



## Middletown Welcomes The Bagel Nook!



*Mayor Tony Perry was honored to cut the ribbon alongside owners Limor and David Shekhter and their family, as well as father and son David and Alex Berkowitz who are the founders of The Bagel Nook.*

**On Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, The Bagel Nook (1868 NJ-35) opened its first location in Middletown! The Bagel Nook is a franchise that started in Freehold in 2015 and over the last decade has opened several stores throughout New Jersey, as well as one in Las Vegas. Mayor Tony Perry was excited to attend the grand opening where he got a behind-the-scenes tour, assisted with cutting the ribbon, and presented a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.**

**With more than 35 different cream cheese varieties and their innovative bagel overloads and truck sandwiches, The Bagel Nook's creative menu offers something for everyone to enjoy!**

**Visit [www.thebagelnook.com](http://www.thebagelnook.com) for more information.**

## **Shadow Lake Village Tests Township's New Street Resurfacing Pilot Program**



**On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke visited Shadow Lake Village in River Plaza to check on the progress of Middletown's new street resurfacing pilot program. This innovative micro-resurfacing process can help extend the life of Township roads by nearly a decade at a fraction of the cost of traditional milling and paving. By addressing cracks and potholes without the higher expenses, this program has the potential to deliver new roadways to residents at a much faster pace each year.**

## **Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing Corporation Donates to Local Nonprofits**





Mayor Tony Perry was honored to join members of Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing Corporation on Tuesday to present generous donations to local nonprofits Monmouth Museum, RallyCap Sports, Jason's Dreams for Kids, CHHANGE (Center for Holocaust Human Rights and Genocide Education), Lincroft Fire Company, Middletown Helps Its Own, and 180 Turning Lives Around. The organization also donated money to Lincroft First Aid.

Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing Corporation is an independent entity that provides rental housing and related facilities and services for elderly and handicapped families on a nonprofit basis. The Corporation offers housing through Luftman Towers and the Pavilion located off Hurleys Lane. Residents are appointed to the Board of Directors by the Middletown Township Committee.



## 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 Sand Hill Indian Historical 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



***Event to be held inside the MAC theater (seating provided) in case of inclement weather.***

In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – and Middletown is preparing to celebrate in a monumental way! The Township's America 250 Committee has already started planning thoughtful ways to commemorate this historic milestone.

Middletown Recreation and the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association are partnering to host the first official America 250 event, Stories 'Round the Campfire, on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at 7:30 PM at the Middletown Arts Center's lawn, located at 36 Church Street!

We encourage everyone to join us for this free event as we dig deep into our community's rich history. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and make s'mores while listening to local county tales under the moonlight just like Native American tribes used to do many centuries ago.

For more information, please visit [www.middletownnj.org/america250](http://www.middletownnj.org/america250).

**Middletown America 250 Committee Celebrates 200<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of General Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell  
Tour with Sunset Cruise**





*Mayor Tony Perry was honored to join members of Middletown DAR and AFL at the event, which was also attended by Marquis de Lafayette's descendants Virginie, Héloïse, and Adélaïde de Lafayette who came all the way from France!*

On Wednesday, the Middletown chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Middletown's America 250 Committee, and The American Friends of Lafayette (AFL) celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marquis de Lafayette's farewell tour with a sunset cruise of the Sandy Hook Bay. General Lafayette was a French nobleman who fought in the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War. Exactly 200 years ago to the date, he began his tour throughout the United States right here in Middletown.



## **Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 8/19 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, August 19<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 2349 604 7493 followed by #. Enter 2024 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 access the meeting agenda.

## Middletown Extends Hours to Assist Public

On the evenings of Township Committee Regular Meetings, a representative from certain departments will be extending their hours from 5:30-7:30 PM to assist the public.

On Monday, 8/19, the following departments will be available at Town Hall to answer questions and/or help community members conduct municipal business:

- Building
- Clerk's Office
- Court
- Fire Prevention
- Health
- Planning/Zoning
- Tax Assessment
- Vital Statistics

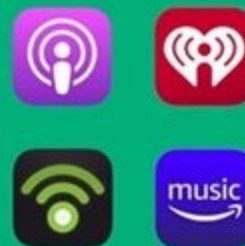
To contact departments ahead of time, visit [www.middletownnj.org/directory](http://www.middletownnj.org/directory) for a list of phone numbers.

**Follow "Locally Sourced" and Enter Instagram Giveaway to Win a Limited Edition Hat!**

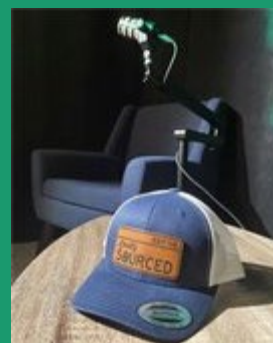
## CHECK OUT MAYOR TONY PERRY'S NEW PODCAST



LISTEN ON



The next episode of "Locally Sourced" will be released on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>! In addition to following the podcast, we encourage our community members to show your town pride in style by entering our Instagram giveaway to win a limited edition "Locally Sourced" hat!



To enter:

1. Follow "Locally Sourced" on [Apple Podcasts](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Amazon Music](#), or [Podbean](#).
2. DM @middletown.township on Instagram a screenshot once you have followed on one of these platforms.
3. Tag a friend in the comments of the post. Each tagged friend = 1 entry.

*One random winner will be chosen on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. You must be following Middletown Township's Instagram account @middletown.township to qualify. Good luck!*

## Middletown Senior Center Hosts 2024 Senior Olympics





*Photo courtesy of Middletown Senior Center*


**The Paris 2024 Olympics may have just finished, but the Middletown Senior Center Olympics kept the competition going with its one-day event!**

**Earlier this week, the Senior Olympic Games were held at the Middletown Senior Center. Members played hockey, basketball, volleyball, swimming, disk throwing, and cornhole. Thirty seniors signed up to see if their team had what it takes to win the gold. Congratulations to the Purple Team for winning first place!**

**Visit [www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors) for more information about the Middletown Senior Center and how to join.**

**Middletown Remembers: 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service on Wednesday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM**



*Middletown*  *Remembers*

23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the  
World Trade Center Tragedy  
Wednesday, 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.

Participate in Township's Master Plan Survey Regarding  
Draft Recommendations by Saturday, 8/31

 **MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

**PUBLIC SURVEY #2**  
**SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON  
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Your feedback will help  
the project team refine  
recommendations and  
content in the final Master  
Plan update.

*Draft Elements include:*

- Land use
- Circulation & Mobility
- Utilities
- Community Facilities
- Open Space and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Economic Development
- Green Building and Sustainability

To access the Master Plan Public Survey #2, visit:  
**[middletownnj.org/mpsurvey](https://middletownnj.org/mpsurvey)**

Middletown Township is preparing a comprehensive Master Plan update to serve as a roadmap to guide the future planning of the Township! For more information about the process, please view the [project website](#).

Draft recommendations were presented at a Public Workshop on June 12<sup>th</sup>. To view the draft recommendations before taking the survey, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

**Join us for Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/28 from 1-6 PM  
Fireworks at 7:30 PM!**



**MIDDLETOWN DAY 2024**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Petting Zoo & Hay Rides
- Inflatables & Games
- First Responder Vehicles
- Pirate Ship Show
- Car Show & More!

**7:30pm FIREWORKS!**

**Saturday, September 28th**  
**Croydon Hall 1pm-6pm**  
6pm-7:30pm "Tramps Like Us" Bruce Tribute Band  
[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)

Middletown Day will be returning on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road). Enjoy food trucks, live music, local businesses and crafters, touch-a-trucks, children's entertainment, inflatables, and so much more!

New this year, there will be fireworks at 7:30 PM! Join us beforehand for "Tramps



**Like Us” – NJ’s #1 Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please bring your own blankets and chairs. Sponsorship and vendor spots are still available, so apply today!**

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

## **Middletown Recreation Introduces New RecDesk Registration Portal Beginning Fall 2024**



Middletown Recreation is transitioning to a new registration portal, RecDesk, for programs and events starting with the Fall 2024 season. Please continue to use [CommunityPass](#) for program registrations that start in August and September.

Please note that account credits from CommunityPass will not transfer over. Only credits from 2023/2024 programs that are more than \$10 will be awarded via PO/check (less processing fee).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and visit [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com) to create an

**account today!**

## **Tindall Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Are Closed Through August**



Middletown Recreation would like to inform the community that the Tindall Park tennis and pickleball courts will be closed for renovations through August. These updates are necessary to ensure that the facilities remain safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Check Out MAC's Fall 2024 Youth Classes!**





2024  
FALL  
CLASSES

The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) brochure for its 2024 fall classes was recently released! Registration for these great classes in theater, dance, art, and music opens on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the brochure.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Kids Can Practice Reading Skills at MTPL's "Read to a Dog" Program on Tuesday, 8/20 from 3-4 PM**



## August Happenings



# READ TO A DOG

## Drop-In Summer Program!

**Thursday,  
8/8 at 10am  
and  
Tuesday,  
8/20 at 3pm  
Grades K-5**



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) invites children in grades K-5 to drop by the library's Children's Quiet Reading Area (55 New Monmouth Road) between 3 and 4 PM to practice their read aloud skills with a therapy dog. Registration is NOT required.

**Create Back-to-School Craft at MTPL on Wednesday, 8/21  
at 3:30 PM**



# MAKE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL CRAFT WITH BAYSHORE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER AT MTPL!



**Personalized Pencil Boxes**

**Wednesday, August 21 at 3:30 pm  
Grades K-8**

No registration is required.



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



Calling all students grades K-8! Get ready for school by going to the MTPL's Children's Program Room on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to create a personalized pencil case to hold your new school supplies! This activity, presented by the Bayshore Family Success Center, begins at 3:30 PM and will run until supplies last.  
Registration is NOT required.

**MAC's Sizzlin' Summer Super 50/50 Raffle Drawing on  
Tuesday, 8/27 at 6:30 PM: Buy Yours Today!**



Support the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) this summer and win some cash for yourself! Super 50/50 Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the MAC box office (36 Church Street). The drawing will be held at the MAC on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The winner does NOT need to be present to win.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Register for Middletown Recreation's After-School Science Club**



**Join Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) for After-School Science Club! September's theme is food chains so participants will explore the food chains of animals found in Poricy Park. This hands-on hour long class includes outdoor exploration, science activities, and crafts.**

***There is limited space available, so click [HERE](#) to register today!***

**Run for a Great Cause at Annual Mayor's Challenge at Poricy Park**





Run for a great cause! The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Challenge will take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>! Choose between the 5K run, 5K walk, or 1 mile fun run with awesome prizes for runners! Medals and long sleeve shirts for everyone.

All proceeds benefit 180 Turning Lives Around, a local charity dedicated to ending domestic and sexual abuse in our community. Prices increase closer to race day.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

RESOURCES

## Calculate How Your Municipal Tax Dollars Are Being Spent



Property owners can easily calculate how their municipal tax dollars are being spent. Visit [middletownnj.org/mytaxdollars](http://middletownnj.org/mytaxdollars) to access the calculator, type in your 2024 residential assessment, and see penny for penny where your municipal tax dollars go.

**Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Monday, 8/26 by 4 PM**

**THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 1, 2024.**

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE AUGUST QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay taxes.

**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*



For more information, please call the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, email [passport@middletownnj.org](mailto:passport@middletownnj.org), visit [www.middletownnj.org/Passports](http://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](http://www.middletownnj.org/passports) for more information. You can also email [passport@middletownnj.org](mailto:passport@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2014 if you have any questions.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).

## REPORT A CONCERN


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

The screenshot shows the 'Citizen Request Tracker™' web application. At the top, it says 'Use Citizen Request Tracker™ to report your concerns. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, please do not use this form. Call 911 for emergencies.' There is a 'Login to check on existing requests' link. The interface is divided into several categories, each with a list of forms:


- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
  - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
  - Autos Parked On Grass - Junked, Unregistered, Commercial
  - Nuisance Lotline
  - Permits and Inspections
  - Private Conditions
- Police Department** (1 Form):
  - Police & Traffic
- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):
  - Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)
  - Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)
  - Drainage (Road Maint. Division)
  - Engineering
  - Park & Grounds Maintenance
  - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
  - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
  - Sewer (Road Maint. Division)
  - Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
  - Temporary Buildings
  - Trees (Road Maint. Division)
- Recreation** (1 Form):

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


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