


Middletown Minutes

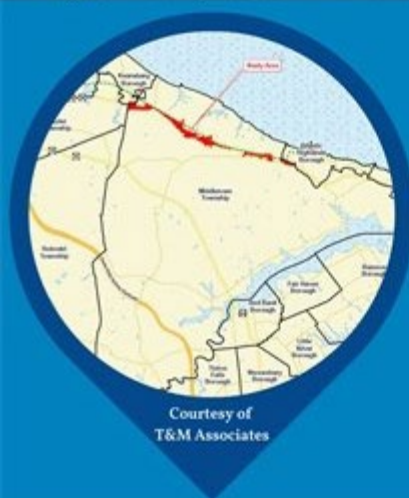
Official Township E-Newsletter



Community Invited to Attend Route 36 Corridor Redevelopment Information Session: Thurs., 3/16 at 6 PM

Route 36 Corridor Redevelopment Public Information Session

Hosted by Middletown Township and T&M Associates 



Date:
Thursday, March 16th

Time:
6:00-8:00 PM

Location:
VFW Post 2179
(1 Veterans Lane,
Port Monmouth)

Learn about the Study Area and benefits of the project. Business and property owners along Route 36 are welcome to provide input and participate in the Q&A.



The Township encourages you to attend and make your voice heard!

Middletown Township is working with T&M Associates to complete a redevelopment study for properties along the Route 36 Corridor. There will be a public information session about the project at VFW Post 2179 on Thursday, March 16th from 6-8 PM.

There will be a brief presentation that covers the redevelopment process, the Route 36 Corridor Study Area, and next steps followed by a Q&A.

We hope to see you there!



Watch the Tuesday, February 21st 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, March 6th.

MTPD Detectives Talk to 5th Grade Students about Drug and Alcohol Misuses



MTPD Detective Ric Cruz shows students a drug identification kit so they can see examples of some common drugs. (Photo courtesy of MMA)

Many thanks to detectives from the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) who joined Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA) this week to teach Cycle 2 Project P.L.U.S students about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuses.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated officers who are committed to serving our community and educating our young residents!

Register for MTPD's Police Youth Week



Registration for MTPD's Police Youth Week has officially opened! Applications can be completed online via CommunityPass.

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

**Registration for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp
Opens on Wednesday, 3/1**



The poster for 2023 Summer Camps features a yellow and blue color scheme. At the top left, the Middletown Recreation and Poricy Park logos are displayed. The main title '2023 SUMMER CAMPS' is in large, bold letters, with a tagline 'the best days are spent at CAMP' below it. Two photos show children in orange camp shirts; one is a group photo, and the other shows children fishing in a pond. A registration information box in the center lists dates and times, with a URL below. To the right of the box are icons for a soccer ball, a football, and a basketball. A blue box at the bottom lists traditional camps and weekly camp dates.

MIDDLETOWN 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:
MIDDLETOWNNJ.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 sells out!

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/194877) for more information.

**Registration for MAC's Spring Classes Opens on
Wednesday, 3/1 at 9 AM**



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) spring registration opens next week. In the meantime, check out class listings in theatre, art, dance, and more!

Click [HERE](#) to check out youth classes and click [HERE](#) to check out adult classes.

**Help Save Lives by Volunteering with Middletown's
EMS Cadet Program**



JOIN NOW!

**Middletown Township EMS
Cadet Program**

**BECOME A
CADET
TODAY!**



- Ages 14-17 can join!
- Starting at 16 you can ride on an ambulance
- **GET VOLUNTEER HOURS!** or possible leadership position

To join or get more information contact

Instagram:
middletown_ems_cadets
Email: arnouh@gmail.com

Click [HERE](#) for information about our Emergency Medical Services Department.

**Help Neighbors in Need by Donating to Social Services'
Easter Basket Drive by Friday, 3/31**

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy, and gift cards to create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider donating the free ham you can earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by Friday, March 31st. Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085. We kindly request that donations be dropped off by Friday, March 31st.

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 mayorsoffice@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.

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**



The poster features a photograph of a child in a plaid shirt standing in a doorway of a blue building with peeling paint. To the left is a window with a flower box. Logos for 'Department of Community Affairs' and 'CARC' are in the top corners. The title 'FREE LEAD-SAFE HOME PROGRAM' is prominently displayed, followed by 'available in Monmouth, Atlantic and Middlesex Counties'.

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:	How do you qualify?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavior and learning problems• Hearing problems• Damage to the brain• Hyperactivity• Anemia• Slower growth and development	<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



**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.

**Save the Date: Public Information Session about TNR on
Wednesday, 3/15 at 6 PM**

**Monmouth County SPCA**
& Homeward Bound Adoption Center

**Middletown**
Township

TRAP
NEUTER
RETURN

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

 March 15, 2023
6pm

 1 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ

This discussion will be led by
Monmouth County SPCA
Executive Director, Ross Licitra.

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Topics of Discussion

- Explanation of TNR
- Intentions of the program
- Rules and regulations
- Sign up as a colony caregiver

The public is invited to join Middletown Animal Control on Wednesday, March 15th for a discussion with Monmouth County SPCA & Homeward Bound Adoption Center about a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program in Middletown. At the event, speakers will discuss the intentions, rules, and regulations of the program and allow people to sign up as colony caregivers.

Realtors: Learn How to Sell Homes in Flood Zones at NJAFM's Class on Wednesday, March 15th at 11 AM



Guarantee Your Next Home Sells

Tips for Realtors in Flood Zones

Flood Insurance Basics & How To Sell Homes In Hazard Areas

When selling a home, it is *critical* to ensure that your property is *properly protected*. Not only does this give your customers peace of mind—it also helps you *sell your property faster!*

We offer the expert *guidance you need* with one *presentation* where we give flood insurance insight that can help you sell properties in flood zones.





WE MAKE IT EASY
to get the job done

We'll Help You Seal the Deal

Next Class
MARCH 15, 2023
@ 11 am



EARN 1 CE CREDIT

FREE for NJAFM Members
\$20 Non-members
\$30 for those who enroll in NJAFM (reg. \$50)

Register at NJAFM.org



FLOOD ZONES
constantly change !



STAY INFORMED
so costs don't surprise you



A COMPLIANT HOME
saves an average of 83%

Middletown's Floodplain Manager/CRS Coordinator encourages local realtors to sign up for this class so they can get tips on how to sell homes in flood zones!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Purchase Tickets for Upcoming *Seussical* Performances at the MAC



The MAC Players is excited to kick off its 2023 season with *Seussical*, a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Fun for the whole family, *Seussical* creates the witty, wild, and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss as it has never been seen before. When chaos erupts in the Jungle of Nool, it will take The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, and a gaggle of characters to bring harmony back to their world.

Performances will be from Friday, March 3rd - Sunday, March 5th and Friday, March 10th - Sunday, March 12th. The Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7 PM, and the Sunday performances will be at 2 PM. Tickets cost \$25/30 for adults and \$17.50/22.50 for students and seniors, depending on the seat. The musical will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street).

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

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

FUNDRAISER
TO BENEFIT

Special Olympics
New Jersey

SATURDAY
March 11, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM
Entry fee \$30
*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ

Climb With A Cop

THE GRAVITY VAULT
INDOOR ROCK GYMS

LOW IMPACT TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW JERSEY

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!

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.

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!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/pickleball for more information.

**Celebrate MTPL's Maker March by Participating in
STEAM-Themed Programs**



MAKER MARCH
at MTPL

CHECK MTPL.ORG FOR STEAM-THEMED PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES IN MARCH!



New Jersey **MAKERS' DAY**
SATURDAY, MARCH 25

55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ
732-671-3700 *MTPL.ORG



MAKER MARCH
Children's Programs

MARCH 9
Academy of Aided Health & Science Experiments

MARCH 11
4-W Tails and Trails Animal Program

MARCH 18
"The Great Plankton Race"
Ocean Science Program with Rutgers University

MARCH 25
New Jersey
MAKERS' DAY

Visit mtpl.org for more information
or to sign up for a Maker Month program or book club!

Maker March Children's Programs



MAKER MARCH
Teen Programs

MARCH 1
Sociology: Creature Creator Robotics & Coding

MARCH 21
Engineering & Design Ocean Robot Tact Tank with R2

MARCH 25
Maker March Craftspalooza (for teens & children)

MARCH 25
MAKERS' DAY:
Create an App for Teens

Visit mtpl.org for more information.

Maker March Teen Programs

Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will be hosting Maker March and offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)-themed teens and children's programs throughout March, leading up to New Jersey Maker's Day on Saturday, March 25th.

Click [HERE](#) to view MTPL's March calendar.

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.

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.](#)

Middletown Health Department Reminds Residents to Stay Updated About the Flu

What You Need to Know: Influenza (Flu)



Influenza (flu) can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Get up-to-date NJ information, including:

- Vaccine recommendations & details
- Surveillance data
- Answers to common questions

Visit bit.ly/njflu or scan the QR code:



Stay Safe & Healthy, New Jersey!



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

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Get Your Tires Picked up by Monmouth County's Mosquito
Madness Tire Pick-up Program until Friday, 3/31**



**Mosquito Madness
Tire Pick-up Program**

Tires stored outside hold enough rainwater for mosquitoes to grow. One tire can produce more than 10,000 biting mosquitoes.

Help protect your family and friends from mosquitoes by taking part in the 2023 tire pick-up program.

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!

Call 732-542-3630 to make arrangements TODAY!
You'll need to provide your name, address, number of tires and the location of the tires on your property.

Tires will be picked up between
Now and March 31, 2023

If you have tires you want to keep,
store them inside or securely cover

visitmonmouth.com/mosquito
732-542-3630

Mosquito Madness is a program of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

[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.

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 & INQUIRES:
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.

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



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