



Police Officers Sworn In and Three Athletic Teams Recognized at Middletown Township Committee Meeting



From left: Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Deputy Chief John Kaiser, Mayor Tony Perry, Officers Robert J. Headden, Ryan Bruno, Shane Hosler, John Mania, Dominick Librie, Sean Macdonald, Chief Craig Weber, and Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski.

Mayor Tony Perry swore in six police officers at the Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, July 19th. Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Robert Stefanski, John Kaiser, and Paul Bailey welcomed new officers Robert J. Headden, Ryan Bruno, Shane Hosler, Dominick Librie, John Mania, and Sean Macdonald to the Middletown Township Police Department while their family members and fellow officers proudly supported them in the courtroom.

Congratulations Officers Headden, Bruno, Hosler, Librie, Mania, and Macdonald!

Stay safe and thank you for protecting our community.

Click [HERE](#) to read about our six new officers.
Click [HERE](#) to see photos from the swearing-in ceremony.



*Monmouth United Soccer Club
Riptide Team*



*Middletown High School North
Girls Track and Field Team*



*Middletown High School South
Eagles Baseball Team*

Mayor Perry and the Middletown Township Committee also presented certificates to three Middletown teams for championships they won this year. Monmouth United Soccer Club Riptide Team won the 14U NJYS 2021 Challenge Cup, Middletown High School North Girls Track and Field Team won the NJSIAA North II Group III State Sectional Championship, and Middletown High School South Eagles Baseball Team won the NJSIAA Group IV State Championship.

Congratulations to these Middletown teams on their victories!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, July 19th Regular Meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FIOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through August 3rd.

Congratulations to the Newest Middletown Township Police Youth Week Graduates!



Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell laugh as the Police Youth Week graduates debate over which Police Youth Week squad was the best.



*The officers who run Police Youth Week pictured with the chiefs and members of the Township Committee.
From left: Deputy Chief Bob Stefanski, Committeeman Kevin M Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Det. Cruz, Cpl. Seymour, Ptl. Zubkow, Cpl. Riffert, Ptl. Mahon, Ptl. Carr, D/Sgt. Gigante, Cpl. Kennedy, Ptl. Buhowski, Sgt. Gardiner, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, and Police Chief Craig Weber.*



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell shakes hands with a Police Youth Week graduate as she accepts her certificate and badge.

Middletown Township Police Department just held its second Police Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 59 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 23rd at the Brookdale Student Life Center. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, 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!

Three Middletown Police Explorers Complete NJ Law Enforcement Explorers Academy!



From front to back: Police Explorers Braden Gillick, Thea Rowland, and Jake Patel.



Explorers Braden, Jake, and Thea stand proudly with Detective Ric Cruz.



Explorers Braden, Thea, and Jake doing push-ups.

Three Middletown Police Explorers from Post 102 recently completed the New Jersey Law Enforcement Explorers Academy at Georgian Court University. Police Explorers Braden Gillick, Jake Patel, and Thea Rowland participated in the week-long academy to learn the basics of law enforcement. They also competed in areas like report writing and physical fitness, and gained an understanding of the various types of calls police officers go on.

Police Explorer Braden took home 2nd place in Academic Achievement and Police Explorer Thea took home 3rd place in Academic Achievement and 1st place in Physical Fitness. Congratulations to Police Explorers Braden, Jake, and Thea!

Township Celebrates Completion of Normandy Park Improvements Project



From left: Sr. Project Manager of Colliers Engineering & Design Mark Lescavage, Executive Chairman of Colliers Engineering & Design Richard Maser, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Former Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeeman Kevin M Settembrino, Recreation Director Janet Dellett, DPW Director Ted Maloney, and Deputy Public Works Director Victor Wymbs.

Earlier this week, members of the Township Committee, Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, and Colliers Engineering & Design celebrated the grand re-opening of Normandy Park with a ribbon cutting.

The Normandy Park Improvements Project was announced in December 2019 when the Middletown Township Committee approved a \$5.15 million bond ordinance to install multi-use turf fields at Normandy Park and to convert a grass field at Nut Swamp School to synthetic turf. The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders helped fund the project with a \$250,000 grant in February 2020. The project broke ground on July 15, 2020 and was celebrated on July 19th this year.

The Normandy Park Improvements Project:

- installed four youth-size synthetic turf playing fields at Normandy Park for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and baseball
- converted a grass field at Nut Swamp School to synthetic turf and created a multi-sport full-size field and three youth-sized fields
 - expanded the parking lot and patio at Normandy Park
 - upgraded the lighting at Normandy Park

We look forward to seeing our athletes enjoy this state-of-the-art facility!

Middletown New Jersey Task Force One Members Return from Champlain Towers South Recovery Effort in Florida



Pictured from left: New Jersey Task Force One Program Manager Kevin Morrissey, Planning Manager Daniel Kelly, Technical Information Specialist Meghan Fisher, and Ground Support Specialist Beau Marois. All four are Middletown residents.

New Jersey Task Force One (NJ-TF1) is one of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue teams that assisted with the rescue and recovery efforts at Champlain Towers South, the beachfront condominium that collapsed in Surfside, Florida on June 24th. NJ-TF1 consists of a variety of first responders, such as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and doctors. Middletown resident Kevin Morrissey spearheaded the recovery effort as the task force's project manager. Three other Middletown residents, Ground Support Specialist Beau Marois, Planning Manager Daniel Kelly, and Technical Information Specialist Meghan Fisher were also part of this heroic task force that completed this mission.

We welcome NJ-TF1 home and thank them for their strength and dedication to helping others.

Girl Scout Troop 127 Participates in Clean Communities Mini Grant Program by Cleaning Up Leonardo Beach



Last weekend, Girl Scout Troop 127 out of Leonardo participated in the Clean Communities Mini Grant Program by picking up litter on Leonardo Beach. All together, the troop picked up more than 250 lbs of trash that had been polluting our oceans. Mayor Tony Perry participated in the cleanup and spoke to the girls about the importance of the "Carry In, Carry Out" program and how our small choices make a big difference! Thanks Troop 127 for making a difference on both a local and global level!

Click [HERE](#) if you are interested in participating in the Clean Communities Mini Grant Program and for more information.

Participating in your own cleanup? Whether you are working in a group or going solo, you can track your cleanup on Ocean Conservancy's Clean Swell app.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Clean Swell.

Pick up or Purchase Your 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at ShopRite This Weekend from 9 AM to 12 PM



The Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is selling 20th anniversary 9/11 remembrance yard signs and personalized street banners to raise money that will go toward renovations and improvements to our WTC Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street). **The committee will be selling signs and taking orders for banners at ShopRite (1361 NJ-35 South) this weekend from 9 AM to 12 PM. More signs will be available next weekend.** Bring your order confirmation number if you already placed an order. Yard signs will be available for \$40. Personalized street banners that feature your business or family name will be available for \$500. Middletown will line the streets leading up to the memorial with these **beautiful remembrance banners**. Once taken down, the banner will be given to you as a keepsake.

Click [HERE](#) to order a remembrance yard sign or street banner.

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

Bulk Collection Update

Middletown's garbage contractor, Solterra, has resumed bulk collection on the regularly scheduled collection days. South Zone bulk was picked up today and North Zone bulk will be collected on Thursday, July 29th.

Please be aware of the following rules regarding what is and is not accepted in bulk collection:

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:		ACCEPTED ITEMS:	
 METAL ITEMS (BBQ GRILLS, WEIGHT BENCHES, ETC.)	 RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS (COOLERS, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYTHINGS, PLASTIC SHEETS, ETC.)	 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)	 ELECTRONICS (TVS, COMPUTERS, STEREOS, CELL PHONES, ETC.)
 STYROFOAM	 YARD WASTE (BRUSH, GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES)	UP TO 4 PIECES OF BULK AT 75 LBS MAXIMUM, EACH, ARE PERMITTED FOR BULK BULK. ITEMS MUST BE LESS THAN 8 FEET IN LENGTH.	
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED BULK AND ARE NOT RECYCLED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:		 WOOD FURNITURE (TABLES, CHAIRS, BENCHES)	 MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS (MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC)
THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER 555 HANES LANE OR BY CALLING 609-673-4000 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP CURBSIDE FOR A FEE (YARD WASTE AND STYROFOAM EXCLUDED). PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH REGULAR RECYCLING OR BULK.		 CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS (LUMBER, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)	 LANDSCAPING DEBRIS (DIRT, GRAVEL, STONE, CONCRETE PAVERS, WOOD TIES, ETC.)
THESE ITEMS MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT THE PROPER SOLID WASTE OR RECYCLING FACILITIES.			 COUCHES (16 FOOT LENGTH MAX)

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Look Out for Your Tax Bill!

THE TAX BILLS WERE MAILED ON JULY 21ST. THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE AUGUST QUARTER IS ON AUGUST 20, 2021 BY 3 PM THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND 4 PM IN THE OFFICE.

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

Upcoming Holland Road Closure Dates

Holland Road Repaving Project

From Monday, July 26th through Wednesday, July 28th,
Holland Road between Middletown-Lincroft Road and Red Hill Road
will be closed to thru traffic.

From Thursday, July 29th through Wednesday, August 4th,
Holland Road between Red Hill Road and South Laurel Avenue
will be closed to thru traffic.

A detour will be in place during normal work hours.
The road will remain open to local traffic only. All dates are
approximate and subject to change due to weather conditions.



The MAC Musical Theatre Academy Summer Series Begins This Weekend with Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Kids!



JULY 23 & 24
2 PM & 7 PM



JULY 30 & 31
2 PM & 7 PM



AUG 13 & 14
2 PM & 7 PM



AUG 20 & 21
2 PM & 7 PM



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

► GET TICKETS AT [MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/148177)

ADULTS \$10 SENIOR/STUDENT \$5

The MAC's Musical Theater Academy, helmed by Theater Education Director Kathy Connolly, is excited to bring four Summer Camp student productions to the stage at Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)! Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Kids will take

place on Friday, July 23rd at 7 PM and Saturday, July 24th at 2 PM and 7 PM. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students. Performances are indoors at the MAC theatre. The MAC strongly encourages audience members to wear masks during the show, but does not require them.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Kids:

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir is a golden ticket to adventure. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

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

Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Outdoor Music Café on Sunday, 7/25 from 4 - 6 PM

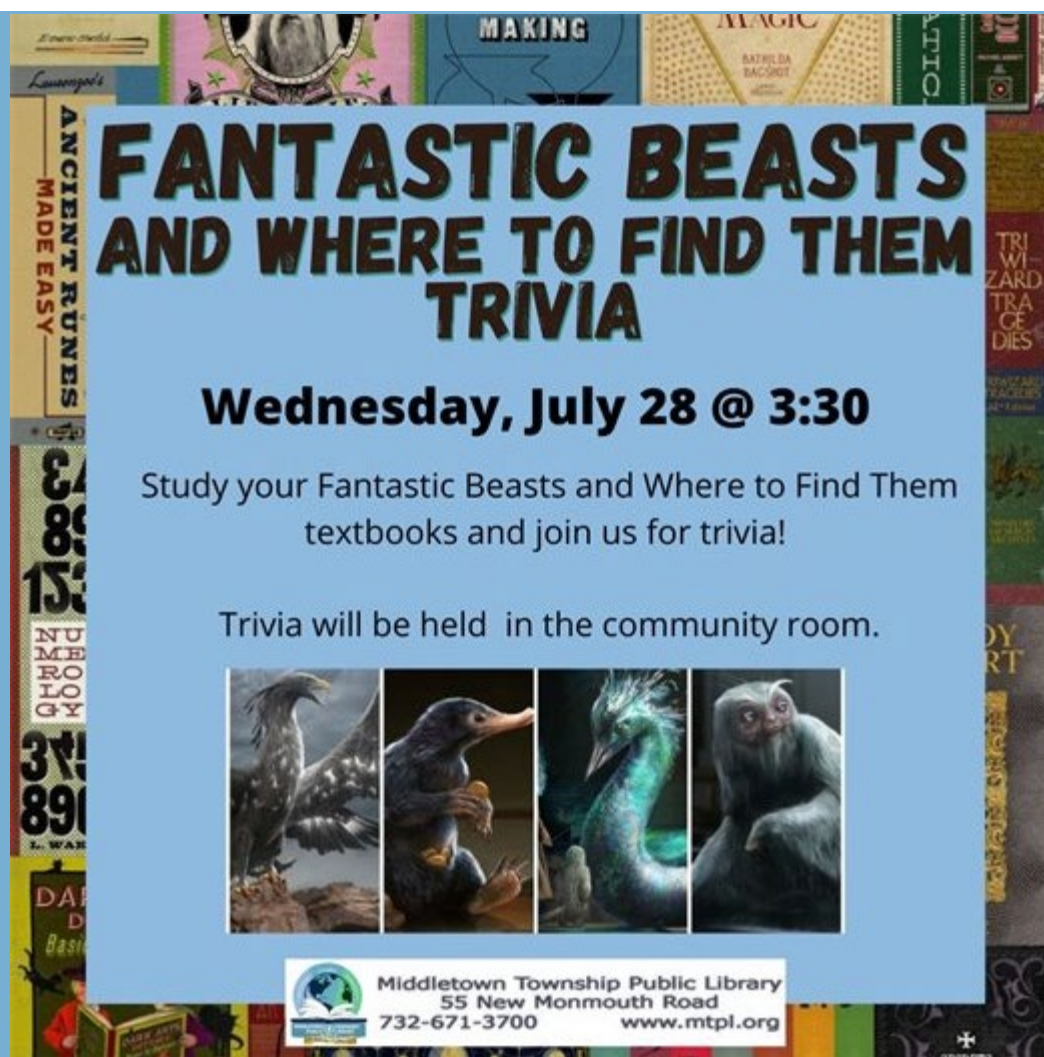


Join the Middletown Arts Center on Sunday, July 25th from 4 - 6 PM for its July singer-songwriters showcase featuring local talents Shotgun Bill Anania, Jim Crawford, Audra Mariel, and Fire in the Garden. The concert will take place outdoors on the MAC's tented patio (36 Church Street). Please visit middletownarts.org for weather-related changes.

All safety guidelines will be followed.
The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

*Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event.*

Join MTPL at Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them Trivia on Wednesday, 7/28 at 3:30 PM





FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM TRIVIA

Wednesday, July 28 @ 3:30

Study your Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them textbooks and join us for trivia!

Trivia will be held in the community room.



 Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

Study your Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them textbooks and join MTPL for trivia on Wednesday, July 28th from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. This free event will be held in the community room at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Library visitors must follow current health and safety protocols. Registration is required.

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

**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 Kanes 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.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to download the contest's entry form.

Register For This Summer's Snapology Camp!



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8/23-8/27: AMAZING ANIMALS ROBOTICS & CODING CAMP
8/30-9/3: JEDI MASTERS CAMP

TO REGISTER, VISIT:
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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.

**Middletown Municipal Alliance and Hope for Children
Foundation Present 1st Annual Overdose Awareness 5K
on Saturday, 8/28 from 8 - 9:30 AM**



Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Hope for Children Foundation to host the first annual Overdose Awareness 5K on Saturday, August 28th at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). In addition to the 5K, there is also a 1 mile run/walk, as well as the option to complete the 5K virtually. Participants can register in advance or the day of the fundraiser. The Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County will also be there to speak at the finish line and provide runners/walkers with purple flags.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Middletown Municipal Alliance. Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for Middletown Social Services.

Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information about the 5K.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown Municipal Alliance.

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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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 above for the latest passport service times.

For information about the *Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency*, visit www.middletownnj.org/Passports.

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