

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



MTPD Hosts Successful 6th Annual National Night Out



Photos from the event.



Residents came out in droves to support the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) and PBA Local 124 at Middletown High School North on Tuesday, August 1st for the 40th anniversary of National Night Out.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. MTPD officers engaged with the public by giving demonstrations of equipment, the K-9 unit, and impaired driving simulators. They were also good sports by participating in the dunk tank!

Township Committee members, County law enforcement, and local organizations were able to connect with the community while residents of all ages enjoyed fun activities like fingerprinting, games, going on inflatables, playing instruments and doing karaoke at the DJ booth, watching a New Jersey State Police helicopter flyover, and stopping by food trucks for a snack.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about National Night Out.

Middletown Remembers: 22nd Anniversary Service on Monday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM

A poster for a memorial service. The background is dark blue with white stars. At the top, the words "Middletown" and "Remembers" are in a white script font, separated by a circular seal of the Middletown Police Department. Below this, the text "22nd Anniversary of the World Trade Center Tragedy" is in a white serif font, followed by "Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m." in the same font. A cursive script line reads: "Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack." Below that, the location "Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens, 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748 (next to the Middletown Arts Center)" is in a white sans-serif font. At the bottom, two lines of small white sans-serif text state: "Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic." and "Tribute will be held rain or shine."

Middletown Remembers

22nd Anniversary of the
World Trade Center Tragedy
Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.
Tribute will be held rain or shine.

MTPD and Mayor Welcome Visitor Promoting Autism Awareness Across 5 States



MTPD Detective Ric Cruz stopped by with Alex to visit with Mayor Perry and Committeewoman Kim Kratz at Town Hall.

On Friday, August 4th, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) was honored to welcome Alex Mann, a 23-year-old from Chester County, PA, to Police Headquarters. Alex, who is autistic, has visited police departments in five states (NJ, PA, DE, MD, and CA) to show support for law enforcement as well as educate officers about how to better interact with people on the spectrum.

Alex began his journey in 2018 and will have visited 400 police departments by next week. MTPD was his 397th stop, but he told us that this was the first time he received an "Honorary Officer" shirt with his name embroidered on it!

During his visit, Alex met with MTPD officers, including the newest patrol dog, K-9 Dallas, and checked out the police vehicles. He then ventured over to the Town Hall side of the building where Mayor Perry and Committeewoman Kim Kratz presented him with a Middletown Township challenge coin to add to his impressive collection.

We wish Alex well as he continues to spread his message and show support for law enforcement agencies.

Community Gathers at Jersey Shore Blue Claws Game for Middletown Night



Mayor Perry enjoying the baseball game with his kids, Reagan and Grant.

Over 300 residents headed to the Jersey Shore Blue Claws game on Friday, July 28th for Middletown Night! Mayor Perry threw the first pitch to kick off a fun evening. Special thanks to Middletown Recreation for organizing this special event for our community. It was a homerun!

**Free Fall Tutoring Program for
Income-Eligible Students: Apply By Friday, 8/25**



Next Generation Support Program



for income-eligible Middletown students

This fall, Middletown Township will be offering free tutoring services to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Visit www.middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and complete the application.

Tutoring will take place on Saturdays from September 30th through November 18th at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Tutoring will not be held on Saturday, November 4th or Saturday, November 11th.

Please apply by Friday, August 25th.

If you have any questions, please contact Middletown Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano at jcammarosano@middletownnj.org and 732-615-2281.

We kindly ask residents to apply by Friday, August 25th.

Please visit www.middletownnj.org/ngsp for more information.

New Dog Park at Tindall Is Almost Ready!



Photo courtesy of DPW Director Ted Maloney

The dog park at Tindall Park (across the street from Middletown High School North) is almost ready for visitors! The parking lot has been paved and striped, the agility courses have been installed, and there is a fenced-in area beyond the obstacles that allows your pup to explore the forest.

Additionally, there are separate areas for large and small dogs, benches for dog owners, and water fountains for both people and dogs.

This project is funded through several initiatives, including a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program. The park is expected to open to the public by the end of the month.

Middletown Senior Center Hosts Summer Luau



Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation

Middletown Senior Center members felt like they were in the tropics at a recent Summer Luau held at the Center (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo).

To learn more about our Senior Center, free for Middletown residents 60+, visit www.middletownnj.org/seniors.

Promote Your Business at Middletown Day 2023!

A vibrant poster for the Middletown Day Festival 2023. The top half features a large, stylized green banner with the text "MIDDLETOWN DAY FESTIVAL" in white, with "DAY" in a script font. Below it, "Saturday, September 23 2023" is written in a smaller font. The banner is decorated with yellow leaves. Below the banner, a yellow box contains the text "YOUR BUSINESS HERE!" and a smaller box below it says "Have your business viewed by over 12,000 people! Sponsorships and vendor spots available." The background of the poster shows a large crowd of people walking on a grassy field with several white tents. The bottom of the poster has a dark green banner with the text "Croydon Hall 11am-4pm" and the website "middletownnj.org/middletownday" in white.

MIDDLETOWN DAY FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 23 2023

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Have your business viewed by over 12,000 people! Sponsorships and vendor spots available.

Croydon Hall 11am-4pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Middletown Day returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall this year on Saturday, September 23rd! Join us as a business, vendor, or sponsor as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information.

Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW

WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

LET DPW KNOW!



Please complete an online form at
www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at
732-615-2090.



THANK YOU!

We encourage you to complete a form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup if
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Wrap up Summer with Fun Events Hosted by

Middletown Recreation

#MTownRec Monthly

August 2023

 <p>Wed thru 16</p> <p>Youth Drop-In Dodgeball 4:30-6pm Croydon Gym</p>	 <p>Wed thru 16</p> <p>Adult Basketball 7-9pm Croydon Gym</p>	 <p>Tues 1</p> <p>National Night Out 5-8pm North HS</p>	 <p>Tues 8 & 22</p> <p>Summer Concert Series 7-9pm MAC</p>	 <p>Wed 9</p> <p>Beach Party & Movie Night 6:30-10:30pm Ideal Beach</p>
 <p>Week of 14</p> <p>Multi-Sports Camp Croydon Hall Gone Running Camp Thompson MS</p>	 <p>Tues Sun 15 & 27</p> <p>Guided Fossil Hunts Poricy Park Fossil Beds</p>	 <p>Thurs 17</p> <p>Pond Netting 10am & 4pm Poricy Park</p>	 <p>Thurs 24</p> <p>Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash 5:30-8pm Ideal Beach</p>	

middletownnj.org/recreation

Register for Middletown Recreation's Beach Party & Movie Night Rescheduled for Wednesday, 8/9



Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 PM for a free family-friendly night at Ideal Beach (Bayside Parkway, North Middletown)! Party with a DJ, eat free food courtesy of ShopRite, and enjoy fun activities followed by “The Goonies” under the stars at 8:45 PM. Please remember to bring your own chairs and blankets!

Sign into CommunityPass at www.middletownnj.org/signup to RSVP.

**Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Rescheduled
Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash on Thursday, 8/24**



Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash is back on Thursday, August 24th! 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 and is geared for girls entering K-6 grades.

If you need help registering or transferring credit, please call 732-615-2260. If you signed up for the June event your tickets will not be valid until you confirm you can attend the new date.

Please remember to bring your beach chairs and blankets. If the event cannot be held outdoors for some reason, it will be moved to Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) that same night.

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

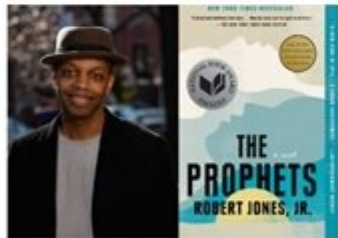
Register for MTPL's Upcoming Virtual Author Talks



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

VISIT MTPL.ORG/EXPLORE TO SIGN UP

August Author Talks



Robert Jones, Jr.
*New York Times Bestselling
Author The Prophets*

Tuesday,
August 15th at 4:00 PM



Cassandra Clare
*#1 New York Times bestselling author
of The Mortal Instruments Series*

Wednesday,
August 23rd at 8:00 PM



Jeffrey Selingo
*New York Times Bestselling Author
of There is Life After College and
College (Un)Bound*

Wednesday,
August 30th at 2:00 PM

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders brought to you
in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

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

**MTPL Hosts Drop-In Table Top Games Sessions on
Wednesdays from 2 to 4 PM**

DROP-IN TABLE TOP GAMES SESSIONS

**Wednesdays in August, 2-4pm
For Grades K-8**



Come to the library to play table top games this August. Bring a friend to play with or make a new friend. Children are expected to clean up after themselves. Teen volunteers will be on hand to assist children with games.

PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WHILE THE CHILDREN ARE PRESENT.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Throughout the month of August, head to the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) to play some table top games! Bring a friend to play with or make a new friend while you're playing. Children are expected to clean up after themselves. Teen volunteers will be on hand to assist the children with the games.

Parents/guardians are required to stay in the Children's Department while their children are present.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Join MTPL's Summer Reading Hunt This Month!

JOIN MTPL'S 2023 SUMMER READING HUNT!

ENDS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23



STOP BY THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT
REFERENCE DESK TO PICK UP THE SUMMER HUNT TABLE!

There's still plenty of time to join a fun local scavenger hunt at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) this month!

Adults and older teens are invited to join the summer reading fun! Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a scavenger hunt map and instructions for completing the challenge! Winners get to choose a free book from the prize cart!

RESOURCES

Middletown Township Announces New Mobile Food Ordinance



Middletown Township **NEW** Mobile Food
Ordinance No. 2023-3378 permits and licenses
Itinerant Retail Food Handling Establishments.
Requirements vary depending on the 3 types of
establishments:



**Temporary Food
Establishment**

(TFE- one-day
events)
Health inspection
fees vary.



Mobile Class A
(Recurring events)

\$300 annual
health inspection
fee.
*Zoning permit
required.

Mobile Class B
(Ice cream trucks)

\$125 annual
health inspection
fee.
*Separate permit
from Police
required.

***All using propane or open flame require \$54 Special Fire
Permit PLUS fire inspection fee from Fire Prevention***



Applications can be found at www.middletownnj.org/permit and at Town
Hall. See full ordinance for all requirements and prohibited roadways.

Middletown Township is pleased to announce a new Mobile Food Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2023-3378, permitting and licensing Itinerant Retail Food Handling Establishments.

The new Ordinance now allows for two different types of mobile food licenses issued by the Health Department. Additionally, Special Fire Permits/Type 1 have been changed and Zoning approvals have also been added. Note that there are Health, Fire, and Zoning fees associated with most events.

You can find applications at www.middletownnj.org/permit or call the Health Department at 732-615-2095 with any questions.

New Jersey American Water Reports on Lead Service Line Replacement Program

New Jersey American Water (NJAW) announced that it is meeting NJ's 10-year lead service line replacement target with more than 4,000 lead and galvanized steel water service lines replaced to date. 24,000 lines have been identified as needing replacement so far.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's press release.



Be Prepared: Register for Middletown Township's Emergency Alerts!



Middletown Township encourages all residents to register for Nixle, our emergency communications platform. Once registered, you will receive alerts about traffic detours, severe weather, criminal activities, missing persons, and more.

Text MiddletownNJ to 888-777 or visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register.

**Monmouth County Accepting Written Comments About
South Laurel Ave. Bridge Study until Monday, 8/28**

Concept Development Study Operational Safety Improvements to South Laurel Avenue (CR 52) At the Railroad Bridge



Public Information Center

June 27, 2023

5 – 7 PM



Township of Holmdel & Township of Middletown

Monmouth County, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), hosted a Public Information Center (PIC) meeting in June to inform local residents, officials, businesses, and the general public about the Concept Development Study for the Operational Safety Improvements to South Laurel Avenue (CR 52) at the Railroad Bridge, located in the townships of Holmdel and Middletown.

The presentation from the PIC can be found on YouTube. Written comments regarding the study and presentation will be accepted through Monday, August 28th. Comments may be mailed to the Community Involvement Facilitator, Nicole Pace-Addeo, Stokes Creative Group, 1666 Route 206, Vincentown, NJ 08088. You may also email them to npace@stokescg.com.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the PIC and click [HERE](#) to watch the presentation on YouTube.

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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