



## Official Township E-Newsletter

**First Route 36 Redevelopment Investigation Study  
Public Meeting Next Week 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.

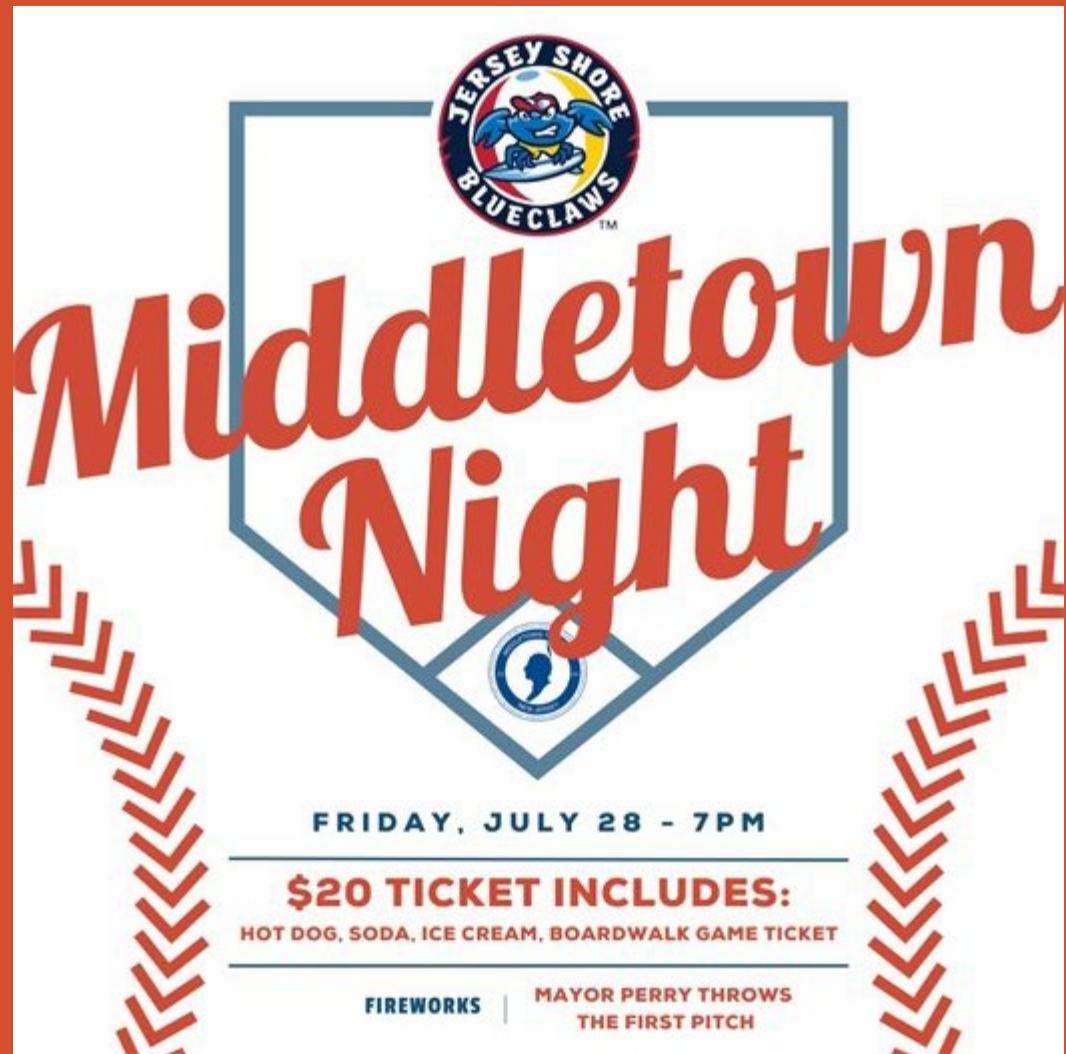
**WHEN:** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM

**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.

*Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to the first meeting via Facebook.*

**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.*

**NOAA Fisheries Hosts Ribbon Cutting for James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Sandy Hook**



**Mayor Tony Perry presented a certificate to NOAA Fisheries and commended the lab's mission.**  
**(Photo courtesy of Mayor's Office)**

**On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Sandy Hook to celebrate National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries' official ownership!**

**The lab has been conducting important research for decades, and Middletown looks forward to witnessing the work that it will continue to produce.**

## **Jersey Shore Workcamp Repairs Homes for Bayshore Residents**



*Jersey Shore Workcamp Coordinators Gail and Bill Bechtoldt show off their proclamation, which was given to them by Mayor Perry and his daughter Reagan! (Photo courtesy of Jeanne Wall/TAPinto Middletown)*

On Thursday, Mayor Tony Perry presented a proclamation to volunteers from Jersey Shore Workcamp, a week-long Interfaith Home Repair Mission Project. The program began on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and ended today, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Group Mission Trips from Fort Collins, Colorado and St. John's Methodist Church of Hazlet sponsored this charitable initiative.

At Jersey Shore Workcamp, Christian youth and adults from across the country come together to donate thousands of hours of labor to make repairs and improvements to the homes of disabled, low-income, and elderly residents living in the Bayshore area. Improvements include interior and exterior painting, porch, step, and deck replacement, and the installation of wheelchair ramps. Through this year's mission project, 250 teens repaired 45 homes.

Mayor Tony Perry was proud to personally thank all the volunteers, church sponsors, and project coordinators, including Bill and Gail Bechtoldt (owners of

Koch Florist & Gifts, located at 1870 NJ-35).

## Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing Donates to RallyCap Sports and Middletown Helps Its Own



*(Photos courtesy of  
Mayor's Office)*

*Mayor Tony Perry and  
Lincroft Senior Citizen  
Housing Board Members  
were honored to present the  
donation to RallyCap Sports  
founder Paul Hooker.*



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Lincroft Senior Citizen  
Housing Board Members  
were honored to present the  
donation to Middletown  
Helps Its Own President Don  
Skrivanek, Vice President  
Keith Macdonald, and  
Trustee Jeanette Macdonald*

**Mayor Tony Perry was thrilled to joined members of Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing on Tuesday to present local nonprofits RallyCap Sports (P.O. Box 81 in Sea Girt) and Middletown Helps Its Own (66 Main Street in Port Monmouth) with generous donations. Lincroft Senior Citizen Housing Corporation is an independent entity that provides rental housing and related facilities and services for elderly and handicapped families on a nonprofit basis. The Corporation offers housing through Luftman Towers and the Pavilion located off Hurleys Lane. Residents are appointed to the Board of Directors by the Township Committee.**

**RallyCap Sports brings recreational opportunities to hundreds of children and young adults with special needs while also providing life-changing volunteer opportunities. Middletown Helps Its Own provides food, emergency services, and limited assistance with utility bills to Middletown residents. The donations will go directly to the organizations' important missions.**

**Visit [www.rallycapsports.org](http://www.rallycapsports.org) and [www.middletownhelpsitsown.com](http://www.middletownhelpsitsown.com) for more information about both nonprofits.**

## New Jersey Blind Citizens Association Celebrates Camp Happiness Day



*Committeewoman Kratz was "happy" to present the Camp Happiness Day proclamation to NJBCA employees, volunteers, board members, and general members! (Photo courtesy of Kat Gramas)*

**On Monday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz stopped by the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association's (NJBCA) barbecue to present a proclamation declaring July 10, 2023 as Camp Happiness Day in Middletown!**

Camp Happiness was a camp-like experience that was created in 1929 and offered activities for blind and visually impaired individuals to venture out on their own in a safe environment, learn independent living skills, and participate in social activities such as swimming, boating, and fishing. On its 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Camp Happiness continues in the spirit of its founders by offering educational forums, arts and crafts, wellness programs, music and computer technology events, and peer support groups.

Now in its 113<sup>th</sup> year of providing free services, the NJBCA (18 Burlington Avenue in Leonardo) serves as a statewide resource and referral center for the blind and visually impaired, as well as their families and caregivers.

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

## **VFW Post 2179 Hosts Patriotic Rosary**



*Committeeman Clarke was humbled to join Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, and the VFW Post 2179 community at this event. (Photo courtesy of Kristen Clarke)*

Last weekend, VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane in Port Monmouth) held its "Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation" event. The ceremony had several speakers, including Committeeman Ryan Clarke who read the "Second Glorious Mystery".

## MTFD Chiefs and Middletown Fire Marshal Attend Newark Firefighter Augusto Acabou's Funeral



*(Photo courtesy of Tim Larsen/New Jersey State Police)*

**On Thursday, Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) Second Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly and Third Assistant Chief Kevin Morrissey joined Middletown Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly at Newark Firefighter Augusto Acabou's funeral.**

**Augusto was one of two Newark firefighters who lost his life in the line of duty last week in a cargo ship fire. The other firefighter was Wayne Brooks Jr. Both worked at the Engine 16 firehouse. Thousands of individuals attended the funeral and paid their respects to Augusto, who was posthumously promoted to captain.**

**Middletown sends our heartfelt condolences to August and Wayne's loved ones, Engine 16, and the Newark Fire Department.**

**Township Surprises Longtime Middletown First Aid Volunteer John "Butch" Berth with Birthday Certificate**



*Pictured from left: Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, birthday boy John Berth and his wife Isabelle, and Assistant Administrator Jim VanNest*

On Wednesday night, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and Assistant Administrator Jim VanNest stopped by John "Butch" Berth's surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party! Butch volunteered with Middletown First Aid for almost 50 years, is an East Keansburg native, and a passionate supporter of local organizations. Tony and Jim have known the family for decades and were happy to join Butch's birthday celebrations and recognize him for the impact he has left on our community!

**Read MTFD and Middletown Fire Prevention's Advisory About Fire Pits**

## MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



## MIDDLETOWN FIRE PREVENTION

### Fire Prevention Advisory: How to Safely Use Fire Pits

Fire pits are great for toasting s'mores and keeping you warm on a cool summer evening, but they can also be dangerous when unattended or poorly managed. Check out six fire pit safety tips from Middletown Township's Fire Chief and Fire Marshal!

*Click [HERE](#) to read the advisory.*



### Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 7/17 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, July 17<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 2332 933 1926 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.

**Join the MTPD at National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/1!**



National Night Out will be celebrated at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road) this year on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>! The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) will be on site to meet the public, give demonstrations, and have fun. Activities include fingerprinting, K-9 demonstrations, police equipment displays, impaired driving simulator, inflatables, giveaways, food, and more! We hope to see all our residents at this FREE, family-friendly event!

**Be Prepared: Register for Middletown Township's Emergency Alerts!**



Middletown Township encourages all residents to register for Nixle, our emergency communications platform. Once registered, you will receive alerts about traffic detours, severe weather, criminal activities, missing persons, and more.

Text "MiddletownNJ" to 888-777 or visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register.



**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.*

**Visit Bikini Bottom and Watch "The SpongeBob Musical" This Weekend & Next Weekend!**

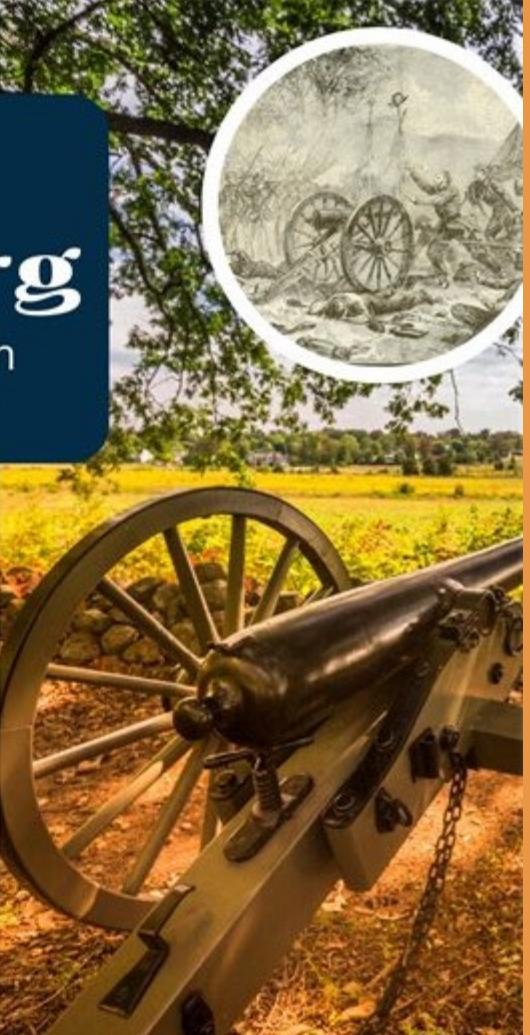


Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show presented by The MAC Players beginning this weekend!

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.

Dive Deep Into History and Learn About the Failure at Gettysburg with the MTPL on Tuesday, 7/18 at 7 PM



# Failure @ Gettysburg

featuring local historian  
Glenn W. LeBoeuf

Tuesday,  
July 18 | 7pm

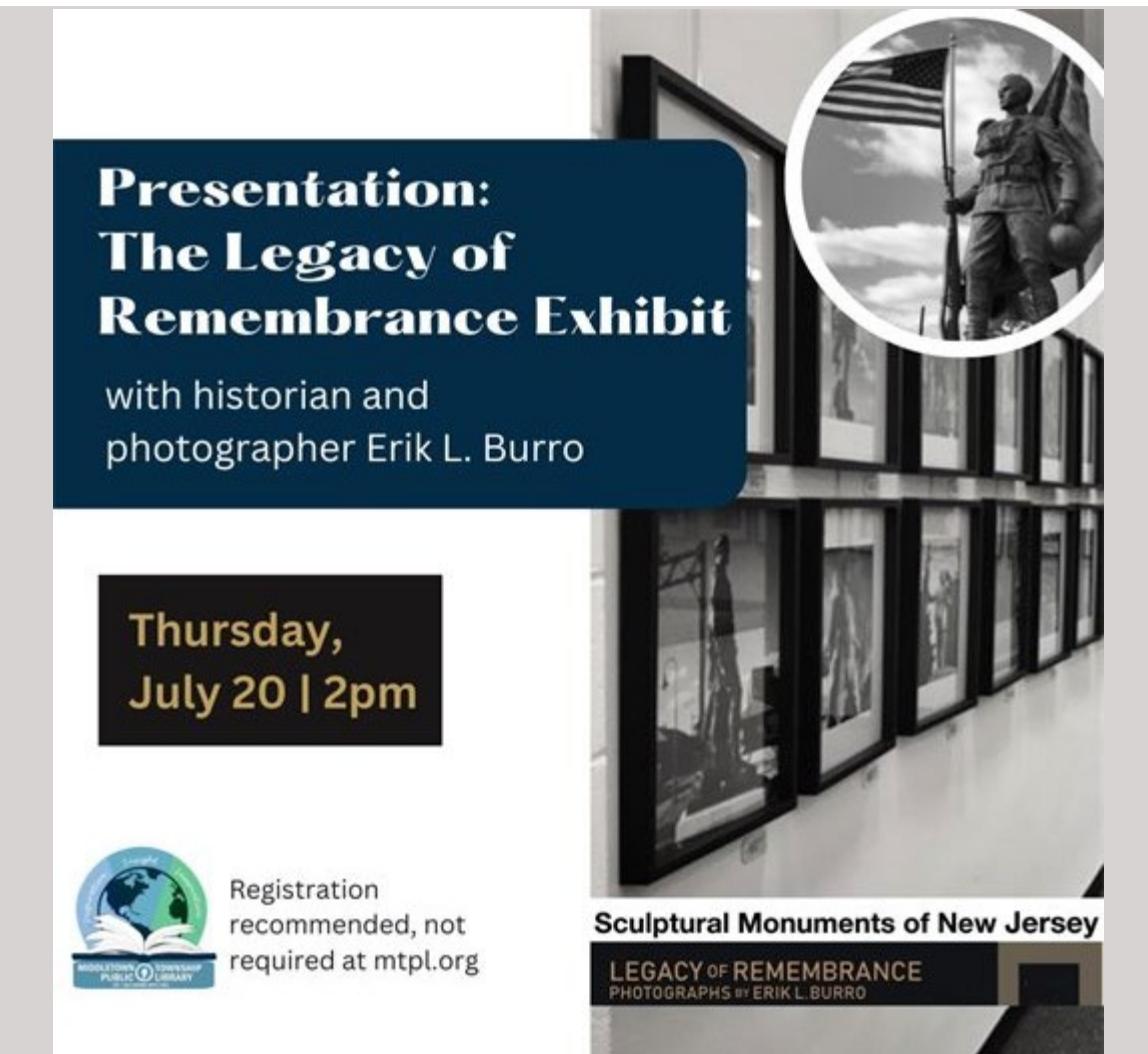
 Registration recommended, not required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)

Calling all history buffs! Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) at this free, in-person program to hear about strategic errors and tactical mistakes that impacted the outcome of the Civil War. From the death of "Stonewall" Jackson to "Pickett's Charge", errors on the part of Jefferson Davis, D.H. Hill, Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, A.P. Hill, Richard Ewell, Henry Heth, and J.E. B Stuart led to a major loss of both initiative and manpower at Gettysburg.

This event will take place at the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

**Check Out The "Legacy of Remembrance" Exhibit at the MTPL on Thursday, 7/20 at 2 PM**



**Presentation:  
The Legacy of  
Remembrance Exhibit**  
with historian and  
photographer Erik L. Burro

**Thursday,  
July 20 | 2pm**



Registration  
recommended, not  
required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)

**Sculptural Monuments of New Jersey**

**LEGACY OF REMEMBRANCE**  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ERIK L. BURRO

Stop by the MTPL's Community Room on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM to check out the "Legacy of Remembrance" exhibit! The exhibit consists of over two dozen black and white photographs featuring World War I monuments dedicated throughout New Jersey and neighboring states. Erik L. Burro, the artist who created the exhibit, will be there until 3:30 PM to share the stories behind the photographs.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the program and Erik L. Burro.*

**Middletown Recreation and MAC's Summer Concert Series  
Kicks Off on Tuesday, 7/25 at 7 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation for the first Summer Concert Series at the MAC (36 Church Street) on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be free food courtesy of ShopRite's Fill the Grill. Parking and admission is also free, but please bring your own chairs and blankets!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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)**

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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