



Middletown Township Committee Unanimously Votes to Protect Open Space from Development



[Map of proposed properties for development near Exit 114](#)

At the Monday, June 5th Township Committee Meeting, the Middletown Township Committee unanimously approved an ordinance that authorizes the acquisition of four properties to help preserve open space and improve both public recreational opportunities and economic growth. The ordinance was originally introduced at the Monday, May 15th meeting.

"I'm incredibly proud that the entire Middletown Township Committee has once again moved to protect these undeveloped properties near Exit 114," said Mayor Tony Perry. "It is unconscionable that a developer felt that this secluded location could support 500 new apartments where there are currently no utilities, unpaved roads, and environmentally sensitive areas."

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information.

Watch the Monday, June 5th Township Committee Meeting



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, June 18th.

YOU'RE INVITED!



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

Main Parking Lot, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
Thursday, June 22nd
5:00-8:00 PM
Ribbon cutting to take place at 5:30 PM

Food Trucks ★ Games ★ Open House Tours ★ Music
Community Mural ★ Giveaways

We hope to see you at the Grand Opening of Town Hall on Thursday, June 22nd

from 5-8 PM!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP on Facebook.

Deadline for Next Generation Summer Support Program Extended to Friday, 6/16

www.middletownnj.org/summertutoring to complete the application.' It then says: 'Tutoring will take place from July 10th through August 17th 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.' Finally, it states: 'Application deadline has been extended to Friday, June 16th.'"/>

**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 to complete the application.

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Application deadline has been extended to Friday, June 16th.

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



*Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell
proudly stands next to
Monmouth Museum Executive
Director Erika Schaefer and
Garrett Reisman as they cut
the ceremonial ribbon!*

Monmouth Museum Celebrates Naming of Air & Space Center with Ribbon Cutting

Last weekend, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell was honored to attend the naming ceremony for Monmouth Museum's Center for Air & Space, located at Brookdale Community College (765 Newman Springs Road). The center was named after Garrett Reisman, a former NASA astronaut and New Jersey native.

MTPD and Middletown PBA 124 Exercise for a Cause in 40th Annual Torch Run Benefiting SONJ



MTPD officers and Middletown PBA 124 members gather for a group photo after passing the "Flame of Hope" to the Holmdel Township Police Department! (Photo courtesy of PBA 124)

Earlier today, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) and Middletown PBA 124 participated in the 40th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise funds for the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). The run spans over 750 miles and 26 routes as officers carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout the state. MTPD officers received the torch from the Red Bank Police Department and passed it to the Holmdel Township Police Department.

The annual Torch Run's completion sparks the lighting of the cauldron at the SONJ Summer Games Opening Ceremony, which took place tonight at The College of New Jersey. The Games will take also place there throughout the weekend. The money raised goes directly to SONJ's programs and services, which are completely free to the athletes.

Congratulations to MTPD's New Officers!



Pictured from left: Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Deputy Chief John Werner, Sergeant John Walsifer, officers and graduates William Perez, Aiden Carey, and Allison Ruane, Mayor Tony Perry, and Chief R. Craig Weber

Three officers recently graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy and joined the MTPD. We thank these officers for protecting our community. Congratulations and please stay safe Officers Allison Ruane, William Perez, and Aiden Carey!

MTPD Gives Tour to Arbor Terrace Residents



This week, the MTPD received a special visit from residents and employees at Arbor Terrace, a local senior living facility. Detective Ric Cruz gave the visitors a tour of the Police Department and Town Hall and introduced them to Detective Sergeant Brian McGrogan and his partner, K9 Officer Jax.

Photos courtesy of Debra McCarthy



New Monmouth Elementary School Students Enjoy Afternoon with MTPD

As part of a PTA gift auction for New Monmouth Elementary School, students Amelia and Sylvia recently won a ride to and from school (with a stop for ice cream on their way home!) in a cop car.

Detective First Class Janine Kennedy and Detective Ric Cruz were thrilled to drive the students and play a game of Trouble while enjoying some delicious ice cream!



Photo courtesy of Detective Ric Cruz

MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 6/14 from 2-6 PM at Old Village Fire Company



Residents are invited to a **FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint** hosted by the MTPD on **Wednesday, June 14th** at **Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35)** to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from **2-6 PM**.

Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Register for Upcoming Mental Health First Aid Trainings:
Friday, 6/16 and Friday, 6/23 (Register Two Days Prior)**

1 in 5 American teenagers and adults live with a mental illness.



Learn how to help through Middletown Municipal Alliance's

FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in June at the Training Room in Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Friday, 6/16 from 9AM-3PM
Register by Wednesday, 6/14



Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

Friday, 6/23 from 9AM-3PM
Register by Wednesday, 6/21

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Email rdebened@middletownnj.org to register and visit middletownnj.org/mhfa for more information.

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings. There are two trainings that will be taking place at Town Hall this month.

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. If you're interested in attending a session, please email Rich DeBenedetto at rdebened@middletownnj.org and include your name, email address, and phone number.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/mhfa for more information and to see upcoming trainings happening at the Middletown Township Public Library.

Register for Middletown Recreation's Summer Trail Blazers Travel Camp



The poster 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 on the right states 'WEEKS RUN JULY 5 - AUG 11'. Below the main image, text describes the camp as a daily trip for teens in grades 7-9th, running from Monday to Thursday (with Week 1 on Wednesday-Friday) from 8:30am to 2:00pm, with buses from the Tonya Keller Community Center. Three small inset photos show campers participating in 'Gravity Vault', 'Beach Days', and 'Ziplining' activities.

TRAIL BLAZERS TRAVEL CAMP

\$315/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 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.

Register for Middletown Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps



**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

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](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/203681) for more information.

Calling All EMTs: Apply for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camps!



A green poster for 'CAMP NEEDS YOU!' from Middletown Recreation. The top left features the Middletown Recreation logo with icons of a person running, a plant, and a bicycle. The main title 'CAMP NEEDS YOU!' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is a photo of a group of children and a staff member in blue shirts standing on a playground. A blue circular button with a yellow arrow points to the text 'APPLY NOW'. Below this, it says 'EMTs \$15/hr' and 'Must be 15 years+ to apply.' At the bottom, it says 'Click [HERE](#) for more information and to apply.'

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OEM Presents Preparedness Tips for Hurricane Season



The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st! Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret provides residents with tips on how to prepare for hurricane season in a PSA.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video for tips.

Attend Public Information Center about Improvements on Phalanx Rd. & Campus Dr. on Monday, 6/12



Visit www.middletownnj.org/prcd to view a PDF with more information about the public information center.

On the right, you can find a preliminary plan for the roundabout, which is one of the planned improvements and will be presented at the public information center. Click on the photo to view it in a larger PDF format.



Courtesy of Monmouth County



Horseshoe crab sign at

Middletown Partners with Local Nonprofit Save Coastal Wildlife to Help Horseshoe Crabs

Middletown Township recently collaborated with local nonprofit Save Coastal Wildlife to create informative signs about horseshoe crabs at Leonardo Beach and Ideal Beach. The bright yellow signs were installed to

*Leonardo Beach (Photo
courtesy of Sarah Stewart)*

alert and inform visitors about another visitor that
briefly comes ashore every year!

Save Coastal Wildlife also encourages community members to volunteer by
counting and tagging horseshoe crabs. Visit www.savecoastalwildlife.org for more
information.

Middletown Animal Control Provides Tips about Fawns



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.



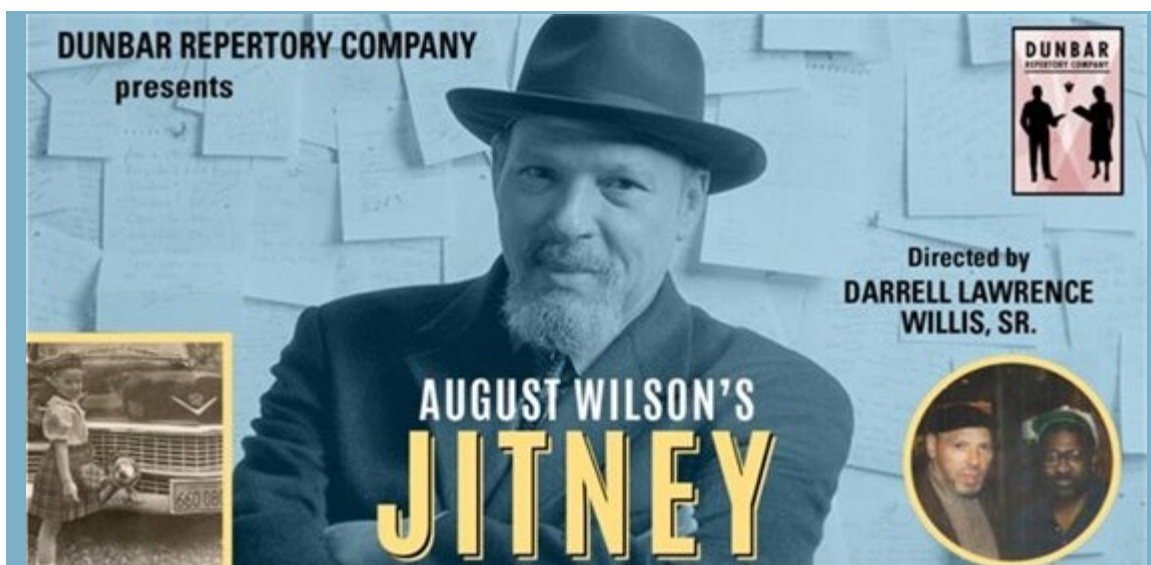
Middletown Department of Health



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Buy Tickets for *Jitney* at the MAC This Weekend



Dunbar Repertory Company is currently 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 10th at 3 and 8 PM and Sunday, June 11th at 4 PM. Tickets cost \$20.

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

**Enjoy a Patriotic Performance at the MTPL on Wednesday,
6/14 at 7:30 PM**



Celebrate Flag Day at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Enjoy a patriotic performance by Monmouth County's own The Band of the Two Rivers in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). This concert is fun and suitable for all ages!

Start Summer with the MTPL's Free Reading Challenge

READY...SET...READ!

Join MTPL's Teens' & Children's 2023 SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 13th

Andrew's Big Circus Show



*No registration required,
All Ages Welcome!*

TEENS' SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 14th

Movie Night:
Everything Everything



READ MORE ON THE MTPL.ORG CALENDAR!



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

RESOURCES

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/tests

Free transportation to your vaccination: Request discounted, or free, rides from Lyft 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, 07753 p.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 & INQUIRES, VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-431-7456

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Illustration of a healthcare worker in blue scrubs and a mask, holding a clipboard.

Illustration of a row of colorful flowers (red, white, yellow) at the bottom.

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

Visit 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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