



## MTPD Swears in New Deputy Chief and Promotes Sergeants and Officers at Township Committee Meeting



*Pictured from left: Lieutenants Donald Coates and Brian Dilworth, Sergeants Frank Mazza, Michael Heaton, and Joshua Midose, Mayor Tony Perry, Chief R. Craig Weber, and Deputy Chiefs John Werner, Paul Bailey, and John Kaiser*

At the Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Regular Meeting, Lieutenant John Werner was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and has now joined Middletown Township Police Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Kaiser in Administration. Sergeants Brian Dilworth and Donald Coates were also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officers Michael Heaton, Frank Mazza, and Joshua Midose were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

"It's been said that promotion is not a reward for doing your job, but rather an indication of demonstrated ability to do even more," said Chief Weber. "I can honestly say we have never had a more educated, highly trained cadre of

leadership in the department. I have full confidence in each one of these officers to lead the department into the future and know that they have the character and integrity to do what is necessary."

*Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release and the officers' bios.*

## MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in National Take Back Initiative TODAY, 4/22 from 10 AM - 2 PM

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

**OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)**

The logo for the DEA National Take Back features the text "DEA NATIONAL Rx" in blue and "TAKE BACK" in large, bold, white letters on a red and blue background.

The logo for the Middletown Township Police Department is a shield-shaped badge with "MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J." around the top and "1664" on either side, and "POLICE" at the bottom.

We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

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

**Celebrate Earth Day with Middletown TODAY!**



The poster features a green border. At the top left is the Middletown Recreation logo with icons for walking, cycling, and a swimmer. Next is the "Happy Earth Day" logo with a stylized Earth and leaves. To the right is the "MIDDLETOWN GREEN TEAM" logo. The main title "EARTH DAY CELEBRATION" is in large, bold, green, block letters. Below it is a colorful illustration of a hand holding a globe with green plants growing out of it, with a sun, clouds, and rain falling above. To the right, the event details are listed: "Sat April 22nd 9-11am Lincroft Acres". Below that, in smaller text, are "Trail Maintenance", "Park Beautification", and "Community Service Hours".

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Sat April 22nd  
9-11am  
**Lincroft Acres**

Trail Maintenance  
Park Beautification  
Community Service Hours

Celebrate Earth Day in the parks! Join Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Green Team **TODAY**, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**Middletown South Travel Basketball 9U & 12U Teams  
Celebrate Championships at Town Hall**



*Mayor Tony Perry huddles in with the 9U and 12U champions!*

**At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee also recognized the Middletown South Travel Basketball Program's 9U and 12U teams for their perfect seasons and winning both of their championships! This is the second year in a row that the 9U team accomplished this record and victory. Middletown is so proud to join the program in celebrating its many achievements!**

***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 Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.***

## **Bayshore Family Success Center Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary**



*Pictured from left: Laurie Goganzer, President & CEO at YMCA of Greater Monmouth County, Jennifer Dunn, Chief Operations Officer at YMCA of Greater Monmouth County, Township Committeewoman Kim Kratz, Darcy Hazard, Director of Bayshore Family Success Center at the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County, LeeAnn Wagner, Vice President of Counseling & Social Services at YMCA of Greater Monmouth County, Middletown Township Communications Director Tara Berson, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell*

**On Thursday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Township Committeewoman Kim Kratz were honored to stop by Bayshore Family Success Center's 10-year anniversary celebration at its facility located at the Henry Hudson Trail Activity Center in Leonardo. They presented Darcy Hazard, the director of the center, with a congratulatory certificate to thank the organization for enriching our community members' lives through resources, events, and vital support.**

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the center.*

## **Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 Helps Local Family Purchase Walker for Toddler**



*Mayor Perry with Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 representatives Exalted Ruler Don Anderson (far left), Ladies President Ginger Smith (holding walker-recipient Cameron Fiorello), District Deputy Michael Dickie (far right) and Fiorello family members.*

On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry attended a presentation at Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 in Belford where two-year-old resident Cameron Fiorello and his family received a check to help them with the cost of a walker that they needed to buy. He and his family are so thrilled that he is now walking independently and greatly appreciate the Elks' generosity.

## Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County Host Successful Monthly Childhood Immunization Clinic



*BCC Nursing 271 Instructor Georgia Cassidy (far right), her students, and the County's nursing staff take a break and pose for a picture! Photo courtesy of Middletown Health Department*

**On Thursday, Middletown Township Health Department and Monmouth County Health Department hosted its monthly Childhood Immunization Clinic at Town Hall.**

**Students from Brookdale Community College's (BCC) Nursing 271 class joined County nurses and got real world training in assisting with patients!**

**The clinic takes place on the third Thursday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 732-431-7456.**

## **Exciting Update on Conover Beacon!**



**The scaffolding around the Conover Beacon in Leonardo is officially up. The next step of this restoration project is to clean and paint the beacon, which is expected to be unveiled this summer!**

**Chesapeake Bay Helicopters Returning to JCP&L Region for UV/IR Patrols Beginning Wed., 4/26**



*Photo courtesy of JCP&L*

On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, Chesapeake Bay Helicopters will be returning to the JCP&L Region to perform UV/IR patrols on our transmission lines. These inspections are expected to take approximately 4-5 days to complete. Work is weather dependent.

*Click [HERE](#) to read JCP&L's press release.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**ARTIST  
CAFÉ  
SERIES**

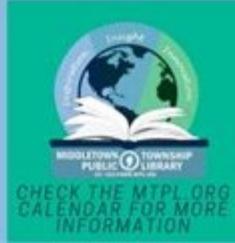


**SPOTLIGHT ON  
WRITING  
& POETRY**

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



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



CHECK THE MTPL.ORG  
CALENDAR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) TODAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**



ANDY JUDKIS  
NEIL KESSLER  
PAUL DURING  
DANIEL RAVAGLIA



Join the MAC this Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 PM for some PreK art and a free open house!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

Learn the Benefits of Home Gardening with MTPL on Saturday, 4/29 at 10 AM



A green poster with a blue globe icon in the top left corner. The text "Celebrate Earth Month!" is in bold black and blue. A blue box in the center contains the text "April 29 @ 10 am" and "Community Room". To the right is an illustration of two hands holding a small green plant. Below the globe is the text "THE BENEFITS OF HOME GARDENING" in large white letters. To the right of the text is a small illustration of a winding blue stream with trees. At the bottom left is the Middletown Township Public Library logo and the text "Middletown Township Public Library 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ 732-671-3700 \*MTPL.ORG".

**Celebrate Earth Month!**

**April 29 @ 10 am**  
**Community Room**

THE BENEFITS OF

# HOME GARDENING

Presented by Katie Kotsay  
Clean Ocean Action

Help improve water quality one plant at a time.  
Visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for more information.

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

Join the MTPL in its Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) to learn how to help improve water quality one plant at a time. This program will be presented by Katie Kotsay, a member of Clean Ocean Action's Student Environmental Advocates and Leaders (SEAL) Program.

**Sign Up for Middletown Soccer Showdown Happening on Saturday, 6/3**



The poster features a green soccer field background with a yellow border. At the top, the Middletown Recreation logo is displayed, which includes a stylized person, a tree, and a person in a wheelchair. Below the logo, the text "MIDDLETOWN SOCCER SHOWDOWN" is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. To the left of the text, a soccer ball is shown hitting the back of a goal net. To the right, a yellow arrow points to the right, containing the text "Teams by grade range & gender." Below this, the age groups are listed: "Youth: Grades 2-3", "Junior: Grades 4-5", and "Middle: Grades 6-8". The date "JUNE 3RD" is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below the date, the times "3 PM - 5:30 PM" and "5:30 PM - 8:30 PM" are listed, separated by an ampersand "&". The word "RECREATION" is under the first time, and "TRAVEL" is under the second. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Location" pointing to "Normandy Park 625 Nutswamp Rd, Middletown" and "More Info" pointing to "middletownnj.org/soccer".

Sign your team up for the Middletown Soccer Showdown, a double-elimination 4v4 tournament, to be crowned the winner of your division! All participants receive a commemorative patch and medals will be given to the winners. Divisions are based on grade (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), gender, and skill level (recreation & travel).

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/soccer](http://www.middletownnj.org/soccer) for more information and to register.

# RESOURCES

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 until Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Visit [www.staples.com/recycling](http://www.staples.com/recycling) for more information.

## Do You Have an Expired COVID-19 Test?

Before you throw out an expired COVID-19 test, visit [shorturl.at/fmryL](https://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](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 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**

April 2023

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**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY**

**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 & INQUIRIES, 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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