



## Middletown Celebrates Town Hall's Grand Opening!



*All photos courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography*

On Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Middletown commemorated the grand opening of Town Hall with an official ribbon cutting and celebration! Over 2,000 community members, including past and present local elected officials, business owners, and

residents, joined the Township for this special occasion.

The fun event kicked off with Middletown Recreation's patriotic-themed bike parade from the Middletown Arts Center to Town Hall! As the bikers arrived, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch led the Pledge of Allegiance and Middletown High School South student Ava Romano sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. After Ava's performance, Mayor Perry delivered a powerful speech about the history of Middletown and how this new building will help lead our community into the future and serve residents for decades to come.

After his speech, Mayor Perry cut the ribbon and officially opened the building to all! Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp gave tours of Town Hall while Detective First Class Janine Kennedy and Patrolman Kevin Mahon gave tours of the Police Department.

While tours were going on, attendees signed our "Greetings from Middletown" mural which will soon be displayed in Town Hall's lobby, took pictures at our patriotic photo station, visited with Township officials both outside and inside the building, checked out emergency responder vehicles, enjoyed delicious food and drinks from our food trucks and business donors, and played fun games! The whole event was live on the WRAT 95.9 and ended with a fireworks display!

Thank you to our wonderful community for joining us at our grand opening!

*Click [HERE](#) to view pictures from the photo station! More photos from the event will be uploaded next week.*

**First Route 36 Redevelopment Investigation Study  
Public Meeting on Thursday, 7/20**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** Courtroom at Town Hall  
1 Kings Highway

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/rt36](http://www.middletownnj.org/rt36) for more information about the project and the boundaries of each section.



## Monmouth County to Sponsor Tire Drop-off in Freehold Next Week

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners is proud to announce a tire drop-off event during the week of July 10-15, available to all County residents.

"The County will host a tire drop-off program at our Highway facility located at 231 Route 539 in Upper Freehold Township from July 10-15 during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.," said Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone, liaison to the Department of Public Works and Engineering. "We will have a container for car tires and a container for truck and tractor tires to assist with this program."

"Mosquitoes will lay eggs wherever standing water is present. Tires stored outside capture rainwater and become the perfect habitat for mosquitoes. An event like this will help efforts to reduce places where mosquitoes can lay their eggs," said Commissioner Susan M. Kiley, liaison to the Department of Human Services/Health.

Click [HERE](#) to read the County's full press release for more information.

Promote Your Business at Middletown Day 2023!



**Croydon Hall 11am-4pm**  
**[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

Middletown Day returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall this year on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>! Join us as a business, vendor, or sponsor as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**RSVP to Middletown Recreation's Beach Party & Movie Night on Wednesday, 7/19 at 6:30 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for a free family-friendly night at Ideal Beach (Bayside Parkway, North Middletown)! Party with a DJ, eat free food courtesy of ShopRite, and enjoy fun activities followed by "The Goonies" under the stars at 8:45 PM. Please remember to bring your own chairs and blankets!

**Sign into CommunityPass at [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to RSVP.**

**MTPD Hosts Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 7/12 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, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Register for MTPL's "Relaxed Seasonal Dining" Virtual Program Happening on Wednesday, 7/12 at 7 PM**



**Relaxed Seasonal Dining**  **Via ZOOM**

Learn apéro dinatoire, with Vanessa Young

**Wednesday, July 12 | 7pm**

 Please register at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for a ZOOM link.

The poster features a large image of a table set for a meal outdoors, with a white tablecloth, glasses, and a striped chair. In the top right corner, there is a circular inset showing a variety of small, colorful dishes and appetizers.

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) via Zoom for its "Relaxed Seasonal Dining" program with Vanessa Young of *Thirsty Radish*.

Sophisticated snacks, delicious bites, and beautiful boards filled with seasonal treats form the basis for the apéro dinatoire, an elegant cross between a light dinner and a casual cocktail gathering. Register for this program to learn how to adapt this relaxed style of dining at home using delicious ingredients, simple recipes, and an elegantly casual atmosphere! Registration is required.

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

**Get Into Summer Reading and Purchase Some Books at the Friends of MTPL's Book Sale through Saturday, 7/15**

**SALE**

## Friends Book Store Summer Sale

Item	Price
DVDS	5 FOR \$1.00 or \$0.25 each
DELETED ITEMS	5 FOR \$1.00 or \$0.25 each
FILL A REUSABLE BAG	\$5.00 each (deleted items)
Mystery Bag	As priced (deleted items)

Monday, July 3rd – Saturday, July 15th



CASH OR CHECK ONLY  
Thank you.



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



Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show presented by The MAC Players next weekend (Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>) and the

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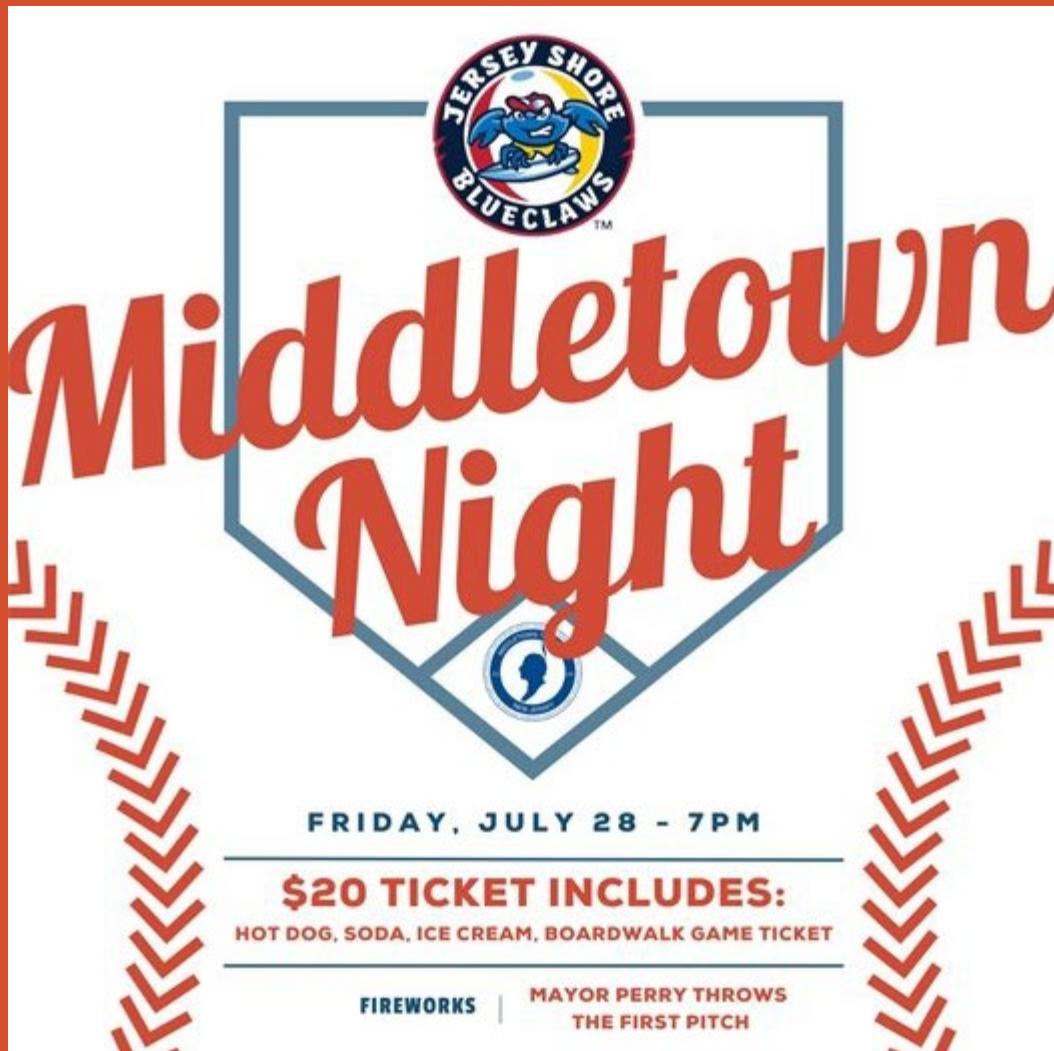
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following weekend (Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23 )!

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 about showtimes 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Middletown Township Fire Department

# Touch-A-Truck

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6 PM to 9 PM

Mater Dei High School Parking Lot  
Cherry Tree Farm Road

Fire Trucks - Food Trucks - Games  
Fire Safety Demonstrations

11 Companies - 1 Department - All Volunteer

[www.MTFDNJ.org](http://www.MTFDNJ.org)

WORLD'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER  
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
1928  
NEW JERSEY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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!

# 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](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.



*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](http://www.savecoastalwildlife.org) for more information.

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



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