



**Hop into April with Middletown Recreation's  
EGGstravaganza TOMORROW, 4/1 from 10 AM - 12 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for a family-fun day of spring crafts and activities like planting your own flower, taking photos with a bunny, watching a balloon artist, hanging out with Doodle Dude & Miss Fish, interacting with animals at a petting zoo, and more! This festive event is free for residents and

will take place at the MAC. Registration is encouraged.

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

## Social Services' Easter Basket Drive Deadline Extended to Monday, 4/3

### 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 Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## MTPL Hosts Awesome Annual NJ Makers Day



*A young resident shows Committeewoman Kratz a craft she made at NJ Makers Day! (Photo courtesy of Walter Johnson)*

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Committeewoman Kim Kratz stopped by the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for its popular NJ Makers Day! NJ Makers Day is a statewide single-day event that celebrates, promotes, and introduces "Maker Culture" to all!

Visitors had the chance to experience a hands-on children's museum focused on STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and participate in a "CRAFT-A-PALOOZA" session in the Children's Room with various materials to spark their imagination. The library also offered "Maker-themed" activities for preschoolers and coding for teens. It was a fun day for the whole family!

**Deadline to Register Your School-Aged Children for Free  
TB Skin Test (Mantoux) Appointment on Monday, 4/3 is  
TODAY, 3/31 at 10 PM**

## TB Skin Test (Mantoux)

· First Monday of every month: 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
PPD administration  
(by appointment: [middletownnj.org/tbtest](http://middletownnj.org/tbtest))

AND

· PPD read first Wednesday of every month:  
8:30 am – 9:30 am

**\*FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ONLY\***

**\*NO CHARGE\***

Middletown Health Dept.  
1 Kings Highway  
Middletown, NJ 07748



The Middletown Township Health Department is proud to partner with Monmouth County to offer free TB Skin Tests (Mantoux) on the first Monday of every month, beginning Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. These tests are only available to school-aged children up to 18 years old.

Appointments for the tests are required and will last ten minutes. The nurse will schedule a follow-up appointment with you after the exam. Test readings will be done on the first Wednesday of every month. You can schedule an exam appointment by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/tbtest](http://www.middletownnj.org/tbtest).

**Middletown's Community Garden Opens Saturday, 4/15:  
Reserve a Plot Today!**

Interested in participating in a Community Garden?



Middletown Township's Community Garden Opens April 15th!

Email [communitygarden@middletownnj.org](mailto:communitygarden@middletownnj.org) to receive updates, reserve a plot and volunteer!



\*Plot Reservations are based on a first come, first served basis.

Spring 2023 Brush Collection Continues



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
52 KANES LANE  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

**SPRING 2023 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a>.</small>	START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small>	COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. PLEASE LEAVE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB UNTIL ZONE IS COMPLETE.</small>
E,G	MARCH 20	MARCH 20-APRIL 2
I,K	APRIL 3	APRIL 3-APRIL 16
J,L	APRIL 17	APRIL 17-APRIL 30
A,B,C,D	MAY 1	MAY 1-MAY 14
F,H	MAY 15	MAY 15-MAY 28

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.  
BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/brush](http://www.middletownnj.org/brush) for a Q&A about curbside brush collection and information about regular brush disposal.

Need to find your zone? Check out [www.middletownnj.org/zonemap](http://www.middletownnj.org/zonemap).

Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 4/3 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting). If prompted, please enter your name and email address to join. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2338 954 5950 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.

### **3/27/23 Rabies Alert: Rabid Raccoon Found in Area of Millbrook Dr. and Kenwood Dr.**



The Middletown Township Animal Control Division responded to a call about a sick raccoon being in the immediate vicinity of a resident's dog on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in the area of Millbrook Drive and Kenwood Drive. Middletown Animal Control successfully captured the raccoon. Lab results confirmed the animal was positive for Rabies. Thankfully, the resident's dog was up to date with their Rabies vaccine and received a booster shot after the incident.

Click [HERE](#) to read important reminders regarding Rabies and wildlife.

### **Spend Spring Break at Poricy Park**

# SPRING BREAK



## @ PORICY PARK

**MON 4/3**  
Fossil Hunting  
11am-12pm

**TUES 4/4**  
Pond Netting  
3pm-4pm

**WED 4/5**  
Pond Netting  
11am-12pm

**THURS 4/6**  
Fossil Hunting  
3pm-4pm



Join Middletown Recreation for fun and educational programming this spring break! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds or discover what's at the bottom of Murray Pond. Activities cost \$5 per person, so register via CommunityPass today!

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



## Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp from Monday, 4/3 - Friday, 4/7

The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp for spring break (Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, April 7<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 days 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.

## Middletown Recreation is Hiring: Apply Now!

A graphic for Middletown Recreation hiring. It features a yellow speech bubble with the Middletown Recreation logo (a green square with icons of a person running, a plant, and a bicycle) and the text "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION". Below the logo, the text "WE ARE HIRING" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. To the right of the speech bubble is a dark blue megaphone with a yellow band. Below the speech bubble, the word "POSITIONS" is written in bold, dark blue letters. To the right of "POSITIONS" is a small dark blue 'x' mark. Below "POSITIONS" is a list of six positions in red, bold, uppercase letters: "• CAMP COORDINATOR", "• CAMP COUNSELOR", "• CAMP EMT", "• FIELD & FACILITY COORDINATOR", "• PRESCHOOL LEAD TEACHER", and "• SENIOR CENTER BUS DRIVER". The background is yellow with several small dark blue 'x' marks and yellow triangles scattered around.

**WE ARE  
HIRING**


**POSITIONS**

- CAMP COORDINATOR
- CAMP COUNSELOR
- CAMP EMT
- FIELD & FACILITY COORDINATOR
- PRESCHOOL LEAD TEACHER
- SENIOR CENTER BUS DRIVER

Middletown Recreation is hiring for a number of positions within its Senior Center, Preschool, and Summer Camp departments.

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

## Give Back by Donating Blood at Lincroft Fire Company on Tuesday, 4/4 from 12:30-6:30 PM




**BLOOD DRIVE** Help accident victims like Jeff. **DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**


**Tues. April 4 12:30-6:30**




**Lincroft Fire Company**  
601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft

Appointments suggested. For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) or scan the QR code. Sponsor code is 70286



Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.  
16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

800.933.BLOOD • [nybc.org](https://nybc.org)    [#njbloodservices](https://twitter.com/njbloodservices)

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

Please help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to donate blood! Appointments are suggested and can be made by either calling 800-933-2566 or via New York Blood Center's website.

Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment. Remember to search sponsor code "70286".

**MTPD Encourages Residents to Volunteer and Apply for Local DVRT by Friday, 4/14**

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

## JOIN 180'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM (DVRT)

Volunteer Advocates are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide confidential support to survivors of domestic violence. Advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. 180 and the police departments are committed to culturally and socially diverse teams to better serve the community. BI-lingual capability is helpful. Training will be provided free of charge to successful applicants.

## SPRING 2023 TRAINING DATES

April 25-May 18 6:00p-9:30p  
In-person and via Zoom on  
Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Week 1 is in-person at the Holmdel Community Center. Weeks 2 & 3 are via Zoom. Week 4 is in-person in at Ocean Township Police Headquarters.

## HOW TO APPLY

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

Tina Morgan  
Assistant Victim Support  
Program Coordinator  
732-264-4360, Ext. 4272  
tinam@180nj.org

Application can be found [HERE](#) or visit our website for more information

## REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO APPLY

- Must be 18+
- Attend monthly supervisory meetings
- Be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis (min. 4 shifts per month)
- Have a valid driver's license and access to transportation
- Participate in an interview process that includes fingerprinting and a background check
- Successfully complete the mandatory 40-hour training

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 14TH**

**180** Turning Lives Around

## 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

1-888-843-9262

[www.180nj.org](http://www.180nj.org)

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Click [HERE](#) to read MTPD's press release for more information.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Enjoy a Live Performance of *The Galaxy is a Zoo* at the MAC on Sunday, 4/2 at 2 PM**



Join the MAC (36 Church Street) on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM for a hilarious and new live radio play, *The Galaxy is a Zoo*, by Anthony M. Aversano! Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased at the door.

***The Galaxy is a Zoo:*** In a galaxy far, far away, an intergalactic zoo accidentally loses its shape-shifting star attraction and they must race across the stars to find a replacement that won't end their world in an extinction event!

**Register for Cartooning Lessons at the MTPL on  
Tuesday, 4/4 at 11 AM**

**Cartooning Lessons!**  
With Local Artist & Author...

**Mike Dawson!**



**Tuesday, April 4 at 11am**  
**For Grades 3 & Up**  
**Please register at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)**



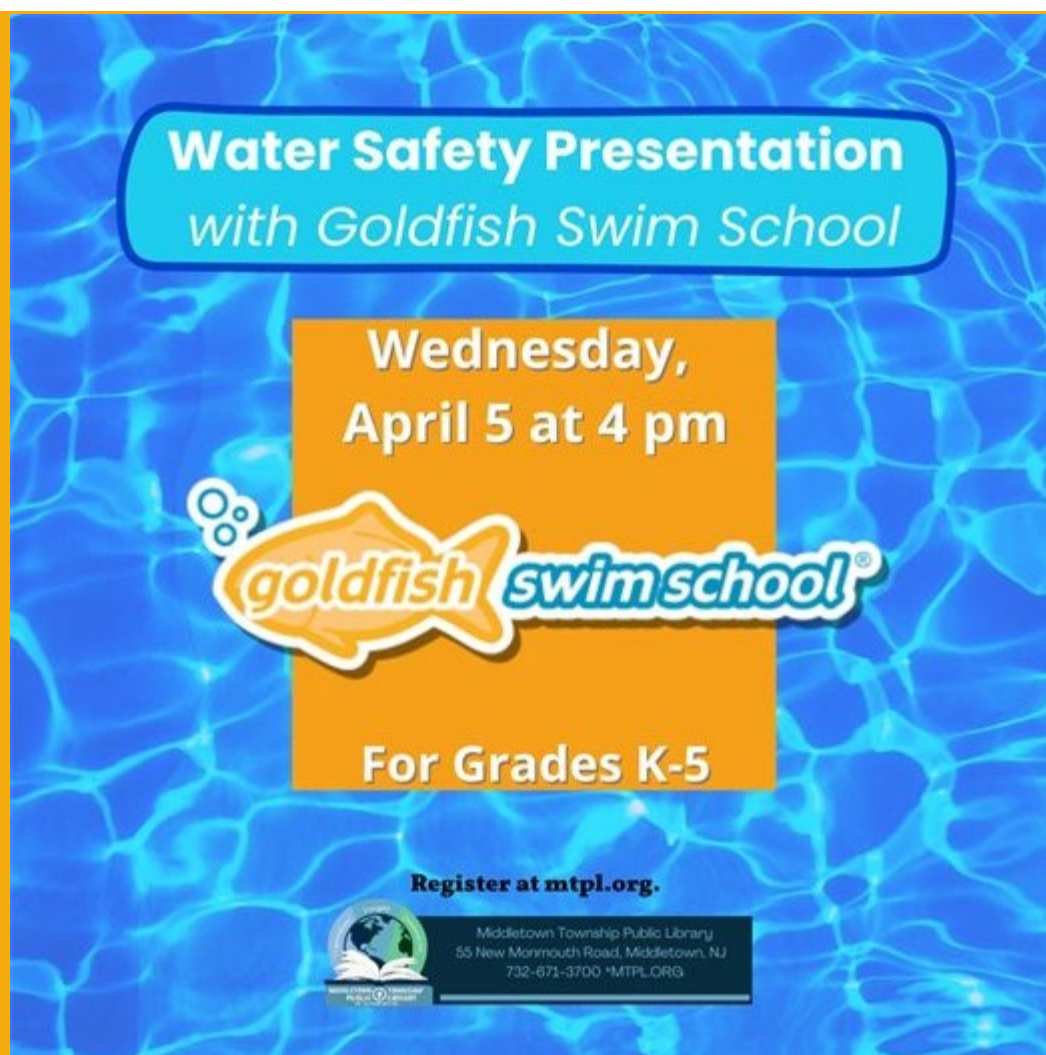
Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ  
732-671-3700 \*MTPL.ORG

Mike Dawson, a Monmouth County native and the cartoonist behind *The Fifth Quarter* series, spent his childhood exploring the shelves of the MTPL. On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, he will be returning to the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) to deliver cartooning lessons and talk about his graphic novels!

Registration is required as space is limited. This program is for grades 3 and up.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Register for MTPL's Water Safety Presentation on  
Wednesday, 4/5 at 4 PM**



Join the MTPL on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in its Community Room as it welcomes Bubbles (the official goldfish mascot!) and an instructor from Goldfish Swim School. The school will be giving an interactive 20-minute presentation on water safety that helps children prepare for and develop confidence in situations where they will be in and around water.

Every child will receive a take-home kit, which includes a free family swim pass, coloring sheet, pencil, stickers, and tattoos. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Compete in Middletown PBA Local 124's Battle of the Bags Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, 4/8 at 11 AM**

**Battle of the Bags Cornhole  
Tournament**

Hosted by Middletown PBA Local 124  
Sponsored by  
**HANUS & PARSONS, L.L.C.**  
Attorneys at Law

**SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023**

Middletown VFW Post 2179  
1 Veterans Lane  
Port Monmouth, NJ 07758

**\$40 per person**  
(\$25 to hang out but not play)

**Ticket Price Includes:**  
Entry into tournament and food

Cash Bar provided by Middletown VFW

**11am start**  
**Registration begins at 10am**

If you have any questions or to register, please email [cornhole@middletownpba.org](mailto:cornhole@middletownpba.org)

**Hanus & Parsons, L.L.C.**  
1715 NJ 35, Suite 301  
Middletown, NJ 07748  
(732) 737-8488



Scan QR code to register



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**Grab your cornhole partner and show off your skills by playing in Middletown PBA Local 124's Battle of the Bags Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>! This fun event will begin at 11 AM at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth). Proceeds will assist the PBA with the various charities that it supports on an annual basis. Mayor Perry will be competing and encourages everyone to participate!**

**Click [HERE](#) to register.**

**Learn How to Grow Orchids at the MTPL on  
Saturday, 4/8 at 11 AM**



The MTPL is inviting patrons to join a conversation with Bill Bodei, Middletown resident and president of the Deep Cut Orchid Society, to discuss the basics of growing orchids. This session will take place at the MTPL's Community Room on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM and cover a range of topics from basic orchid care (aka culture) to repotting, as well as tips on buying. Registration is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) to register and read Bill's bio.

# RESOURCES

**Earn Extra Money by Becoming a Monmouth County  
Poll Worker**

**Become a  
Monmouth County  
Poll Worker Today!**

**EARN EXTRA MONEY...**

**\$300.00** per election for *June Primary* or  
*November General Election*. Must be a  
Monmouth County Registered Voter.

**For More Information Call  
732-431-7802 x7150**

**Report Your Missed Collection**

# WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

## LET DPW KNOW!



Please complete an online form at  
[www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup).

## QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at  
732-615-2090.



## THANK YOU!

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

## NJNG Offers In-Person Energy Assistance to Customers through Friday, 6/30

Last Wednesday, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) announced it will provide customers with personal support — at the company's Asbury Park and Lakewood walk-in payment centers — to help access energy assistance grants to pay for their energy bills.

On select days through June 30, 2023, representatives from local Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies will be on hand to help customers determine eligibility for grants and other energy assistance programs and with the application process.



Click [HERE](#) to read NJNG's press release for more information.

## Monmouth County April COVID-19 Clinics

## MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free, & effective

Walk-ins welcome ages six months & older

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](http://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

- April 5, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, 07712
- April 12, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune, 07753
- April 19, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Middletown Health Department, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, 07748
- April 26, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Rd., Howell, 07731

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

#### Monmouth County Health Dept. Clinic Vaccine Only

- Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main St., Freehold, 07728
- Entrance closes 15 minutes before clinic ends

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



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Visit [www.vaccines.gov/search](http://www.vaccines.gov/search) to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

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