

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Join Middletown and American Legion Post 338 at Annual Memorial Day Parade this Monday, 5/29 at 10 AM



Middletown Township is honored to partner with American Legion Post 338 for our annual Memorial Day Parade. We encourage community members to join us in remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

The parade begins at 10:00 AM at Bayshore Middle School (834 Leonardville Road). Visit www.middletownnj.org/parade to view a map of the parade route.



NORTH ZONE GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, garbage collection in the North Zone on Monday, 5/29 will be starting earlier to accomodate residents and meet the landfill holiday hour schedule. Please put carts out the night before and leave approximately 3 feet of clearance on both sides of the cart.

The Middletown Recycling Center will also be closed on Memorial Day (5/29) and will reopen on Thursday, 6/1.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers & New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Hold Public Outreach Sessions about Coastal Storm Resilience Study



Township Administrator Tony Mercantante provides some background information to attendees before they meet with U.S. Army Corps and NJDEP representatives about the study process and timeline.

On Tuesday, May 23rd, representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection hosted two public outreach sessions at Town Hall about the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study that is expected to be done in North Middletown, Keansburg, Aberdeen Township, Old Bridge, and the West Keansburg section of Hazlet. Outreach sessions were also held on Wednesday, May 24th in Aberdeen Township.

The study will evaluate critical infrastructure, transportation, and evacuation routes that are at risk due to the effects of coastal storms in the study area including socially vulnerable areas.

Community members were able to visit representatives at various stations around the courtroom to learn more and give their opinion about how to improve the resilience of our towns due to the impacts of coastal storms and flooding.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/csrm for additional information about the study goals and to view the poster boards that were displayed at the information sessions.

Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County Breaks Ground on Middletown Property



Pictured from left: Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Secretary Philomena Milano, Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Regent Audrey Spenard, Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Treasurer Betty Ryan, HFHMC Board President Kim Stulb, Mayor Tony Perry, and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante (Photo courtesy of Caroline Howell)

On Thursday, May 25th, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante joined Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County (HFHMC) and nonprofit Catholic Daughters of the Americas for a special groundbreaking at 27 Ideal Avenue. Last year, Middletown donated this land which is HFHMC's 61st site. Middletown is so proud to see this project begin!

Middletown Relay for Life Team Brings Community Together and Fundraises for American Cancer Society



Pictured from left: Volunteer Leadership Team members Marc Seigel, Jennifer Belke, Amy Nolan, and Grace Roeder with Mayor Tony Perry (Photo courtesy of Middletown Relay for Life)

On Saturday, May 20th, Relay for Life returned to Middletown High School South! Relay for Life is an annual event that celebrates survivors, remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, and unites our community to fight against a disease that has taken too much from too many. All proceeds raised go toward the American Cancer Society.

Although the rain forced the event indoors, it was still a huge success with over \$26,000 raised! Mayor Tony Perry was honored to present a proclamation, walk a few laps, and support this important cause.

Student-Led Be the Difference Suicide Prevention Walk Inspires Locals During Mental Health Awareness Month



Mayor Perry was proud to support Piper at this incredible event! (Photo courtesy of @shotbydenzz on Instagram)

On Sunday, May 21st, Middletown High School South student Piper Wyman organized the first ever suicide prevention walk in Middletown along with the help of peers from both high schools North and South. The Be the Difference Walk was hosted by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and began at the Middletown Arts Center and ended at Town Hall. There were over 200 walkers and the event raised close to \$11,000!

Walk supporters lined the streets with positive and encouraging signs such as “Kindness Matters” and “You Are Always Enough”. Attendees then made their way to the main parking lot at Town Hall where both Piper and Mayor Tony Perry shared some inspirational words about the importance of mental health. Following speeches, people enjoyed live music from local band Exit 109 and food donated by local sponsors. Follow @bethedifference_nj on Instagram to see photos from this very successful event!

Middletown Senior Center Hosts Conversation of Your Life for Members



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and Katie Bisaha address the attendees. (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)

On Thursday, May 25th, the Middletown Senior Center offered the annual "Conversation of Your Life" program to its members. Katie Bisaha, a Community Health & Policy Associate for the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, led the presentation which included an open discussion with members (and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz) about their priorities, goals, and wishes to lead fulfilled lives.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.

Congratulations to the Recent Project P.L.U.S. Graduates!



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Last week, 73 fifth grade students graduated from Middletown Municipal Alliance's Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students)! The free after school 7-week program teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and prepares them for the upper grades. Congratulations to the graduates and good luck in middle school!

Photos courtesy of Middletown Municipal Alliance



Runners kick off the 5K! (Photo courtesy of SMAA)

St. Mary's Athletic Association Prepares for Incoming Season with Spring Into Summer 5K

On Saturday, May 20th, the St. Mary's Athletic Association (SMAA) and The Jersey Shore Running Club presented the 19th Annual Spring Into Summer 5K. All proceeds from this event benefited the SMAA, which provides youth in our community with sports opportunities. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell was thrilled to support the runners!

Middletown Social Services Currently Not Accepting Any Donations

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Middletown Social Services will not be accepting donations of any kind. If you would like to donate food to *Middletown Helps Its Own*, please call (732) 787-3604. For other Social Service needs, contact Monmouth County Social Services at (732) 431-6000.



Middletown Department of Health



Middletown Animal Control Provides Tips about Fawns

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSING EARLY ON THURSDAY, 6/1



All municipal buildings will close at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 1st for the Township's annual Employee Appreciation Picnic. The Middletown Recycling Center will also close at that time. The Middletown Township Public Library will close at 1:00 PM and reopen at 5:00 PM.

**Register for Middletown Recreation's Summer
Trail Blazers Travel Camp**



The poster for Trail Blazers Travel Camp features a large group of campers in green shirts posing in front of a city skyline at night. The title 'TRAIL BLAZERS TRAVEL CAMP' is prominently displayed in pink and green bubble letters. A yellow speech bubble indicates the cost is '\$315/WEEK (R)'. A pink banner at the bottom right states 'WEEKS RUN JULY 5 - AUG 11'. The Middletown Recreation logo is in the top center. Below the main image, text describes the camp: 'Teens enjoy a different trip every day!', 'Grades: 7-9th', 'Days: Mon - Thurs (Week 1 runs Wed - Fri)', 'Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm*', and 'Buses from Tonya Keller Community Center'. Three small photos show campers participating in 'Gravity Vault', 'Beach Days', and 'Ziplining'.

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Gravity Vault Beach Days Ziplining

Space still remains in Middletown Recreation's Trail Blazers camp for students heading into 7th-9th grades. Campers will enjoy a different trip every day from Monday-Thursday. Learn more and register today!

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

Navesink River Road Reopens

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners announced that Navesink River Road (County Route 12A), in the area of Huber Woods Park in Middletown, reopened to traffic on Friday, May 26th.

The remaining project work will be completed under alternating lanes of traffic during working hours.

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



Middletown Ballot Box Locations



**ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**

**CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**



With the New Jersey Primary Election coming up on Tuesday, June 6th, our Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents of where Middletown's election ballot boxes are located.

REMINDER: There is no longer a ballot box at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Plots Still Available at Middletown Community Garden

Interested in participating in a Community Garden?



A Limited Number of Plots Are Still Available!
Middletown Township's Community Garden Opened April 15th!
Email communitygarden@middletownnj.org to receive updates, reserve a plot and volunteer!
*Plot Reservations are based on a first come, first served basis.



Visit www.middletownnj.org/communitygarden for more information about it.

Middletown Township Health Department Provides Tips for Skin Cancer Awareness Month

MAY IS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

How to Practice Safe Sun

- Seek shade - the sun is strongest between 10am and 2pm.
- Wear sun protective clothing.
- Apply sunscreen

Use the QR code for locations of free skin cancer screenings in NJ.

Middletown Health Department

Source: American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)

Click [HERE](#) to find a location for a free skin cancer screening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Ahoy Mates & Mermaids! Register for Middletown

Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash on Friday, 6/9



Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash is back on Friday, June 9th! Attendees are invited to Ideal Beach (Bayside Parkway, North Middletown) to enjoy a DJ, fun activities, and a delicious dinner. This year's theme is Mermaids & Pirates. Please remember to bring your beach chairs and blankets.

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

MTPL Weekly Calendar

THIS WEEK AT MTPL

May 29 - June 3

Monday	29	LIBRARY IS CLOSED	
Tuesday	30	Songs of the Divas presented by the Shore Voices	
Wednesday	31	Teen Volunteer Thank You Night	
Thursday	1	LIBRARY CLOSED FROM 1 - 5PM Summer Reading Registration Starts	
Friday	2	Operatic Performance featuring Amy Wang	

In-person

Virtual

Limited Space

SWIPE RIGHT FOR MORE INFO. OR VISIT THE CALENDAR PAGE ON MTPL.ORG

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) has some upcoming events and reminders next week! The MTPL will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day and will be closed on Thursday, June 1st from 1-5 PM. It will be open from 9 AM-1 PM and 5-9 PM that same day.

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

Start Summer with the MTPL's Free Reading Challenge
Beginning Monday, 6/19



JOIN THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

FREE 2023 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Registration begins on June 1st!
Visit mtpl.org or scan QR Code



LOGGING BEGINS JUNE 19 - ENDS AUGUST 4, 2023



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

**Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore
BlueClaws on Friday, 7/28 at 7 PM**

A promotional poster for 'Middletown Night' at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws stadium. The poster features a large blue home plate in the center. At the top of the home plate is the Jersey Shore BlueClaws logo, which depicts a blue crab. The words 'Middletown Night' are written in a large, red, cursive font across the middle of the home plate. Below the home plate, the text 'FRIDAY, JULY 28 - 7PM' is displayed. Underneath that, a red line separates the text '\$20 TICKET INCLUDES:' from a list of items: 'HOT DOG, SODA, ICE CREAM, BOARDWALK GAME TICKET'. Another red line follows, and then the text 'FIREWORKS' and 'MAYOR PERRY THROWS THE FIRST PITCH' are listed. The entire poster is framed by a red border with a white baseball stitching pattern on the sides.

Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on Friday, July 28th! Sit with our community in the stands as we cheer on the local baseball team, watch postgame fireworks, and see Mayor Tony Perry throw out the first pitch.

Click [HERE](#) for tickets.

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**

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


In March, 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 May 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.



DATES & TIMES



Testing and Vaccine Clinics


- May 3, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, 07712
- May 10, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune, 07753
- May 17, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Middletown Health Department, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, 07748
- May 24, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Rd., Howell, 07731

Pfizer, Moderna,
both of the updated bivalent boosters,
& Novavax COVID-19 vaccines are available

Monmouth County Health Dept. Clinic Vaccine Only

- Every Tuesday, 4 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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