



Happy Independence Day!
Municipal Offices Closed on Monday, 7/4



**Middletown Holds Flag Raising Ceremony at New
Town Hall and Police Station**



Middletown Township was proud to raise flags at the new Town Hall and Police Station this morning, ahead of Independence Day. Mayor Tony Perry began the brief ceremony by talking about the importance of our country's history and welcoming representatives from U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle (NWS), members of Middletown's Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC), as well as Township Committee members and employees.



The event took place in front of Town Hall with NWS Earle Commander Captain Ed Callahan raising the American flag, followed by VAC members raising the POW/MIA and KIA flags, and concluding with Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief Craig Weber and MTPD Corporal Bernie Chenoweth raising the State of New Jersey flag.

After the four flags were raised in front of Town Hall, MTPD Corporal Bernie Chenoweth and Corporal Robert Shannon raised the American flag in front of the Police Station.

The Township of Middletown is honored to fly these flags. Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the flag raising ceremony.

MTPD Reminds Residents of Middletown Township Fireworks Regulations



The graphic features a dark background with a large, vibrant firework exploding in the center. In the top left corner is a circular logo with a blue silhouette of a person's head. In the top right corner is the Middletown Township Police Department badge, which is yellow with a blue border and contains the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE' and '1864'. The main title 'Fireworks Safety Tips & Guidelines' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, a white text box contains the following message: 'The Middletown Township Police Department would like to remind residents about the dangers and consequences of using illegal fireworks, as well as how to safely use legal ones.' Below this text box is a decorative horizontal line of small, white firework icons. At the bottom of the graphic, a white text box contains the website 'www.middletownnj.org/fireworks' and the text 'for more information.' Below the graphic, a blue banner contains the text 'Click [HERE](#) for more information.'

**Fireworks Safety
Tips & Guidelines**

The Middletown Township Police Department would like to remind residents about the dangers and consequences of using illegal fireworks, as well as how to safely use legal ones.

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

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Congratulations to the First 2022 Middletown Township Police Youth Week Graduates!



All photos courtesy of MTPD Detective Ric Cruz

Middletown Township Police Department just held its first Police Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 63 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 at the Brookdale Community College's Robert J. Collins Arena. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. 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!



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

At the June 6th 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 1st 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 8th to sufficiently staff the schools.

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

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Troop 246 Boy Scout Advances to Eagle Scout Position



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell congratulates Eagle Scout Dominic Kon with a handshake and certificate. Photo courtesy of Lester Pierce

Last weekend, Dominic Kon from Troop 246 was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell attended his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony, where he was able to personally congratulate Dominic on this incredible achievement and present him with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Eagle Scouts must complete service projects to earn this prestigious rank. Dominic rehabilitated the Lincroft Presbyterian Church's storage shed, which is where Troop 246 stores equipment. With the help of fellow scouts and troop leaders, Dominic rebuilt the front of the shed, changed the deteriorated side panels and trim, built shelves for better storage management, and painted the shed's entire exterior.

Congratulations Eagle Scout Dominic Kon! Middletown is so proud of you!

MAC Executive Director Maggie O'Brien Recognized for Community Partnership by The Arc of Monmouth



Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, MAC Executive Director Maggie O'Brien, and Monmouth County Surrogate and Middletown Township Cultural & Arts Council Board Member Maureen Raisch. Photo courtesy of The Arc of Monmouth

Earlier this week, Middletown Arts Center (MAC) Executive Director Maggie O'Brien was recognized by local nonprofit The Arc of Monmouth at their annual meeting and awards ceremony. Maggie received the 2022 "Community Partner of the Year" award for her support of the nonprofit's The Achievement Zone (TAZ) program.

The Arc of Monmouth is a local nonprofit that empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a variety of programs, including TAZ. This initiative encourages participants to practice a variety of skills and get

involved with different organizations through weekly classes. For over a decade, many of these classes have been held at the MAC. Congratulations, Maggie!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about The Arc of Monmouth.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the MAC.

Residents Celebrate First Week of Summer with Middletown Community Garden



Photo courtesy of Barbara Ely

Check out the first week of summer at the Middletown Township Community Garden! So much growth already, and so much more to come. Happy gardening!

Click [HERE](#) to join the waitlist for the 2023 season.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos of the garden.

North Zone Bulk Collection Delayed through Saturday, 7/2

BULK COLLECTION IN NORTH ZONE EXPERIENCING DELAYS

DUE TO STAFFING ISSUES AT SOLTERRA, THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, BULK COLLECTION IN THE NORTH ZONE HAS BEEN DELAYED.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR BULK ITEMS AT THE CURB AS CREWS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 2ND UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE COLLECTED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.



GET THE  APP TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND BULK COLLECTION CHANGES VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.

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.

Middletown Recycling Center Temporarily Closed Until Thursday, 8/11: Limited Items Accepted at Train Station

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSING FOR RENOVATIONS

FROM JUNE 28TH - AUGUST 11TH

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
FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.



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

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations until Thursday, August 11th. 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: Camps Begin Tuesday, 7/5



The poster is set against a green background with a yellow silhouette of a person on the left and a photo of children on the right. It features the Middletown Recreation logo (a square with icons of a person running, a plant, a recycling symbol, and a bicycle) and the Poricy Park logo (a map of the park with a butterfly). The text 'CAMP 2022' is in large white letters, with 'FEW SPOTS REMAIN!' in yellow below it. A list of camp types is provided, followed by the slogan 'the best days are spent at CAMP' and the website 'middletownnj.org/camp'. A large yellow circular button with 'REGISTER NOW!' is in the bottom right corner.

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

REGISTER NOW!

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

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

Questions? Call Recreation at 732-615-2260 or email recreation@middletownnj.org.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Save the Date for Middletown Day: Saturday, 9/24
Sponsorship Opportunities Available



Croydon Hall 11am-5pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Our annual fall festival, Middletown Day, returns on Saturday, September 24th! 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.

Check Out Recreation's July Events!

#MTownRec Monthly
July 2022

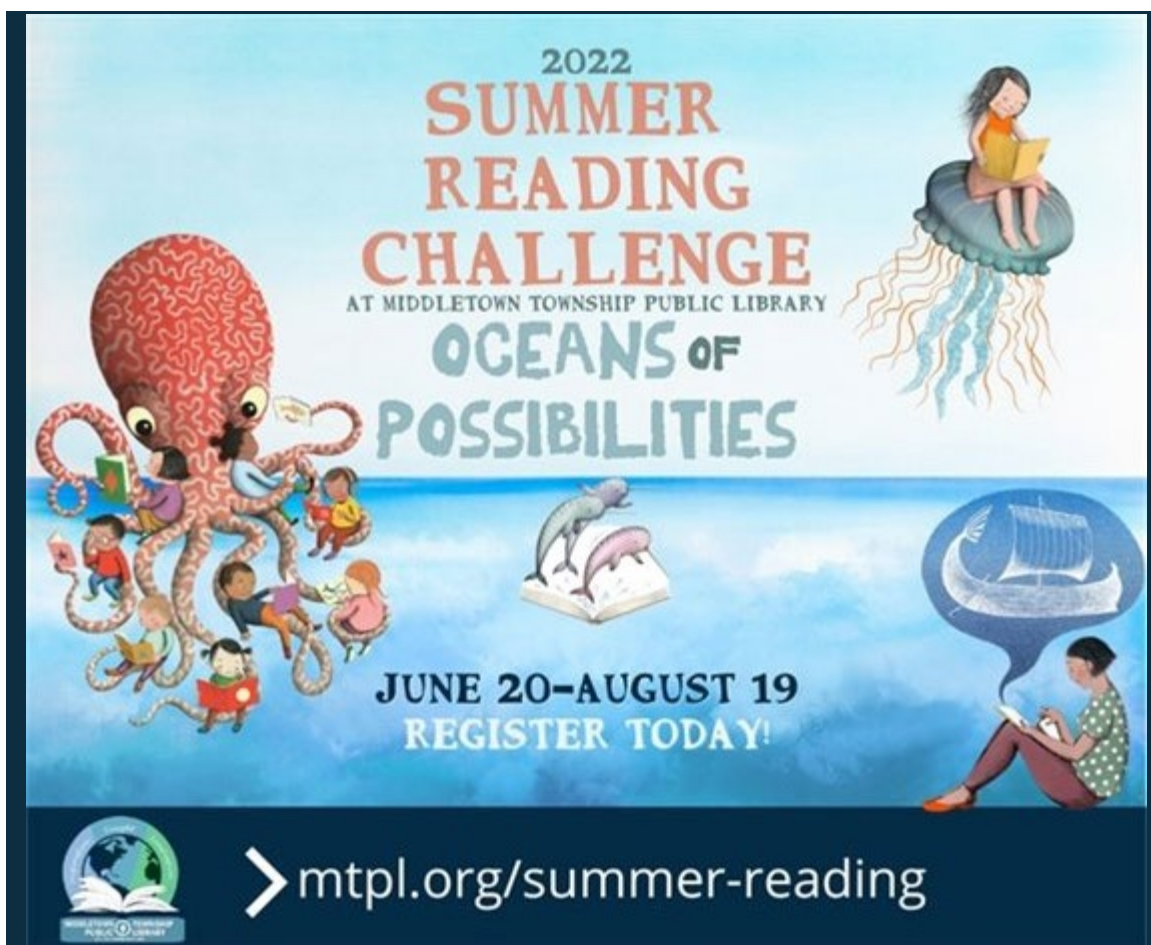
Date	Event	Location
Tues 5	Camp Starts!	Poricy Park, Croydon Hall, TKCC
Every Tues	Adult Beach Volleyball	6:30-8:30pm, Ideal Beach
Thurs, Sun 7 & 31	Guided Fossil Hunts	Poricy Park, Fossil Beds
Tues 12 & 26	Summer Concert Series	7-9pm, Middletown Arts Center
Wed 13	Adult & Youth Dodgeball Starts	4pm-8pm, Croydon Hall
Tues, Thurs 19 & 21	Youth Running Club Starts	5:30-6:30pm, Thompson MS
Fri 22	Middletown Night at Jersey Shore BlueClaws	7pm, Lakewood
Thurs 28	Movies in the Park - The Jungle Cruise	Sundown, Ideal Beach

middletownnj.org/recreation

Middletown Recreation has some awesome events and programs planned for the month of July!

Click [HERE](#) to find more information.

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](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175384) for more information.

**Register for Recreation's Guided Fossil Hunts:
Next One Happening Thursday, 7/7 at 4 PM**

Guided Fossil Hunts

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

July

7

4:00pm - 5:00pm

July

31

11:00am - 12:00pm

Aug

11

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Aug

28

11:00am - 12:00pm



Calling all amateur paleontologists - come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds (345 Oak Hill Road) with Middletown Recreation on Thursday, July 7th at 4 PM! Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, which was 65-72 million years ago. Guided hunts are available in July and August!

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

Register for MAC's "Performing Arts Summer Spectacular and Talent Showcase" for Individuals with Special Needs
Rehearsals Begin Thursday, 7/7

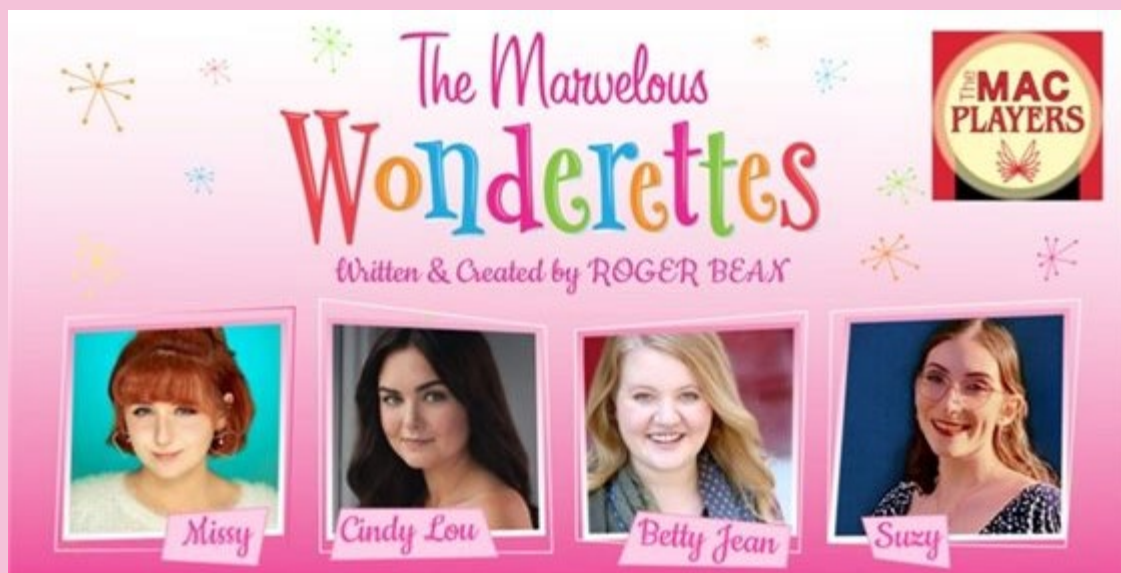


The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is excited to offer a new summer program for teens and adults with special needs: the "Performing Arts Summer Spectacular and Talent Showcase"! Not sure what your talent is? The MAC will help you find it!

This FREE program, run by Dawn Ferro, will consist of five weeks of rehearsal classes. Rehearsals will take place every Thursday, beginning on Thursday, July 7th and ending on Thursday, August 4th. Rehearsal times for teenagers are from 6 - 7 PM and from 7- 8 PM for adults. The Talent Showcase will happen on Thursday, August 11th at 7 PM. Each participant will receive a medal or trophy.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Purchase Tickets for MAC's "The Marvelous Wonderettes" Next Weekend!



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

July 9th at 2 PM and 7 PM, and Sunday, July 10th at 2 PM.

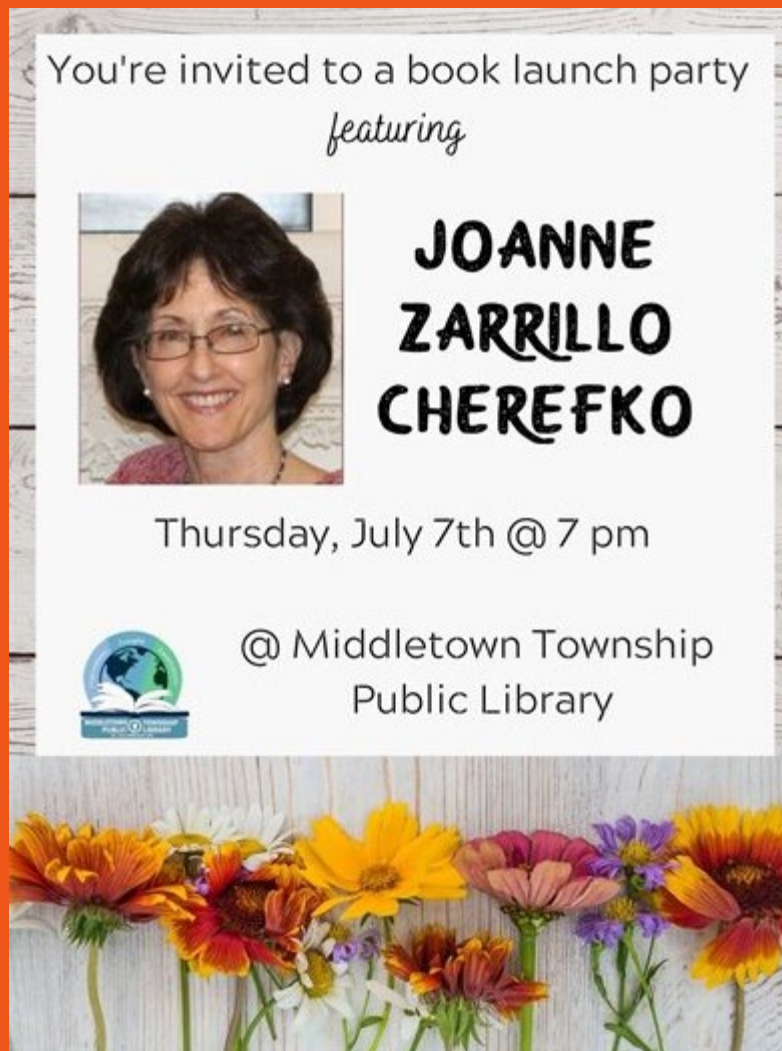
"The Marvelous Wonderettes"

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.

**Attend MTPL's Book Launch Party for Middletown Author
Joanne Zarrillo Cherefko on Thursday, 7/7 at 7 PM**



Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Thursday, July 7th at 7 PM for Middletown author Joanne Zarrillo Cherefko's book launch party! Joanne will be

speaking about her most recent release, "Souls Tilled Like Soil", in the library's split Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).



Animal Control Reminds Residents: Please Do Not Disturb Snapping Turtles



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

**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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