

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



Join Us for the Grand Opening of Town Hall On  
Thursday, 6/22 from 5 to 8 PM!



*Click [HERE](#) to RSVP on Facebook.*

## Community Comes Together for Infinite Love's Annual Tutu Trot



*A sea of participants in tutus raise their arms in excitement before the race. (Photo courtesy of Rachael Kanapka)*

Last Sunday, over 400 community members participated in Middletown-based nonprofit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's Annual Tutu Trot 5K, which has raised \$62,000 and counting!

The Tutu Trot originated in Trumbull, Connecticut in honor of kindergartener and cancer fighter Mia McCaffrey. This community event now takes place in both Trumbull and Middletown, bridging the gap between the two states and uniting everyone for an important cause. All money raised goes toward the Children's Brain Tumor Network.

Infinite Love is still raising money for the Tutu Trot throughout the weekend. We encourage residents to donate if they can!



*Mayor Perry was honored to hang out with Skylar Adinolfi, a Middletown Village Elementary School student who is currently battling leukemia, and her big sister Brianne. (Photo courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography)*

***Click [HERE](#) to donate to the Tutu Trot and click [HERE](#) to donate to Skylar's page.***

## Local Nonprofit Arc of Monmouth Celebrates Grand Opening of New Facility



*Local elected officials accompany Arc of Monmouth employees for its ribbon cutting. (Photo credit to Roy Bolinger)*

Earlier this week, Mayor Tony Perry visited Wall Township to commemorate the grand opening of The Arc of Monmouth's new day center facility (1345 Campus Parkway), which brings three of its adult day programs under one roof. The Arc of Monmouth is a local nonprofit that empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a variety of programs, including some that take place in Middletown.

Visit [www.arcofmonmouth.org](http://www.arcofmonmouth.org) for more information.



## Middletown Preschool Celebrates Graduation



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Preschool*

Oh, the places they'll go! Middletown Preschool hosted its graduation earlier this week. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/preschool](http://www.middletownnj.org/preschool) for more information about the Middletown Preschool at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue).

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

## Middletown Senior Center Members Share Advice with High School Seniors



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Senior Center*

**Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2023!** Middletown Senior Center members wanted to take this time to give some "senior-to-senior" advice about this next stage in the graduates' lives.

Check out Middletown Recreation on social media (@middletownrecnj on Instagram and @Middletown Recreation on Facebook) to see more of their advice!

## Troop 140 and 246 Boy Scouts Soar to Eagle Scout Rank



**Committeeman Ryan Clarke with Troop 246 Eagle Scout Teodoro Valentino and Scoutmaster Michael Mead**  
(Photo courtesy of Lester Pierce)



**Mayor Perry and Troop 140 Eagle Scouts Joseph Marcovecchio, Charles Dean Sima, Andrew Smerina, Karsten Vance Sima, Shawn Matthew Michael Carroll, and Thomas Paul Melough** (Photo courtesy of Jonathan Drew)



**Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell reads a certificate at Troop 246 Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony.** (Photo courtesy of Michael Carapucci)

Over the past few weeks, a total of 11 Boy Scouts from Troop 140 and Troop 246 advanced to the impressive rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Tony Perry attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Joseph Marcovecchio, Charles Dean Sima, Andrew Smerina, Karsten Vance Sima, Shawn Matthew Michael Carroll, and Thomas Paul Melough of Troop 140. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Christian Carapucci, Daniel Conroy, Brandan Sigua, and Nicholas Zito of Troop 246. Committeeman Ryan Clarke attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Teodoro Valentino of Troop 246. Read about the Eagle Scouts' service projects below!

**TROOP 140:** **Joseph Marcovecchio** supervised the removal and replacement of the Calico Cat Thrift Shoppe Cupboard and Pantry's storage shed. **Charles Dean Sima** supervised the restoration of grounds and installed new signage at the All Saints' Memorial Episcopal Church. **Andrew Smerina** supervised the repairs and renovations of the garden gazebo at the King of Kings Lutheran Church. **Karsten Vance Sima** supervised the complete restoration of the horse-washing station at Serenity Horse Stable. **Shawn Matthew Michael Carroll** supervised the clearing of a 1,200 foot long pathway leading to Heath Farms. He also created a sunflower bed, planted 160 Iris bulbs, relocated 12 trees, and cleaned up around the farm. **Thomas Paul Melough** supervised the removal of the old split rail wooden fence and thick brush from the Oasis Farm TLC property, as well as installed a new three-rail style wooden horse fence.

**TROOP 246:** **Christian Carapucci** supervised renovations to a house that serves as a school for people with special needs. **Daniel Conroy** supervised the building of a sign that was placed in front of Saint Mary's preschool. **Brandan Sigua** repainted and color coded a chicken coop at Oasis Farms, as well as installed a new fence gate. **Nicholas Zito** also repainted two chicken coops at Oasis Farms. **Teodoro Valentino** built a wiffle ball field at the Lincroft Little League.

Congratulations to all these Eagle Scouts on earning this accomplishment!



## Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 6/19 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting](http://www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting). If prompted, please enter your name and email address to join. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2344 322 2896 followed by #. Enter 2023 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the agenda.*

## North Zone Permanently Changes to Friday Bulk Collection Beginning Friday, 6/30

### **NORTH ZONE PERMANENT SCHEDULE CHANGE: FRIDAY BULK COLLECTION**

Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, **NORTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION** will be made on the **FRIDAY** of your recycling week (instead of Thursday). This is a permanent change to the schedule.

Please email DPW at [bulk@middletownnj.org](mailto:bulk@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2090 if you have any questions. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recyclecoach](http://www.middletownnj.org/recyclecoach) to access Recycle Coach and download it.



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

Download the Recycle Coach app for garbage and recycling collection updates sent via text or email including personalized collection calendars, emergency collection notifications & a what-goes-where lookup tool!

*Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recyclecoach](http://www.middletownnj.org/recyclecoach) to access and download it.*

## U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook & Middletown OEM Encourage Residents to Prepare for Hurricane Season



*U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook representatives show off OEM's hurricane preparedness sign! (Photo courtesy of Middletown OEM)*

The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1<sup>st</sup>! Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook strongly encourage residents to create an emergency plan.

Interested in preparing for hurricane season, but not sure how? OEM Operations Chief Charlie Ehret provides residents with tips on how to prepare in a PSA.

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

## Middletown Partners with Local Nonprofit Save Coastal Wildlife to Help Horseshoe Crabs

Middletown Township recently collaborated with local



*Horseshoe crab sign at Leonardo Beach (Photo courtesy of Sarah Stewart)*

nonprofit Save Coastal Wildlife to create informative signs about horseshoe crabs at Leonardo Beach and Ideal Beach. The bright yellow signs were installed to alert and inform visitors about another visitor that briefly comes ashore every year!

Save Coastal Wildlife also encourages community members to volunteer by counting and tagging horseshoe crabs. Visit [www.savecoastalwildlife.org](http://www.savecoastalwildlife.org) for more information.

## Important Reminders from TOMSA

The Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) would like to reminds its customers about some important details.



Payments can be made at [www.tomsanj.com](http://www.tomsanj.com). Click on "Payment Options" and customers will find four different options. You can pay online through its website by credit/debit card, mail in a check, or pay in person. TOMSA also has a Direct Debit program, which customers need to sign up via [a form](#) on the website.

TOMSA is available twenty-four hours a day for emergencies. If customers experience a backup in their curbside cleanout, they are kindly asked to please call TOMSA before calling a plumber.

During business hours TOMSA will dispatch its collections crew. After hours, weekends, or holidays, customers are kindly asked to please call the non-emergency police number (732-615-2100) and they will dispatch TOMSA.

Visit [www.tomsanj.com](http://www.tomsanj.com) for more information.

**Register Now for Upcoming Mental Health First Aid Trainings on Friday, 6/23 and Monday, 6/26**

1 in 5 American teenagers and adults live with a mental illness.



Learn how to help through Middletown Municipal Alliance's

## FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in June at the Training Room in Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) and the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**Adult Mental Health First Aid Training**  
Friday, 6/23 from 9AM-3PM @ Town Hall  
Register by Wednesday, 6/21

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**  
Monday, 6/26 from 9AM-3PM @ MTPL  
Register by Saturday, 6/24

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Email [rdebened@middletownnj.org](mailto:rdebened@middletownnj.org) to register and visit [middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://middletownnj.org/mhfa) for more information.

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings at both Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) and the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience.

If you're interested in attending a session, please email Rich DeBenedetto at [rdebened@middletownnj.org](mailto:rdebened@middletownnj.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://middletownnj.org/mhfa) for more information.

**New Openings for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp: Register Now!**



The advertisement features a yellow and blue design. At the top left are logos for Middletown Recreation (a person walking, a tree, a bicycle) and Poricy Park (a green landscape with a blue lake). To the right is a large blue banner with the text "2023 SUMMER CAMPS" in white and yellow. Below this is a sun icon with the slogan "the best days are spent at CAMP". To the right of the text are two circular images: one showing four young boys in orange shirts looking at something together, and another showing children in red shirts exploring a pond with nets. Below the banner is a pink speech bubble containing the text "More openings just released!" and "More info: MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP". To the left of the bubble are two green pine trees, and to the right are several sports balls (soccer ball, basketball, football, tennis ball). A blue box at the bottom left contains the heading "Traditional Camps" and a list of camp names with checkmarks. Below the list is the text "Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11".

**Traditional Camps**

- ✓ Tonya Keller Center Pioneers Camp (PreK)
- ✓ Explorers (3rd-6th)
- ✓ Buccaneers (K-2nd)
- ✓ Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7-9th)

**Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11**

Openings for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camps were just released! If you were on the waitlist for traditional camps (not including Poricy Park camps), please check your email or call 732-615-2260 to check your status and if you need help with registering.

Looking to join Middletown Recreation at camp? Get on the waitlist at  
[www.middletownnj.org/camp!](http://www.middletownnj.org/camp)

**Register for Middletown Recreation's Specialty  
Summer Camps**



The advertisement features a teal background with a large white circular graphic containing the text "SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS". In the top right corner, a speech bubble says "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!". 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 large crab. Below these images are descriptions of three camps: "SNAPOLOGY" (6-10 YO, PORICY PARK, WEEKS: 6/19, 6/26, 8/14, \$185 (R)), "US SPORTS INSTITUTE" (5-11 YO, CROYDON HALL, WEEKS: 6/26, 8/14, \$199 (R)), and "MARINE SCIENCE" (K-8TH GRADE, IDEAL BEACH, WEEK 1: 6/20 \$365 (R), WEEK 2: 6/26 \$425 (R)). At the bottom is a central orange button with the text "MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP" flanked by two small starfish icons.

**SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

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\$185 (R)

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WEEK 2: 6/26 \$425 (R)

**MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP**

Middletown Recreation encourages residents to register for specialty summer camps! These fun camps wrap around Recreation's traditional camps and are run by third-party companies. Register today for hands-on experiences like creating with Snapology, playing sports with US Sports Institute, and learning about marine science with New Logic!

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

**Calling All EMTs: Apply for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camps!**

 MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

# CAMP NEEDS YOU!



**APPLY NOW** 

EMTs \$15/hr  
Must be 15 years+ to apply.

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

**MAC's Summer Arts Camps Begin Monday, 6/19: There's Still Time to Register!**



Dive into camps in theatre, art, music, dance, and so much more with the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)!

The MAC's summer camps begin Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Its popular camps offer something for everyone all summer long in two safe, spacious locations – both indoors and outdoors! Whether it's performing, painting, sculpting, or dancing, the MAC's 23,000 square-foot facility (36 Church Street) and additional MAC Annex Education Building (121 Kings Highway) have room for kids to flourish.

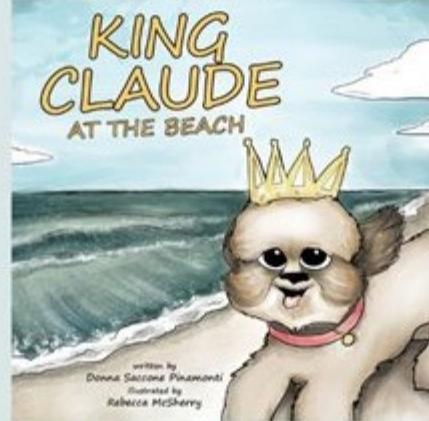
*Click [HERE](#) to look at the different camps options and register.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Enjoy Special Guest Storytime with Local Author Donna Pinamonti at MTPL on Wednesday, 6/21 at 10 AM

# SPECIAL GUEST STORYTIME WITH LOCAL AUTHOR DONNA PINAMONTI



**WEDNESDAY, 6/21 @ 10AM  
AGES 3&UP**



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748  
PHONE: 732-671-3700 • WWW.MTPL.ORG

Join local author Donna Pinamonti at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> as she reads her latest book "King Claude at the Beach." Local points of interest are featured in this paws-itive children's book.

The program will begin at 10 AM in the MTPL's Children's Quiet Reading Area (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is NOT required and all are welcome!

**Join the MTPL's New Romance Book Club on  
Wednesday, 6/21 at 7 PM**

**THE MEET CUTES:  
A Romance Book Club**

**June 21 @ 7PM**

**Do you like your books sweet and spicy?  
Join our new Romance Book Club!**

**Every Summer After**  
a novel  
CARLEY FORTUNE

**For Adults  
Ages 18+**

Ebook and Audiobook editions of *Every Summer After* by Carly Fortune are also available on Libby!

Become a part of the MTPL's new 18+ Romance Book Club as you collectively read "Every Summer After" by Carly Fortune. Digital copies of the book can also be found on Libby, a free app.

This fun event will take place in the MTPL's History Room on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Registration is NOT required.

**Join MTFD at Touch-A-Truck on Monday, 7/24 from 6-9 PM**

# Touch-A-Truck

July 24 6pm – 9pm  
Mater Dei High School Parking Lot  
Cherry-Tree-Farm Road



Fire Trucks – Food Trucks - Games  
Fire Safety Demonstrations



On Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Mater Dei High School parking lot for the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) Touch-A-Truck to check out fire trucks, food trucks, games, and fire safety demonstrations!

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