

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Celebrate Town Hall's Grand Opening on Wednesday, 7/5
from 6 to 9 PM!

YOU'RE INVITED!
EVENT RESCHEDULED



TOWN HALL GRAND OPENING

NEW DATE: Wednesday, July 5th
Main Parking Lot, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
6:00-9:00 PM
Ribbon cutting to take place at 6:30 PM
Fireworks at 9:00 PM

RAIN DATE: Friday, July 7th

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

Please park in large gravel lot or take FREE shuttle from MAC (36 Church Street)

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

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



The poster features a red and white striped border at the top. Below it, a blue banner contains the text "TOWN HALL GRAND OPENING bike parade" in large, bold, red and white letters. To the left of "TOWN HALL" is a circular logo with a profile of a person's head. To the right is the "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" logo with icons of people walking, running, and cycling. Below the banner is a photograph of a bike parade. A woman in a patriotic outfit (red, white, and blue) is in the foreground, riding a bike with two children in a trailer attached to the back, both decorated with American flags. Other participants are visible in the background. The date "Wed, July 5th 6pm" is prominently displayed in red text on a blue background at the bottom of the banner. Below the date, the text "Free to register. All kids receive a bike bell. Prize to best decorated bikes!" and "Starts at Middletown Arts Center, Ends at Town Hall" are written in white.

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.

Check Out Our Vendors and Donors for Town Hall's Grand Opening



CHECK OUT THESE FOOD TRUCKS AT OUR GRAND OPENING!

- ★ Cousins Maine Lobster
- ★ Do-Bees Backyard BBQ
- ★ No Limits Cafe
- ★ Sweetpepper Empanadas
- ★ Waffle Cabin

Food trucks generally accept cash, credit card, and Apple/Google Pay.



THANK YOU TO THESE GENEROUS MIDDLETOWN BUSINESSES FOR DONATING GOODS TO OUR GRAND OPENING!

★ Booskerdoo Coffee & Baking Co.

1500 NJ-35 (Kings Commons Shopping Center)

★ Koch Florist & Gifts

1870 NJ-35

★ Nicholas Creamery

1500 NJ-35 (Kings Commons)

★ ShopRite

1500 NJ-35 (Kings Commons)

MTPD Reminds Residents about Fireworks Regulations



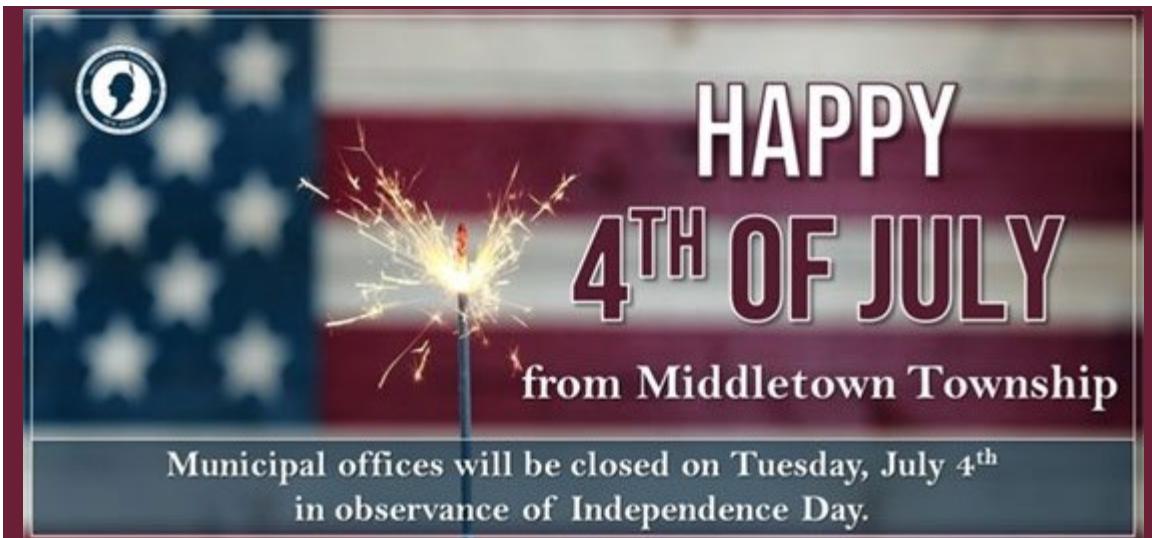
Fireworks Safety Tips & Guidelines



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.



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will also be closed.



Daughters of the American Revolution's Middletown Chapter Marks Grave of Middletown Patriots

Middletown High School South student Frank Reiman plays Taps at the ceremony. (Photo courtesy of DAR's Middletown chapter)

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to join the members of the Middletown chapter of the nonprofit Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as they marked the graves of Private John Maxson and Private Joshua Robbins.

Private Maxson was a member of the Monmouth Militia and a Middletown native. He is believed to have patrolled the area around his home in Navesink, guarding the shores. Since the British occupied Sandy Hook, the shoreline of Middletown was the front line. Private Robbins was born in Monmouth County, presumably in Navesink, and was part of the New Jersey Militia, LTC James Abraham's Regiment of Infantry, Captain Thomas White's Company. He was assigned to posts on Sandy Hook and the surrounding high grounds of Navesink, guarding against the invasion and British confiscation of American ships approaching New York City. Both patriots are buried at the Maxson Family Burial Ground in Navesink.

The DAR's mission is to repair fallen or broken stones, clean them, and replace ones that are either missing or damaged beyond repair.

Congratulations to the First 2023 Middletown Township

Police Youth Week Graduates!



Photos courtesy of the Mayor's Office and MTPD

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) just held its first Police Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 66 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, run by Detective Ric Cruz, 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, Internet safety, crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, and the K-9 unit. The program also emphasized the importance of citizenship and community policing.

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony at the Brookdale Community College's Student Life Center. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Police Chiefs John Kaiser and John Werner congratulated each child. Kudos to our newest Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program – Sgt. Carr, Sgt. Heaton, DFC. Kennedy, Cpl. Buhowksi, Cpl. Riffert, Cpl. Seymour, Ptl. Mahon, and Ptl. Zubkow, and volunteers Noah Fleming, Braden Gillick, Rylee Higgins, Natalie Pizzuto, and Thea Rowland!

Special thanks to Laurie Tietjen and her staff at Freedom Reins for the fun activities on that horse farm and free ice cream sundaes!

Middletown Planning Board to Host Public Special Meetings About Route 36 Redevelopment Investigation Study



WHAT: The Redevelopment Investigation Study for the Route 36 corridor will be presented at three consecutive Special Planning Board Meetings for action by the Board to determine whether the study area meets the statutory criteria to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes. Each meeting will focus on a different section of the corridor. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

WHEN: Thursday, July 20th at 6:30 PM
Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 PM
Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Courtroom at Town Hall
1 Kings Highway

Visit www.middletownnj.org/rt36 for more information about the project and the boundaries of each section.

North Zone Bulk Collection Now on Friday of Recycling Week

NORTH ZONE PERMANENT SCHEDULE CHANGE: FRIDAY BULK COLLECTION

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.



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!

Register for Nixle to Receive Emergency & Traffic Alerts

Air Quality Alert Issued Until 12:00 AM on Saturday, 7/1



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has issued an air quality alert until midnight on Saturday, July 1st. Click [HERE](#) to read the full alert.

Visit www.airnow.gov to find up-to-date information about air quality by zip code. Residents can also receive emergency and traffic alerts by registering for Nixle at www.middletownnj.org/nixle or by texting "MiddletownNJ" to 888-777.

Register for Middletown Recreation's Summer Trail Blazers Travel Camp



The poster for the Trail Blazers Travel Camp features a large, colorful title 'TRAIL BLAZERS TRAVEL CAMP' in pink and green. The 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION' logo is at the top. A yellow speech bubble on the left says '\$215/WEEK (R)'. A pink speech bubble on the right says 'WEEKS RUN JULY 5 - AUG 11'. Below the title is a photo of a group of campers in green shirts. Text below the photo reads: 'Teens enjoy a different trip every day!', 'Grades: 7-9th', 'Days: Mon - Thurs (Week 1 runs Wed - Fri)', 'Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm*', and 'Buses from Tonya Keller Community Center'. Three smaller photos show campers at a gravity vault, at a beach, and ziplining.

Space still remains in Middletown Recreation's Trail Blazers camp for students heading into 7th-9th grades. Campers will enjoy a different trip every day from Monday-Thursday. Learn more and register today!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Get Into Summer Reading and Purchase Some Books at the Friends of MTPL's Book Sale Beginning Monday, 7/3



Enjoy a Live Concert at the MTPL on Friday, 7/7 at 2 PM

JOIN US FOR A LIVE CONCERT

Rhythm 'N Sound: Musical Revue



Friday, July 7th | 2pm
The Community Room at MTPL

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED, NOT REQUIRED.



Come join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for an hour of great music on Friday, July 7th at 2 PM! Be prepared to hear Rhythm 'N Sound perform some of the greatest songs ever recorded. Rhythm N' Sound is a trio consisting of musicians who play music from the 40's to the 80's. They bring a music performance experience totaling over 50 years.

Registration is recommended, but not required.

**Visit Bikini Bottom and Watch "The SpongeBob Musical"
When It Premieres at the MAC on Friday, 7/14**



Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show presented by The MAC Players the weekend of Friday, July 14th - Sunday, July 16th and Friday, July 21st - Sunday, July 23rd!

When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises up. The power of optimism really can save the world!

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

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 watch Mayor Tony Perry throw out the first pitch, cheer on the local team, and enjoy postgame fireworks!

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!

RESOURCES

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.



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

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

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.

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