



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Message from Mayor Tony Perry



I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer on the Bayshore. Middletown was bustling with activity, and we look forward to continued momentum this fall. I'd like to share a few updates on recent projects and initiatives:

Preserving Open Space for the Future: The Township Committee recently approved the acquisition of the 15.4-acre former Lincroft Presbyterian Church property on Everett Road for open space preservation. The \$5.2 million purchase was made possible through the Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund, which is covering 75 percent of the cost. The remaining \$1.3 million will come from Middletown's Open Space Trust Fund. I'm very proud that in a single year Middletown has added more than 100 acres of open space, including the 28-acre Mater Dei Park and the 67-acre Treter property off Whipporwill Valley Road. We will continue to honor our commitment to safeguarding these spaces for future generations.

Upgrading the Middletown Senior Center: Significant improvements are also underway at the Middletown Senior Center in Leonardo to ensure our seniors have a modern, comfortable space to thrive in for many years to come. The \$1.3 million renovation includes a new HVAC system, energy efficient lighting, ADA accessibility upgrades, a new roof and windows, and refreshed interiors throughout the building. Due to ongoing construction, programs have been temporarily relocated to Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) and the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street). Members can call 732-615-2265 with any questions about programming or schedules.

Honoring Our Veterans: On Sunday, November 2nd at 11:00 AM, we will celebrate the grand opening of Veterans Village at 37-45 Leonardville Road in Campbell's Junction. This long-anticipated project will provide 12 affordable housing units for veterans who have honorably served our nation. We are deeply grateful to the many organizations that have generously donated funds and essential items to help our veterans get what they need and make the community spaces feel like home. Following the grand opening, our annual Veterans Day Parade will step off from Bayview Elementary School (300 Leonardville Road) at 1:00 PM and end with a post-parade celebration at Mater Dei Park (538 Church Street) until 3:00 PM. I invite you to join us in honoring the heroes who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Supporting the WTC Memorial Gardens: In September, our first responders came together for the first annual 9/11 stair climb fundraiser to support the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens. Participants climbed 110 floors — the height of the Twin Towers — raising over \$20,000 toward ongoing maintenance and improvements. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of September 11th, and the Township is investing \$1.2 million in enhancements to the Gardens, including new lighting, irrigation, brick pavers, and landscaping. Together, we continue to keep our promise to "Never Forget".

Tackling Rising Energy Costs: With electric bills rising nearly 20 percent, Middletown is taking proactive steps to help residents save money. The Township Committee has established a Government Energy Aggregation Program, which will allow us to leverage collective buying power to secure more competitive electricity rates. Neighboring towns will be invited to join the cooperative to maximize potential savings. Through this program, Middletown will oversee an energy auction conducted by a third-party provider to ensure the best rates for our community. Residents and businesses will be automatically enrolled but may opt out at any time without penalty. More details will be shared soon.

Tony

Every project we take on reflects our shared sense of purpose and pride in where we live. Thank you for your continued support!

Mater Dei Property Acquisition



In March, Middletown reached an agreement to purchase the 28-acre property, formerly home to Mater Dei Prep, with financial assistance from Monmouth County. In June, officials from the Township, County, and St. Mary, Mother of God Church gathered to sign documents that symbolized this collaboration. (Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Government)

Tindall Park Courts' Renovations



In September, the Township celebrated the completion of the renovations at Tindall Park which included eight new dedicated pickleball courts, 12 refinished tennis courts, additional walkways to the courts, octagon building refurbishment, and tree maintenance.

Waloo Playground Grand Opening



In September, the Township officially cut the ribbon on our newest playground at Waloo Park in Port Monmouth! Earlier this year, residents voted on the playground design they liked best. Attendees even got to meet Giants Super Bowl champions Ottis Anderson and Stephen Baker, snap photos with the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and enjoy an afternoon of family fun.

Cover photo: Thompson Park by Michelle O'Grady @jerseyshorelens

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



Front row from left:
Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell
Back row from left:
Committee members Kevin M Settembrino, Ryan M. Clarke, and Kimberly Kratz
(Photo courtesy of Brian Anderson Photography)

Email mayoroffice@middletownnj.org to contact the Township Committee.

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Tune in to Middletown NJ TV (Verizon FiOS Channel 26, Comcast Cable Channel 20, livestreamed on middletownnj.org/tv, or the Middletown Township NJ YouTube channel) to stay on top of what's going on in Middletown!



GENERAL ELECTION AND EARLY VOTING

The upcoming General Election is on Tuesday, November 4th from 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM at your designated polling place. You can find your location by visiting middletownnj.org/pollinglocations. Please note: District 47 previously voted at the Tonya Keller Community Center and will now vote at The Church of Saint Catherine Laboure (9 Shore Acres Avenue) in the Parish Hall.

Early voting will take place from Saturday, October 25th through Sunday, November 2nd. Vote locally at the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) from 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Monday through Saturday and from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Sunday. If you decide to vote by mail, you can drop off your ballot at either of the locations listed in the graphic.

Visit monmouthcountvotes.com for additional sites if needed. Please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 732-615-2015 or townclerk@middletownnj.org if you have any questions.

Middletown Remembers 24th Anniversary of 9/11

On Thursday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent memorial and wreath tribute at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens to honor the 37 residents we lost 24 years ago and the individuals who have passed since from 9/11-related illnesses.



Resident Mike Hannigan played the bagpipes before the Middletown Township Police Department's Honor Guard and members of the Middletown Township Committee, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion posts 338 and 515 officially began the ceremony with a wreath laying tribute. After the wreaths were placed, Middletown Township Fire Chief Anthony Fulciniti rang a bell 37 times in memory of each resident whose life was taken on that tragic day.

After the bell tolled, hundreds of people, including 9/11 victims' loved ones, Township Committee members, local dignitaries, first responders, veterans, and community members, lit candles and walked through the Gardens which were illuminated by luminarias.

Michael Quilty Recognized as 2024 Veteran of the Year

In July, Middletown Township was honored to recognize Michael Quilty as the recipient of the 2024 Dennis J. Beauregard Veteran of the Year Award. The award is based on documented acts of selfless service and going the "extra mile" beyond one's post-military career.

As a committed member of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, Michael has worked tirelessly to connect veterans with essential resources such as housing, mental health care, and addiction support.

Beyond his advocacy, Michael is a familiar face in the community, known for announcing local hockey games. His commitment to service, both during his military career and as a resident, has left a lasting impact on Middletown.



ACCELERATED TAX SALE: DECEMBER 17, 2025

In New Jersey, all municipalities are required to hold at least one tax sale per year. **The 2025 Accelerated Tax Sale for the Township of Middletown will be an ELECTRONIC TAX SALE held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, for DELINQUENT TAXES AND SEWER CHARGES.**

All properties sold at Tax Sale are for delinquent municipal charges for the tax year 2025 and prior years. State law regarding the New Jersey Tax Sale process can be found in New Jersey statutes: N.J.S.A 54:5-19 etc. The New Jersey statutes can be found at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online at njleg.state.nj.us.

Please note the Tax Sale process will begin automatically on Monday, November 10th at 3:45 PM. Per this process, delinquencies will be subject to a 2% cost of sale (minimum \$15 but no more than \$100). In addition, delinquencies will incur a mailing fee of \$25 per mailing. Two mailings are scheduled for this process. THESE FEES ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF THE TAX SALE PROCESS AND CANNOT BE WAIVED.

ALL payments received after November 10th at 3:45 PM for property taxes MUST be made using guaranteed funds: attorney trust check, title company check, cashier's check, cash, and/or money order to remove the property from the Tax Sale process. Any other form of payment WILL NOT be accepted. All other checks — online, personal, and business — WILL be returned. Additionally, the credit card and ACH payment options WILL NOT be available after 3:45 PM on November 10th.

If you have any questions regarding tax payments, please contact Tax Collection at 732-615-2086. If you have any questions regarding sewer payments, please contact the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) at 732-495-1010.



TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies

911

ALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH THE 732 AREA CODE.

Police Department (Non-Emergency)

615-2100

Municipal Offices

Main Number 615-2000

Animal Control (Monday-Friday, 8a-4p) 615-2097

Animal Control (holidays, nights & weekends) 615-2100

Building & Inspection 615-2106

Code Enforcement 615-2098

Communications 615-3226

Community Development 615-2281

Court Administrator 615-2036

Emergency Management 615-2129

EMS (First Aid) 615-2252

Fire Prevention 615-2270

Health 615-2095

Human Resources 615-2042

Library 671-3700

Mayor's Office 615-2024

Middletown Arts Center 706-4110

Parks & Recreation 615-2260

Planning 615-2098

Public Works & Engineering/Recycling 615-2090

Senior Center 615-2265

Tax Assessor 615-2089

Tax Collector 615-2086

Township Administrator 615-2013

Township Engineer 615-2110

Township Clerk (elections, permits, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Township Committee agenda) 615-2015

Zoning 615-2278

Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850
TOMSA 495-1010

Comcast Cable 20
VerizonFiOS Channel 26
Emergency Radio 1620 AM

OFFICIAL TOWN HALL HOURS

1 Kings Highway
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Volunteers Clean British Retreat Route Signs and Murray Farmhouse Garden in Honor of Earth Day

In April, the Middletown America 250 Committee and Middletown Parks & Recreation Department hosted a cleanup in celebration of Earth Day (April 22nd). With the help of community volunteers, they cleaned 26 of our British Retreat route signs and helped spruce up the Murray Farmhouse garden.

The signs will soon be featuring an updated look and the Department of Public Works & Engineering will be re-installing them throughout town.



Township Hosts Rededication Ceremony for Murray Farmhouse and Joseph Murray Day

During the spring, Middletown Township held two events to honor Joseph Murray, a Patriot who served in the Monmouth County militia as a soldier belonging to Colonel Asher Holmes' Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Garret Hendrickson in opposition to the British during the Revolutionary War. He lived in the Murray Farmhouse and Barn, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).



In May, Middletown Township participated in Monmouth County's two-day event "Weekend in Old Monmouth". On the first day, the Township held a rededication ceremony for the Murray Farmhouse to celebrate its recent renovations. The ceremony included Revolutionary War reenactors presenting the colors and performing a gun salute, as well as Girl Scout Troop #894 from Leonardo

dressing in Colonial attire and teaching kids how to play games from that time period. There was also a petting zoo, tours, butter churning and bread tasting experience, and a Middletown America 250 Committee information table. During the event, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon surprised the Township Committee with Joseph Murray's framed pension certificate.



In June, the Middletown America 250 Committee, Poricy Park Conservancy, and Middletown Parks & Recreation Department hosted Joseph Murray Day to honor the 245th anniversary of Joseph Murray's death.

The event included the Presentation of Colors and a 21-gun salute from the Middletown Township Police Department's Honor Guard, two proclamations, a poem recitation by Edward P. Manning, and a Middletown America 250 Committee information table.

Test Your Knowledge with Township Trivia Thursdays!

TOWNSHIP TRIVIA

Middletown Township is proud to partner with the Middletown Township Historical Society for Township Trivia Thursdays!

Every other Thursday, a new question about our township's history will appear on our TV channel, social media accounts, and on middletownnj.org/trivia. Look for the answer the following day in our weekly e-newsletter *Middletown Minutes* (middletownnj.org/minutes).

The remaining 2025 trivia questions will be posted on the following Thursdays: 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, and 12/18. Make sure to subscribe and be on the lookout!

GRAND OPENINGS

- Bagel Nook**
2345 NJ-36, Atlantic Highlands
- Broadway Hot & Honey Chicken**
1500 NJ-35 Unit 15
- Burger Kraze**
1215A NJ-35
- DeVito's Dogs & Grille**
455 NJ-36, Port Monmouth
- McDonald's**
925 NJ-35
- Middletown Arms Company & Sporting Goods**
429 NJ-36 Unit 4, Port Monmouth
- Orthocenter**
80 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank
- Reaction Lab**
2347 NJ-36, Atlantic Highlands
- The Institute for Advanced Reconstruction**
331 Newman Springs Road
Building 2-First Floor, Suite 200, Red Bank
- Urgent Paws**
1874 NJ-35



Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Township Committee hold the Township scissors and ribbon as they help Broadway Hot & Honey Chicken employees celebrate their ribbon cutting!

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

- Christian Brothers Academy: 65 Years**
850 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft
- Sebastian's Hair-em: 50 Years**
872 NJ-36, Leonardo
- St. Augustine's Monastery: 10 Years**
300-304 Church Street, Belford



HOSTING A RIBBON CUTTING?

Invite the Middletown Township Committee by either emailing mayoroffice@middletownnj.org or calling 732-615-2024.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS INVITED TO JOIN THE THANK A VETERAN PROGRAM

Looking for a way to give back to those who served our country? Show your appreciation to veterans by joining the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee's

Thank a Veteran Program

The program provides businesses with the opportunity to offer special discounts to veterans.

VISIT MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/THANKAVETERAN.



STAY CONNECTED WITH MIDDLETOWN AMERICA 250

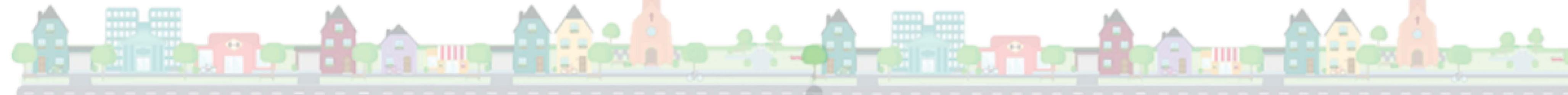


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COMMUNITY CORNER



MIDDLETOWN HOSTS ANNUAL "MAYOR FOR A DAY" PROGRAM

In May, Middletown held its annual "Mayor for a Day" program! Eight students from different elementary schools came to Town Hall to assume their mayoral responsibilities.

During this fun event, the mayors checked out emergency first responders' vehicles and equipment, signed a proclamation and certificate in the Mayor's Office, discussed the importance of leadership with the Township Committee and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber, and recorded a segment in the TV studio at Town Hall.

To get a better understanding of their new role, the young mayors ended their evening by participating in a mini Township Committee Meeting, which was led by Township Clerk Heidi R. Pieluc. While on the dais, the mayors discussed different initiatives like limiting the use of leaf blowers in the morning and reducing the amount of homework.



Top row pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Township Clerk Heidi R. Pieluc, and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber. Bottom row pictured from left: Mayor Jonathan Garland from Lincroft Elementary School, Mayor Logan D'Alessio of Bayview Elementary School, Mayor Liam Young of Nut Swamp Elementary School, Mayor Melody Donegan of New Monmouth Elementary School, Mayor Artemis Qirko of Ocean Avenue Elementary School, Mayor Blakely Werner of River Plaza Elementary School, Mayor Jonathan Tufaro of Middletown Village Elementary School, and Mayor Holden Higgins of Saint Mary School

Community Comes Together for Different Causes

Middletown High School North Cheerleading Team Donates to Monmouth County SPCA: After a car wash fundraiser, the Middletown High School North Cheerleading Team cleaned and donated all of their extra towels to the Monmouth County SPCA so they can be used to help care for the animals at the shelter. Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were honored to thank the athletes in person for their kind gesture.

Scout Troops Get Involved with Local Government: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was honored to spend an afternoon with Girl Scout Troop 60598 from New Monmouth Elementary School during Women's History Month! The scouts discussed the importance of volunteering in your community and qualities that make a great leader. The following month, Mayor Perry had the pleasure of welcoming boy scouts from Pack 122 of New Monmouth Elementary School to Town Hall. While in the courtroom, they talked about the roles of the mayor and Township Committee and brainstormed ideas they'd love to see happen in town.



Township Committee Supports Local Nonprofits: In June, Mayor Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were proud to attend Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's Annual Tutu Trot 5K Run/Walk. The goal of the Tutu Trot was to raise \$100,000 for the Children's Brain Tumor Network. That same month, Mayor Perry participated in the Annual Relay for Life of Middletown, which is the American Cancer Society's annual nationwide signature event. In September, Deputy Mayor Hibell, Committeeman Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino joined hundreds of community members at the fourth annual Love for Luca 5K Walk/Run. The event was held in memory of Luca Iacono, a beloved 11-year-old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019. All proceeds were donated to Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Volunteers Partner to Clean Historic Cemeteries in Honor of Middletown America 250: Over the last few months, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson, the Middletown Community Affairs Council (CAC), and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office have been hosting and participating in cemetery cleanups to honor the Revolutionary War heroes buried there. Below is a list of cemeteries that were cleaned accompanied by the names of the volunteers:

- Eastmond Burial Ground (York Avenue and Wood Avenue): Port Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #47, Middletown CAC members John Giordano, Larry Caminiti, and Mitch Gotesky, Middletown Landmarks Commission, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office with the help of Officer John Smith, and Jaime DeRisi
- Hartshorne Cemetery (57 Kings Highway): Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson and Jaime DeRisi
- Herbert-Cutrell Family Burial Ground (40 Old Country Road): New Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #122, New Monmouth Cub Scout Pack #122, Officer John Smith, Middletown CAC members Mitch Gotesky and John Giordano, Middletown Landmarks Commissioners Peter VanNortwick and Roseann Eteson, Jaime DeRisi, Isabella Caruso, and Rosanna Caruso
- Joseph Johnson Family Cemetery (121 Kings Highway): Fairview Boy Scout Troop #140
- Old First Church Cemetery (69 Kings Highway): Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Middletown Landmarks Commission, Middletown CAC, and Jaime DeRisi

Middletown Recognizes Army Servicemen with Flag Presentation

In March, Mayor Tony Perry presented Army Special Forces Officer Nick Lavery with a certificate and flag that was flown at Town Hall to thank him for his service. Nick was a featured speaker at local business Whirl Construction's 2025 Annual Kick Off Luncheon.

Nick enlisted post-9/11, experienced multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, and was wounded on three different occasions. He is the first Special Forces operator to return to combat as an above-the-knee amputee, and is the recipient of a multitude of prestigious awards, including the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Stars.



At a Township Committee Meeting in May, the Township Committee surprised Sergeant First Class (SFC) Justin Laberde with a certificate and flag that was flown at Town Hall in his honor.

Born and raised in Middletown, SFC Laberde had just returned home after 21 years of active duty service in the United States Army. Driven by a deep sense of duty after 9/11, he graduated from high school a year early to serve our country. While stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he served two tours in Afghanistan as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician.

Township Committee and Middletown Chapter of DAR Celebrate Three Local Students

In June, the Township Committee and the Middletown chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recognized three outstanding students.



During a Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry presented Angelee Keiser, Grace Wahl, and Ella Hilton with Youth Leadership Awards and DAR representatives gave them DAR Youth Citizenship Award Medals to recognize them for making a difference in our community.

Angelee, a student at Middletown High School North and a Middletown Township Police Cadet, was nominated by Sergeant Ric Cruz for her involvement in law enforcement, public service, and local events. Grace and Ella, both students at Bayshore Middle School at that time and members of Girl Scout Troop 60173, were nominated by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore for their ongoing leadership and contributions to local initiatives. A few months prior to the presentation, they worked together to organize a relief drive for those affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOWNSHIP CHAMPS

Lincroft All Stars 8-10 Softball Team: Lincroft Little League District 19 Championship



Lincroft Lightning 9U Baseball Team: 2025 USABL National East Division Championship

Lincroft Lightning 11U Baseball Team: 2025 USABL National Shore Division Championship

Lincroft Lightning 10U Girls Softball Team: 2025 Central New Jersey Championship

Middletown High School North Varsity Girls Swim Team: 2025 C-North Division Championship

Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Team: 2025 Mid-Monmouth Championship

Thorne Middle School Select Choir B Naturals and Vocal Vibe Show Choir: Excellent Score in Treble Choir, First Place in Show Choir, and Best Overall Junior High Choir at the 2025 Hersheypark Music in the Parks Festival

Note: These groups were recognized at recent Township Committee meetings. Contact mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org if you would like your organization to be considered for a presentation.

Middletown First Responders Emphasize the Dangers of Drinking and Driving to High School Students



Photo courtesy of EMS

The Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), and Middletown Township Police Department participated in the annual Rude Awakening Program at Middletown high schools North and South in May.

The program aims to educate juniors and seniors about the dangers of impaired and distracted driving through a simulated motor vehicle

accident scene, complete with emergency medical response, fire department extrication, and police investigation. The goal of the program is for students to gain a deeper understanding of the real-world impact of their decisions behind the wheel.

Monmouth County Promotes Know Your Zone Program

In September, Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Scott Nielson, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, and members of the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners proudly unveiled 18 new "Know Your Zone" signs to Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown's OEM Department. The signs will be placed throughout the township to help educate the public on their specific level of risk from storm surge and coastal flooding.



This public awareness campaign highlights the county's four coastal evacuation zones (A, B, C, and D). Residents can find their zone and information on preparedness by visiting mcsonj.org/knowyourzone.

HELP SAVE LIVES BY VOLUNTEERING WITH EMS



The Middletown EMS Department is comprised of five all-volunteer first aid squads. These dedicated teams provide 24/7 coverage, ensuring the health and safety of our community around the clock. In 2024, the EMS Department responded to approximately 7,000 emergency medical calls, with an average of 20 per day.

Reasons to Volunteer:

- Comprehensive Training: No prior experience is necessary. They provide all the training you need, including CPR and basic first aid certifications.
- Community Impact: Your contribution directly affects the wellbeing of your neighbors and friends, offering a fulfilling way to give back.
- Skill Development: Gain valuable life-saving skills, leadership experience, and the satisfaction of personal growth.
- Youth Opportunities: For individuals ages 14-18, the EMS Explorers Program (Scouts America) offers hands-on experience and training in emergency medical services. Those who are 16 years old can gain ride time on calls.

Visit middletownnj.org/ems for more information.

JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST ALL-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The MTFD is made up of 11 individual fire companies and together they:

- Serve and protect the township's 42 square miles, 12 zip codes, 19 miles of coastline, 68,000 residents, 21 schools, and 1,100+ businesses
- Respond to calls for chemical/environmental hazards and trapped or injured persons in buildings, trenches, floods, trees, oceans, bays, lakes, and more

Visit mtfdnj.org for more information.

MTFD Volunteers Mark 50 Years of Service



Dennis W. Fowler shows off his Key to the Township, an honor that is bestowed to those who achieve this milestone.

Over the last several months, the following firefighters commemorated 50 years of service with the MTFD:

- Jack O'Herron, Jr. (Port Monmouth Fire Company)
- Richard Corbet (Community Fire Company)
- John Parsells (Community Fire Company)
- Dennis W. Fowler (Lincroft Fire Company)

These men are role models for exceptional volunteerism and dedication to our community.

MTFD Training Academy Celebrates Spring Graduation

This past summer, the MTFD Training Academy held its Spring 2025 Firefighter I graduation ceremony, honoring 20 dedicated recruits from fire departments across Monmouth County. Over the course of five months, these recruits underwent rigorous training in the fundamentals of firefighting. In addition to hands-on training, all graduates successfully completed the required New Jersey state certifications to serve as professional firefighters.



Photo courtesy of MTFD Public Information Officer Laurie Kegley

The following graduates are now serving the MTFD: Declan Chenoweth, Ryan Eastmond, Robert Howarth, Robert Jarmolinski, Sheldon Leacock, Devin Patten, Justin Perkins, Michael Pastorek, Alex Ross, Dennis Stewart, and Ella Sutton.

MTFD Hosts Community Events



In May, Port Monmouth Fire Company hosted its 7th Annual Car Show for a Cure! Proceeds were donated to pancreatic cancer research. Leon Manchester won the Mayor's Choice Award for his 1989 Jeep Sahara.

Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke proudly present the award. (Photo courtesy of Shannon Topoleski)

In July, the MTFD held its third annual Touch-a-Truck event at the former Mater Dei Prep High School parking lot. Community members were able to check out fire and utility equipment up close, personally interact with firefighters, watch fire safety demonstrations, and learn more about the world's largest all-volunteer fire department!

Photo courtesy of MTFD



In September, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke had fun selecting the Mayor's Choice winner at Belford Engine Fire Company's annual classic car show. Committeewoman Kim Kratz was especially excited to present Joe Toma with the trophy for his 1970 Ford Mustang.

Photo courtesy of Shannon Topoleski



SIGN UP FOR A FREE SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION



**American
Red Cross**

The MTFD and Middletown Township Fire Prevention Office are partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for free throughout Middletown.

If you are interested in this service, please schedule an appointment at middletownnj.org/smokealarm.

411 ON THE 911

MTPD SLEO Class II Officers Graduate from Police Academy

In May, the following Middletown Special Law Enforcement (SLEO) Class II officers graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy:

- Jack Chenoweth
- Kenneth Fernandez
- Lindsay Jakeway
- Sebastian Martin
- Stanley Oseback
- Brandon Saghafi

They now take on the important job as officers with the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) to protect and serve our community.

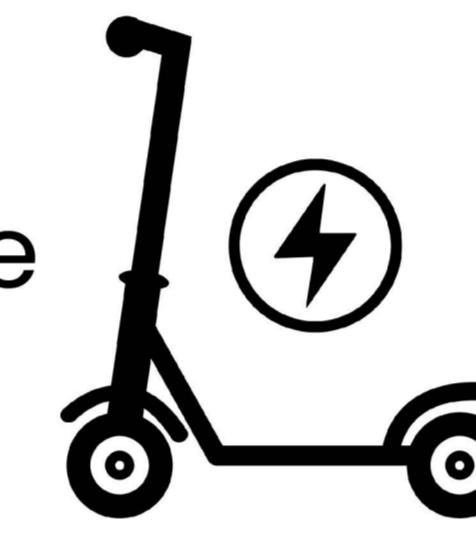


Chaplain Rev. Dr. Dan Correa, Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Officer Christopher Glietz, Deputy Chief John Werner, Chief R. Craig Weber, and Auxiliary Officer Jay Stevenson support the new officers at their graduation. (Photo courtesy of MTPD)

Learn How to Legally and Safely Ride Micromobility Devices

Across the country, and right here in Middletown, we're seeing a surge in injuries involving electric bikes and scooters, especially among young riders.

Please visit middletownnj.org/ebikes to watch an informative Public Service Announcement with Deputy Chief Paul Bailey as he shares some vital information about the different types of micromobility devices and the regulations that riders should follow when using them.



Monmouth County and Middletown Announce Road Improvements in Lincroft

In June, Monmouth County and Middletown Township elected officials gathered to break ground on the roadway behind the Acme shopping plaza. The new two-way roadway will replace the current one-way service road behind the shopping center. Vehicles and pedestrians on Middletown-Lincroft Road will now have direct access to the shopping center, which will reduce the volume of traffic and improve traffic safety on Newman Springs Road. A sidewalk will also be installed to promote walkability. The project is anticipated to be done by the end of the year, weather permitting.



During the groundbreaking, Mayor Tony Perry proudly announced that the new roadway will be named after Abe Littenberg, a longtime Lincroft resident. Abe serves on the Lincroft Village Green Association Board of Directors and is a passionate advocate for safer streets. Over the summer, the County also reduced the speed limit between Hurleys Lane and Woodland Drive to 35 mph. These improvements are a result of two public input sessions that were hosted by the Township and County to discuss Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 traffic safety improvements.

MTPD Remembers Fallen Officers and Pays Tribute to Beloved K-9

In May, the MTPD held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week, marking the department's 97th anniversary.

Current and retired MTPD officers, loved ones of the deceased officers, and community members came to pay their respects to our fallen police and K-9 officers who served the MTPD.



In June, the MTPD held a final walk-out for K-9 Officer #6 Jax, a beloved Bloodhound who joined the MTPD as a four-month-old puppy in August 2015 with her handler and partner Detective Lieutenant Brian McGrogan. She was put to rest due to medical issues and will be added to the police memorial next year. As the first Bloodhound in the department's history, Jax leaves behind a legacy that will never be forgotten.

MTPD Promotes and Welcomes New Officers

Over the last several months, the MTPD has had the honor of promoting and welcoming several new officers to the department. In June, Erica Weeks was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant while Julian Reis, Ryan Maguire, and Eric VanSchaack were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



The officers who received promotions pose with Mayor Tony Perry and Chief R. Craig Weber.

In July, officers James Courtney and Robert Fernandez were sworn in. The following month, officers Brandon Saghafi, Jack Chenoweth, Shaun Sullivan, Thomas Schrok, and Stanley Oseback took their oaths of office.

Middletown Township Police Explorers Proudly Represent Middletown at New Jersey Law Enforcement Youth Academy

During the summer, Middletown Township Police Explorers participated in the New Jersey Law Enforcement Youth Academy at Drew University. The academy is a six-day sleepaway camp that focuses on various fields in the career of law enforcement.



Photo courtesy of D/Sgt. Ric Cruz

This year's participants were Joey Losquadro, Preston Goode, Shamar Ellis, Anthony Capilupi, and Gianna Frasco. Preston won second place in Motor Vehicle Stops and Gianna won first place in Arrest, Search, and Seizure.

If you are an incoming or current high school student and have an interest in joining the Explorers Program, please reach out to Sgt. Mike Heaton at mheaton@middletownnj.org or D/Sgt. Ric Cruz at 732-615-2071.

REGISTER FOR MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY ALERTS



Middletown Township utilizes Everbridge Nixle to distribute emergency alerts, information about road detours, and more. Text your zip code to 888-777 or scan the QR code on the left and register at middletownnj.org/nixle.

You can also download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

MTPD Shows Support for Local Events and Causes

In June, the MTPD and Middletown PBA Local 124 participated in the 42nd annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise funds for the Special Olympics of New Jersey. This inspiring event led up to the Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games, which were held at The College of New Jersey.



MTPD officers received the torch from the Red Bank Police Department, traveled up Route 35, and stopped for some refreshments at ShopRite (1500 NJ-35), where a representative from the Torch Run presented a plaque to thank them as a sponsor. The officers then continued up Route 35 to pass the symbolic torch to the Holmdel Township Police Department.



In August, the MTPD hosted its 8th annual National Night Out at Middletown High School North. National Night Out is an annual police-community building campaign that is celebrated across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide to promote neighborhood safety and unity.



Photo courtesy of Danielle Cackowski Belmonte

In September, Middletown PBA Local 124 held its 4th annual 9/11 Memorial 5K and Kids' Run. Proceeds raised are being donated to a scholarship that the PBA is creating in honor of late Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti and to local nonprofit the P.O. Ken Tietjen Memorial Foundation.

A few days before the 5K and Kids' Run, the MTPD took a break to buy some refreshing lemonade from a great group of kids. All proceeds were donated to the cause.

Resident Resources & Updates

Connect with the Township to Correct Concerns

Middletown Township is utilizing the *Connect & Correct* platform so you can easily contact the Township to report any concerns, such as a lost pet, pothole, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc., and track their progress through completion.



Visit middletownnj.org/connectcorrectcategories to contact the appropriate department. For on-the-go access, download the *Connect & Correct* app on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Know Your Property's Flood Risk

Throughout Middletown there are areas with a high risk for floods from both bay and riverine flooding. To see your flood zone and base flood elevation, please visit middletowntownshipnj.withforerunner.com/properties and search your address.

If you are a homeowner in Middletown and interested in purchasing or renewing flood insurance policies, you may be eligible for a discount on your policy since the Township participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). FEMA's CRS provides discounts for flood insurance premiums within and outside the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), commonly known as the 100-year floodplain. Please contact a licensed insurance agent for more information.

Residents can contact Stacy Krause, CRS Coordinator, at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167 or visit middletownnj.org/floodplainmanagement for additional information about CRS and floodplain management.

Middletown Township Building & Inspection Department Launches New SDL Online Permit Portal

Middletown is now on the SDL Portal, an online hub where residents and professionals can access town maps, check status updates, search town data, and submit building inspection requests 24/7. To access the SDL Citizen Portal, visit middletownnj.org/sdl.



Need assistance? Visit middletownnj.org/building for step-by-step instructions on how to create an account.

Middletown Wellness Wheels Services Now Available for Residents

This program, funded through a portion of the Opioid Settlement Funds awarded by the state, provides free local transportation for residents with substance use disorders, who are at risk of substance use disorders, or who need access to mental health services. Please visit middletownnj.org/wellnesswheels for information about how to schedule a ride.

NRTC Program to Invest in North Middletown

Over the past year, Middletown Township has partnered with the Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity to help create a community-driven neighborhood plan that could be funded through the state's Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program.

As a result of consistent community outreach meetings, Middletown's application for the NRTC Program was accepted for year 1 out of 10 possible years of funding. This program will invest in the area which will benefit both residents and businesses, such as providing job training opportunities for young adults.

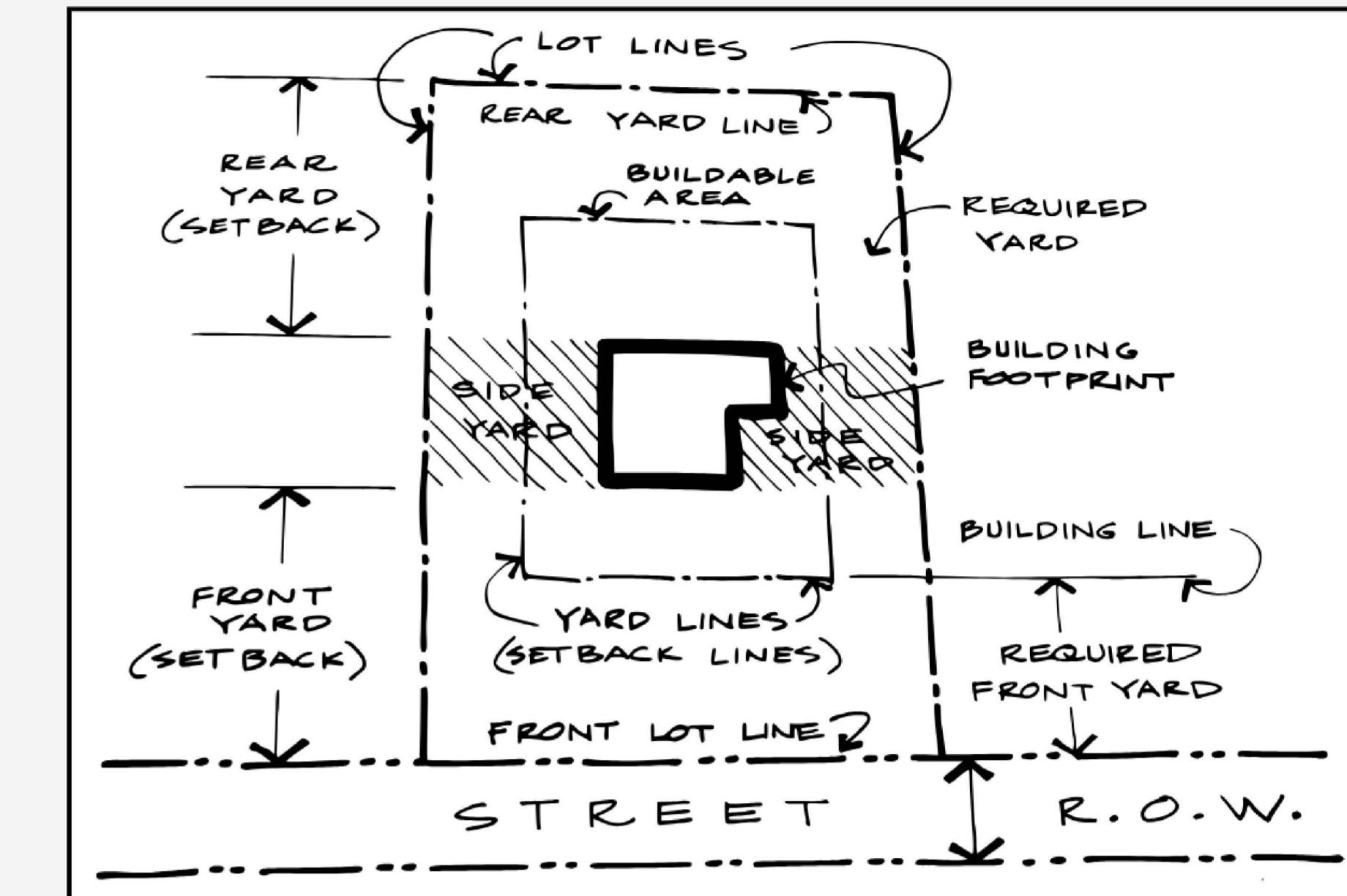
Protect Your Home with Flood Insurance

Flood insurance is required in the Special Flood Hazard Area for any home with a federally-backed mortgage. Private lenders may also require flood insurance for other homes as well. Visit middletownnj.org/floodinsurance for more information and a list of lenders in our area.

Making Improvements to Your Property? Get Approval and Permits First!

Middletown Township regulates lot coverage. Before starting outdoor projects on your property, check with Planning & Zoning to get approval and the necessary permits for the following:

- ✓ Additions
- ✓ Garages
- ✓ Sheds
- ✓ Pools
- ✓ Patios
- ✓ Fences
- ✓ Tree removal



Lot coverage illustration courtesy of *The Latest Illustrated Book of Development Definitions*

Please visit middletownnj.org/zoning for more information.



NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is currently offering free tutoring services to 4th through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who fell behind academically during the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). The program is still accepting applications and will end on Saturday, May 16th.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and middletownnj.org/apply to complete the application.

REHAB GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR HOMEOWNERS!



If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant up to \$25,000 from the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call 732-615-2281 for more information.

Si usted es un dueño de casa de Middletown, usted puede ser elegible para una beca de rehabilitación de la casa de hasta \$25.000 del programa de rehabilitación del hogar del municipio financiado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano de los Estados Unidos. Este programa es para hogares de bajos y moderados ingresos. Llame al 732-615-2281.

The 2026 income limits will be posted to middletownnj.org/income when they are available.

Middletown Township Recognizes Annual Overdose Awareness Day

In August, the Township Committee proclaimed August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in Middletown. In honor of this observance, the Middletown Alliance proudly partnered with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to create a visually impactful display to raise awareness, end the stigma, remember those whose lives have been lost, and celebrate those in recovery.

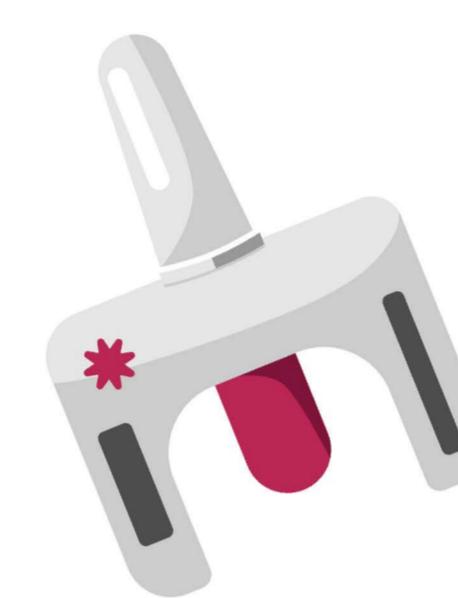
Located in front of Town Hall, the display consisted of 13 purple flags that each represented one life lost due to overdose in Monmouth County from January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 and two white flags that represented all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose last year.



Photo courtesy of Middletown Alliance

Learn How to Respond to Opioid Overdoses with Naloxone/Narcan Administration

Over the summer, the Middletown Alliance and JSAS HealthCare, Inc. partnered to host two trainings on overdose response and naloxone/Narcan administration: one for the public and one for Township employees.



Participants learned about substance and opioid use disorders, the signs of an overdose, the steps to respond, and how to administer naloxone/Narcan and rescue breaths. Those who attended received an overdose response kit that included gloves, a rescue breath mask, and two doses of naloxone nasal spray.

Interested in learning how to administer naloxone/Narcan? The next training will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Training Room at Town Hall. To register, please visit middletownnj.org/narcantraining. You can also watch a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on our YouTube channel (Middletown Township NJ) where EMS Public Information Officer Jimmy De Rugeriis describes the signs of an overdose, explains how to use Narcan, and shares information about where people can access Narcan.

Middletown Shows Support for the Monmouth County Recovery Diversion Program



In August, Mayor Tony Perry welcomed the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and Recovery Diversion Program (RDP) Cares team to Town Hall. RDP is a 12 week to 6 month diversion program that provides treatment support and resources to defendants with substance use and co-occurring disorders.

HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF SHARPS

Local Disposal Options:

- Bayshore Medical Center (727 North Beers Street, Holmdel)
- Riverview Medical Center Container Exchange Program (1 Riverview Plaza, Red Bank)
Sharps container provided by hospital

Please call for an appointment.

Home Disposal Options:

Place sharps into a puncture-resistant, heavy-duty plastic container. **DO NOT** use glass bottles or water bottles with flimsy lids. When the container is 3/4 full, put the lid on, seal with duct tape, and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE". Place the plastic container in the household trash. Sharps should never be recycled or thrown loosely into the trash or toilet.

MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE

The Middletown Alliance is a community-based volunteer organization that works to prevent substance use disorders, underage drinking, vaping, and other at-risk behaviors. Please visit middletownnj.org/middletownalliance for more info.

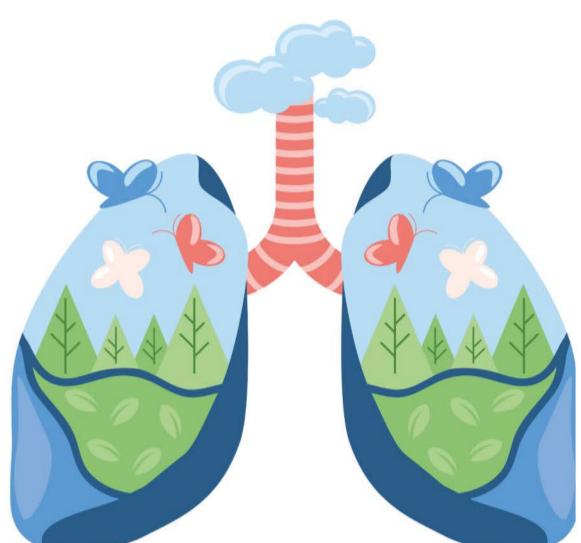


Follow the Alliance on social media and consider getting involved!

Next meeting: Saturday, 11/15

HOW TO QUIT VAPING AND SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR VAPE

This past spring, the Middletown Alliance launched its "Spring Clean Out Your Lungs!" series of PSAs. The series educates the community about the health risks associated with vaping nicotine products, highlights tips on how to quit, and provides information about how to safely get rid of your vape at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). For more information and to watch the series, visit middletownnj.org/middletownalliance.



The Middletown Alliance wants to help you

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATION SAFELY

DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATION FROM:

- Death of loved one
- Past surgeries or dental work
- Veterinary medication

PLEASE NOTE:

- NO Needles
- NO Syringes
- NO Liquids

Please remove prescription labels.

Anonymous drop-off available 24/7 in the box located in the Police Station Lobby (1 Kings Highway).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE AT 732-615-2277 OR VISIT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNALLIANCE](http://middletownnj.org/middletownalliance).



2NDFLOOR

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. ANYTIME. ANYWHERE.

2NDFLOOR (888-222-2228) is a confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults between ages 10 to 24. The service is available 24/7.

2NDFLOOR's trained counselors help find solutions to problems such as substance use, mental health, school, family, dating, bullying, and LGBTQ+ support. Learn more about 2NDFLOOR's helpline at 2ndfloor.org or by downloading the free app on the Apple App Store or Google Play.



SCAN THE QR CODES TO DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP.



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

988 is the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for crisis and suicide prevention.

It is available 24/7. When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, they can dial or text 988 to be connected to a mental health professional. People can also visit 988lifeline.org/chat.

Middletown Township encourages residents to reach out to 988 if they need assistance.



STAY IN THE KNOW

There's something for everyone at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)! Visit middletownarts.org to learn more about programs, events, new classes, and how to become a board member.

While you're on the website, sign up for the weekly e-blast to receive the latest news and follow the MAC's social media channels.

DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL? HEAD TO THE MAC FOR "SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM"

The MAC offers a day-camp for elementary school students when Middletown public schools are closed. Creative activities fill the half- and full-day options led by Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends.

Remaining program dates for the 2025-2026 school year: 11/4, 11/6-7, 12/29-31, 1/19, 2/13, 2/16, 3/30-31, 4/1-3, and 4/6

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT THE MAC



HOLIDAY CLUB MAC!

The original Parent's Night Out with Miss Maria, Miss Val, and Miss Kristina is back with lots more fun this season! Join these three very special teachers for crafts, games, pizza, snacks, and more. This program is for children ages 3 and older (MUST be potty trained). Pre-registration is required. Attendance is limited, so register early!

Friday, 12/5: Annual Elf Party
Friday, 12/19 or Saturday, 12/20: Gingerbread House Party

MENORAH LIGHTING

TBA

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, 11/30

ELF THE MUSICAL JR.

Friday, 12/12, Saturday, 12/13, and Sunday, 12/14

THE WAG'S HOLIDAY SHOW

Saturday, 12/20

DUNBAR REPERTORY ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Dunbar Repertory Theater Company will present the 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, *A Soldier's Play*, on November 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th. *A Soldier's Play* is a two-act drama set on a segregated army base in Louisiana during World War II.

Celebrate Black History Month with Dunbar's production of *A Raisin in the Sun* on 2/7-8 and 2/13-15. *A Raisin in the Sun* is a play about a Black family living on Chicago's South Side in the 1950s and their struggles with poverty, racism, and clashing dreams.

THE MAC PLAYERS PREPARE FOR 2026 SEASON



The MAC's community theater group, The MAC Players, will be performing *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* the weekends of 3/6-8 and 3/13-15.

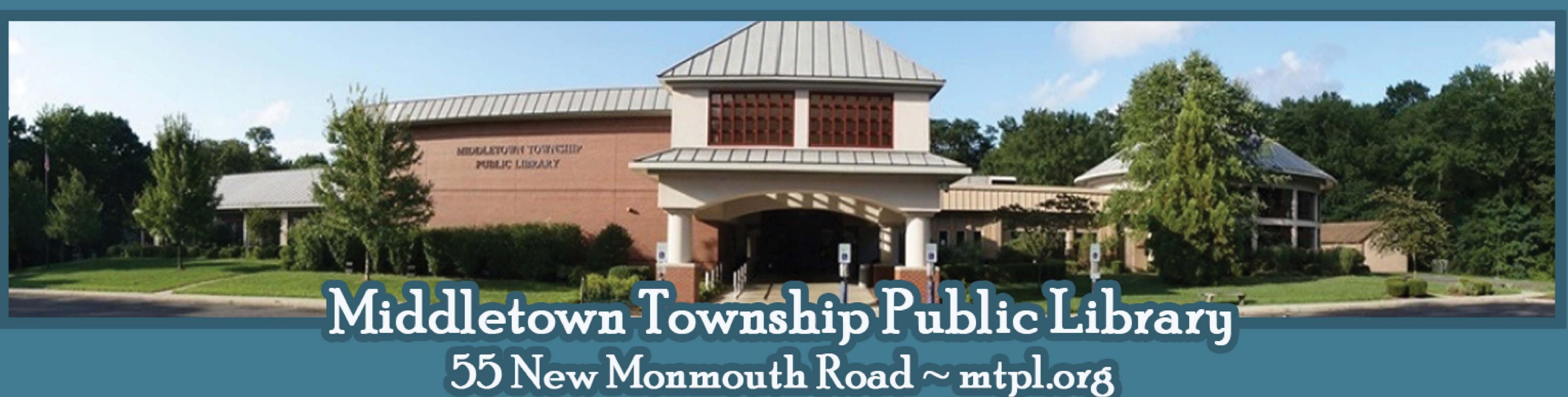
Experience life under the sea with its July production of the beloved Disney classic, *The Little Mermaid*, on 7/10-12 and 7/17-19!

UPCOMING ART WORKSHOPS WITH ASMC



The Art Society of Monmouth County (ASMC) and various artists will be running a series of afternoon art workshops at the MAC.

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!



Middletown Township Public Library 55 New Monmouth Road ~ mtpl.org

Save the Date: Programming for Adults

A POTPOURRI OF SHOW TUNES WITH NANCY SCHARFF

Saturday, 11/8 from 2:00-3:30 PM

Enjoy live show tunes performed by singer and guitarist Nancy Scharff!

HOLIDAY CONCERT: THE BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS

Saturday, 12/6 from 2:00-4:00 PM

Kick off the holiday season with magical sounds from popular local band, The Band of the Two Rivers.

NEW MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS STARTING THIS FALL!

SORCERY & STARLIGHT BOOK CLUB

Discuss fantasy and science fiction novels on the third Wednesday of every month!

NEW JERSEY BOOK CLUB

Join this new club to talk about all things New Jersey! Members will explore the numerous depictions of the Garden State by native and non-native NJ writers across multiple genres. Check the library calendar for dates.

COMMUNITY HISTORY PROJECT

Share your Middletown memories and be part of this ongoing community history project in celebration of America's 250th anniversary! Visit mtpl.org for details.

Save the Date: Programming for Children & Family

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Monthly

Drop in and make greeting cards for senior citizens in Middletown! Volunteer hours will be offered for each card. There is a limit of five cards for a total of five hours. Participants must be between ages 12-18. Check the library calendar for dates.

NEW LEGO CLUB FOR TWEENS

Monday, 11/3 at 3:00 PM and Monday, 12/1 at 6:00 PM

Let your creativity shine with rotating-themed challenges, STEAM-focused activities, and free build time!

EYES OF THE WILD LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

Wednesday, 11/5 from 4:00-4:45 PM

Meet and learn about a fascinating group of animals at this popular program.

EARL HICKS BALLOON & MOVEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, 11/7 from 2:00-3:00 PM

Engage in a fun and interactive family-friendly balloon show full of laughter and magic!

ORNAMENT MAKING & HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, 12/4 from 3:30-5:15 PM

Enjoy hot chocolate and help decorate the MTPL's holiday tree during the annual family ornament making program, followed by a tree lighting in the Children's Room.

HO HO HOLIDAYS AT MTPL

Saturday, 12/6 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Get into the holiday spirit with a storytime and photo opportunity with a very special guest at this festive Friends of MTPL fundraising event!

ANDREW SCHARFF HOLIDAY SHOW

Saturday, 12/13 from 11:00-11:45 AM

Enjoy a family-friendly and funny juggling show that is entertaining for all ages.

SEEING EYE DOGS MEET & GREET

Monday, 1/19 from 2:00-3:00 PM

Learn how seeing eye dogs are trained and about the important work they do with The Seeing Eye, Inc.

NJ MAKERS DAY

Saturday, 3/21 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Participate in hands-on STEM activities for people of all ages. More details to follow.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Assistance Returns to the MTPL

Need help with completing and filing your tax returns? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will be back at the library this February! Be on the lookout for more information, which will be available on the MTPL's website beginning in late January. Interested in volunteering? The foundation is looking for people to assist with tax prep throughout Monmouth County. Training will begin in November. Visit middletownnj.org/aarp for more information.



Special Events

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at mtownrec.recdesk.com. *Denotes free event for residents.

Letters to Santa

Sat., 11/1 - Fri., 12/5 | Locations across town

Holiday Tree Lighting*

Sun., 11/30 | 5:00-7:00p | MAC

Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Holiday Drive

Mon., 12/1 - Fri., 12/5 | Croydon Gym



Santa Ferry

Sat., 12/6 | 9:00a, 11:30a, 1:30p | Belford

Menorah Lighting*

Date and time TBA | MAC

PJ Storytime with Santa*

Tues., 12/16 | 5:00-6:00p | Poricy Park

Middletown Night at NJ Devils

Sun., 1/4 | 7:00p | Prudential Center



Preschool Fair*

Wed., 1/14 | 5:00-7:00p | MTPL

Daddy-Daughter Dances

Fri., 1/30: 6:00-9:00p | Sat., 1/31: 5:00-8:00p
Jacques Reception Center

EGGstravaganza*

Sat., 3/28 | 10:00a-1:00p | MAC

Mystery Egg Hunt*

Thurs., 4/2 | 5:00p | Parks announced day of!



Earth Day Beautification*

Sat., 4/25 | 9:00-11:00a | Park TBA

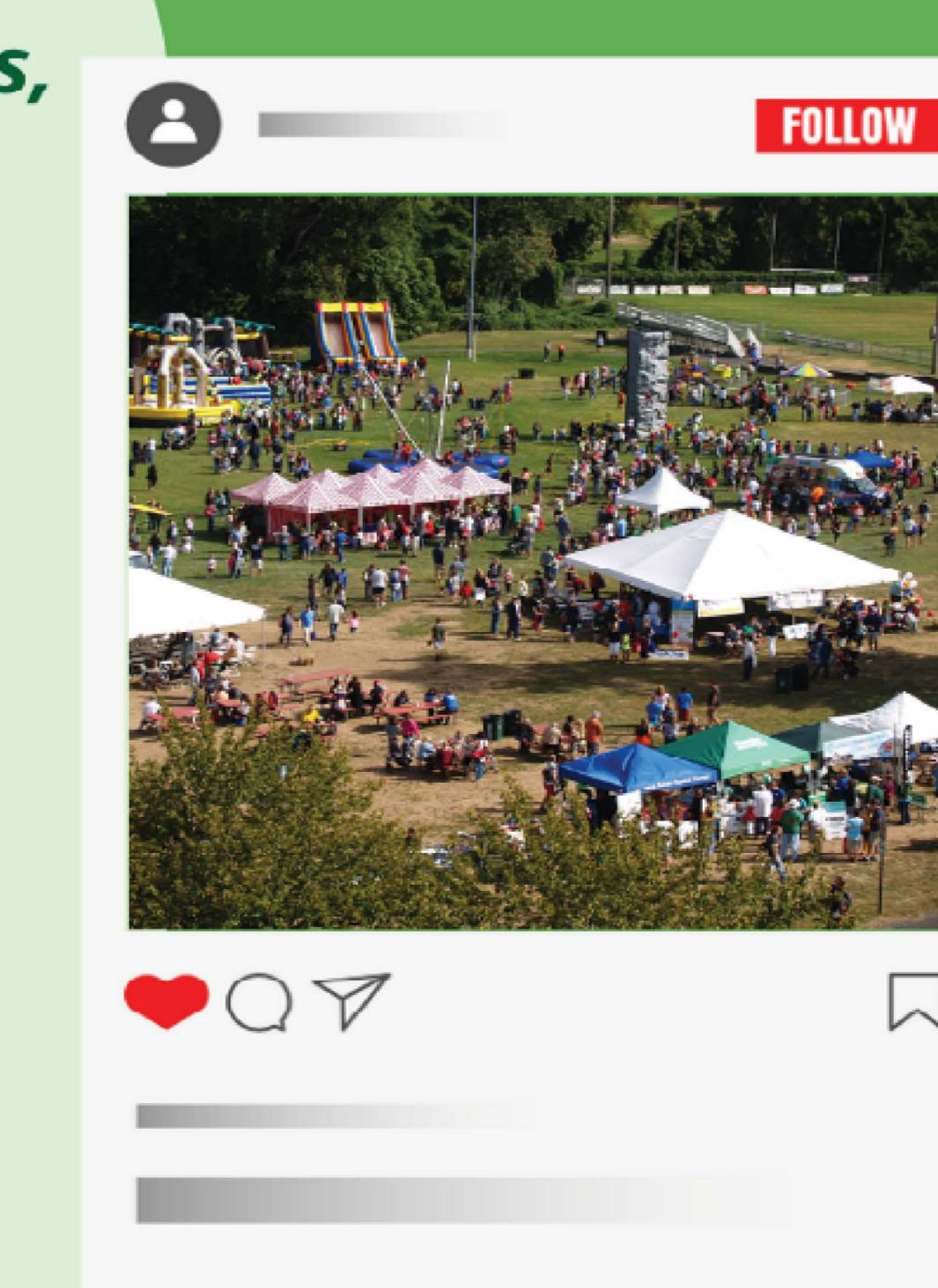
PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements are happening year-round from sport fields, to playgrounds, to building renovations, and more! Please visit middletownnj.org/parkprojects for updated project information.

- **New!** Chanceville Park Combo Baseball Fields (Open Space)
- **New!** Murray Barn Roof Restoration (Capital Funds)
- **New!** Mater Dei Park Acquisition (Open Space)
- **New!** Normandy Park Roller Hockey Rink (Capital Funds)
- **New!** Nutswamp Park Fencing Updates (Open Space)
- **New!** Waloo Park Playground (Capital Funds)
- **Coming this spring!** ADA-accessible StoryWalk at Poricy Park (ROID Grant)
- **Coming this spring!** McMahon Park new basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts (MCOS Grant)



Progress photo of StoryWalk at Poricy Park



FOLLOW PARKS & RECREATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@middletownrec



@middletownrecnj



Contact Parks & Recreation:
Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank
732-615-2260
recreation@middletownnj.org

ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Join Parks & Recreation for weekly youth, teen & adult program offerings. Register for the full session or pay weekly. Discount given to those who register for the full session. Find offerings at mtownrec.recdesk.com.

*Denotes weekly drop-in available; pay at drop-in.

Adult Yoga*	Teen Volleyball*
Adult Volleyball*	Youth Dodgeball*
Adult Basketball*	Youth Run Club
Youth Skateboarding	Snapology

Looking to join a sports league? Visit middletownnj.org/leagues.

SUMMER CAMPS 2026

Traditional and Science Camps run weekly for kids going into grades PreK-9. Set your alarm — registration for 2026 opens Monday, 3/2 at 10:00a for residents!

Pricing, dates, and more info: middletownnj.org/camp



Middletown Preschool

Join in on the fun and love for learning in Middletown Preschool's small teacher-to-student ratios. Its certified Early Elementary Education teachers have 30+ years of combined classroom management.

Call Middletown Preschool at 732-615-3230.
NEW LOCATION AT CROYDON HALL!
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737
middletownnj.org/preschool

PORICY PARK PROGRAMS

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at middletownnj.org/signup.



Turkey Trot Hike

Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Wednesday, 11/26 | 2:30-3:30p

Stretch your legs before you feast! Hike the trails for fall foliage and woodland creatures.



Winter Solstice Hike

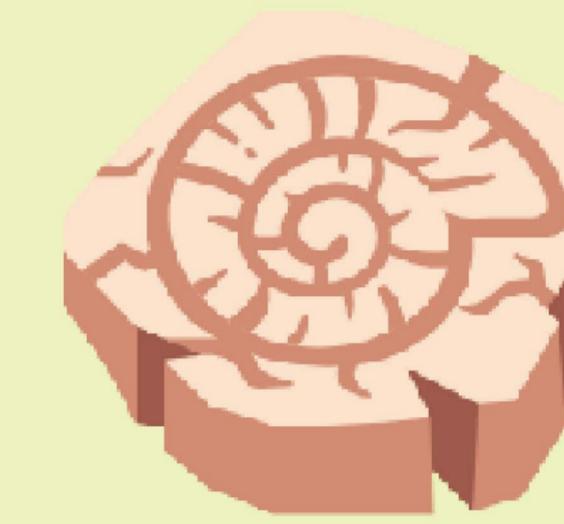
Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Sunday, 12/21 | 5:00-6:00p

Celebrate the new season with a twilight hike! Warm up after with hot cocoa by the fire.

Maple Sugaring for Scouts

\$90.00 per group of 15
Saturday, 2/7 & 2/21

Bring your group for a program on sap collection, identifying maples, and creating syrup! Choose from a one-hour time slot.



Fossil Hunt Rentals

\$5.00 per set

Monday-Friday | 9:00a-4:00p
Drop in at the Nature Center to rent your fossil hunting kit for a DIY experience on your own schedule. Field guide included.



After-School Science Club

Grades K-2 | \$120.00 for 8-week session

This award-winning program includes STEM activities, nature exploration, and adventuring!
Fall: Science of Reactions 11/3 - 12/15 (off 12/1) | Winter: Power of Magnet 1/5 - 3/9 (off 1/19, 2/16)
Spring: Metamorphosis 4/13 - 5/18

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts starting at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program or a 30-45 minute guided hike for \$5.00 per child. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), Parks & Recreation has a badge-specific program for you! Visit middletownnj.org/scouts for bookings.



Celebrate with a unique outdoor adventure! Choose between themed science and nature parties (for ages 4-10) including Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, or Wild Kratt Adventures. Party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities, 30 minutes of "party room" time, and basic paper goods for \$315.00 for the first 15 children.
More information: middletownnj.org/birthday

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

ABCs
2025-2026
ROLLING
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!

PREK3 (3 YR) & PREK4 (4 YR)
FULL DAYS & HALF DAYS
9A-3P 9A-12P
MONDAYS - THURSDAYS

Relocated to
Poricy Park!

OPEN RECREATION

Tues.-Thurs. | 3-5p | Grades K-5
Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road
Drop-In Play, Nature-Themed Activities,
Homework Help & Snack Provided.
Free for Residents.

Scan this QR code to find
the monthly calendar of
events & happenings!

Design credit: Sarah Finnerty (Middletown Parks & Recreation)



WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED? LET DPW KNOW!

Please complete an online form at middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090.

THANK YOU!

DOWNLOAD



FOR :



- Bulk Registration Tool
- Emergency Collection Notifications
- Personalized Collection Calendars
- 'What Goes Where' Look-up Tool



VISIT MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACH FOR MORE INFO.

PORT MONMOUTH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' flood control project continues along Comptons Creek as well as Route 36 in Port Monmouth where the floodwall and levee are being constructed to complete the line of defense. Contract 4b, which includes the levee and floodwall from Broadway to Route 36, as well as road closure gates at Campbell Avenue and Broadway, is the last structural piece of this major flood risk management project.



Floodwall construction continues along Route 36.

The newly constructed stormwater pumping station on Main Street is currently being tested and the State of New Jersey is being trained on how to operate the facility. The raised Port Monmouth Road was completed and is now open to traffic while Broadway and Campbell Avenue will be closed at times in order to complete the flood protection perimeter.

Previous portions of the project are already defending residents against significant flooding and property damage. These completed elements consist of a floodwall along Port Monmouth Road, a road closure gate at Old Port Monmouth Road, raised Port Monmouth Road, levee and floodwall along Main Street, and a pump station and floodgate in Pews Creek. The entire Port Monmouth Flood Control Project is expected to be completed in 2028.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING
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MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

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FALL 2025 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
All Zones	Monday, 12/1

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE. COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,500 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

MONMOUTH COUNTY FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, November 15th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Middletown High School North
63 Tindall Road

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

NEW MANDATORY BULK PICKUP SCHEDULING PROCESS

As of September 1, 2025, it is mandatory to schedule your bulk collection to have items picked up during your scheduled recycling week. Your bulk will be collected within 48 hours.

Visit middletownnj.org/bulk for more information.

3 WAYS TO SCHEDULE:

- 1 Download [recycle coach](http://recyclecoach.com).
- 2 Send an email to bulk@middletownnj.org.
- 3 Leave a voicemail at 732-615-3278.



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