



**TONIGHT IS "MIDDLETOWN NIGHT" AT  
LAKEWOOD BLUECLAWS STADIUM  
COME WATCH MAYOR PERRY THROW THE FIRST PITCH  
AT 6:30 PM!**

The poster is set against a white background. On the left is the BlueClaws logo, a blue cartoon character with a baseball cap. To its right is the text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PRESENTS" in a small, blue, sans-serif font, followed by "MIDDLETOWN NIGHT" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time "July 25, 2019 | 7:05 PM" are written in a red, sans-serif font. To the right of the date is the Charleston Riverdogs logo, which features a bulldog's head. Below the logos, the text "VS." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text "\$15 TICKET INCLUDES: SEAT, HOT DOG, SODA, &amp; ICE CREAM" is written in a red, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "Purchase tickets in person at the Middletown Recreation office located at Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank." is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Logos for Middletown Township and Middletown Recreation are in the top left corner.

Join Middletown Township for a relaxing evening at FirstEnergy Park TONIGHT (7/25) to watch the Lakewood BlueClaws take on the Charleston Riverdogs! It's "Middletown Night" and Mayor Tony Perry will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch. It's also Italian Heritage Night so the park will be offering festive food and drink specials, unique promotions & more! The night will end with post-game fireworks.

There are still a handful of tickets left. Call the Recreation Department at 732-615-2260 if you're interested! The stadium is located at 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood, NJ 08701.

## **Middletown Withdraws from Unfair Affordable Housing Proceedings**

Last week the Middletown Township Committee directed its attorneys to withdraw from court



proceedings that commenced in July 2015 to address unrealistic affordable housing obligations imposed upon municipalities throughout New Jersey by the Supreme Court. On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, the

Township Attorney applied for an Order of Dismissal, which was entered by the Hon. Jamie S. Perri on July 19, 2019.

As a result of the demise of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH"), municipalities have been subjected to proceedings in Superior Court to address ongoing and ever-increasing demands by the Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") to develop more high density affordable housing.

"Middletown has always abided by the rules set forth at the time, but whatever we do never seems to be enough," said Mayor Tony Perry. "We have a strong track record of creating realistic opportunities for affordable housing but refuse to be held hostage by special interest groups."

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.

## Sunnyside Recreation Area Trail Named in Memory of Alexis "Lexi" Mason



Members of our community gathered on Tuesday evening to honor the memory of Alexis "Lexi" Mason. Lexi was only 12-years-old when she lost her life while running on a trail with her soccer team at Sunnyside Recreation Area six years ago. Lexi's family, friends and local dignitaries, including Mayor Tony Perry, Township Committee members Pat Snell and Rick Hibell, and Middletown resident Governor Phil Murphy, gathered at Sunnyside Recreation Area to attend the dedication of a trail to commemorate her life.

Lexi's family and friends come together at Sunnyside to release balloons every year on July 23rd, the day of her passing, but this year the Monmouth County Parks System honored the Mason family by naming the trail after their beloved daughter. There is now an engraved plaque on a boulder declaring a section of the park as the "Alexis T. Mason Trail" that will serve as a permanent marker to honor her life.

On behalf of the Middletown Township Committee, Mayor Tony Perry designated the 23rd day of July as Alexis "Lexi" Mason Day in Middletown to help memorialize her drive, passion and kindness towards others.

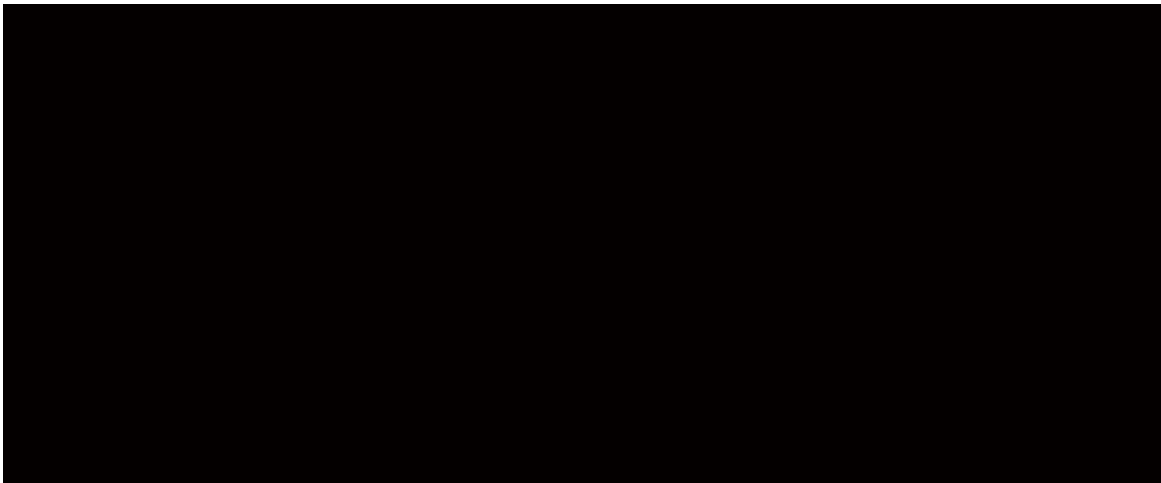
Please consider supporting the [Alexis Mason Foundation](#) to help fund scholarships for children so they can follow their passion and dreams in Lexi's memory.

## Middletown Township Committee Requests Public Hearing Regarding New NESE Pipeline Application



[Click the picture to read the letter to the DEP.](#)

## Middletown Welcomes Tractor Supply Company





Mayor Tony Perry and Committee members Pat Snell and Rick Hibell stopped by the recent Grand Opening of Tractor Supply Company (1515 Route 35).

Tractor Supply Co. is a great addition to Middletown and will help our community maintain their homes, properties, pets and more!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FREE PAPER & DATA SHREDDING EVENT



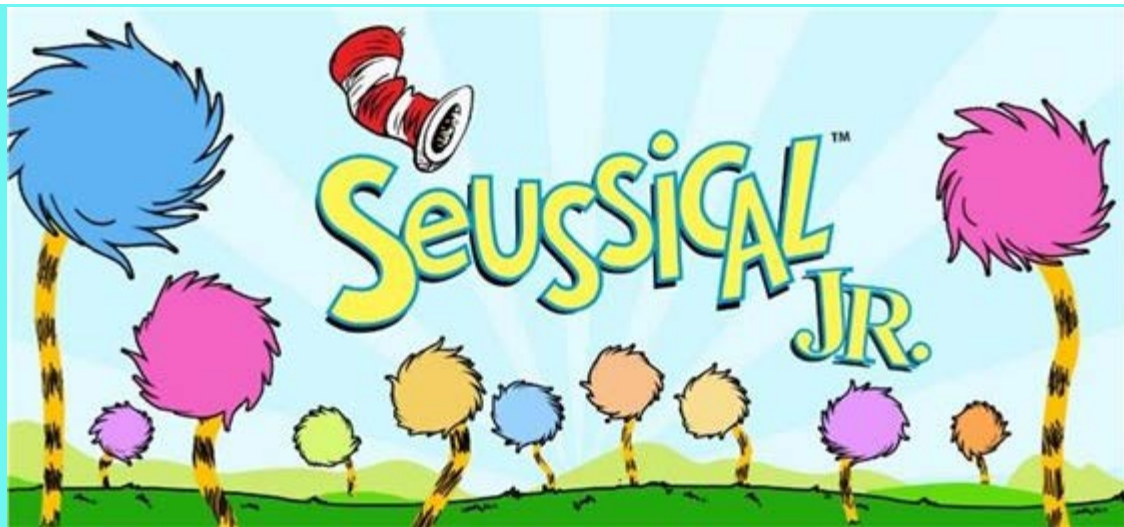
SATURDAY 7.27.19  
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM



MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL ROAD)

MONMOUTH COUNTY AND GUARDIAN DATA DESTRUCTION ARE OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF PAPER DOCUMENTS AND DATA (I.E. CELL PHONES, HARD DRIVES, THUMB DRIVES, ETC.) TO BE RECYCLED SAFELY. CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE.

The MAC Present Seussical Jr.  
This Friday & Saturday



[Click on the picture to purchase tickets!](#)

## THE MTPL PRESENTS MAHJONG FOR ADULTS

**new program**

# MAHJONG

for Adults



Interested in learning or playing Mahjong?  
Join us every month.  
All skill levels welcome.

**3rd Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm**

 Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

Join Us for Our Third Annual National Night Out on

**Tuesday, 8/6!**



**Tuesday ★ August 6, 2019**

**5:00-8:00 PM**

**Poricy Park Nature Center ★ 345 Oak Hill Road**

Join us for **FREE** Live Music, Fingerprinting,  
K-9 Demonstrations, Police Equipment Displays,  
Impaired Driving Simulator, Dunk Tank, Face Painting,  
Giveaways and more!



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Visit [NATW.ORG](http://NATW.ORG) for more information on National Night Out.

## NJNG Paves Roads as Part of Gas Main Replacement Program

Starting mid-July, New Jersey Natural Gas will be paving the following roads as part of their gas main replacement program:

- Thompson Ave. Side Streets, North Middletown
- Longwood Ave. & Associated Streets, Middletown
- Collins Ave. & Creek Rd., Port Monmouth
- Reilly St. & Kelly St., North Middletown
- Chapel Hill Rd., Middletown
- Chamone Ave. & Tiensch Ave., Leonardo
- Oakwood Way, Middletown
- Southside Ave. & Portland Rd., Middletown



# Got Bags?

Help Middletown's recycling efforts by dropping off your clean plastic bags at the Plastic Bag Collection Bin at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane).



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

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.



# JOIN TODAY!



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

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!

**MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS IN A TIME OF NEED?**

**JOIN ONE OF THE 5 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUADS.**

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL [PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG](mailto:PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**



[FACEBOOK.COM/MIDDLETOWNNJEMS](https://www.facebook.com/middletownnjems)



## Palmer Avenue Closed for Road and Drainage Improvements



Palmer Avenue (County Road 7) will be closing for road and drainage improvements for approximately 45 days, beginning on July 15th, depending on weather. It will be closed at Middlewood Road. No thru traffic. Detours will be in place. If you have any questions regarding this detour, please call the County at 732-431-7760.

## Monmouth & Navesink Avenue Road Closure Through End of July

Gray Supply will be working in the area of Monmouth Avenue and Navesink Avenue replacing gas lines for the next several weeks. They are anticipating the work will be complete near the end of July. While they are working roads will be intermittently closed in the area and detours will be in place.

## Route 35 Construction Project

Construction work on Route 35 began Monday, May 6th northbound from Cooper's Bridge (Red Bank) to Cherry Tree Farm Road and southbound from Cherry Tree Farm Road to New Monmouth Road.

Road work will be done with temporary lane closures from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. All work is weather-dependent.

The project, which consists of repairs and replacement of concrete vertical curb, installation of public curb ramps, repairs to drainage structures and resurfacing of the roadway, is estimated to be completed by December 2019.

Please keep an eye out for possible changes to the schedule.

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