

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



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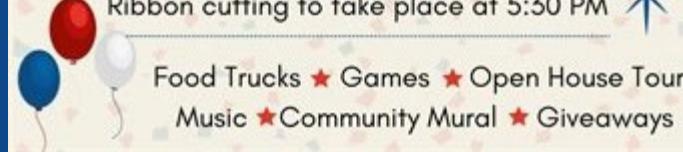


**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE COMMEMORATE  
THE GRAND OPENING OF TOWN HALL!**

Main Parking Lot, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown  
Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:00-8:00 PM

Ribbon cutting to take place at 5:30 PM



We hope to see you at the Grand Opening of Town Hall on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
from 5-8 PM!

**Middletown and American Legion Post 338 Host Annual  
Memorial Day Parade**



On Monday, Middletown Township held its annual Memorial Day Parade with American Legion Post 338 to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The parade followed a route that began at Bayshore Middle School and concluded at American Legion Post 338, where Mayor Tony Perry and American Legion Post 338 Commander Ronald Stark spoke. After the parade ended, community members were encouraged to stay and enjoy lunch.

New this year, U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle invited sailors from USS Cole and USS Oregon to march. Thank you to the many individuals and organizations who participated, including the sailors, Grand Marshal Mark Natale, dignitaries, local Scout troops, Middletown High School North and South marching bands, antique cars, first responders, and community members who lined the streets with patriotism and gratitude for our heroes.

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

## Township Committee Honors Fallen Veterans with Visits to War Memorials and Cemeteries



*29th Regiment New Jersey  
Volunteer Infantry Civil War  
Memorial in Fairview  
Cemetery*



*Dedication plaque at Cedar  
View Cemetery*



*World War II Memorial at  
Croydon Hall*

On Memorial Day, several Township Committee members paid their respects to our fallen veterans by attending services at different war memorials and cemeteries throughout the Township. Although the day of observance has passed, Middletown will continue to recognize and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation every day of the year.

## Apply for Next Generation Summer Support Program by Friday, 6/9



**FREE SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM**  
for eligible Middletown students

Middletown Township is proud to introduce the Next Generation Summer Support Program and offer free tutoring services to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind due to the pandemic. Students' academic levels will be assessed to determine if they are eligible. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/summertutoring](http://www.middletownnj.org/summertutoring) to complete the application.

Tutoring will take place from July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> on Mondays through Thursdays at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The program will be funded through a special allocation of the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act the Township received.

Application deadline is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for more information about the program and to apply.](#)

## Early Voting Begins for New Jersey Primary Election

# ATTENTION VOTERS! EARLY-IN PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS

Early Voting for the 2023 Primary Election will be available June 2 through June 4

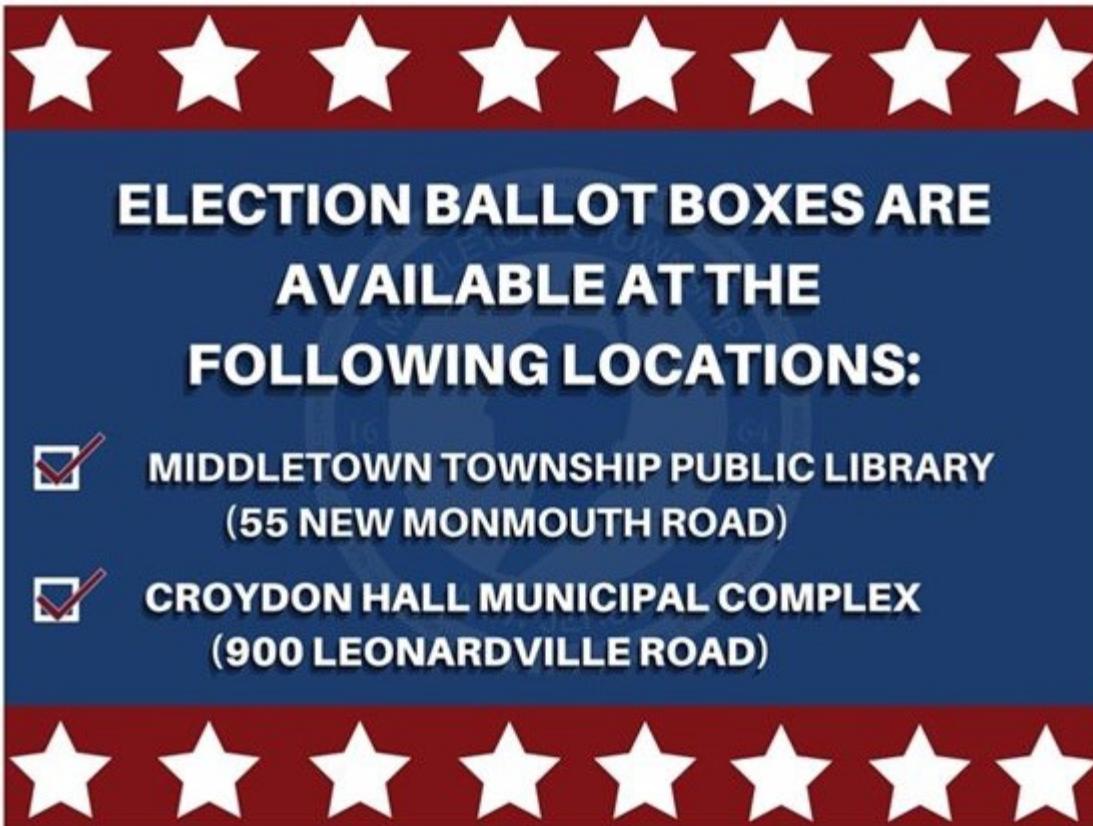
- Colts Neck Township** - Colts Neck Public Library, 2 Veterans Way
- Hazlet Township** - Monmouth County Library - Hazlet Branch, 251 Middle Road
- Howell Township** - Adelphia Fire Company Station No. 2, 993 State Route 33, Freehold
- Little Silver Borough** - The Women's Club of Little Silver, 111 Church Street
- Long Branch City** - Brookdale Community College - Long Branch Campus, 213 Broadway
- Manalapan Township** - Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive
- Middletown Township** - Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
- Neptune Township** - Neptune Senior Center, 1607 Corlies Avenue
- Spring Lake Heights Borough** - Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center, 902 Ocean Road
- Upper Freehold Township** - Hope Fire Company #1, 82 Route 526, Allentown



Early voting officially began TODAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup>! You can cast your vote early and in person at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM to 8 PM and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 6 PM.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for more information about early in-person voting.](#)

## Middletown Ballot Box Locations



With the New Jersey Primary Election coming up on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**Port Monmouth Fire Company Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show for Charity**



***Committeeman Ryan Clarke and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were thrilled to join Port Monmouth Fire Company members at this great event!***

Last weekend, Port Monmouth Fire Company held its annual Car Show and Gift Auction in an effort to raise money for pancreatic cancer research.

***Pictured on the right: Nick Madigan wins the Mayor's Trophy for his 1979 Chevelle SS! Photo courtesy of Mikayla Topoleski***



## **Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 6/5 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</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 2335 437 6297 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.*

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

**TRAIL BLAZERS TRAVEL CAMP**

**\$215/WEEK (R)**

**WEEKS RUN**  
**JULY 5 - AUG 11**

Teens enjoy a different trip every day!

Grades: 7-9th  
Days: Mon - Thurs (Week 1 runs Wed - Fri)  
Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm\*  
Buses from Tonya Keller Community Center

**Gravity Vault**

**Beach Days**

**Ziplining**

Space still remains in Middletown Recreation's Trail Blazers camp for students

heading into 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Register for Middletown Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps



The advertisement features a teal background with a white circular logo for Middletown Recreation containing icons of a person walking, a tree, and a bicycle. The main title 'SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS' is in large, bold, purple and green letters. A speech bubble says 'REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!' with a blue wave graphic. Three circular images show a child playing with Legos, a child playing soccer, and a child holding a crab. Below the images are descriptions of three camps: Snapology, US Sports Institute, and Marine Science.

**SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**SNAPOLOGY**  
6-10 YO  
PORICY PARK  
WEEKS: 6/19, 6/26, 8/14  
\$185 (R)

**US SPORTS INSTITUTE**  
5-11 YO  
CROYDON HALL  
WEEKS: 6/26, 8/14  
\$199 (R)

**MARINE SCIENCE**  
K-8TH GRADE  
IDEAL BEACH  
WEEK 1: 6/20 \$365 (R)  
WEEK 2: 6/26 \$425 (R)

[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP)

Middletown Recreation encourages residents to register for specialty summer camps! These fun camps wrap around Recreation's traditional camps and are run by third-party companies. Register today for hands-on experiences like creating with Snapology, playing sports with US Sports Institute, and learning about marine science with New Logic!

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

## Monmouth County Hosts Public Information Center for Intersection Improvements to Phalanx Rd. and Campus Dr.



**WHEN:** Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Brookdale Community College  
Warner Student Life Center (SLC)  
Room- SLC 106 (Twin Lights I)

**WHY:** Monmouth County would like to inform local residents, officials, businesses, and the general public on the status of planned improvements at the intersection of Phalanx Road and Campus Drive in Middletown Township. A formal presentation will not be made, allowing the public to provide input, ask questions, and speak one-on-one with the County's engineers and consultant representatives.



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/prcd](http://www.middletownnj.org/prcd) for more information.

## Middletown Animal Control Provides Tips about Fawns

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL**  
**TIPS FOR CONTACT WITH ANIMALS**



**FAWNS**

**TIP #1**  
"If you care, leave it there"  
A fawn will be left alone on lawns, in flower beds, and in tree lines for most of the day. The baby is best left undisturbed.

**TIP #2**  
Mom is usually close by monitoring the situation. The fawn will move very little and sometimes not at all.

**TIP #3**  
Mom will return in the late afternoon or early evening to feed and pick up her fawn.

**TIP #4**  
If the fawn seems injured or in distress, please contact Animal Control to assess the situation.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ANIMALCONTROL](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ANIMALCONTROL)  
OR CALL 732-615-2097.

Click [HERE](#) to read about why it is so important to not disturb or feed fawns.

## 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.

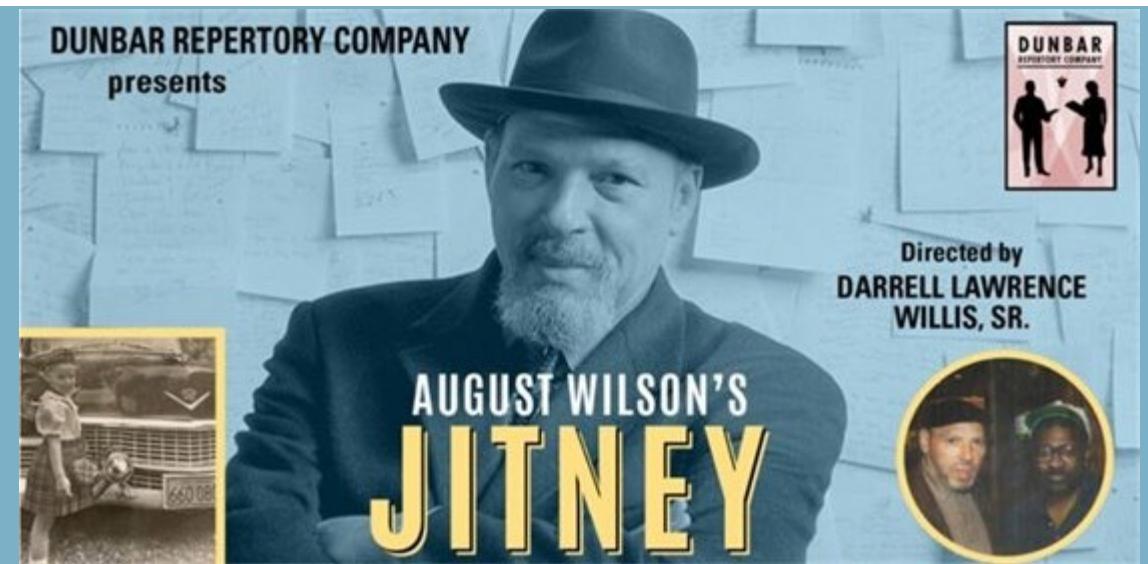


## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Buy Tickets for Jitney at the MAC This Weekend & Next Weekend



Beginning today, Dunbar Repertory Company will be presenting August Wilson's *Jitney* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC). Set in the early 1970s, this richly textured play follows a group of men trying to eke out a living by driving unlicensed cabs, or jitneys, in the Black neighborhood of Pittsburgh's Hill District. *Jitney* is the seventh in the Pulitzer-prize-winning playwright's ten-play cycle (collectively called The American Century Cycle or The Pittsburgh Cycle) on the Black experience in twentieth-century America.

Catch a show on the following show dates: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 and 8 PM; Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM; Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM; Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 and 8 PM; and Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Tickets cost \$20.

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

**Learn How to Save at the Supermarket with the MTPL on Wednesday, 6/7 at 10 AM**

**SAVINGS  
AT THE  
SUPERMARKET**

*featuring*

**JILL  
PATTERSON,  
RDN**

**JUNE 7TH  
10:00 AM** **zoom**

**registration required @ mtpl.org**

Everyone is noticing and talking about the skyrocketing grocery prices, so join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for this informative and engaging virtual workshop where you will learn strategies on how to slash your grocery bill while eating nutritiously. Registration is required.

As a registered dietitian and nutrition expert, presenter Jill Patterson will bring her background of menu planning on a budget for school systems, consulting for grocery store chains, and being a cost-conscious shopper herself to help patrons make the most of this program! Specific action strategies, interactive game questions, and recipe resources will also be included.

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

**Enjoy Taylor Swift Trivia Night at the MTPL on  
Thursday, 6/8 at 7 PM**



A neon sign on a brick wall background. The sign features the text "Taylor Swift Trivia Night" in a stylized font, framed by a border with two sets of pink chevrons pointing outwards. Below the main text is a box containing the date "JUNE 8TH @ 7PM". To the right of the main text is a pink octagonal badge with the text "FOR ADULTS AGES 18+". Below the sign are two small images of Taylor Swift singing on stage.

*Test your Swiftie knowledge at our Trivia Night!  
Registration is required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)!*

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
Phone: 732-671-3700 • [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

Are you the ultimate Taylor Swift fan? Come to the MTPL's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) to test your swiftie trivia knowledge! This fun event is only for adults ages 18+.

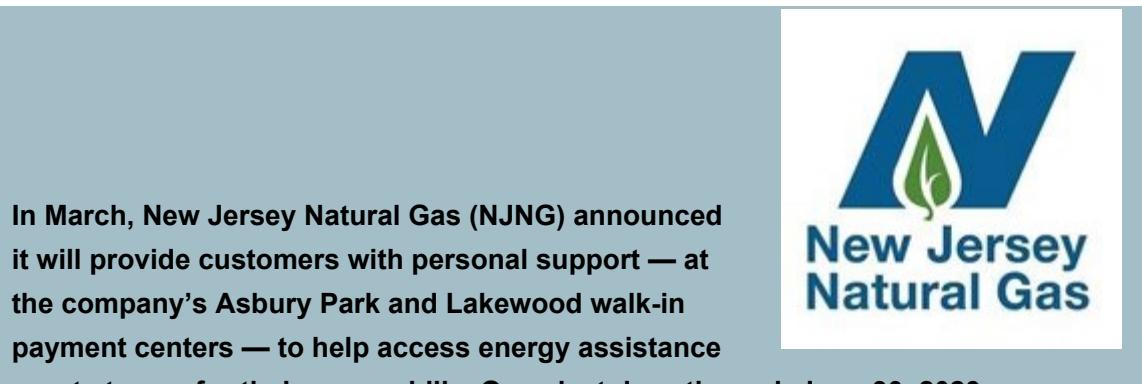
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# RESOURCES

The logo for the Middletown Township Public Library, featuring a circular emblem with a profile of a person's head and the text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY" around it.

**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 June COVID-19 Clinics

**MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS**

June 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/test](http://www.covid.gov/test)

Free transportation to your vaccination. Request discounted, or free, rides from Lyft at [www.lyft.com/vaccine-access](http://www.lyft.com/vaccine-access)



**DATES & TIMES**



**Testing and Vaccine Clinics**

- June 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, 07712
- June 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune, 07753p.m., Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune, 07753
- June 21, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Middletown Health Department, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, 07748

**Monmouth County Health Dept. Clinic**

- 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

Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax COVID-19 vaccines are available

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



*Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format*

Visit [www.vaccines.gov/search](http://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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