

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



TKCC Basketball Court Upgrades Are a Slam Dunk!



*Some of our youngest residents enjoy the court's new features!
Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation*

Middletown Township is proud to announce the completion of the Tonya Keller Community Center's (TKCC) newly-renovated basketball court!

The existing basketball court was rehabilitated using funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). A failing drainage pipe that was behind one of the basketball poles was repaired, the existing court was removed and replaced with new asphalt layers and then resurfaced with the color-coated playing surface. The court now features several



Pictured from left: DPW Project Engineer Susan Molzon, DPW Deputy Director Victor Wymbs, TKCC Supervisor Max Hogan,

children's games painted on it, including 4-square and hop scotch. It was also fitted with new uprights and backboards, and benches were installed to sit on during breaks.

Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Planning Director Amy Citrano, and Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano

Middletown-based business T&M Associates designed the plans and bid the project to sports construction firm Halecon. Middletown's Planning and Community Development Department secured the CDBG funding and Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) handled overseeing the project and performing inspections.

Stop by the TKCC (50 Bray Avenue, North Middletown) to check it out and have some fun!

Middletown Hiring Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers: Apply by Friday, 7/15



The Township Committee recently approved a shared services agreement with the Board of Education to hire Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (S.L.E.O.s) to work in our public schools to enhance security. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 15th.

Applicants must:



Posses a Police Training Commission (PTC) S.L.E.O. III Certification or be eligible for a waiver



Be a retired officer who has previously served as a duly qualified, full-time law enforcement officer in any municipality, county, agency of this state, bi-state agency, or federal agency, with a break in service not exceeding three (3) years

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

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

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



Click on the graphic for more information.

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanawha 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Exercise for a Cause at the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, 10/22 at 8:45 AM: Register Now!



Join us for our fourth annual Mayor's Challenge on the morning of Saturday, October 22nd – choose from the 5K Fitness Walk, a family-friendly 1 mile Fun Run, or gear up for the 5K Race!

All proceeds will benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a 501(c)(3) that honors our military and first responders who have either been catastrophically injured or have lost their lives by providing mortgage assistance to their families. Registration includes a long sleeve performance shirt, bib with a timing chip, and a medal.

Prices increase closer to race day, so register today!

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/176033) for more information about the event and to register.

Kick Off Recreation's Music in the Park Summer Concert Series at the MAC on Tuesday, 7/12 at 7 PM

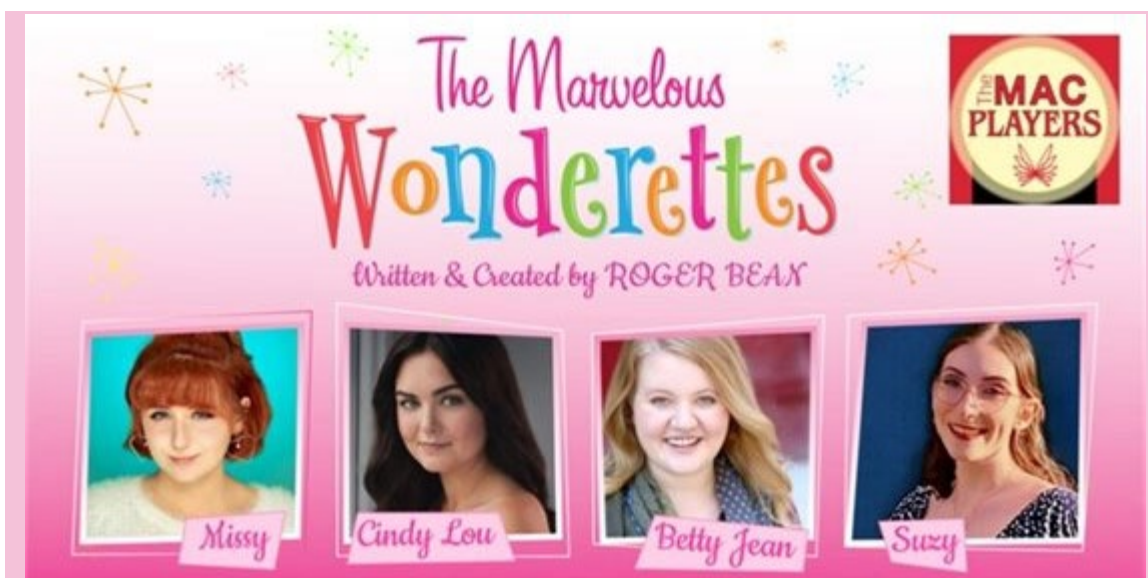


Middletown Recreation's FREE Summer Concert Series is returning to the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) northern lawn (36 Church Street)! The first concert is Tuesday, July 12th from 7 - 9 PM and will have performances from Danny V's 52nd Street Band – The Ultimate Billy Joel Tribute.

The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and refreshments for this fun event. There is free parking on site. Alcohol is prohibited.

Click [HERE](#) for upcoming dates in the concert series.

**Purchase Tickets for MAC's "The Marvelous Wonderettes"
This 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 Upcoming Events



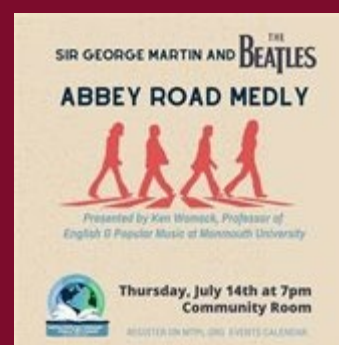
The VFW Jazz Band Summer Concert on Monday, 7/11 at 7 PM



Virtual Teens Who Code Program on Tuesday, 7/12 at 6 PM



Art for Sea Recycled Material Craft on Wednesday, 7/13 at 6 PM



Sir George Martin and The Beatles' Abbey Road Medley Program on Thursday, 7/14 at 7 PM

Looking for some fun summer plans? Come to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL), located at 55 New Monmouth Road, for a variety of events!

Begin your week by listening to a live performance of the VFW Jazz Band in the library's Community Room! The concert will take place on **Monday, July 11th at 7 PM** and feature a tribute to military branches. Registration is recommended, but not required.

On **Tuesday, July 12th at 6 PM**, the library's "Teens Who Code" virtual four-part series will begin! Nonprofit Girls Who Code will be teaching the fundamental concepts of coding. No prior coding experience is necessary. Students of all genders and between the grades of 6 - 12 are encouraged to participate! Registration is required.

Stop by the Community Room on **Wednesday, July 13th at 6 PM** to learn about how recycled plastic and trash can become art! Local nonprofit Art for Sea will be there to help participants create their own piece of art to take home.

Join Monmouth University Professor Ken Womack in the Community Room on **Thursday, July 14th at 7 PM** for a multimedia, interactive presentation about Sir George Martin and The Beatles! Dr. Womack will trace the story of Sir George Martin's production of the Abbey Road medley, the brilliant symphonic suite that brought The Beatles' career to a close. Through rare clips and videos, Dr. Womack will demonstrate the ways in which Martin and the band assembled the component parts of the spectacular song cycle that concluded the group's artistic fusion. Registration is recommended, but not required.

Click on each graphic for more information about the programs.

Register for Recreation's Inaugural Middletown Soccer Showdown on Monday, 8/29 and Wednesday, 8/31

A green poster for the Middletown Soccer Showdown. At the top, a string of international flags is displayed. Below the flags is the Middletown Recreation logo, which includes icons of a person running, a person on a bicycle, and a person on a skateboard. The main title "MIDDLETOWN SOCCER SHOWDOWN" is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. In the bottom left corner, there is a black and white soccer ball. To the right of the ball, the dates "AUG 29TH & AUG 31ST" are written in large white letters, with "5-8:30 PM RECREATION" and "5-8:30 PM TRAVEL" written below them. A yellow banner at the bottom center says "cost \$45/team". To the right of this banner, a black box with white text says "Location Normandy Park 625 Nutswamp Rd, Middletown". At the very bottom, a white banner says "Registration & More Info: middletownnj.org/soccer".

MIDDLETOWN SOCCER SHOWDOWN

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Recreation's inaugural Middletown Soccer Showdown is almost here!

Sign your team up for this double-elimination, 4v4 tournament to be potentially crowned the winner of your division. This year's theme is World Cup - teams are encouraged to dress and represent a different country! All participants receive a commemorative patch. Divisions are based on age (U7-U12), gender (boys and girls) and skill level (recreation & travel).

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



Beginning Monday, July 11th, there will be road detours and closures on Harmony Rd. from Rt. 35 to Rhea Rd., from 7 AM - 5 PM, due to milling and paving. Traffic will be detoured along Rt. 35 and Cherry Tree Farm Rd. during this time. Work is expected to be completed (weather permitting) by Monday, July 25th.

Click [HERE](#) to view a traffic plan of Harmony Rd.'s milling and paving.
Click [HERE](#) to register for traffic safety and emergency updates.



**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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