Mosquito Madness is a program of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners" is written.

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

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division will be picking up tires through Friday, March 31st to help prevent mosquitoes from growing in tires that hold rainwater. The division will come to your property and collect up to 10 car tires without rims. Please call 732-542-3630 and provide your name, address, number of tires, and the location of the tires on your property to arrange a pick-up. You do not need to bring the tires to the curb.

The Middletown Township Health Department encourages residents to participate in this program if you have tires that are wet and ready to be discarded. If you have tires you want to keep, please either store them inside or securely cover them if they are outside.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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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
36 Church Street
Middletown, NJ 07748
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) next week and the following week 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.

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



The poster for the Middletown Recreation March Madness Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition. It features a large orange basketball on a court. At the top is the Middletown Recreation logo with icons of a runner, a swimmer, a cyclist, and a tree. The title 'MARCH MADNESS DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH' is in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below the title, it says 'March 15th' and 'Croydon Hall Gym'. There are two circular photos of children playing basketball. A text box at the bottom left lists age groups and times: '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', and 'TOP 3 WINNERS IN EACH AGE RANGE RECEIVE A PRIZE!'. A text box at the bottom right says '\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM'.

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.

Play in Middletown Recreation's Adult Pickleball Tournament: Registration Closes Friday, 3/31



Middletown Recreation's annual pickleball showdown is back this spring! All participants will receive a sports towel and trophies will be given to the winners. Registration closes on Friday, March 31st. Grab your partner and register today!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Register for MTPL's Virtual Chocolate Program on
Thursday, 2/16 at 1 PM

CHOCOLATE

**Is it the new
health food?**

Thursday,
February 16 | 1 pm
VIA ZOOM

PLEASE REGISTER AT MTPL.ORG
FOR ZOOM LINK.

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) virtually on Thursday, February 16th at 1 PM to discuss chocolate's health benefits. Chocolate in its purest form is a plant food. Learn about how cocoa and dark chocolate, in moderation, can be part of your healthy diet. This program will be led by Rachel Tansey, MA of the Department of Family & Community Health Sciences/Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

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

Purchase Books at the Friends of the MTPL's Winter Book Sale on Friday, 2/17 and Saturday, 2/18

**February
17 - 18
9am-5pm**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WINTER BOOK SALE



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
IN THE REFERENCE AREA!**



Come to the MTPL's Reference Area (55 New Monmouth Road) on Friday, February 17th and Saturday, February 18th to buy some books from the Friends of the MTPL! Tote bags and chocolate will also be available to buy.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the MTPL on Saturday, 2/18 at 2 PM



The poster features a red background with a repeating fish-scale pattern. At the top, the text "Lunar New Year Cultural Program" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, "Presented by: Monmouth Fidelity Chinese School" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "Saturday, 2/18 @ 2pm". To the left, a photograph shows a dragon dance performance on a stage with red lanterns hanging above. To the right, a white box contains the text "Family Event for All Ages!" and a black silhouette of a rabbit. The year "2023" is written vertically next to the rabbit. At the bottom left is the Middletown Township Public Library logo, and at the bottom right, the library's address and phone number: "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY 55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748 Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org".

The MTPL invites everyone to its Community Room on Saturday, February 18th at 2 PM to enjoy its Lunar New Year Cultural Program! Students from the Monmouth Fidelity Chinese School in Marlboro will perform traditional activities associated with Lunar New Year including the Dragon Dance Team, Traditional Chinese Dance - Tibetan Girls, Chinese Yo-Yo Team, and Chinese Dance - Silk Road. All are welcome to come and enjoy this fascinating cultural program!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

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

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.

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



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