



**Check Out the Progress of the
Middletown Recycling Center Upgrades!**



The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed for renovations until Thursday, August 11th. While construction is taking place, limited items are being accepted at the recycling drop-off site at the Middletown Train Station (located in the parking lot off Middletown-Lincroft Road). Visit www.middletownnj.org/recyclingcenter to see what is and isn't being accepted.

As of Wednesday, July 13th, the contractor has begun the demolition work necessary for the proposed improvements. New concrete curbs and sidewalks have been poured, and a new electrical conduit is being installed for the Styrofoam™ recycling machine, security cameras, and building. Visit www.middletownnj.org/rcupdates to view the progress.

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.

Middletown Welcomes Charlie's of Lincroft with Ribbon Cutting



Members of the Middletown Township Committee, Monmouth County Commissioners, and Charlie's of Lincroft staff cheer as the Hesse family cuts the ribbon!

On Thursday, July 14th, members of the Middletown Township Committee joined the Monmouth County Commissioners to welcome Charlie's of Lincroft (700 Newman Springs Rd.) to Middletown!

Charlie's of Lincroft is an elegant restaurant with American Contemporary cuisine. It is the second restaurant owned by the Hesse family, who also own Charlie's of Bay Head.

The location of Charlie's of Lincroft has had eating and lodging establishments since the 1600s, with the Lincroft Inn being the most recent one.



Mayor Tony Perry addresses the attendees and congratulates the Hesse family on their beautiful new restaurant that also preserves some of the building's history.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Charlie's of Lincroft and stop by for some delicious food!

Middletown Township Committee to Host Regular Meeting at New Town Hall on Monday, 7/18

The Middletown Township Committee Regular



Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Meeting on Monday, July 18, 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

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

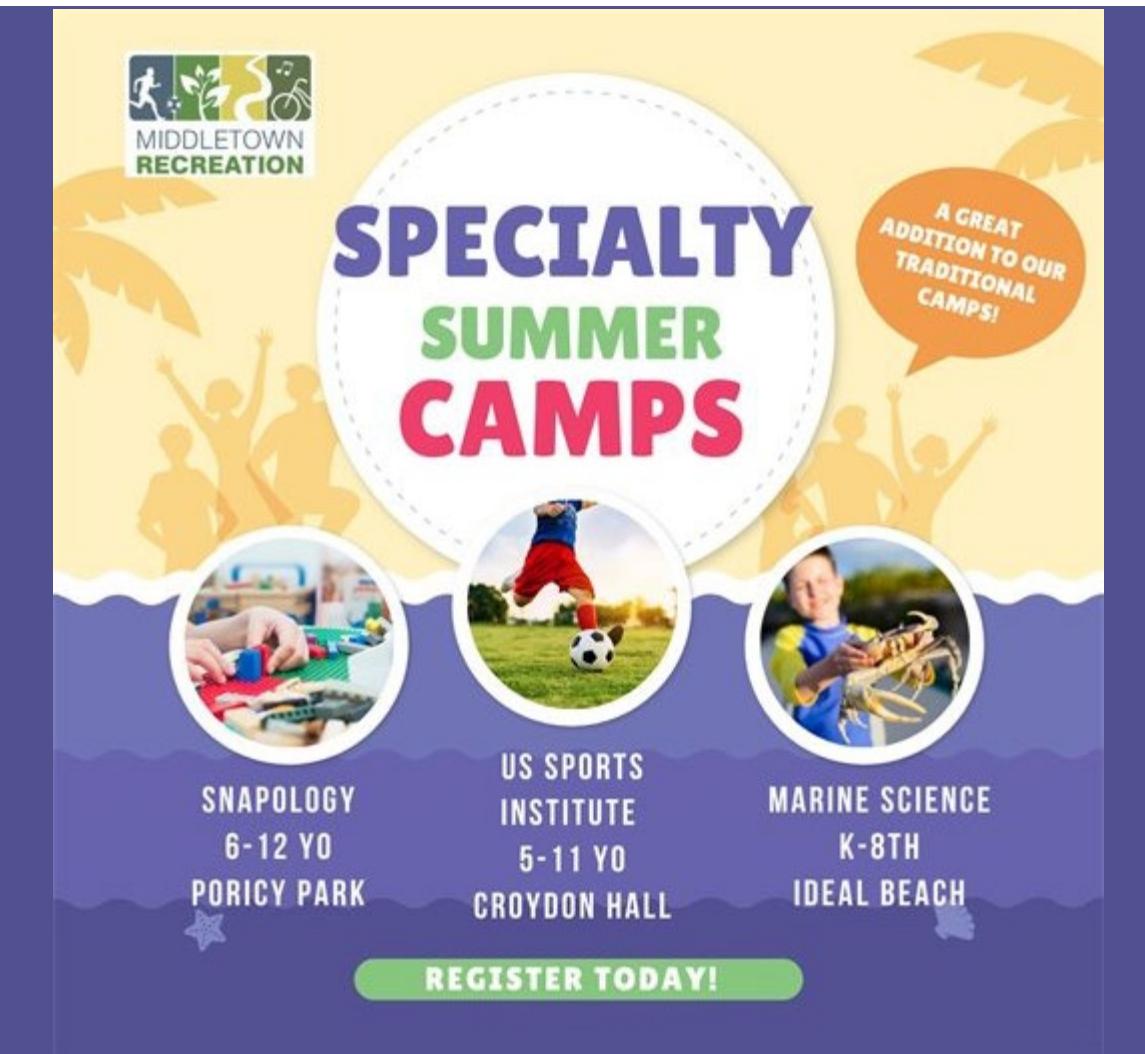
Stay Hydrated with Our Outdoor Water Fountain & Bottle Filler at Roosevelt Park — Pets Too!

Take a break from the summer sun and get hydrated at Roosevelt Park, located on Port Monmouth Road in North Middletown! Our ADA compliant, stainless steel, outdoor water fountain features a bottle filler, hose bib, and a pet fountain! This upgrade was funded by a Community Development Block Grant.



Click [HERE](#) to watch our TikTok about it.

Register for Recreation's Specialty Summer Camps!



The flyer features a yellow and blue background with silhouettes of children playing soccer. At the top left is the Middletown Recreation logo with icons for running, a tree, and a bicycle. A large circular graphic in the center contains the text "SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS" in blue, green, and red. To the right is an orange speech bubble with the text "A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL CAMPS!". Below the main title are three circular images: one of a child playing with Legos, one of a child kicking a soccer ball, and one of a child holding a crab. Below these images are the camp details: "SNAPOLY 6-12 YO PORICY PARK", "US SPORTS INSTITUTE 5-11 YO CROYDON HALL", and "MARINE SCIENCE K-8TH IDEAL BEACH". At the bottom is a green button with the text "REGISTER TODAY!".

Only a few spots remain for Recreation's specialty summer camps in August, so register **TODAY!** Explore STEAM with Snapology, multi-sports with the US Sports Institute, or marine science with New Logic.

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

Animal Control Provides Safety Tips

Middletown Animal Control Officer Robert Card provides tips to residents on how to safely interact with wildlife.



Remember: If you care, leave it there!

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

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

Now that summer is 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.

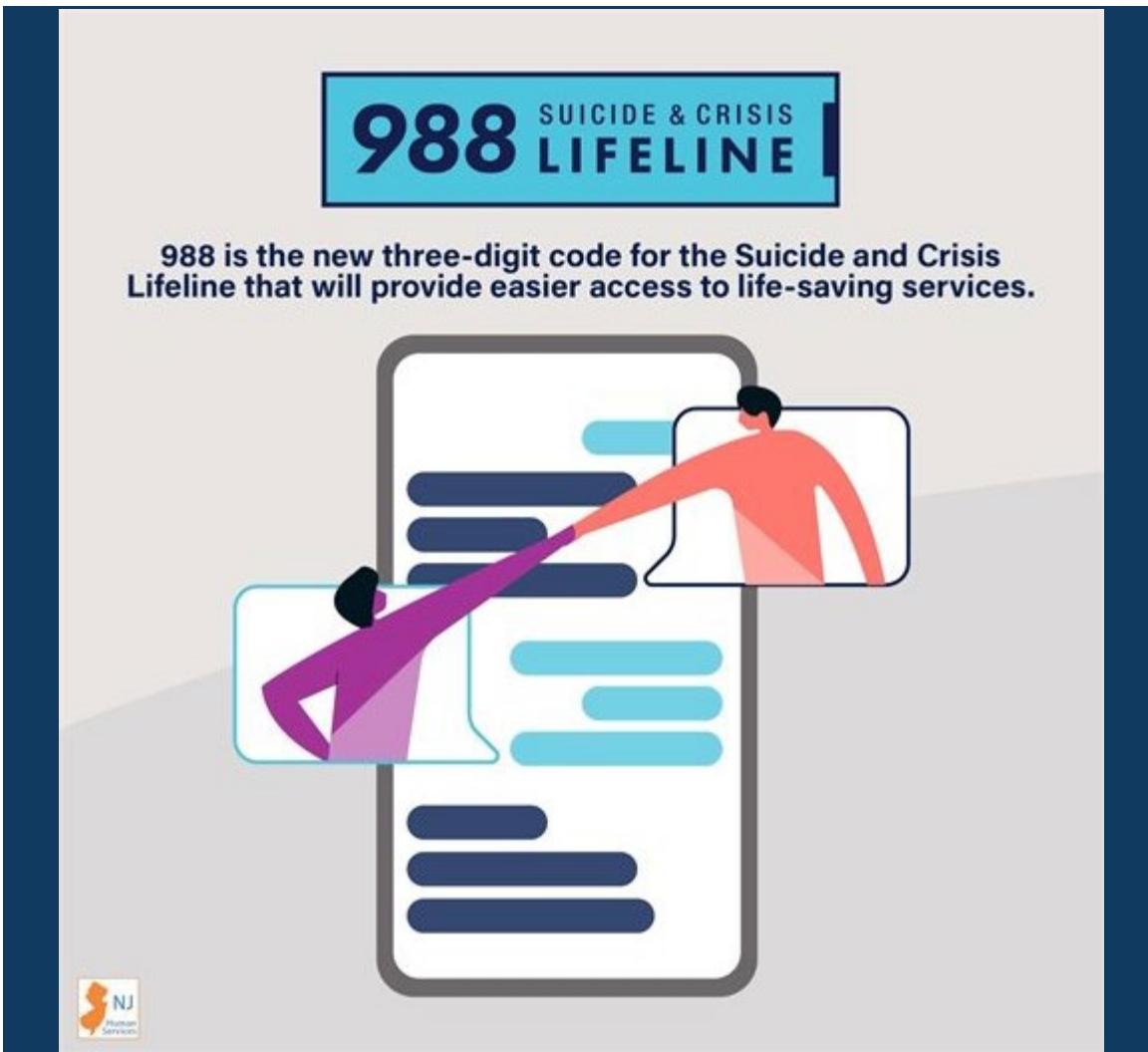
According to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), Monmouth County is in the "spotted lanternfly quarantine zone". Beginning in July, many spotted lanternfly nymphs enter their final developmental stage before they reach adulthood when they can fly and lay eggs. In this stage, they become bright red and covered in black stripes and white spots. Adult spotted lanternflies also begin to appear in 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.

**New National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Effective Saturday, 7/16**



The graphic features a large blue box at the top with the text "988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE". Below this, a statement reads: "988 is the new three-digit code for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that will provide easier access to life-saving services." Below the text is a stylized illustration of two people, one in a red shirt and one in a purple shirt, reaching towards a large smartphone. The smartphone screen displays a grid of blue and white bars. In the bottom left corner of the graphic, there is a small logo for NJ Human Services.

Beginning Saturday, July 16th, 988 will become the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for crisis and suicide prevention. It will replace the 1-800 number currently used by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, they will be able to dial 988, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will be connected to a mental health professional. Once connected, an assessment will be conducted to determine if additional help is needed. If so, a response team will be dispatched.

We encourage all our residents to call 988 if they are experiencing a mental health crisis and need assistance.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about 988.

**Residents Ages 60+ In Need of Food:
Apply for Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program!**



Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program May Help!

Seniors 60 years of age and over who meet income requirements receive a monthly food box of items like these:



fulfillnj.org

MAXIMUM		
Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$17,667	\$1,473
2	\$23,803	\$1,984
3	\$29,939	\$2,495
4	\$36,075	\$3,007
5	\$42,211	\$3,518
for each additional household member add	\$6,136	\$512

All incomes are Gross Income before any deductions.

- **For assistance:**
Please reach out to Kathy Straniero of Middletown Township's Department of Social Services by calling 732-615-2085 or emailing kstraniero@middletownnj.org.



Senior Staples is a USDA program also known as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Esta institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

[Click on the graphic to view the flyer larger. \(PDF\)](#)

Seniors ages 60 years and older who meet certain income requirements can receive a monthly box of food items through Fulfill's SENIOR STAPLES Program! Fulfill is a local foodbank that serves Monmouth and Ocean counties.

Interested? Please reach out to Kathy Straniero of Middletown's Social Services Department by either calling 732-615-2085 or emailing kstraniero@middletownnj.org.

Help Design MTPL's Lobby Display Case!

Got an interesting hobby, collection, or talent?



**Showcase it at the Library
in MTPL's Lobby Display Case!**



IF INTERESTED, EMAIL PCURCHIN@MTPL.ORG

Showcase your hobbies, collections, or talents in the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Lobby Display Case!

Please email Pam at pcurchin@mtpl.org if you are interested or have any questions.

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 22nd! 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.

Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets.

Register for MTPL's Fermentation & Probiotics Program on Tuesday, 7/19 at 7 PM



Fermentation & Probiotics

featuring Lee Perrotta

Tuesday, July 19 | 7:00 pm

via **zoom** 

PLEASE REGISTER VIA MTPL.ORG CALENDAR FOR ZOOM LINK.

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55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Learn how to make your own at-home immune boosters with the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Tuesday, July 19th!

Lee Perrotta, a master chocolatier and certified holistic practitioner, will introduce participants to the world of fermentation and probiotics. Fermented foods, like yogurt, kimchi, brine, fermented cottage cheese, and kombucha tea, can lead to improved digestion and boost immunity. They can also help you maintain a healthy body weight. This informative event is great for patrons of all ages!

The program will take place via Zoom and begin at 7 PM. Registration is required.

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

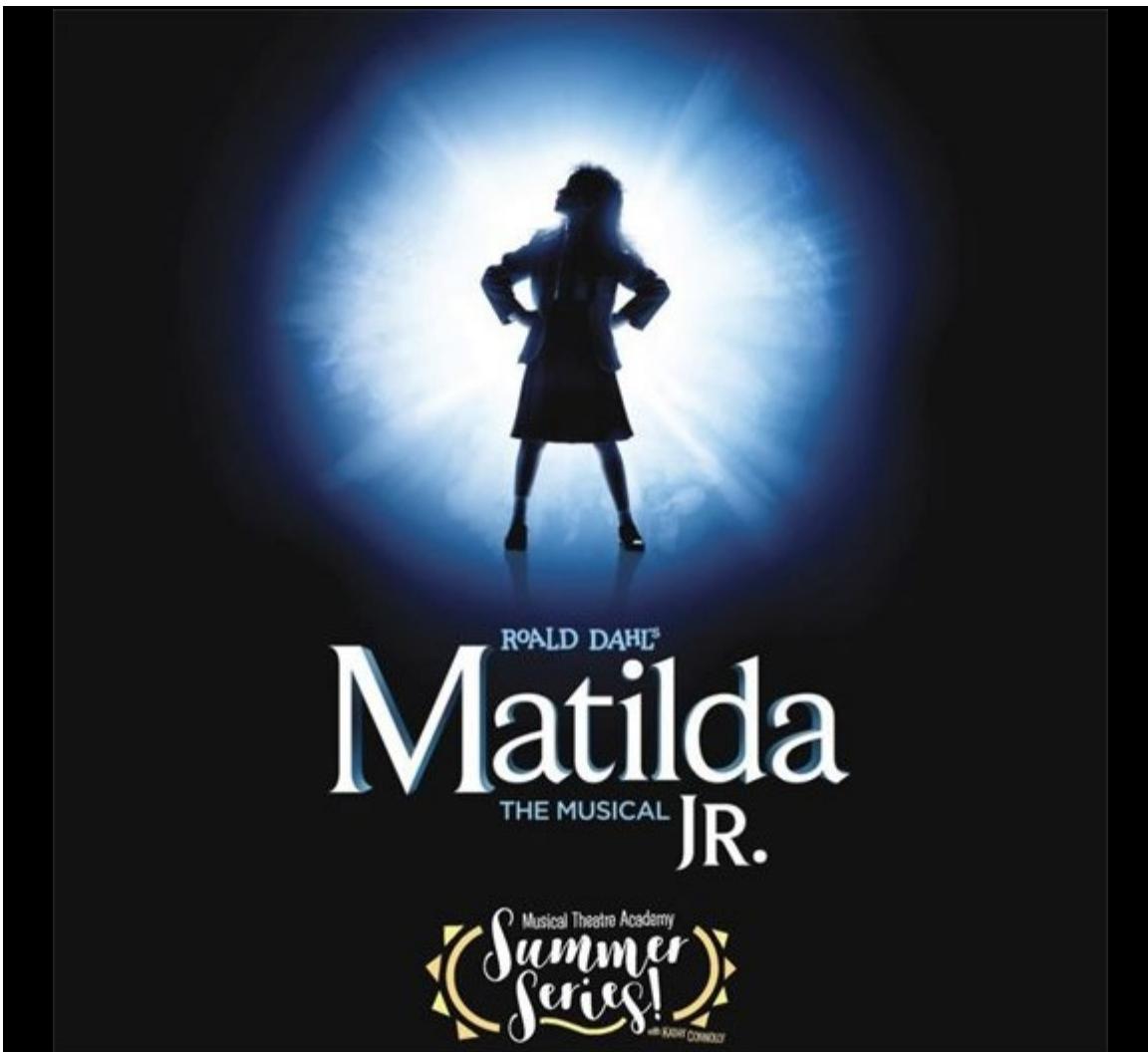
Enjoy FREE Tickets to "Storybook Theater" at the MAC on Sunday, 7/17 at 3:30 PM



Local nonprofit Performing Arts Ensemble will be presenting "Storybook Theater" on Sunday, July 17th at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)! This FREE production of famous fairly tales features storytelling, dance, mime, and singing - everyone of all ages is encouraged to come! The performance will begin at 3:30 PM at the MAC, located at 36 Church Street.

*Please call 732-614-5426 to reserve FREE tickets in advance.
Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

Purchase Tickets for MAC's "Matilda Jr." Next Weekend



Tickets are now on sale for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Musical Theatre Academy's "Matilda Jr." which is a summer camp student production! Campers between the ages of 10 - 12 who participated in the MAC's Acting, Voice, Dance, and Set Design classes are the musical's stars! Performances will be on Friday, July 22nd at 7 PM and Saturday, July 23rd at 2 PM and 7 PM.

"Matilda Jr."

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey.

The school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupil's saving grace! Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, "Matilda Jr." is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

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

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



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 the part 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.



Harmony Road continues to be closed in sections between Rt. 35 and Overton Road. Please follow detours.

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

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.

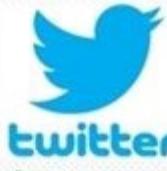


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