



## Township Committee Proclaims July 10, 2022 as World Airway Disorders Day



*Mayor Tony Perry proudly stands with members and supporters of Coping with LM after the Township Committee proclaimed July 10, 2022 as World Airway Disorders Day.*

At Monday's meeting, local nonprofit Coping with Laryngomalacia (CWL) accepted the Township Committee's proclamation recognizing July 10, 2022 as World Airway Disorders Day.

Resident Stephanie Hueston founded CWL after her daughter underwent surgery to treat her life-threatening laryngomalacia (LM). LM is the most common cause of noisy breathing in infants and occurs when the tissues above the vocal cords collapse and prevent children from breathing easily.

Middletown was honored to make history by recognizing this important day for the first time and encourages our residents to paint their nails light <sup>th</sup>



*CWL founder Stephanie Hueston and board member Christine Amaro join Mayor Tony Perry at the front of the meeting room to talk about their nonprofit's mission.*

blue on July 10 for LM awareness.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about CWL.*

## Recreation Celebrates Father's Day Weekend with Daddy-Daughter Luau



Middletown Recreation kicked off Father's Day weekend with the Daddy-Daughter Luau! Dads and daughters enjoyed a fun evening of music, dinner, dancing, smores, and games at Ideal Beach. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the Middletown Township Police Department, EMS, and Fire Department for ensuring everyone stayed safe!

*Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the fun event.*

## Recreation Hosts "Conversation of Your Life" Luncheon as Part of Mayor's Wellness Campaign



*Mayor Tony Perry addresses attendees at the luncheon.*



In honor of June being Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, Middletown Recreation hosted speakers at the Senior Center from the Alzheimer's Association, Garland Law Offices, and Monmouth Medical Center earlier this week.

Representatives from the three organizations and Mayor Tony Perry spoke to seniors about the importance of advance care planning. The free lunch & learn was made possible thanks to the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute.

***Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Middletown Senior Center.***



*Mayor Tony Perry snaps a selfie with our Communications Intern Sophia*

## **Congratulations to Middletown's 2022 Graduates!**

Yesterday, seniors from Middletown High School North and Middletown High School South officially graduated! Members of the Township Committee were thrilled to watch our younger residents receive their diplomas and begin this next chapter of their lives.

**Congratulations to all our graduating seniors!**

**Haber Brock!**

## Troop 140 Boy Scouts Earn Eagle Scout Rank



Pictured from left: Eagle Scouts Abhinava Pendyala, Christian Betten, Brody Clark, Luke Schaul, and Matthew Giallanza. *Photo courtesy of Troop 140 Assistant Scoutmaster Jonathan Drew*

Last weekend, five boy scouts from Troop 140 were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell was honored to speak at the ceremony, present certificates, and personally congratulate the five young men on behalf of the Township Committee.

Eagle Scouts need to complete service projects to earn this prestigious rank. Below are descriptions about their service projects:

**Eagle Scout Abhinava Pendyala** organized the painting of a barn at Oasis TLC, a Middletown-based nonprofit. His project took 130 hours to complete.

**Eagle Scout Christian Betten** constructed garden boxes at Stevenson Park to help build Middletown's first Community Garden! His project took 52 hours to complete.

**Eagle Scout Brody Clark** gathered material and raised funds to make Easter baskets for children in New Jersey's foster care system. His project took 52.5 hours to complete.

**Eagle Scout Luke Schaul** constructed a 9/11 memorial at the Ken Tietjen Memorial Foundation. Ken Tietjen was one of the residents Middletown lost on September 11, 2001. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the Middletown Township Fire Department's Belford Engine Co. Luke's project took 55.5 hours to complete.



*Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell addresses the crowd at Boy Scout Troop 140's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony.*

**Eagle Scout Matthew Gialanza took care of the grounds at New Monmouth Church by weeding, laying down mulch, and planting flowers and shrubs. His project took 99 hours to complete.**

**Congratulations Eagle Scouts! Middletown is proud to call you our residents!**



## **MTPD Hiring Class III S.L.E.O.s: Apply by Friday, 7/8!**

At the June 6<sup>th</sup> Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting, the Township Committee unanimously approved a shared services agreement with the Board of Education (BOE) to hire Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (S.L.E.O.s) to work in the 16 public schools to enhance the safety and security of the students, staff, and facilities.

“The horrific tragedy at Ross Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas once again demonstrated the need for all districts to increase police security at our schools,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “Public safety is always our top priority, and this effort will serve as a model across New Jersey.”

In response, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) has already increased patrols as of June 1<sup>st</sup> across the school district and armed Class III S.L.E.O.s will be in all public schools beginning this September. In an effort to secure enough qualified Class III officers by August, MTPD is currently accepting applications through Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> to sufficiently staff the schools.

***Click [HERE](#) to read our full press release about this partnership.  
Click [HERE](#) to apply.***

## **Hurricane Season Began in June: OEM Presents Preparedness Tips**

The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1<sup>st</sup>! Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret provides residents with tips on how to prepare for hurricane season.



***Click [HERE](#) to watch the video for tips.***

## **Middletown Recycling Center Temporarily Closing for Renovations from Tuesday, 6/28 - Thursday, 8/11**

# MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSING FOR RENOVATIONS

DURING CONSTRUCTION, LIMITED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATED IN THE TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT OFF OF MIDDLETOWN-LINCROFT ROAD.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLINGCENTER](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLINGCENTER)  
FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.



[Click on the graphic for more information.](#)

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations from Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Limited additional items will be accepted at the recycling drop-off site at the Middletown Train Station (located in the parking lot off Middletown-Lincroft Road) during this time.

Improvements to the Middletown Recycling Center will include increasing access and efficiency to the recycling drop-off bins, improving traffic circulation, allowing room for the expansion of recyclable commodities in the future, and ensuring ADA compliance to both the Middletown Recycling Center and Administrative Building.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**Register for Recreation's Summer Camps!**



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

PORICY PARK

# CAMP 2022

FEW SPOTS REMAIN!

- Pioneers (PreK 3-5 YO)
- Explorers (Grades 3-6)
- Trail Blazers (Grades 7-9)
- Poricy Park Science Camps\*

the best days are spent at CAMP

[middletownnj.org/camp](http://middletownnj.org/camp)

**REGISTER NOW!**

A few spots remain in Recreation's summer camps! Learn more about openings by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) and choosing the "Summer Camp" season.

Camp runs from Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Select weeks have openings based on grade range and camp location.

Questions? Call Recreation at 732-615-2260 or email [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org).

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**MAC's Summer Arts Camps Begin Monday, 6/27:  
Register Today!**



Summer is officially here and so are the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) summer arts camps! Many camps have sold out or have limited spots, so sign up today before you miss out on popular programs in art, theater, dance, STEAM, and so much more!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**Register for Recreation's Summer Youth & Adult Programs**

**LET'S RUN!**  
MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

YOUTH RUNNING PROGRAM  
JULY 19TH - AUGUST 25TH  
TUESDAY & THURSDAYS  
5:30PM - 6:30PM  
THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TRACK

**Summer DODGEBALL**  
WEDNESDAYS JULY 13TH - AUGUST 17TH  
CROYDON HALL  
\$25 SEASON (R), \$5 DROP-IN (5)  
Youth & Adults  
1ST-6TH GRADE 18 YEARS OLD  
4PM-5:30PM 6PM-8PM  
COED TEAMS PICKED WEEKLY

**ADULT Beach Volleyball 18+**  
TUESDAYS | 6:30PM-8:30PM  
JUNE 28TH - JULY 26TH  
IDEAL BEACH  
FULL 5-WEEK SESSION \$20 (R)  
DROP-IN \$5 (R)

**Guided Fossil Hunts**  
\$5.00 per participant (Age 5 - Adult). Hunts last 1 hour.

Date	Time
July 7	4:00pm - 5:00pm
July 31	11:00am - 12:00pm
Aug 11	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Aug 28	11:00am - 12:00pm

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Animal Control Reminds Residents:  
Please Do Not Disturb Snapping Turtles**

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL**  
**TIPS FOR CONTACT WITH ANIMALS**

**SNAPPING TURTLES**



**TIP #1**  
Between May and August it is very common to see large snapping turtles in our yards and roads.



**TIP #2**  
Female Turtles will travel quite a distance from water to make a nest and lay their eggs in soft or sandy soil.

**TIP #3**  
Snapping Turtles are not dangerous if left alone. However, they do have a nasty bite and should be left undisturbed to finish their nesting.

**TIP #4**  
Drive carefully near lakes, ponds, and inlets. If you find a turtle has been hit by a car or needs assistance, please contact Animal Control.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ANIMALCONTROL](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ANIMALCONTROL)  
OR CALL 732-615-2097.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about snapping turtles.*

**American Water Charitable Foundation Presents "Water and the Environment" Grant for Nonprofits: Apply by Thursday, 6/30!**



The New Jersey American Water Charitable Foundation is currently accepting applications for its "Water and the Environment" grant. This opportunity is open to 501(c)(3) organizations. The deadline to apply is Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage all our local nonprofits to apply!

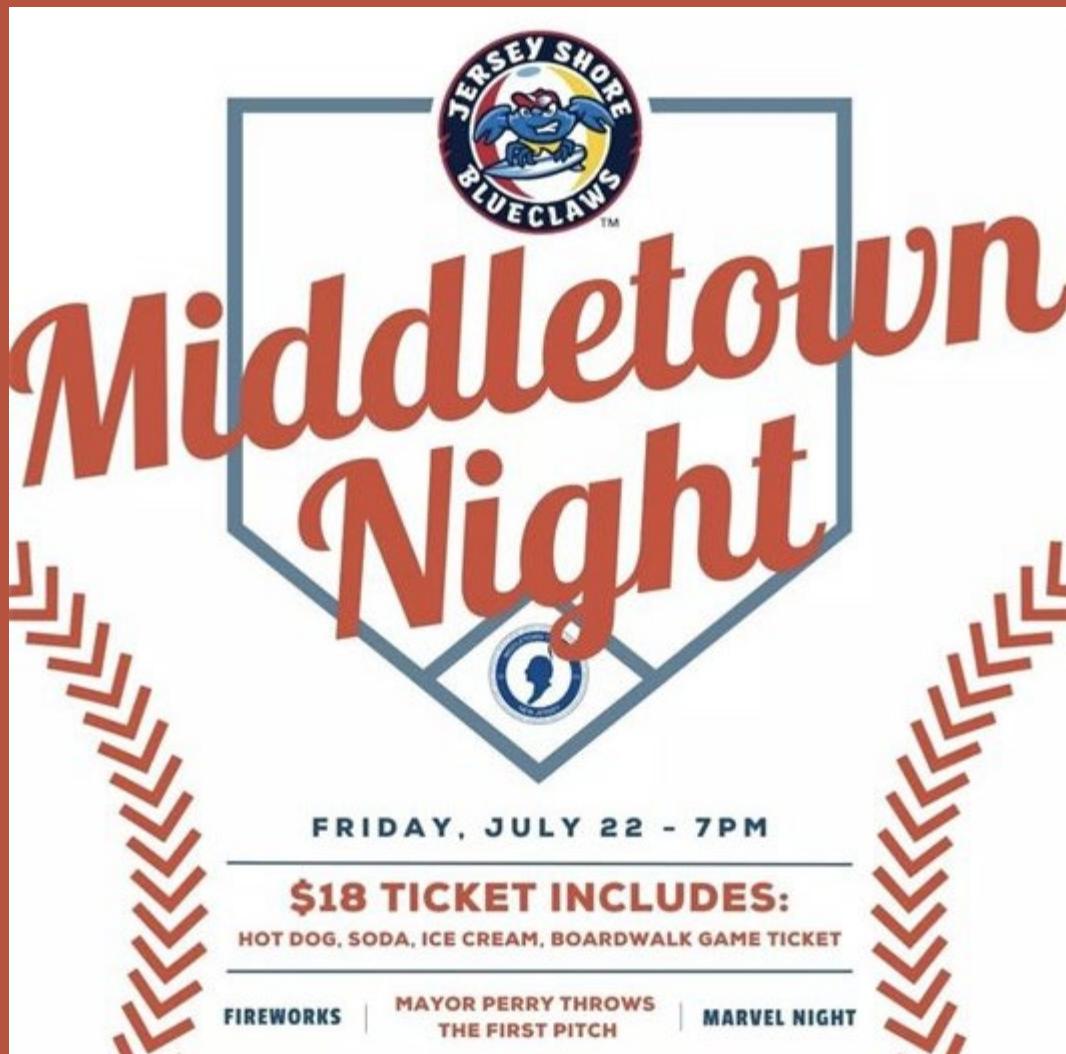
*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to apply.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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**Purchase Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on Friday, 7/22 at 7 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>! Sit with our community as we cheer on the local team, watch fireworks, and enjoy Marvel Night with Thor. Mayor Tony Perry will be throwing the first pitch and kids will be able to run the bases after the game!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

## Save the Date for Middletown Day: Saturday, 9/24

*Sponsorship Opportunities Available*



**Croydon Hall 11am-5pm**  
**[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

Our annual fall festival, Middletown Day, returns on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>! This fun event will take place at the Croydon Hall Great Lawn (900 Leonardville Road) from 11 AM - 5 PM. Recreation is currently looking for businesses, vendors, and sponsors to participate. Apply today!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

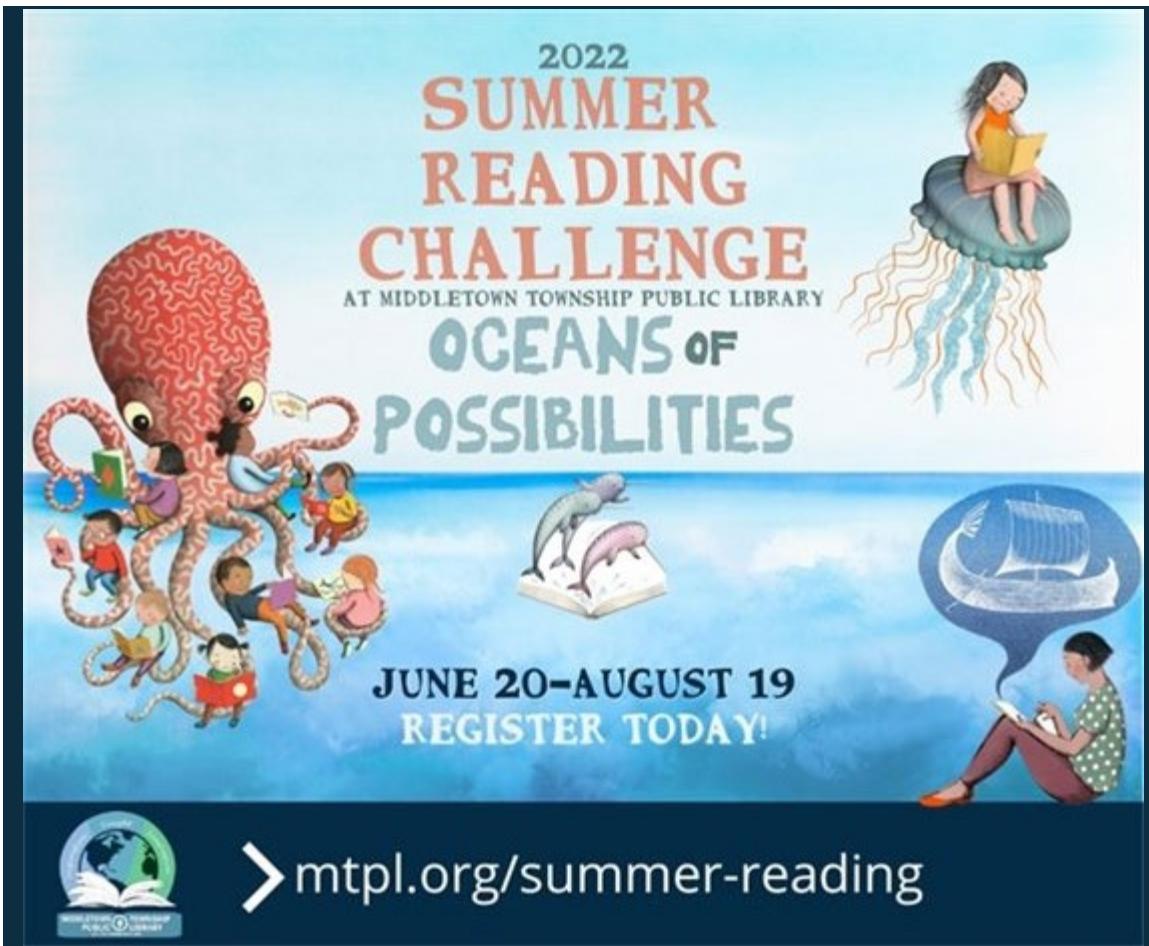
**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on  
Sunday, 6/26 from 4 - 6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 PM for its June singer-songwriters showcase featuring new performers and local singer-songwriters Ron Maletich, Barbara Paskin, Frank Patrouch, and Michael Baine. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

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

**Register for MTPL's Summer Reading Challenge!**



School's out! Spend your summer by registering for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Summer Reading Challenge, which began earlier this week!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

Register for MTPL's Teen Summer Reading Kick Off on  
Wednesday, 6/29 at 2 PM



Teens: Kick off the MTPL's Summer Reading Challenge with Oasis VRX! Stop by the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM to enjoy an under-the-sea virtual reality experience! Snacks will be provided. Registration is required.

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

**Purchase Tickets for MAC's "The Marvelous Wonderettes" on July 8, 9, and 10!**

The Marvelous Wonderettes  
Written & Created by ROGER BEAN

Missy Cindy Lou Betty Jean Suzy

THE MAC PLAYERS

Come to the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on the weekend of Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to watch The MAC PLAYERS's "The Marvelous Wonderettes"! Performances will take place on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM and 7 PM, and Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

#### "The Marvelous Wonderettes"

This smash Off-Broadway hit takes you to 1958 Springfield High School's prom, where the audience will meet Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy: four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts! In Act II, the Wonderettes reunite to take the stage and perform at their ten-year reunion. The audience will learn about the highs and lows the girls have experienced in the past decade and are charmed to find that no matter what life throws their way, they will conquer it together! Featuring over 30 classic '50s and '60s hits, "The Marvelous Wonderettes" will keep you smiling in this must-take musical trip down memory lane!

The show will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$17.50 for seniors and students.

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

HEALTH

RESOURCES

#### Spotted Lanternflies Have Returned: Tips for How to Prevent the Spread

Now that summer is almost here, spotted lanternflies are back! The spotted lanternfly is a serious invasive

pest that feeds on sap from over 70 different plant species. Spotted lanternflies can negatively impact our agriculture, economy, and everyday life through the honeydew they excrete, which eventually turns into mold.



According to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), Monmouth County is in the "spotted lanternfly quarantine zone". Since spotted lanternflies are currently hatching and will not develop their wings until July, the Middletown Health Department advises residents to kill and report them to the NJDA when spotted. The Middletown Health Department also encourages residents to utilize the NJDA's checklist for spotted lanternfly quarantine areas, in an effort to stop the spread.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the NJDA's checklist.*

*Click [HERE](#) for information about how to report a spotted lanternfly.*

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