



John "Jack" E. Fowler Receives Key to the Township for 50+ Years of Service to MTFD



On Sunday, June 13th, Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) planned a surprise BBQ to honor John "Jack" E. Fowler for his more than 50 years of volunteer service with Lincroft Fire Company. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke presented him with a certificate and Key to the Township to commend him for both serving our nation and for his decades of tireless service to our community.

Jack's commitment to Lincroft Fire Company and his extensive leadership roles, including Captain and Chief Engineer, will be forever etched in our Township's history. His enthusiastic participation in numerous truck committees, the House Committee, and the Door-to-Door Donor Fund Drive is greatly appreciated, as is his admirable track record of answering fire calls day and night. We thank Jack for his extraordinary volunteerism!

Click [HERE](#) to see more photos from the BBQ.

Troop 32 Boy Scouts Soar to Eagle Scout Rank at Eagle Scout Court of Honor



From left to right: Mayor Tony Perry, Eagle Scouts Tim McGuinness and Jason DeSanctis and George Sima, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell. (Photo courtesy of Fred Pachman)

On Saturday, June 12th, three Boy Scouts from Troop 32 were promoted to Eagle Scouts at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony that took place at the Middletown United Methodist Church. Jason DeSanctis, Tim McGuinness, and George Sima all dedicated 5-6 years of hard work to achieve this accomplishment. Read about their different community service projects below.

- **Jason** designed and built three 10' x 4' garden beds using 6x6 railroad ties at Middletown Village Elementary School. The garden beds provide an outdoor space where students can learn firsthand about plants. Jason took his project a step further and freshened up the flower beds surrounding the school with new mulch.
- **Tim** built a patio and raised flower beds at De La Salle Hall at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft. The patio is 10' x 10', surrounded by raised flower beds 8" high, and built from railroad ties. A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was mounted on a stone slab in the back of the patio over the flower beds.
- **George** designed and built a 15' x 27' labyrinth prayer maze for the All Saints Memorial Episcopal Church in Atlantic Highlands. The maze is made of bricks and pea gravel to create a path, and features a red azalea bush in the center.

***Congratulations Eagle Scouts Jason, Tim, and George!**
Each of you have made a positive impact in our community.*

Middletown Celebrates Junction Boutique Gift Shop's New Location in Leonardo



Photo courtesy of Junction Boutique Gift Shop.

On Saturday, June 12th, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger celebrated the new location of Junction Boutique Gift Shop in the Leonardo section of Middletown (980 NJ-36) with owner Chris Slater and some local artisans who feature their pieces at the shop.

Junction Boutique sells one-of-a-kind gifts that are handmade by local artisans and inspired by the Jersey Shore.

Visit junctionboutiquegiftshop.com for more information.

Pick up or Purchase a 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at the MAC this Weekend from 12 to 3 PM



The Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is selling remembrance yard signs to raise money for the World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street). The committee will be handing out signs at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on Friday, June 18th, Saturday, June 19th, and Sunday, June 20th from 12 to 3 PM. Bring your order confirmation number if you already placed an order. If you did not order a yard sign and would like to purchase one, they will be available for a suggested donation of \$40. Proceeds will go toward renovations and improvements to our WTC Memorial Gardens.

Click [HERE](#) to order a remembrance lawn sign.

Visit www.middletownremembers911.com for more information or call (732) 615-2287 if you have any questions.

Middletown Hosts Butterfly Garden Planting Event at Poricy Park!



Pictured from left: Volunteers Marabelle LaTerra and Sue Kologi, Liz Smith from Oasis tlc, Middletown Environmental Commission member Matthew Mauro, volunteer Lydia Mann, Middletown Planning Director Amy Sarrinikolaou, Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino and volunteer Serena LaTerra.

On Wednesday, June 16th, the Middletown Green Team hosted a volunteer planting event to finish up the new butterfly garden at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road). This new garden will not only benefit its visitors, such as bees, butterflies and birds, but also our overall environment as these pollinator species are a vital part of our ecosystem and the health of our local plant life.

The Township was able to fund this garden through a \$1,500 grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions received in 2020. Three local organizations were involved in the completion of the garden – Poricy Park Conservancy, who added funding to the project, OASIS tlc, who will be maintaining the garden going forward, and the Middletown NJ Green Team who added much-needed volunteer labor.

Thank you to our volunteers for doing such a fantastic job!

*To sign up for future volunteer opportunities, visit
www.middletownnj.org/cleancommunities.*

Taliercio's Gourmet Deli Crafts New Sandwich Inspired by Mayor Tony Perry



Eric Taliercio and Mayor Tony Perry proudly show off Taliercio's newest sandwich: The Mayor.

On Wednesday, June 16th Taliercio's Gourmet Deli (500 NJ-35 in Union Square Plaza) added a brand new item to their ever-growing menu: "The Mayor".

Made of chicken cutlet, provolone, prosciutto, broccoli rabe, lettuce, and tomato, "The Mayor" has it all. Stop by Taliercio's to try this delicious sandwich!

Click [HERE](#) to order food from Taliercio's.



Middletown Township Committee to Host In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21st

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public and made available live through Webex Event Center.

If you will be participating remotely, you can do so by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 173 600 7438 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 Celebrates Flag Day with Special Ceremony



All photos courtesy of Middletown Elks Lodge 2179.

On Sunday, June 13th, the Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 (251 Church Street, Belford) held their annual Flag Day Ceremony in honor of Flag Day on June 14th. Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell spoke at this patriotic event and were happy to join others in honoring the American Flag.



Snapping Turtles Prevalent During Summer Months: What You Should Know

During the summer months, especially in June and July, female snapping turtles will leave their “resident” body of fresh or brackish water (ponds, lakes, and even creeks) and look for soft soil to make a nest for their eggs, such as in a field or in your yard. Middletown Animal Control has even seen them make nests in the small patch of grass in between the curb and the sidewalk.

Important facts:

Snapping turtles' nesting is a natural process and it should not be disrupted. Animal Control will not interrupt this process, nor disrupt the nest in any way.

There is a common misconception that you can pick up a snapping turtle by its tail, however, this can cause spinal damage to the turtle and it is not the way to handle them.

If a turtle is in the road, seems to be struggling, or is sick or injured in any way, you should contact the Animal Control Department at 732-615-2097 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or the Police Desk at 732-615-2100 after hours and on weekends.

Click [HERE](#) to read the original advisory for more information about what you should do if you encounter a snapping turtle.

Join Middletown Recreation at Sunset Movie in the Park on Thursday, 6/24



Join Recreation to watch this great family film in the park! Make sure to pack your chairs and some snacks to enjoy this movie with your family. Seating is first come, first served. No registration, so get there early to claim your spot on the lawn!

Featured Movie: *The War with Grandpa* (PG)

Sixth-grader Peter (Oakes Fegley) is pretty much your average kid—he likes gaming, hanging with his friends and his beloved pair of Air Jordans. But when his recently widowed grandfather Ed (Robert De Niro) moves in with Peter's family, the boy is forced to give up his most prized possession of all: his bedroom. Unwilling to let such an injustice stand, Peter devises a series of increasingly elaborate pranks to drive out the interloper, but Grandpa Ed won't go without a fight. Soon, the friendly combatants are engaged in an all-out war with side-splitting consequences.

Register Now for MTPL's Summer Reading Challenges!

**MTPL CHILDREN'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

LOGGING BEGINS JUNE 21 - AUGUST 16, 2021

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Tails & TALES

REGISTER BY 6/29/21

& YOU
will be entered into
A virtual raffle for a
chance to **WIN a**

**SANDY HOOK 2021
Season Parking Pass**

Virtual Drawing on 6/30/21

**(\$100 Value) Pass Expires
9/6/2021 non-transferrable**

EARLY REGISTRATION
begins June 1st
REGISTER ONLINE

To Register go to:
mtpl.beanstack.org or go to the
app store on your mobile device
and search "Beanstack Tracker"



The fun doesn't stop with MTPL's Children's Reading Summer Challenge!

MTPL also has a Teens Summer Reading Challenge and a Preschool Summer Fun Challenge, which is geared toward toddlers and preschoolers.

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

Register For This Summer's Snapology Camp!



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Snapology CAMP

AT PORICY PARK

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9:00AM - 12:00PM
GRADES 1 - 5

8/9-8/13: POKEMANIA CAMP
8/16-8/20: MINECRAFT® MAKERS CAMP
8/23-8/27: AMAZING ANIMALS ROBOTICS & CODING CAMP
8/30-9/3: JEDI MASTERS CAMP

TO REGISTER, VISIT:
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP
CHOOSE "SUMMER CAMP - 2021"

This year, Middletown Recreation is offering half-day camps at Poricy Park – Nature Center. Kids will have a blast making new friends and tackling S.T.E.A.M. projects with Snapology this summer. Camps will be smaller socially-distanced groups in accordance with state COVID-19 guidelines.

Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Classic Radio Road Show Coming to the Middletown Arts Center on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:30 PM

2 - AUDIENCE FAVORITES LIVE ON STAGE

Re-creating classic radio programs ~ Under a tent ~ Rain or Shine

**FIBBER MCGEE
&
MOLLY**



**CLASSIC
RADIO
ROAD
SHOW**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 23
7:30 p.m.**

**BLONDIE
&
DAGWOOD**



On Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:30 PM, the Classic Radio Road Show will make its return to live performances at the MAC's patio (36 Church Street).

Recreating classic radio programs, live on stage, the group will present two 1940's radio comedy classics: an episode of *Blondie* (with Dagwood of course), along with an installment of the hilarious couple, *Fibber McGee & Molly*.

The performance will take place outdoors under the MAC's patio tent, rain or shine.

Tickets are \$12 and available online or by calling the Box Office at 732-706-4100.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase a ticket.

**Join MTPL at its Psychological Thriller Fest on
Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:30 PM**

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER FEST 2021



ONE NIGHT - THREE AUTHORS



J.T. Ellison Mary Kubica Lisa Unger

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 @ 6:30PM



Inspired by Alfred Hitchcock's film "Psycho" turning 60-years-old, MTPL is hosting a Psychological Thriller Fest for those who enjoy suspense.

Visit mtpl.org to register and receive the Zoom link for this event.

**Middletown Social Services Presents Vision Event at
Middletown High School North
Wednesday, June 30th from 2 to 6 PM**



MIDDLETOWN SOCIAL SERVICES
PRESENT A VISION EVENT
Wednesday, June 30, 2021
2PM - 6PM
Middletown High School North's Cafeteria
(63 Tindall Road)

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

All insurances are accepted.

Self pay: \$30 eye exam

\$30 contact lens fitting

Frame & lens starting at \$29

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

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN BULK COLLECTION IN NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES THROUGH JULY 9TH

SOLTERRA, THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, IS CURRENTLY TRAINING STAFF AFTER BEING HEAVILY IMPACTED BY COVID-19. DUE TO THESE STAFFING ISSUES, NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SATURDAY AFTER YOUR REGULAR RECYCLING DAY THROUGH JULY 9TH.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BULK FOR MORE INFO.



NOW HIRING



SEASONAL LABORERS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER
VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOB
OR CALL 732-615-2017 TO APPLY.

This position is ideal for someone who likes to help others, enjoys being outdoors, and doesn't mind a little exercise!

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

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