



Municipal Offices and Recycling Center Closed in Observance of Independence Day

**HAPPY
4TH OF JULY**
from Middletown Township

Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th and the Middletown Recycling Center will be closed on Sunday, July 4th (open on Monday, July 5th) in observance of Independence Day.

Middletown Announces Town-wide Initiatives to Support Veterans



MIDDLETOWN VETERANS HOUSING



Middletown Township announced its ongoing initiatives to aid veterans since closing on the property located on Leonardville Road in Belford that will be transformed into 100 percent affordable housing units for those who served in the military.

The Township is also proud to support its all-volunteer Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) to establish a “Thank a Veteran” program to offer veterans discounts at Middletown businesses, institute a “Veteran of the Year” program, as well as promote awareness of the state fee exemption for local metered parking for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients.

“The Township Committee and I are honored to support the VAC in these important initiatives, as well as create affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our country,” said Mayor Tony Perry. The Township will be partnering with the Middletown Housing Authority on this project, which currently manages hundreds of affordable housing units in town.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.

Congratulations to the Newest Middletown Township Police Youth Week Graduates!



Graduates of the Middletown Police Youth Week march to their seats.



Pictured above are the officers who run Middletown Police Youth Week. Pictured from left: Det.



Mayor Tony Perry and Police Chief Craig Weber hand a certificate to a Middletown Police

*Cruz, Cpl. Seymour, Ptl. Mahon,
Ptl. Zubkow, Ptl. Carr, Cpl.
Kennedy, Cpl. Riffert, D/Sgt.
Gigante, Sgt. Gardiner, and Ptl.
Buhowski.*

Youth Week graduate.

Middletown Township Police Department just held its first Police Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 65 children, between the ages of 8 to 11, who participated in this program that gave them their first exposure to law enforcement at the recruit phase.

The Police Youth Week program is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training. Participants learned firsthand about a wide variety of law enforcement training and techniques including officer safety, crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, the K-9 unit, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard's role in law enforcement. The program also emphasized the importance of citizenship and community policing.

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony on Friday, July 2nd at the Brookdale Student Life Center. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. Mayor Tony Perry, along with Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Bob Stefanski, John Kaiser, and Paul Bailey, congratulated each child. Kudos to our Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program!

Welcome to Middletown, LashCara!

**Congratulations to LashCara
(1287 NJ-35) on its Grand Opening!**



*For more information about LashCara's self-care services, visit
www.lashcara-perma.com.*

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell cut the ribbon at the grand opening of LashCara with owner Amy Pham, family members, and staff.

On Sunday, June 27th, Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell attended the Grand Opening celebration for LashCara (1287 NJ-35)! LashCara is a one-stop spot for a variety of self-care services, including eyelashes, facials, and permanent makeup. We encourage the community to support all of our businesses in town.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to book an appointment!

Troop 140 Boy Scouts Climb to Eagle Scout Rank



From left: Michael John LaRocca II, Jack Zrebiec, Christopher Alexander Drew, Mayor Tony Perry, Donald R. Antenucci III, Daniel Lewis, and Collin Swabsin. Photo courtesy of Gianna Musa.

On Sunday, June 27th, six Boy Scouts from Troop 140 were promoted to Eagle Scouts at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony that took place at West Keansburg Fire Company Catering Hall. Donald R. Antenucci III, Christopher Alexander Drew, Michael John LaRocca II, Daniel Lewis, Collin Swabsin, and Jack Zrebiec all dedicated time and demonstrated leadership to earn this promotion. Read below about the community service projects that helped them achieve this rank.

Donald rejuvenated the swimming pool area at Oasis TLC in Middletown. He renovated the storage shed, built chair racks and shelves, and weeded and landscaped the area leading to and at the pool. He spent a total of 167 hours.

Christopher revitalized the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association in Leonardo. He raised money to construct two raised flower beds, sanded all the railings on the walkway, and sanded, repaired, and painted the picnic tables. He spent a total of 101 hours.

Michael raised funds to build, decorate, and install two "Little Libraries" for students to exchange books. One is installed at Bayview Elementary School and one is at Fairview Elementary School. He spent a total of 135 hours.

Daniel fixed up the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association in Leonardo. He installed a drainage system at the side of the building, landscaped the area, and worked on the handicap ramp connected to the building. He spent a total of 112 hours.

Collin renovated the Serenity Stables in Atlantic Highlands. He repaired the drainage system at two of the stables, laid gravel, and completed work on a housing project for some goats. He spent a total of 151 hours.

Jack spruced up the courtyard at Ocean Avenue Elementary School. He painted and relocated planters, repaired and built benches, and painted the wall so students could decorate it. He spent a total of 187 hours.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts Donald, Christopher, Michael, Daniel, Collin, and Jack! Thank you for leaving a lasting impact on our township.

Middletown High School South Graduate Aidan Hannigan

Selected as Semi-State Finalist in Government Essay Contest



On Tuesday, June 29th, resident Aidan Hannigan was recognized by Mayor Tony Perry for being a state semi-finalist in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. High school juniors and seniors who participated were required to write an essay about how local government has played a role in their life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aidan, who recently graduated from Middletown High School South, wrote about how the pandemic inspired him to take action and become an EMT at Lincroft First Aid and Rescue Squad. Aidan also serves as a lifeguard on the Sea Bright Ocean Rescue and Surf Rescue Team. His selflessness and drive is an inspiration to us all. Aidan will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech this fall.

Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment and good luck at college, Aidan! Middletown is proud to have leaders like you.

**Pick up or Purchase Your 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at
the MAC Next Weekend (July 10th and 11th)
from 12 to 3 PM**



The Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is selling 20th anniversary 9/11 remembrance yard signs to raise money for the World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street). The committee will be **NOT** be selling signs at the Middletown Arts Center this weekend, but will be selling them on Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th 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 \$40. Proceeds will go toward renovations and improvements to our WTC Memorial Gardens.

You can also stop by the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) during regular business hours to purchase a lawn sign by cash or check.

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.

Latest U.S. State Department Passport Processing Times

***UPDATED! AS OF
JUNE 17, 2021**

**U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
PASSPORT PROCESSING TIMES**

ROUTINE SERVICE
**18 WEEKS (INCLUDES UP TO 12 WEEKS
PROCESSING AND 6 WEEKS MAILING)**

EXPEDITED SERVICE
**12* WEEKS (INCLUDES UP TO 6 WEEKS
PROCESSING AND 6* WEEKS MAILING)**

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The graphic features a background of several blue U.S. passports with gold eagles and the text 'United States of America' and 'PASSPORT'. A white text box is centered over the passports, containing the updated processing times. A red banner at the top left of the graphic reads '*UPDATED! AS OF JUNE 17, 2021'. The Monmouth County Clerk's Office seal is visible in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

As of June 17th, the U.S. State Department has announced that expedited shipping for passports has increased from 10 to 12 weeks. Please see the graphic for the latest passport service times.

For information about the Middletown Town Hall Passport Office, visit www.MiddletownNJ.org/passport.

**Submit Artwork to DPW and MAC's Trash & Recycling
Sculpture Art Contest by Friday, 8/6 at 4 PM**

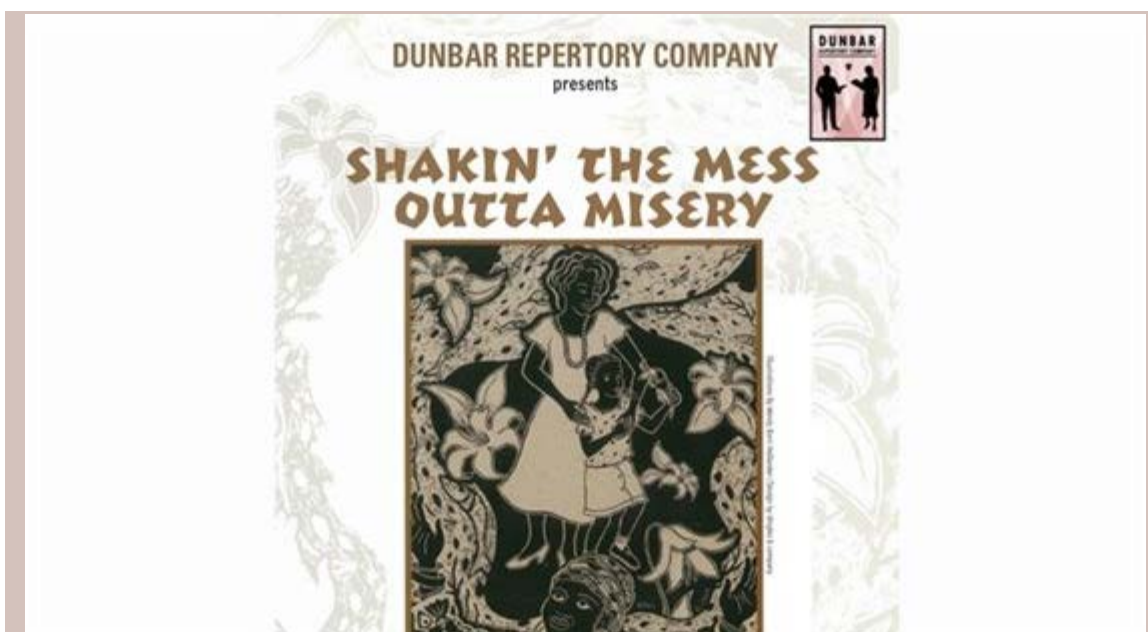


[Click on the image to view the flyer larger.](#)

The Middletown Department of Public Works and the Middletown Arts Center are seeking trash sculptures to display at the Township's new outdoor Ecological Garden at DPW (52 Kanans Lane). Winners will receive a gift bag that includes a MAC gift certificate and they will also have their artwork showcased at Middletown Day as an example of a creative way to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Please see contest rules in the flyer above.

For more information or to enter the contest, email jticino@middletownnj.org.

Watch "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery" at the MAC in July




The Middletown Arts Center is hosting "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," a production by Dunbar Repertory Company. The show will take place indoors at the MAC's theatre (36 Church Street) on July 9th, 10th, 11th and July 16th, 17th, and 18th. It will begin at 8 PM on Fridays and Saturdays and at 4 PM on Sundays. Tickets are General Admission and \$20. Seating is first-come, first-serve.

"Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery" is the story of a young Black girl's coming of age in the South in the 1960s. Daughter is the main character, a 25-year-old narrator whose mother died when she was very young. She was raised by the women in the community, some blood-related, some not, and at the age of 12, she began her journey to womanhood guided by these very diverse, non-traditional older Black women. As she reflects, Daughter becomes a child again, reliving her vivid memories of growing up, recalling the rituals, the faith healings, the stories she was told, and the lessons she learned about survival, healing, faith, and mystery.

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


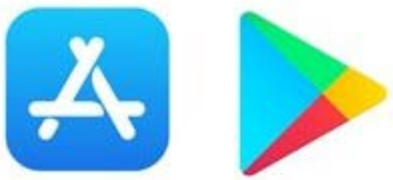
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**REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS WILL RETURN
STARTING MONDAY, JULY 12**

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday: 9 am-5 pm
Sunday: Closed



**Join Middletown Recreation at Sunset Movie in the Park
on Thursday, 7/22**



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

Featured Movie: Tom and Jerry (2021-PG)

A legendary rivalry reemerges when Jerry moves into New York City's finest hotel on the eve of the wedding of the century, forcing the desperate event planner to hire Tom to get rid of him. As mayhem ensues, the escalating cat-and-mouse battle soon threatens to destroy her career, the wedding, and possibly the hotel itself.

Register For This Summer's Snapology Camp!



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PRESENTS



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.

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/JOBS
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! Rate of pay is \$13.00 per hour.

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

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