



## Middletown Township Committee Unanimously Votes to Protect Open Space from Development



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

At the Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP**

**RIBBON CUTTING**

**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

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 22<sup>nd</sup>

from 5-8 PM!

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

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

**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 has been extended to Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

**MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

**Mental Health Association of Monmouth County**  
**MHA**  
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Email [rdebened@middletownnj.org](mailto:rdebened@middletownnj.org) to register and visit [middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://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](mailto:rdebened@middletownnj.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://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



**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 flyer for Middletown Recreation Specialty Summer Camps features a teal background with a large white circular graphic containing the text "SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS". A speech bubble in the top right corner says "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!". Below the main title are three circular images: one of a child playing with Legos, one of a child kicking a soccer ball, and one of a child holding a large crab. Below these images are descriptions of three camps: "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)), and "MARINE SCIENCE" (K-8TH GRADE, IDEAL BEACH, WEEK 1: 6/20 \$365 (R), WEEK 2: 6/26 \$425 (R)). At the bottom is a central orange button with the text "MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP" flanked by two small starfish icons.

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.*

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



**CAMP NEEDS YOU!**

**APPLY NOW**

EMTs \$15/hr  
Must be 15 years+ to apply.

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

The flyer features the Middletown Recreation logo at the top left. The main title "CAMP NEEDS YOU!" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is a photo of a group of campers and staff on a playground. A blue button on the left says "APPLY NOW" with a yellow arrow pointing to it. To the right of the arrow, 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."

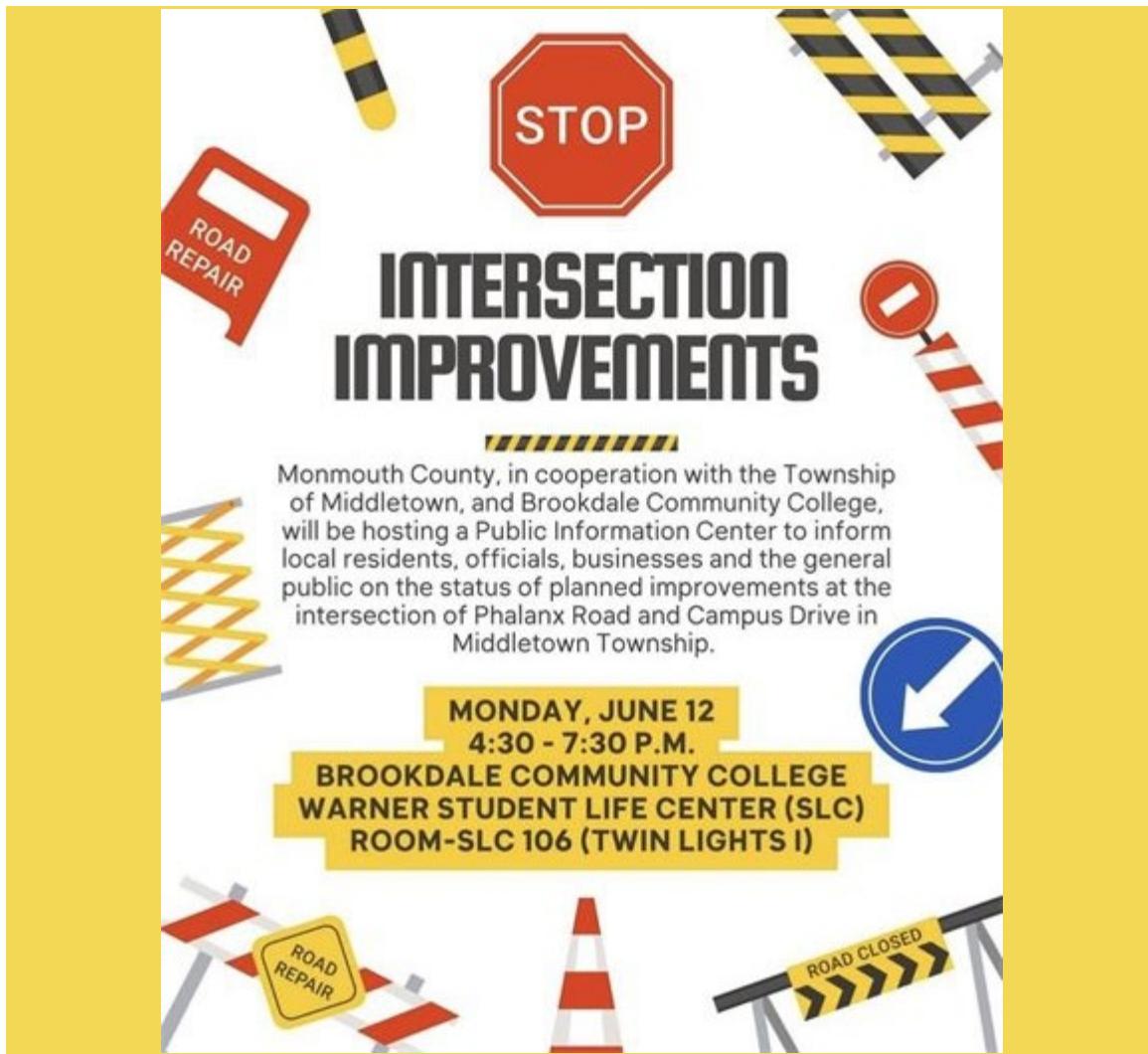
## OEM Presents Preparedness Tips for Hurricane Season



The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1<sup>st</sup>! 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](http://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](http://www.savecoastalwildlife.org) 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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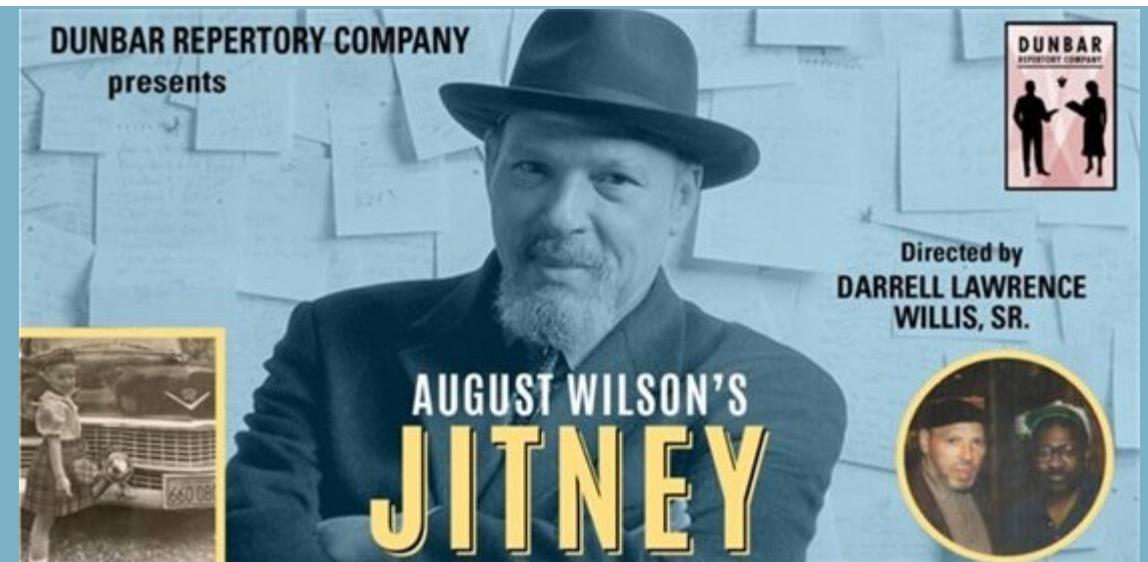
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Buy Tickets for *Jitney* at the MAC This Weekend



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 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.*

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



**THE BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS** 

# PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

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Wednesday, June 14  
7:30 PM  
The Community Room



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!

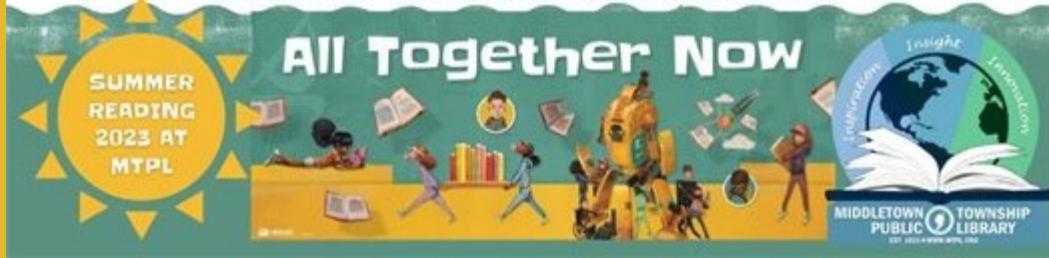
Start Summer with the MTPL's Free Reading Challenge

# READY...SET...READ!

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



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

Free transportation to your vaccination. Request discounted, or free, rides from Lyft [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.

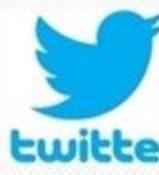


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