



## Middletown Township Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers



*Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Werner alongside Mayor Tony Perry share newly sworn-in officers Sarah Derasmo and Kenny Kozak's impressive backgrounds.*

**At the Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry swore in Sarah Derasmo and Kenny Kozak into the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD). Sarah is a Middletown resident and former teacher at Middletown High School South. Kenny has been a member of the New Jersey Army National Guard for the past five years and is a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. We thank Officers Derasmo and Kozak for protecting our community and wish them a safe career.**

**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**  
**th**

5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, August 20 .

## Middletown High School North Baseball Team Celebrates State Title at Township Committee Meeting



*Although most of the team couldn't make it due to other games, Mayor Tony Perry and Board of Education President Frank Capone were happy to personally congratulate the coaches and players in attendance.*

At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee recognized the Middletown High School North baseball team for winning the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III State Sectional Championship! The incredible team completed a nearly perfect season and earned another state title after winning the state championship last year. The Township Committee was thrilled to recognize the team's impressive legacy and hard work. Congratulations Lions!



## Township Committee Proposes Ordinance to Increase Contributions for Emergency Volunteers

At the Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Regular Meeting, the Middletown Township Committee introduced an ordinance that amends the Township's current Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) ordinances and significantly increases the

amount of money annually allocated for qualified volunteers in the Middletown Township Fire Department and Middletown Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS).

LOSAP is a state-authorized program that allows municipalities to reward dedicated emergency volunteers by establishing and contributing money into a savings account that is intended for retirement.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full press release for more information.

## Route 36 Redevelopment Investigation Study Covering Section B to Be Held on Thursday, 7/27

### 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 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 invited to watch the presentations and ask questions after.

**WHEN:** 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.

Section A was discussed at the first meeting, which took place last night. Missed it? Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

Section B will be discussed at the next



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



## **Middletown Announces Fall Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Students: Apply By Friday, 8/25**



If you have any questions, please contact Middletown Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano at [jcammarosano@middletownnj.org](mailto:jcammarosano@middletownnj.org) and 732-615-2281.

We kindly ask residents to apply by Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://www.middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information.

## **Congratulations to the Second Group of Police Youth Week Graduates!**



*Photos courtesy of Detective Ric Cruz and Kourtney Davis, Assistant to Chief R. Craig Weber*

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) held its second Police Youth Week Camp of the summer this week! There were 65 children, between the ages of 8 to 11, who participated in this program. The Police Youth Week program, run by Detective Ric Cruz, is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training and gives participants their first exposure to law enforcement at the recruit phase. 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 Brookdale Community College's Collins Arena. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned cadet badge. Campers Mya Gonzalez and Matthew Waterson were given a special shoutout and trophies for accomplishing the best times in the obstacle course race.

Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Werner and Detective Ric Cruz personally congratulated each child. Mayor Tony Perry also gave a speech and Chief R. Craig Weber and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were there to support. Kudos to our newest Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program – Cpl. Buhowski, Sgt. Carr, Lt. Gigante, DFC. Kennedy, Ptl. Mahon, Cpl. Riffert, Cpl. Seymour, and Ptl. Zubkow, and volunteers Jack Bailey, Noah Fleming, Braden Gillick, and Rylee Higgins! Middletown DFC. Dellatacoma even received an award for all his community service contributions and his interactive and creative crime scene presentation!

Special thanks to Laurie Tietjen and her staff at Freedom Reins for the fun activities on that horse farm and free ice cream sundaes, as well as NJ Conservation Officer Captain Martiak for his special presentation.

**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!

**MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven Operation Chill to Reward Kids for Good Behavior**





### MTPD Partners with 7-Eleven in Operation Chill to Reward Kids for Good Behavior!

-  If an officer witnesses your child doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior, they could receive a coupon for a free small Slurpee® drink at participating stores.
-  If your child is issued a "ticket" for doing a good deed, feel free to share it via social media with the hashtag #MTPDOperationChill.




7-ELEVEN  
**operation**  
**chill**  
RECOGNIZING GREAT KIDS



**It's time for Operation Chill! Children can be the lucky recipient of a coupon for a free small Slurpee if MTPD officers see them doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior.**

## Quarterly Taxes Due Tuesday, 8/1



### THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 1, 2023.

Final 2023/2024 Preliminary Tax Bills will be mailed no later than July 28, 2023. August 2023 tax amounts are also available now on the online payment portal. The extended grace period for the August 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be August 22, 2023.

Any payment received after 4 PM on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> either in the Tax Collection Office (1 Kings Highway) or via our online payment portal will accrue interest back to the statutory due date of Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE  
TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.**

**Click [HERE](#) for information about how to pay your taxes.**

**Promote Your Business at Middletown Day 2023!**



**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.*

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



Sign up to receive emergency and traffic alerts

TEXT MIDDLETOWNNJ TO 888-777 OR VISIT  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/NIXLE](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/NIXLE) TO OPT-IN

Receive alerts for



Traffic & Detours



Severe Weather



Criminal Activities



Missing Persons



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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**Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show presented by  
The MAC Players 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.*

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



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!

**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 Middletown Arts Center (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.

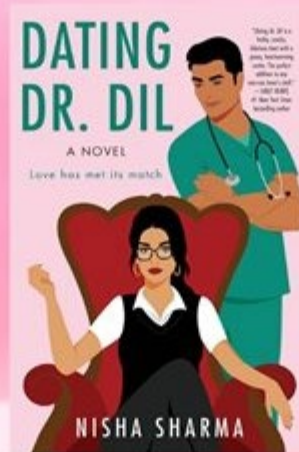
**Register for MTPL's Author Talk with Nisha Sharma on  
Wednesday, 7/26 at 7 PM**



# THE MEET CUTES: A Romance Book Club

## Author Talk with Nisha Sharma

Wednesday, July 26@ 7PM



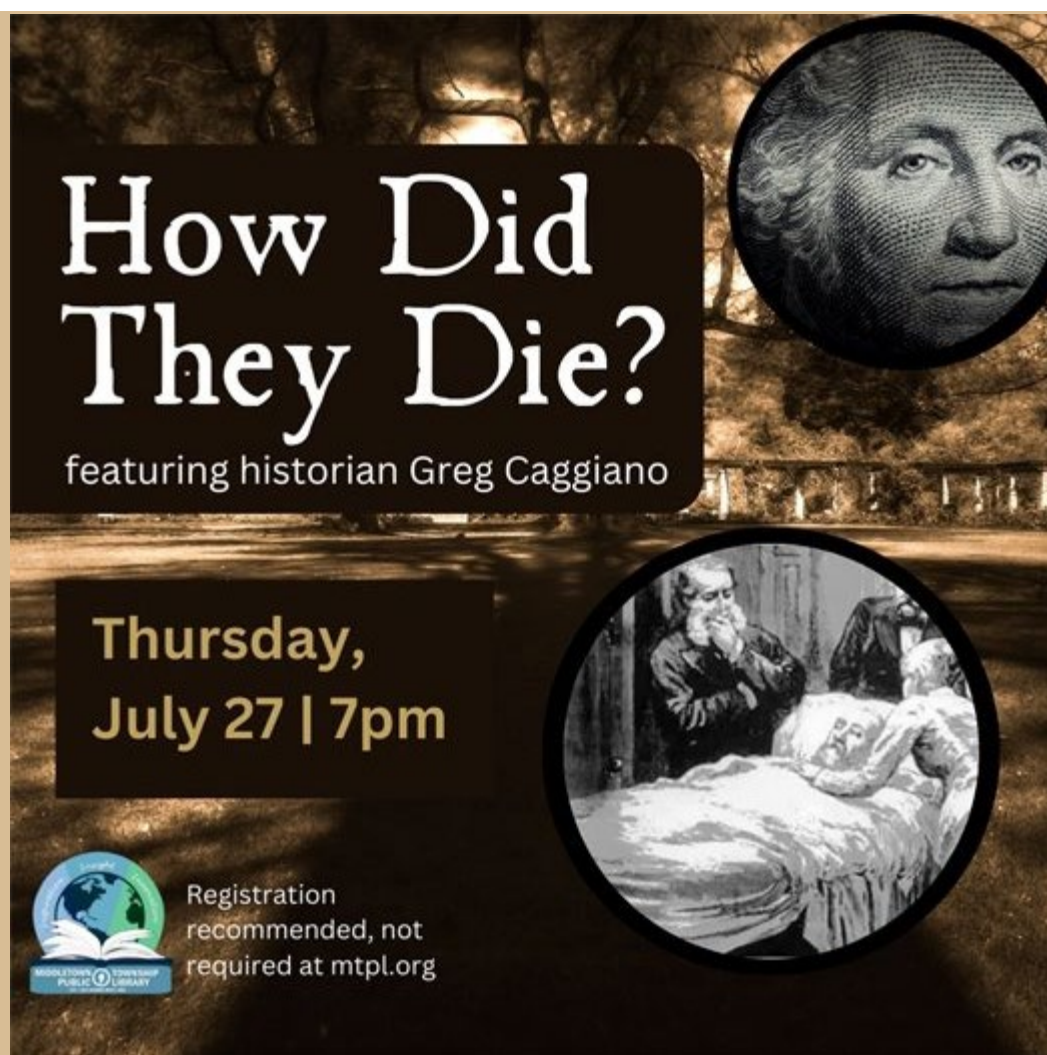
For  
Adults  
18+

Ebook and Audiobook Editions of *Dating Dr. Dil* by Nisha Sharma are also available on Libby and Hoopla!

Join the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) romance book club on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> as author Nisha Sharma discusses her novel *Dating Dr. Dil*! Digital copies of the book are available on Libby and Hoopla. This meeting will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

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


Learn How Historical People Met Their Demise with the  
MTPL on Thursday, 7/27 at 7 PM



# How Did They Die?

featuring historian Greg Caggiano

**Thursday,  
July 27 | 7pm**

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

"How did they die?" is usually the most-asked question when researching a historical figure! Come to the MTPL's Community Room on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> as historian Greg Caggiano dives deep into how some of the most famous people met their demise. This program is NOT for the squeamish or faint of heart. Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

**Register Now for Middletown Recreation's Rescheduled  
Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash on Thursday, 8/24**





Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash is back on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>! Attendees are invited to Ideal Beach (Bayside Parkway, North Middletown) to enjoy a DJ, fun activities, and a delicious dinner. This year's theme is Mermaids & Pirates and is geared for girls entering K-6 grades.

Please remember to bring your beach chairs and blankets. If the event cannot be held outdoors for some reason, it will be moved to Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) that same night.

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

# 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.

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