



Wishing you a Happy and Safe Independence Day!



The Middletown Recycling Center, Middletown Township Public Library, and Middletown Arts Center will also be closed. The Middletown Arts Center will also be closed on Friday, July 5th.

MTPD Reminds Residents about Fireworks Regulations



Click [HERE](#) to read the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) advisory.



In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – and Middletown is preparing to celebrate in a monumental way!

Middletown's America 250 Committee has already started planning thoughtful ways to commemorate this historic milestone by paying tribute to our nation's past and the part that Middletown played in it.

This multi-year initiative will run from July 1, 2024 through July 4, 2026. Much like the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976, this observance will offer a plethora of ways to learn about Middletown's history before and during the Revolutionary War and explore the significant role it had in founding the nation.

We are excited to embark on this journey toward celebrating this momentous occasion in our nation's history!

Join Us For Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise Happening on Wednesday, 8/14 from 5:30-9:00 PM



The graphic is a white rectangular invitation with a blue border. At the top left is the DAR Middletown Chapter logo, featuring a red and white striped flag and the text 'DAR MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER'. To its right is the text 'You're Invited' in a large, elegant script font. Further right is a circular seal for 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AMERICA 250'. Below the DAR logo is a circular seal for 'THE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY'. In the center, a cursive script reads: 'Sail the waters of Sandy Hook Bay and see America as Marquis de Lafayette did upon his arrival for his farewell tour on August 14, 1824!'. Below this is the title 'Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Under the title, the date 'Date: Wednesday, August 14th' is printed. Then, the time 'Time: Teal Cruises boat boards at 5:30 PM and returns to dock at 9:00 PM' is listed. Next is the location 'Location: Atlantic Highlands Marina (2 Simon Lake Drive, Atlantic Highlands)'. Then, the cost 'Cost: \$100/ ticket (includes 3-hour boat ride with Lafayette impersonator, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks & dessert with cash bar)' is provided. At the bottom left is a stylized illustration of a blue ship with two red smokestacks. To its right is a circular seal for 'CENTENNIAL OF LAFAYETTE'S FAREWELL TOUR THE MIDTOWN CHAPTER 2024 • 2025'. To the right of the ship is the text 'SCAN TO LEARN MORE, REGISTER, & PURCHASE TICKETS'. At the far right is a QR code.

DAR
MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE, REGISTER,
& PURCHASE TICKETS

The Middletown Township Committee encourages residents to join our America 250 celebration by purchasing tickets for the Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise happening in August.

Attendees will sail the waters of the Sandy Hook Bay and see America as Marquis de Lafayette, a French nobleman who fought in the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War, did during his farewell tour exactly two centuries ago.

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

Listen to Local County Tales at "Stories 'Round the Campfire" on Sunday, 8/18 at 7:30 PM

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 | 7:30-8:30 PM
MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER LAWN
36 CHURCH STREET**

Middletown Township and The Sand Hill Indian Association invite you to an evening of listening to local county tales under the moonlight.

Please bring your own lawn chair and blanket so you can sit and relax as you enjoy smores and stories about Middletown's history!



Stories 'Round the
CAMPFIRE



Middletown's America 250 Committee is partnering with Middletown Township and The Sand Hill Indian Association to host Stories 'Round the Campfire on Sunday, August 18th at the Middletown Arts Center's lawn (36 Church Street)! We encourage everyone to join us for this free event as we dig deep into our community's rich history and listen to local county tales under the moonlight, similar to how Native American tribes used to hold powwows many centuries ago.

Attendees will be able to make s'mores and are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and/or blanket.

Church of Saint Leo the Great's Father John Celebrates 50 Years of Ordination to Priesthood



A photo of Father John early in his priesthood (Photo courtesy of Church of Saint Leo the Great)



Mayor Perry was honored to meet Archbishop of New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who was the principal celebrant and homilist at the mass.



A present day photo of Father John (Photo courtesy of Church of Saint Leo the Great)

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry was honored to attend the Church of Saint Leo the Great's mass in celebration of Father John T. Folchetti's 50th anniversary of ordination to priesthood. Father John has been a staple in Middletown for years. In 1988, he became the Chaplain at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft where he taught AP Psychology, Psychology, and Religious Studies. As of May 24, 2024, Father John has achieved fifteen years as Pastor of Saint Leo's.

Mayor Perry brought a proclamation to the mass which proclaimed June 30, 2024 as Father John T. Folchetti Day in the Township of Middletown in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication, and spiritual leadership.

Learn About Latest Township Celebrations and Initiatives with Mayor Tony Perry



Join Mayor Tony Perry for "Minute with the Mayor" as he highlights our 2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award honoree, police promotions, community member achievements, and Township initiatives that were covered at the Monday, June 24th Township Committee Regular Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.

**Local Business Owners Encouraged
to Provide Discounts to USS NEW
JERSEY Sailors in September**



Attention local business owners! Please consider supporting the USS NEW JERSEY's sailors when they are in Middletown this September as the Navy introduces its next warship.

We are looking for businesses to offer coupons to say "thank you" to the brave men and women who serve our country.

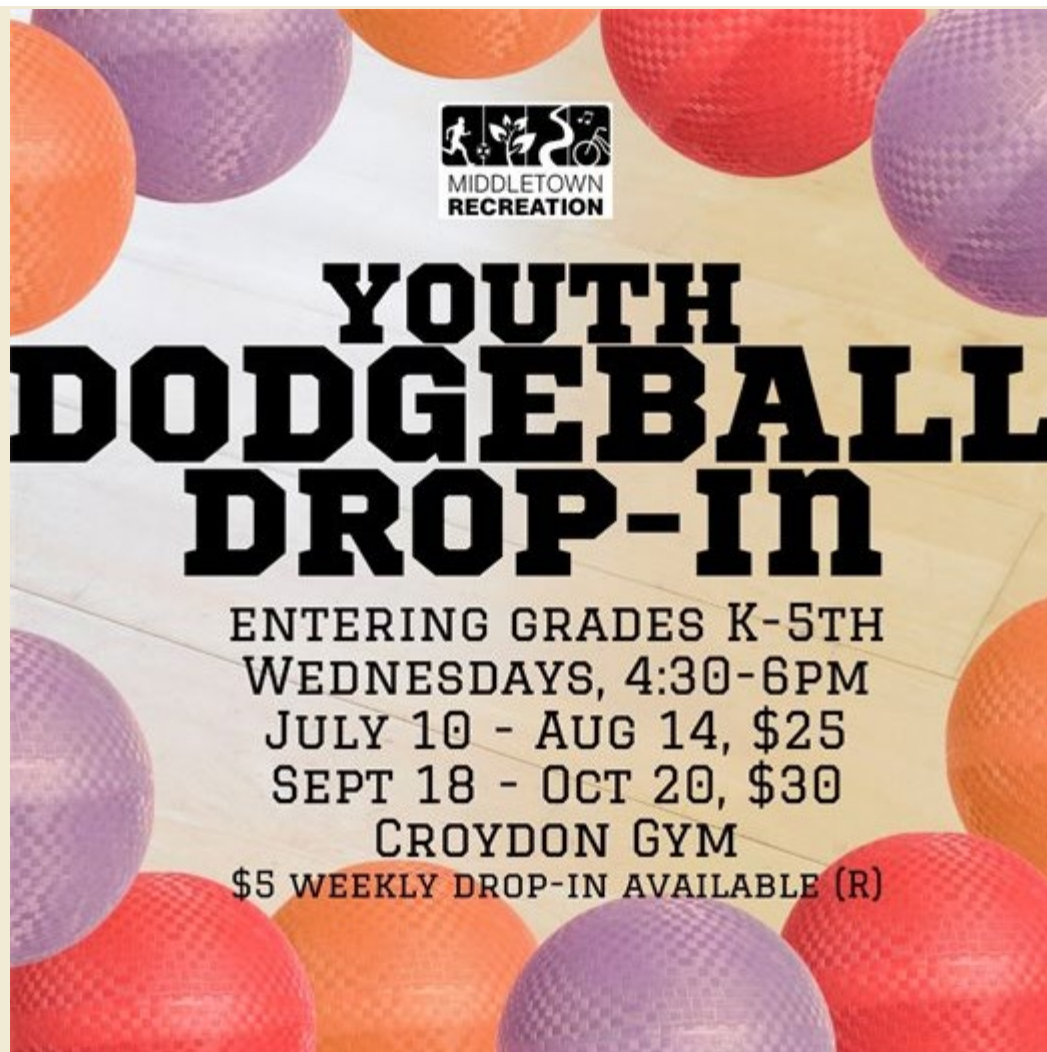
Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Bray Avenue near Pews Creek will be closed for approximately 8 weeks, beginning Monday, July 8th. Please avoid the area and plan alternate routes.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle, text your zip code to 888-777, or download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app to sign up for the Township's emergency notifications, which include alerts about road detours and closures.

Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program!



Dodge, duck, dip, and dive with Middletown Recreation at the Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program on Wednesdays! Weekly drop-in is available and co-ed teams are picked weekly. There are two sessions: July 10th to August 14th and September 18th to October 20th.

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

Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Gone Running Youth Camp!



Beat the heat with this summer running program held on the partially-shaded field and running trails behind Thompson Middle School (1001 Middletown-Lincroft Road). This camp is designed to offer two separate training platforms to meet the needs of each specific age group: middle school and elementary.

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

MTPL Closed on Wednesday, 7/10 and Thursday, 7/11



Locker and front door pickups will remain available on Wednesday, July 10th and Thursday, July 11th during the Middletown Township Public Library's (55 New Monmouth Road) two-day closure.

Click [HERE](#) to schedule a front door pickup and [HERE](#) for a locker pickup tutorial.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Join Community Discussion at the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day on Thursday, 7/11 from 4-7 PM

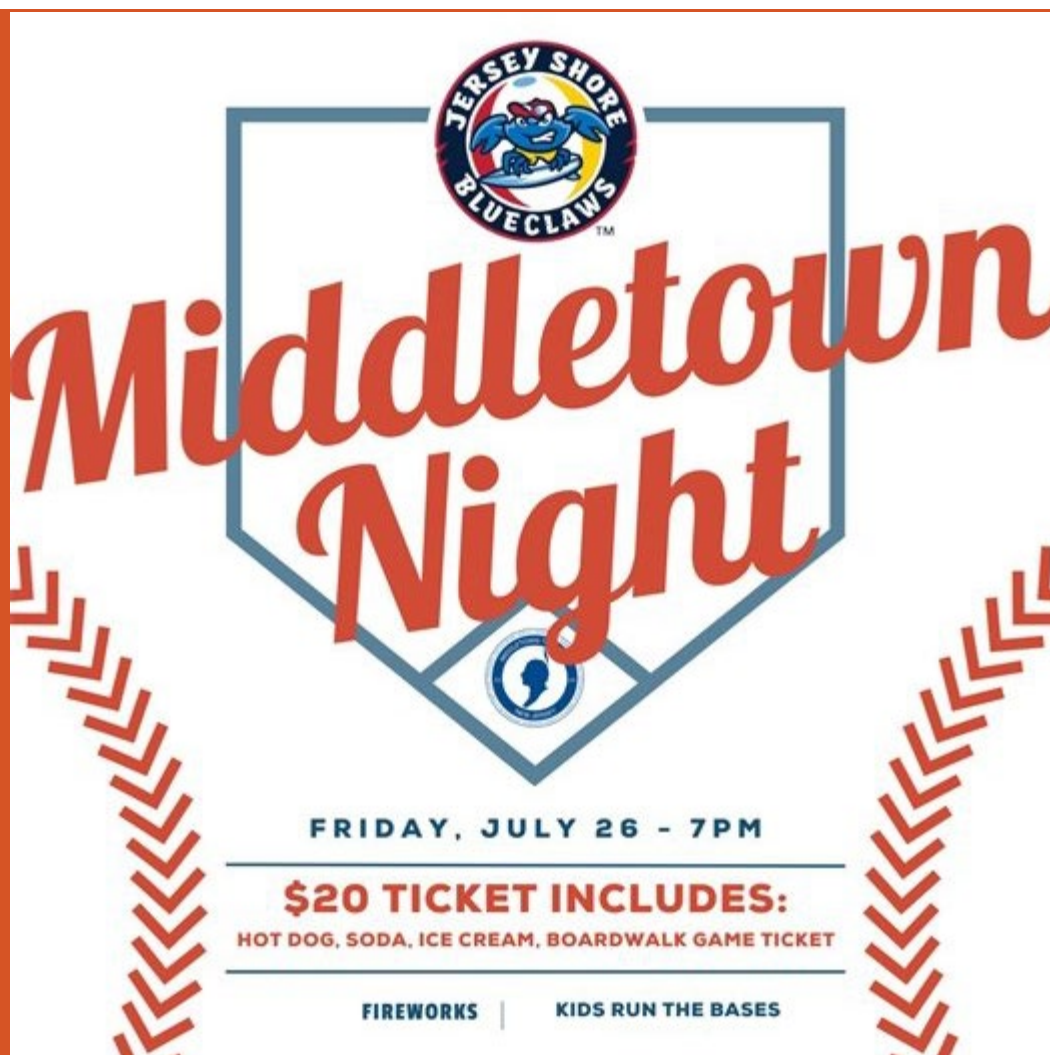


In May, Middletown Township, the Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted a community meeting about the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program. A second community discussion was originally planned for June 6th, but was postponed.

The community is now invited to attend the rescheduled North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue) on Thursday, July 11th for this second community discussion.

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#). Visit www.housingall.org/middletownnrtc for more information.

Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws Happening on Friday, 7/26 at 7 PM



Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Sit with our community as we cheer on the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. A \$20 ticket includes food, boardwalk game tickets, fireworks, and more!

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

**Register for Middletown Recreation's Mother-Daughter
Paint Night Happening on Thursday, 8/1 at 5:30 PM**



Calling all moms and daughters! Get crafty together at Middletown Recreation's Mother-Daughter Paint Night at the Croydon Hall East Wing (900 Leonardville Road) to paint with a live instructor and enjoy a pizza dinner. Attendees will paint a floral door hanger similar to the one in the photo above. Registration is almost full, so reserve your spot now!

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

Join MTFD at Touch-A-Truck on Monday, 7/29 from 6-9 PM



On Monday, July 29th, stop by the Mater Dei High School parking lot for the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) second annual Touch-A-Truck to check out fire trucks, food trucks, games, and fire safety demonstrations!

**Sign Up for MTPL's Summer Scares: Virtual Author Panel
Happening Thursday, 7/11 at 6:30 PM**



Interested in learning more about the horror genre, but don't know where to begin? Then this panel hosted by the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is for you! Seasoned horror authors Rachel Harrison, Clay McLeod Chapman, Eric LaRocca, and Paul Tremblay will be discussing their experiences writing horror, how they got their start in publishing, their favorite books, and much more!

This event will take place via Zoom and the link will be sent out 24 hours prior to the program. A Q&A will take place after the panel.

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

Purchase Tickets Now for The MAC Players' *Legally Blonde The Musical*



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JULY 12-21

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

The musical will take place at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on the following dates: Fridays, July 12th and 19th at 7:00 PM, Saturdays, July 13th and 20th at 7:00 PM, and Sundays, July 14th and 21st at 2:00 PM.

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

RESOURCES

Residents Can Bring Brush to Middletown Recycling Center Free of Charge



RESIDENTIAL BRUSH DROP-OFF AT RECYCLING CENTER

Following the recent storms, we would like to remind residents that they can bring brush to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) free of charge during normal business hours. Brush can also be placed on residents' properties until brush collection next spring. All brush should be removed from the street.

Middletown Township does not offer special brush collection. Landscapers/contractors are not permitted to drop off brush at the Recycling Center, but may offer to dispose of brush for a fee.

Middletown OEM Provides Hurricane Safety Tips

Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management:



Hurricane Safety PSA

As hurricane season is underway, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret presents hurricane preparedness tips for residents in this public service announcement (PSA).

Click [HERE](#) to watch the PSA on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20).

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH 

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.

Know Someone with a Disability?



Make Sure They Register with NJ Register Ready!

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit www.middletownnj.org/oem.

Planning a Vacation? Renew Your Passport at the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency

*Take a trip to the
Middletown Town Hall
Passport Acceptance Agency*

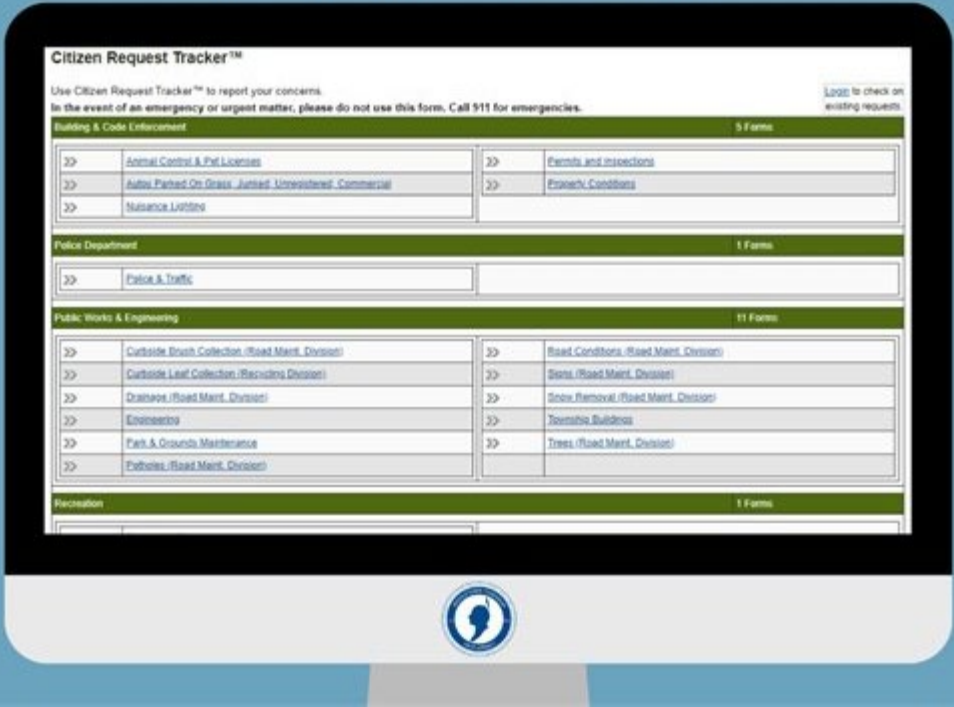
A blue United States passport is shown resting on a map of Europe. The passport cover features the eagle emblem and the words "PASSPORT" and "United States of America". The map shows various European countries in different colors.

For more information, please call the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, email passport@middletownnj.org, visit www.middletownnj.org/Passports, or stop by the Clerk's Office at 1 Kings Highway.

The Middletown Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents about the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency (1 Kings Highway). Please visit www.middletownnj.org/passports for more information. You can also email passport@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2014 if you have any questions.

REPORT A CONCERN

Visit www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern to notify the Township about matters such as property and/or road conditions, traffic safety, and others.



You will need an account to log in. If you don't have an account, it only takes a few minutes to create one.

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



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