



Township Committee Presents Guy Fieri with Key to the Township at Feeding Our Heroes Event



Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Guy Fieri, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino

Earlier today, the Middletown Township Committee presented celebrity chef Guy Fieri with a Key to the Township. The Guy Fieri Foundation partnered with local businesses to feed 400 veterans and their loved ones at VFW Post 2179. Several NFL alumni and Commander Frank Cannon were also in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who participated! Middletown enjoyed experiencing the taste of "Flavortown"!

Congratulations to MTFD's Incoming Swift Water Operations Team Members!



Last weekend, the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) Swift Water Operations Team gained 11 new members! These volunteers completed their training last weekend and are ready at a moment's notice to help others.

We thank our new members for their service and wish them the best of luck!



MTPL Interviews Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz in Honor of Women's History Month

To commemorate Women's History Month, the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) interviewed Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz. Committeewoman Kratz was honored to talk about her accomplishments and offer advice to young women aspiring to make a difference!



Click [HERE](#) to watch the video on YouTube.



Middletown Receives Honorable Mention in NJLM 2022 Show Off Your City Photo Contest

Middletown Township was recently named a runner-up in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities'

Photo courtesy of Tom Zopic
Photography

(NJLM) 2022 Show Off Your City contest! The photo was taken at our 9/11 20th anniversary ceremony.

Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of NJLM's feature about the contest.



Middletown Township Committee to Host Workshop Meeting at New Town Hall on Monday, 4/4

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public and made available to view and listen to through Webex Event Center. The meeting will be taking place inside the courtroom at the new Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Going forward, all Township Committee Meetings will be held at the new Town Hall.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.
Click [HERE](#) to view a PDF of the meeting agenda.

recycling tip of the week

DOS & DON'TS OF RECYCLING

Do rinse bottles and containers before recycling

Don't put tangles in your recycling bins. (Ex: extension cords, hoses, holiday lights)

Do leave on the labels and lids

Don't put plastic bags in recycling bins (Many retail stores have designated recycling bins)

Do break down and flatten your cardboard boxes

Don't put boxes on the curb outside of your recycling bin.



Still confused? Download the  app to get the [What Goes Where](#) look-up tool.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Recycle Coach.
Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Apple App Store.
Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Google Play Store.

Seeking Employers!

Middletown Community Affairs Council to Host 30th Annual High School Student Job Fair on Wednesday, 5/4

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH FAIR

The Middletown Youth Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for high school students and employers to meet and discuss employment opportunities in a relaxed and organized environment.

Registration is not required for students and there is no charge for employers who wish to participate. Employer participation is not limited to Middletown businesses.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 7:00 - 8:30 PM

WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)





*Employers who would like to join can contact
Mitch Gotesky (732-915-2445/nycrred1@aol.com) or
John Giordano (732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com)*

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Apply for MTPD's Volunteer DVRT by Friday, 4/8

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers

Apply Now!

MTPD is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers in April and May. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 8th.

For more information:

Contact Lt. Anthony Gigante, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2075 or visit 180nj.org.



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

County Clerk Reopens Weekend Hours at Monmouth County Connection Satellite Office

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is pleased to announce the reopening of Saturday hours at the County Clerk's Monmouth County Connection Satellite Office (3544 NJ-66) in Neptune beginning this Saturday, April 2nd. The County Connection office will be open to serve the public Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.



Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Clerk Office

At this time, all County Clerk Offices are open to the public but an appointment is required for certain services. Appointments for passport, notary, and ID card services can be made by calling the Monmouth County Connection during normal business hours at 732-303-2828.

This information was originally sent to Middletown Township in a press release from the Office of the Monmouth County Clerk.

Help Neighbors in Need by Donating to Social Services' Easter Basket Drive by Monday, 4/11

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy, and gift cards to create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider donating the free ham you can earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by Monday, April 11th. Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085. We kindly request that donations be dropped off by Monday, April 11th.

Donate to MTPL's Food Drive Until Friday, 4/15



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is hosting a food drive to support local food pantries! Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at the library (55 New Monmouth Road) until Friday, April 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Celebrate Spring with Recreation

Check out all of Recreation's great spring program offerings from weekly youth and adult programs, special events like the Mother-Son Cornhole Tournament and Daddy-Daughter Luau, to the Middletown Preschool Fair. Be sure to register for Spring Break activities and fossil hunts at Poricy Park for education and fun!



Click [HERE](#) and go to "Spring Season" to register for these programs.
Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the full brochure.

Purchase Tickets for the MAC's "The Little Mermaid Jr." This Weekend!



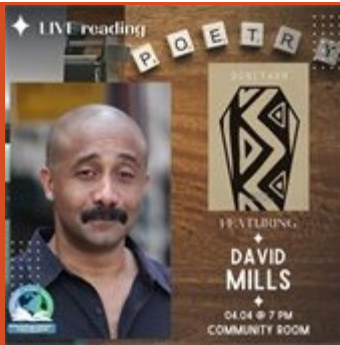
Celebrate life under the sea by attending the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) production of "The Little Mermaid, Jr." this weekend! Performances will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street) on Friday, April 1st at 7 PM and Saturday, April 2nd at both 2 PM and 7 PM. This musical is brought to you by Director/Choreographer Kathy Connolly and Musical Director Malena Towers.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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

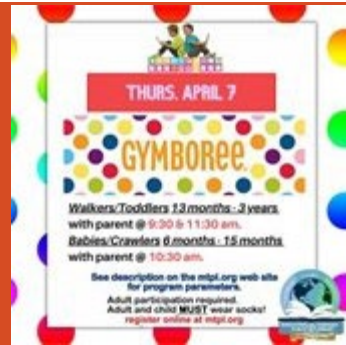
Register for MTPL's Upcoming Programs





[An Evening with Poet David Mills on Monday, 4/4 at 7 PM](#)

[Peanut Butter Bridges Concert on Wednesday, 4/6 at 7 PM](#)



[Gymboree on Thursday, 4/7 at 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 11:30 AM](#)

Looking for something to do? Check out the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) upcoming events!

Celebrate National Poetry Month (April) by joining the MTPL on Monday, April 4th for an evening with poet David Mills, author of the bestselling poetry collection *Boneyarn*. The event will take place inside the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) at 7 PM. Registration is NOT required.

Listen to music that sticks and enjoy the live sounds of Monmouth County-based cover band, Peanut Butter Bridges, at the MTPL on Wednesday, April 6th! Stop by the MTPL's Community Room at 7 PM to sing along to classic rock tunes! Peanut Butter Bridges is an eclectic mix of highly talented local musicians that enjoy performing and watching their audience have a great time. Registration is recommended, but not required.

Gymboree of Red Bank will be visiting the MTPL's Community Room on Thursday, April 7th to offer a gym class for children between the ages of 6 months and 3 years! There will be three sessions: Gymboree for walking children between the ages of 1 and 3 at 9:30 AM (SOLD OUT), crawling babies between 6 months and 15 months at 10:30 AM, and walking children between the ages of 1 and 3 at 11:30 AM. Registration is required, so sign up before all slots are booked!

Click on each graphic for more information.

*****Gymboree's graphic links to information about the 10:30 AM class. Patrons can find information about the 11:30 AM class [HERE](#).**

Register for Recreation's Snapology Weekly Class, Beginning Wednesday, 4/6



**KIDS
Snapology
WEEKLY CLASS**

Wednesdays | 4pm-5pm
April 6th-May 18th
Ages: 6-11
Poricy Park Nature Center

Recreation is excited to announce that its Pokemon-themed Snapology class will be starting on Wednesday, April 6th! Students will build and explore the world of Pokemon as they learn about real world science, architecture, and of course creativity, socialization, and fun! This 6-week program takes place on Wednesdays from 4 - 5 PM at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road) and costs \$120.

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

**Participate in Lincroft Fire Company's Blood Drive on
Wednesday, 4/6 from 12:30 - 6:30 PM**

A graphic for a blood drive. On the left, the words "BLOOD DRIVE" are written in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. To the right, a man in a dark jacket and blue cap sits next to a white dog. Text next to them says "Help accident victims like Jeff." Below that, a red box contains the text "DONATIONS SAVE LIVES".

BLOOD DRIVE Help accident victims like Jeff.
DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Wed. April 6 12:30-6:30

Lincroft Fire Company
601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft

Appointments recommended. Walk-ins accepted if space allows.
For an appointment go to
<https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> sponsor code 70286 or call 800-933-2566

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.

If you have received the CoVid vaccine there is no waiting period before donating as long as you are feeling well.

 New Jersey Blood Services 

800.933.BLOOD · nybc.org #njbloodservices

Help save lives and donate blood in Lincroft Fire Company's blood drive on Wednesday, April 6th! The blood drive will take place at Lincroft Fire Co. (601 Newman Springs Road) from 12:30 - 6:30 PM. Appointments are recommended. The sponsor code to make an appointment online is 70286.

Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.
Click [HERE](#) to view a larger version of the graphic.

We're Hiring: Apply for Recreation's Summer Camp!



the best days are spent at **CAMP**

We're Hiring

for 6 weeks of fun!

Coordinators \$17+/hr
Counselors \$13+/hr
EMTs \$15+/hr



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Looking for a job? Middletown Recreation is hiring coordinators, counselors, and EMTs for summer camp. Grow your resume and wallet all while having a fun summer!

Click [HERE](#) for full job descriptions and to apply.



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- On **Saturday, April 2nd**, the St. Mary's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be taking place from approximately 12 PM - 2 PM. The parade route will begin at Bayview Elementary School on Leonardville Road and end at Mater Dei Prep on Cherry Tree Farm Road. Please plan an alternate route and expect both delays and detours.

- In response to the bridge strike that occurred last month on Laurel Avenue between Holland Road and Route 35, NJ Transit will be performing repairs on the

North Jersey Coast Line Bridge that goes over Laurel Avenue in both Holmdel and Middletown. These repairs will cause various lane closures along Laurel Avenue for approximately two months. **Beginning Tuesday, March 29th**, Laurel Avenue will be subject to alternating traffic lane closures. Detours will be put in place, but we encourage residents to plan alternate routes.


Click [HERE](#) to register for instant traffic and safety emergency updates.


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