

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Check Out the Spring Edition of *Middletown Matters*!

Bayshore Waterfront Park

Photo by Thorne Middle School Student Madeline Pitzer

MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

SPRING 2023

READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:

WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS

Our bi-annual newsletter, *Middletown Matters*, will be arriving in residents' mailboxes soon! In the meantime, feel free to read a digital version at www.middletownnj.org/matters.

Ross Brewing Company Celebrates Grand Opening in Port Monmouth



Mayor Perry and Deputy Mayor Hibell attended the ribbon cutting and presented Ross Brewing owner John Ross Coccozza with a customized congratulatory certificate.



After five years in the making, Middletown is thrilled to "raise a toast" to Ross Brewing's grand opening in Port Monmouth! The brewery, located at 909 Main Street, has a beautiful waterfront that is accessible by foot, car, and boat. Please join us in welcoming Ross Brewing to our town!

Visit www.rossbrewing.com for more information and check out its social media pages (@rossbrewing) for its grand opening weekend festivities.

Middletown Recreation Receives Prestigious Awards from New Jersey Recreation and Park Association



Photo courtesy of NJRPA

Middletown Recreation was recently presented with two awards at the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) Annual Awards Ceremony: the Agency Showcase Award for the Middletown Recreation Weekly Calendar Social Media Campaign and the Daniel M. Gasalberti Recreation Programming Award for “After-School Science Club”. For more information about Middletown Recreation’s programming, please visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full press release about the awards.

MTPD Supports 21st Annual Blue Mass



Photo courtesy of MTPD

On Thursday, Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief Craig Weber, Deputy Chief John Kaiser, and MTPD's newly formed Honor/Color Guard were honored to attend the Blue Mass held at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral. The Blue Mass is an annual event that honors and remembers fallen members of the law enforcement community.

Local Family Recognized for Generous Donation to Lincroft Fire Company



*JoJo, Carina, and Nico show off their certificate and pose with Mayor Perry and LFC members!
Photo courtesy of Tracy Nimon*

Last Thursday, Lincroft Fire Company (LFC) and Mayor Tony Perry recognized the Fallacaro family for their fundraising efforts to support our local community and all-volunteer fire department. Lincroft residents and elementary school students JoJo, Carina, and Nico Fallacaro started a lemonade stand last summer as part of a school project about ways to contribute to your community. Their baby brother Rocco also helped in charming friends and neighbors into donating generously, and their parents Sandy and Richie matched their fundraising efforts.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 4/17 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th 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. 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 467 4625 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.

Spring 2023 Brush Collection Continues



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

PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
RED BANK, NJ
PERMIT NO. 652
ECRWSS

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 WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP.</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 1ST - JUNE 1ST.
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Visit 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.

Recognize Earth Day with Middletown Recreation's and Middletown Green Team's Earth Day Celebration



Celebrate Earth Day in the parks! Join Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Green Team on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-11 AM to beautify Camp Hope in Lincroft Acres (Orchard Hill Drive). Volunteers will line and maintain its trails.

This great community service project is free for all residents. Scout groups interested in participating should email recreation@middletownnj.org for additional service hour opportunities leading up to the event.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Get Ready for Earth Day with the MTPL's Nature on the Go Program on Wednesday, 4/19 at 4 PM

Nature on the Go: Forests!

with Monmouth County Park System

Wednesday, April 19 4-6 pm
Family Event for All Ages



Read more at mtpl.org. No registration required.



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

Just in time for Earth Day, you're invited to come and meet the talented naturalists at this outdoor interpretive program. The Monmouth County Park System's eye-catching nature van will arrive at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) filled with interactive, hands-on tabletop activities and displays that will educate and engage you. Registration is NOT required.

This program will take place on the MTPL's lawn outside the front doors. In the event of inclement weather, the program will take place in the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Staples Announces Free Tech Take Back Program



The Middletown Green Team encourages residents to participate in Staples' Free Tech Take Back, a program that allows customers to bring certain items to Staples stores for recycling. This program will be available from Sunday, April 16th to Saturday, June 3rd.

Visit www.staples.com/recycling for more information.

Register for Free Children's Immunization Appointment on Thursday, 4/20



Children's Immunizations Birth -18 years

By Appointment Only
732-431-7456

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THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
BEGINNING MARCH 16, 2023. 10AM-1PM

*WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE OR NJ FAMILY CARE PLAN A ONLY
*MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN
*MUST BRING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO APPOINTMENT

MIDDLETOWN HEALTH DEPT.
1 KINGS HIGHWAY
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748



The Middletown Township Health Department and Monmouth County are offering free children's immunizations on the third Thursday of each month from 10 AM - 1 PM at the Middletown Township Health Department. Participants must meet the following requirements to make an appointment:

- Patients must be between the ages of birth to 18 years old.
- Patients need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Patients should either have no health insurance or only be on the NJ Family Care Plan A.
- Patients are required to bring their immunization records.

Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 732-431-7456.



NJAW Conducting Annual Hydrant Flushing: Discolored Water is Harmless and Normal

New Jersey American Water (NJAW) is flushing the pipes in its water distribution system from approximately March 6th to May 12th in Middletown. During this time, you may notice a drop in water pressure or discolored water. This is normal. If this happens,

it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

Sign up for NJAW's customer notification system at www.login.amwater.com to receive a call, text, or email to let you know when they'll be flushing in your neighborhood.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/flushing to read NJAW's full alert and view a PDF of the detailed 2023 flushing schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Swing into Baseball Season with Middletown Recreation's
Pitch, Hit & Run on Sunday, 4/16 at 12 PM**

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION & MIDDLETOWN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENT



Pitch Hit & Run



FREE SKILLS COMPETITION
AGES 7-14
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



April 16th
12PM-2PM
Bodman Park

**NEW
DATE &
TIME!**



MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION

Middletown Recreation is teaming up with the Middletown Youth Athletic Association for the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition this Sunday from 12-2 PM at Bodman Park (50 Market Street)! This fun event is free for residents between the ages of 7-14 to try. Winners in each age range can compete for the chance to move on to competitions in real MLB stadiums! Walk-in registration is available.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Attention Playwrights: Submit Your Scripts for the MAC One-Acts by Friday, 4/21



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is excited to open its call for submissions to The MAC ONE-ACTS, a play-reading festival featuring original one-act works by New Jersey playwrights. Entries from New Jersey residents ages 13 and older will be accepted and must be original unpublished scripts adhering to standard professional play format with run-times of no longer than 30 minutes. Submission deadline is Friday, April 21st at 11:59 PM.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to submit your script.

Appreciate Writing & Poetry Artists at MTPL's Artist Cafe on Saturday, 4/22 from 2-4 PM

ARTIST CAFÉ SERIES



SPOTLIGHT ON WRITING & POETRY

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 22
2 - 4 PM**



*Join our panelists
as they show off
their craft.*



Join the MTPL on Saturday, April 22nd for a panel discussion with local writers and poets from 2-4 PM at its Community Room. For the first hour, you will hear about how they got their start and continue to hone their craft. The second hour will be for all writers to ask questions and collaborate. Artists will also have the opportunity to show off their talents open mic style! The panel features Tobias Carroll, Christine Clemetson, Flora Higgins, Ryan Roberts, and Yao Tsao.

**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's April Music Cafe on
Sunday, 4/23 from 4-6 PM**



Join the MAC on Sunday, April 23rd from 4-6 PM for its monthly music cafe, featuring local talents and top-notch singer-songwriters Andy Judkis, Neil Kessler, Paul During, and Daniel Ravaglia. 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 information about the showcase's artists and click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

Attend Middletown Preschool's Free Art Show & Open House on Wednesday, 4/26 from 5-7:30 PM



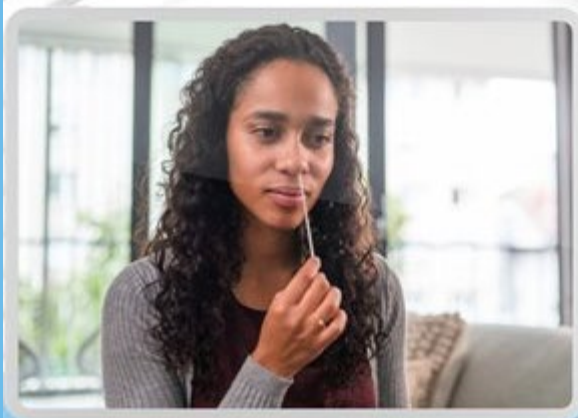
Join Middletown Recreation at the Middletown Preschool (50 Bray Avenue) on Wednesday, April 26th from 5-7:30 PM for some PreK art and a free open house!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

RESOURCES

Do You Have an Expired COVID-19 Test?

Before you throw out an expired COVID-19 test, visit shorturl.at/fmryL to see the extensions of expiration dates for each test brand.



Middletown
Health
Department



Click [HERE](#) to view the expiration dates for each COVID-19 test brand.

**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.

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 month, 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

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 OR 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.

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