



Township Committee Approves Funding to Improve Roller Hockey Rink at Normandy Park



At the Monday, June 19th Regular Meeting, the Middletown Township Committee unanimously approved an amendment to the \$5.15 million bond ordinance that was originally issued in December 2019 to install multi-use turf fields at Normandy Park and Nut Swamp School. The amended ordinance will now enable the Township to put the excess capital funds toward expanding the Normandy Park Improvements Project, which will include upgrades to the outdoor roller hockey rink, as well as installing new drainage and irrigation.

Click [HERE](#) to read a press release with more information.

Town Hall Grand Opening Rescheduled to Wednesday, 7/5 from 6 to 9 PM!

The graphic features a photograph of the Middletown Town Hall building, a multi-story brick structure with a large glass facade. The building is set against a blue sky with stylized yellow and blue fireworks. At the top, a blue banner with white confetti reads "YOU'RE INVITED!". Below this, a red banner with white text says "EVENT RESCHEDULED". A blue ribbon banner across the middle of the building reads "TOWN HALL GRAND OPENING". The bottom section of the graphic has a white background with colorful confetti and contains the following text:

NEW DATE: Wednesday, July 5th
Main Parking Lot, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
6:00-9:00 PM

RAIN DATE: Friday, July 7th
6:00-9:00 PM

Food Trucks ★ Community Mural ★ Games
Open House Tours ★ Music ★ Giveaways

Ribbon cutting to take place at 6:30 PM | Please park in large gravel lot

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

**Kick Off Town Hall's Grand Opening by Riding in Our Bike
Parade: Register Today!**



The poster features a red and white striped top border. Below it, a dark blue banner contains the text "TOWN HALL GRAND OPENING" in large, bold, red-outlined white letters, with "bike parade" in a white script font underneath. To the left of the text is a circular logo with a silhouette of a person's head. To the right is a logo for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" featuring icons of a person on a bicycle, a person on a skateboard, and a person on a scooter. Below the banner is a photograph of a woman in a polka-dot tank top and sunglasses riding a bicycle decorated with American flags. In the background, other people are riding bicycles, and a child is in a stroller. Below the photo, a dark blue banner contains the text "Wed, July 5th 6pm" in large, bold, red letters. Below that, in smaller white text, it says "Free to register. All kids receive a bike bell. Prize to best decorated bikes!" and "Starts at Middletown Arts Center, Ends at Town Hall".

TOWN HALL
GRAND OPENING
bike parade

Wed, July 5th 6pm

Free to register. All kids receive a bike bell. Prize to best decorated bikes!
Starts at Middletown Arts Center, Ends at Town Hall

Help ring in the ceremony for our Grand Opening with a patriotic bike parade! Cycle, roll, and scoot with Middletown Recreation starting from the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) and concluding at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) just in time for the ribbon cutting.

There will be prizes awarded to the best patriotic decorated bikes following the parade. Each child will receive a bike bell. Registration is free and required.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to register via *CommunityPass*.

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

Starting June 30th, **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 or call 732-615-2090 if you have any questions. Visit 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 to access and download it.

Former Mayor Patrick Parkinson Tours Town Hall



Mayor Perry had a great time welcoming former Mayor Patrick Parkinson and his wife Claire to Town Hall!

On Thursday, former Mayor Patrick Parkinson visited Town Hall with his wife Claire. Township Administrator Tony Mercantante gave them a tour of the new building and they met with Mayor Tony Perry to discuss his tenure on the Township Committee and his favorite memories while serving our community.

Mayor Parkinson was on the Township Committee for 18 years from 1988 through 2005 and served as Mayor in 1990 and 2002. He also was the Executive Director of the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) for 15 years and retired in 2013. Claire Parkinson worked for Middletown Parks and Recreation (now Middletown Recreation) for 15 years and retired in 2010. They currently live on Callawassie Island, SC and are enjoying their retirement!

MTPD Officers Recognized and Sworn In at Township Committee Meeting



Mayor Perry and Chief Weber proudly pose with Life-Saving Valor Award recipients MTPD Officers Savvas Roumeliotis and Elzbieta Banel



Chief Weber and Deputy Chiefs Kaiser and Werner pose with new officers Aidan Carey, William Perez, and Allison Ruane in front of the Police Station (Photo courtesy of MTPD)



Mayor Perry and Chief Weber proudly pose with the five new Class I SLEOs Hayleigh Colucci, James Davis, Charles Honan, Michelle Quinonez-Sanchez, Liam Smith, and Shaun Sullivan

At Monday's meeting, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) officially welcomed eight new officers: five Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs) and three Police Officers. Mayor Tony Perry, alongside Chief R. Craig Weber, had the honor of swearing them in while in front of a jam-packed audience.

The five SLEOs are Hayleigh Colucci, James Davis, Charles Honan, Michelle Quinonez-Sanchez, Liam Smith, and Shaun Sullivan. The three new police officers are Aidan Carey, William Perez, and Allison Ruane. Congratulations and stay safe!

In addition to the swearings-in, the Township Committee and MTPD presented Life-Saving Valor Awards to officers Savvas Roumeliotis and Elzbieta Banel. Despite not wearing any protective fire gear, the two officers entered a house on fire and risked their own lives to save others. Thanks to their joint heroic efforts, no one was injured and the family's dog was saved. We are incredibly grateful for their service.

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

MTPD Sgt. Michael Allen Returns to Middletown Following Deployment



MTPD chiefs and officers were honored and privileged to join Sgt. Michael Allen's family in welcoming him home. (Photo courtesy of MTPD)

There is no better way to celebrate Father's Day than the homecoming of a soldier from deployment! Last week, the MTPD celebrated Sgt. Michael Allen's return with a parade of emergency vehicles. Welcome home, Sgt. Allen, and thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Middletown High School North Boys Track & Field Team Recognized for 2023 State Sectional Championship



Mayor Tony Perry joins Head Coach Ray Convey and the athletes for a group photo!

At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee celebrated the Middletown High School North Boys Track & Field Team for winning the 2023 NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III State Sectional Championship! The team also earned this championship last year.

Earning back-to-back state titles is an impressive accomplishment that requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and talent. The Township Committee was proud to recognize the team's ever-growing legacy and celebrate this outstanding accomplishment.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, July 16th.

Local Nonprofit Arc of Monmouth Hosts Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony at MAC



Pictured from left: Former Associate Director of The Arc Kathy Mullery, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Executive Director of The Arc Robert Angel, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, The Arc Board of Directors President Joyce Nunizata, The Arc Board of Directors Immediate Past President Lauren Zalepka, and Executive Director of The Arc Tom Baffuto (Photo courtesy of Roy Bolinger)

On Tuesday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz attended The Arc of Monmouth's Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC). 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 at the MAC.



The Broadcast Club gave an amazing performance on the MAC's stage! (Photo courtesy of Roy Bolinger)

Brookdale Community College was honored as The Arc's Community Partner of the Year 2023. The evening ended with The Arc's Broadcast Club, which is part of the nonprofit's Recreation Program, performing two songs: This Is Me from the movie The Greatest Showman's soundtrack and Wind Beneath My Wings from the movie the Beaches' soundtrack.



Beginning Tuesday, June 20th, Locust Point Rd. between Locust Ave. and Monmouth Ave. will be closed for approximately two weeks from Monday-Friday, 7 AM - 3 PM. Please avoid the area. Thank you!

Receive instant traffic safety and emergency updates by registering for Nixle, the Township's emergency communications platform. You can register by texting "MiddletownNJ" to 888-777 or visiting www.middletownnj.org/nixle.

MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 6/28 from 2-6 PM at Old Village Fire Company



Residents are invited to a **FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint** hosted by the MTPD on **Wednesday, June 28th** at **Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35)** to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from **2-6 PM**.

Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.



*Photo courtesy of MTFD
Photographer Laurie Kegley*

MTFD Responds to Structure Fire

The Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) was dispatched to a reported structure fire on the 100 block of Brainard Ave. in the Port Monmouth section of town on Wednesday, June 21st.

Thirty four firefighters responded to the incident from Port Monmouth Fire Company, East Keansburg Fire Company, Belford Engine Fire Company, Belford Independent Fire Company and Community Fire Company. The Middletown Township Fire Department's Safety Unit and Air Unit, along with the Middletown Township Police Department assisted at the scene. Middletown Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) and Middletown First Aid Squad stood by on scene. No injuries were reported at the time of the MTFD's press release. All units were cleared from the scene at 9:10 AM. Due to the extensive damage inside of the structure, the American Red Cross was activated to assist.

Middletown is very fortunate to have such an active all-volunteer fire department.

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 1st! 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



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

Middletown Township recently collaborated with local 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 this species 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 for more information.

Important Reminders from TOMSA

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



Payments can be made at 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 for more information.

Register Now for Upcoming Mental Health First Aid Trainings on Monday, 6/26 and Thursday, 6/29

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 Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Monday, 6/26 from 9AM-3PM
Register by Saturday, 6/24



Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

Thursday, 6/29 from 9AM-3PM
Register by Tuesday, 6/27

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Email rdebened@middletownnj.org to register and visit 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 the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) next week. Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience. Registration is required two days prior to each session.

Interested in attending? Email Rich DeBenedetto at rdebened@middletownnj.org and include your name, email address, and phone number.

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

Help Prevent Mosquito Bites with Monmouth County Mosquito Control's Tips

MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK



Now that summer is officially here, so are mosquitos! As part of Mosquito Control Awareness Week, Monmouth County has compiled some preventative tips to help protect yourself, your loved ones, and your home from mosquitos. Middletown Health Department encourages all residents to follow these tips.

- Take precautions to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. Use insect repellent; limit time outdoors when and where mosquitoes are biting, especially at dawn and dusk; wear long sleeves and long pants and consider treating clothing with permethrin; and empty containers holding water on your property. Mosquitoes breed in standing water.
- Read the [Mosquito Habitat Checklist](#) to help you remove containers of standing water around your house and property. Learn about available [repellents](#) and how they work.
- [Watch a video about how mosquitoes bite](#) and the science behind the bug and its bite.

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



SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION
NOW
OPEN!



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)



MARINE SCIENCE
K-8TH GRADE
IDEAL BEACH
WEEK 1: 6/20 \$365 (R)
WEEK 2: 6/26 \$425 (R)

 [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](https://www.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.

**Register for MAC's Theatre Horizons Beginning
Wednesday, 6/28**



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is happy to present Theatre Horizons, a 6-week specialized drama and musical theater program for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This great program teaches a variety of theatrical techniques while inspiring creativity and imagination. There are six weekly classes that take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM, beginning June 28th and ending August 2nd.

Dawn Ferro, a special education teacher in Monmouth County who has taught for over 30 years, will be leading the program. When she isn't in the classroom with her LLD students, she is directing plays and teaching a variety of dance classes throughout New Jersey.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for MTPL's Zoom Author Talk with Rachel Harrison Happening on Wednesday, 6/28 at 7 PM

RACHEL HARRISON

ZOOM AUTHOR TALK

Arriving just in time for Spooky Summer!
June 28th, 2023 at 7pm



Coming out on
September 19th!



PLEASE REGISTER AT [MTPL.ORG](https://www.mtplt.org) FOR A ZOOM LINK.



Arriving just in time for the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) spooky summer theme, register for virtual author talk with Rachel Harrison on Wednesday, June 28th at 7 PM! Rachel is a national bestselling author of horror novels "Cackle", "Such Sharp Teeth", and "The Return". Rachel's next novel "Black Sheep" will be out on Tuesday, September 19th. Registration is required.

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

**Register for MTPL's Author Talk with Brianna McCabe
Happening on Thursday, 6/29 at 7 PM**

THURS JUNE 29

Geared toward
New Adults aged
18-25 but all are
welcome!

LESSONS ON SELF-LOVE, DATING, BOUNDARIES AND
RELATIONSHIPS WITH AUTHOR BRIANNA MCCABE



Join the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) on Thursday, June 29th for lessons on self-love, dating, boundaries, and relationships with Brianna McCabe, author of "The Red Flags I've (Repeatedly) Ignored". This 18+ event will take place at 7 PM in the MTPL's Community Room.

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

**Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore
BlueClaws Happening on Friday, 7/28 at 7 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on Friday, July 28th at 7 PM. Sit with our community as we cheer on the local team, watch postgame fireworks, and see Mayor Tony Perry throw out the first pitch!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

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 24th, 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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