Township Unveils Plastic Toy Donation & Plastic Bag Collection Bins at Middletown Recycling Center

Mayor Tony Perry cut the ribbon for the new plastic toy collection bin along with representatives of Second Chance Toys, the Middletown Green Team and the Department of Public Works.
On Saturday, April 27th, the Middletown Green Team and Department of Public Works hosted a "Spring Clean & Go Green" recycling event at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). During the event, Mayor Tony Perry cut the ribbon for two new collection bins that will help residents recycle: a plastic toy donation collection trailer and a plastic bag collection bin.

Middletown has partnered with Second Chance Toys to collect plastic playhouses, and other gently-used plastic toys, that will be given to underprivileged children. Click HERE for additional information. The Township has also partnered with ShopRite (Hwy 35 & Harmony Road) to collect and re-purpose plastic bags. Residents can bring clean single-use plastic shopping bags to the Middletown Recycling Center and place them in the new bin. Thank you for supporting the Township’s recycling efforts!

The community can now recycle clean single-use plastic bags at the new collection bin at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane).

Port Monmouth Elementary School Participates in "Great Kindness Challenge"

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore spoke at Port Monmouth Elementary School on Thursday, May 2nd to congratulate them on being the first school in Middletown to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge.
and encouraged them to be leaders in our community.

Kindness Challenge! The month-long event challenged students to go out of their comfort zone to lend a hand and show kindness to others. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who put this together, Middletown is a kinder place because of you!

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!

Small Business Corner: Thank You for Being "Made in Middletown" Sebastian’s Hair-em & Day Spa!

On Tuesday, April 30th Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by to congratulate Sebastian’s Hair-em & Day Spa (872 Hwy 36 in Leonardo) on their upcoming 44th anniversary as a family-owned all-female business in Middletown and their success as part of our small business community. We appreciate their ongoing support of local charities and for providing beauty and wellness services that help our residents look and feel their best!
The Middletown Township Committee initiated the "Made in Middletown" campaign in May 2018 to help spotlight some of the local small businesses that are so vital to our town’s economy.

Committeewoman Pat Smell stopped by ONYX
(1137 N. 35, Middletown) to cut the ribbon at their Grand Opening!

We welcome them to our Middletown small business community and wish them the best of luck!

Small Businesses Invited to Attend Roundtable on Wed., 5/8
Route 35 Construction Project Begins Next Week

Construction work on Route 35 will begin on or about Monday, May 6th northbound from Cooper’s Bridge (Red Bank) to Cherry Tree Farm Road and southbound from Cherry Tree Farm Road to New Monmouth Road.

Road work will be done with temporary lane closures from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. All work is weather-dependent.

The project, which consists of repairs and replacement of concrete vertical curb, installation of public curb ramps, repairs to drainage structures and resurfacing of the roadway, is estimated to be completed by December 2019.

Please keep an eye out for possible changes to the schedule.

Chapel Hill Road Detour Through May 15th

Chapel Hill Road will be closed for NJNG natural gas line upgrades from Danemar Drive to Sleepy Hollow Road from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday until May 15th. Please follow posted detours & expect delays. Work is weather dependent.

SIGN UP FOR TRAFFIC & DETOUR UPDATES!
May 4th & 5th: A Weekend in Old Monmouth & Antique Car Show
Be sure to check out some great historic sites in Monmouth County this weekend, including our own Murray Farmhouse and Barn at Poricy Park. Weekend in Old Monmouth is free and will run 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 4th and 12:00 PM through 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 5th.

The Poricy Park Conservancy will also be hosting its 5th Annual People's Choice Antique Car & Vehicle Display at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Mayor Tony Perry will be there to cut the ribbon and kick off the event at 10AM. This event is also free to the public.

THE MAC PRESENTS:
**Sonic Highways Middletown**
Tuesday, May 7th, 7 pm

Produced by Middletown High School South students, this documentary film screening explores the rich history of Rock and Roll music in Middletown spanning the 1960’s through present day.

*Sonic Highways Middletown* contains interviews with local musicians and revisits some of the historic venues in Middletown including the Hullabaloo Club, Clearwater Pool Club and Michael’s Pizza. A Q&A will follow with student filmmakers and musicians Chris Plunkett, Vini Lopez (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, E Street Band) Russ Howard and other.

Suggested donation $5 to benefit the MHSS Film/TV Club.

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**THE MTPL PRESENTS:**

**Francine Garson's Journey from Writer Wannabe to Published Author**
Tuesday, May 7th
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MTPL Community Room
(55 New Monmouth Road)

Francine Garson gives information about her own personal experiences, the inspiration and genesis of the novel that is THINGS, and some basic writing tips on character development, point of view, showing vs. telling, dialogue, and research.

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**MTPD Commemorates National Police Week**
May 12th-18th
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Police Memorial:
Friday, May 17th at 11:00AM

Police Department tours are available to students, scouts, senior citizens and anyone who is interested. Call 732-615-2039 or visit www.middletownnj.org/Police for information.

The Police Memorial service will be held rain or shine at the Middletown Police Memorial located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. All are welcome.

Click the picture to view Police Department tour times.

MTFD Hosts Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 15th
THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Spring into Action! Donate Blood.

LINCROFT COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Weds., May 15  2:30-8:30
Lincroft Fire Company  601 New Springs Rd.

Most medications will not keep you from donating. People with diabetes and blood pressure controlled by medication can donate. Please eat before you come and bring ID. Bring your donor card if you have one.

For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or go to http://tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJS. The sponsor code is 70286.

Walk ins welcome.

Donate blood! It's the best community service you can do in one hour!

New Jersey Blood Services
A Division of the New York Blood Center
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!

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