



## **Middletown Township Announces 15 Percent Reduction of NJ Transit Parking Fees**

***Reduction is in Direct Response to NJ Transit Fare Increase***



**On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry announced a plan to counteract the recent decision by Governor Phil Murphy and the NJ Transit Board, which imposed a burdensome 15 percent increase in transit fares. In direct response to this decision, Mayor Perry and the Middletown Township Committee will introduce a 15 percent reduction in NJ Transit parking fees within Middletown, aiming to ease the financial strain on our commuters.**

**Mayor Perry and the Township Committee will introduce an ordinance at the Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Township Committee Meeting with a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The fare reduction would take effect immediately and will be fully implemented prior to the fare increase by New Jersey Transit on July 1, 2024.**

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



## **Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 4/22 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</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 273 3909 followed by #. Enter 2024 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.*



## Middletown Extends Hours to Assist Public

On the evenings of Township Committee Regular Meetings, a representative from certain departments will be extending their hours from 5:30-7:30 PM to assist the public.

On Monday, 4/22, the following departments will be available at Town Hall to answer questions and/or help community members conduct municipal business:

- Building
- Clerk's Office
- Court
- Fire Prevention
- Health
- Planning/Zoning
- Tax Assessment
- Vital Statistics

To contact departments ahead of time, visit [www.middletownnj.org/directory](http://www.middletownnj.org/directory) for a list of phone numbers.

## Mayor Tony Perry Celebrates Earth Day with Nut Swamp Kindergarteners



Mayor Tony Perry started his Friday morning on a positive note by reading to Michelle Michalski-Miles', Elizabeth Mullee's, and Erin Stripto's three kindergarten classes at Nut Swamp Elementary School! Mayor Perry was originally supposed to read there during Read Across America Week, but was unable to at the time.

With Earth Day being on Monday, Mayor Perry read the books *Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth* by Mary McKenna Siddals and *The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean* by Deborah Diesen. After reading, Mayor Perry got a tour of the school garden that the kindergarteners help take care of.



*Photo courtesy of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

With Earth Day (Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>) only a few days away, we would like to remind residents about the importance of taking care of our planet and treating every day like Earth Day.

Stay on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities and check out the [Middletown Green Team](#) and [Middletown Clean Communities Program](#)!

**Attend Van Zandt Way Ceremonial Street Sign Unveiling**

## Ceremony on Friday, 4/26 at 11 AM



### VAN ZANDT WAY UNVEILING CEREMONY



STEVIE VAN ZANDT



BILLY VAN ZANDT

Join us for the unveiling of Van Zandt Way honoring Stevie and Billy Van Zandt, with Middletown Mayor Tony Perry and special guest speaker and fellow Middletown native Brian Williams.



FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 11 AM-NOON  
BETWEEN CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD  
AND WILSON AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NJ  
PARKING AT SAINT MARY SCHOOL

Middletown is partnering with the New Jersey Hall of Fame to ceremonially dedicate Van Zandt Way on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The dedication will honor legendary musician, songwriter, actor, and original member of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Stevie Van Zandt, and his brother, playwright, actor, and director Billy Van Zandt. Mayor Tony Perry and special guest speaker and Middletown native Brian Williams will also attend to help dedicate the street.

Parking will be available at Saint Mary School (19 Cherry Tree Farm Road).

**Attention Middletown Veterans: Attend Veterans Open House on Saturday, 5/11 from 1-4 PM**





## Boil Water Advisory Issued for New Jersey American Water Customers in Portions of Middletown



As a result of a 6-inch water main being hit during a township sewer rehabilitation project along Bay Avenue between Miller Street and Valley Street in Highlands, New Jersey American Water (NJAW) has issued a boil water advisory for customers residing in the following areas:

- Properties located east of the intersection of Washington Lane and Hartshorne Road in Middletown Township
- Properties located north of Shrewsbury Way in Sea Bright
- All of Highlands

The main repair was completed on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and NJAW's water quality teams mobilized swiftly to collect the necessary samples into the early morning hours. It takes approximately 24 hours to get results. NJAW anticipates to have an update on the boil water advisory early Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to boil

water until you are notified that the boil water advisory is lifted. NJAW will update impacted customers when the advisory has been lifted via the company's alerts notification system.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's full advisory.

## Check Out DPW's Schedule for Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration

The graphic features a dark background with a yellow and black striped border. At the top, the title "UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. To the left of the title is a circular logo with a blue and white design, and to the right is a circular logo with a blue and white design. Below the title, there are two columns of text, separated by a vertical yellow and black striped line. The left column lists roads to be paved from Tuesday, 4/16 through Monday, 4/22: Lind Dr., Fairview Dr., Chanceville Pl., Hedden Pl., and Volt Pl. The right column lists roads to be paved from Tuesday, 4/23 through Monday, 4/29: Apple Farm Rd., Brook Rd., Rutledge Dr., Corn Ln., Hamiltonian Dr., and Minton Ct. At the bottom, a line of text states: "Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/roads](http://www.middletownnj.org/roads) for information about the contractors and areas of work."

**UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION**

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- Chanceville Pl.
- Hedden Pl.
- Volt Pl.

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- Apple Farm Rd.
- Brook Rd.
- Rutledge Dr.
- Corn Ln.
- Hamiltonian Dr.
- Minton Ct.

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## Check Out DPW's Spring 2024 Brush Collection Schedule





MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
52 KANES LANE  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
RED BANK, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 652  
ECRWSS

POSTAL CUSTOMER

## SPRING 2024 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a>.</small>	START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small>	COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB AFTER YOUR START DATE.</small>
A,B,C,D	MARCH 25	MARCH 25-APRIL 8
J,L	APRIL 8	APRIL 8-APRIL 22
F,H	APRIL 22	APRIL 22-MAY 6
I,K	MAY 6	MAY 6-MAY 20
E,G	MAY 20	MAY 20-JUNE 3

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.  
BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

Deep Cut Gardens  
Photo by Walter Johnson

# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

## SPRING 2024



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS).





**April is Autism Awareness Month. In recognition of this month-long celebration, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is participating in the Blue Envelope Program which was developed to assist drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and police officers working with them during a traffic stop. The Blue Envelope helps drivers with organizing their documentation and provides tips and education for officers on how to best assist someone with ASD.**

**Blue Envelopes are available at the Police Desk window, located at the front entrance of the Middletown Township Police Department Headquarters (1 Kings Highway). The Police Desk window is open 24/7. Enclosed in the Blue Envelope is an emergency contact form. The Blue Envelope Program is sponsored by the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association.**

*Click [HERE](#) to see an example of the Blue Envelope.*

**MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in Operation Take Back NJ on Saturday, 4/27 from 10 AM - 2 PM**

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

## OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)**



**We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.**

## Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers

**Apply Now!**

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as advocates on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

### Want to Apply?

**Contact Lt. Stephen Keller, MTPD DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2041 or visit [180nj.org](http://180nj.org).**



**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Open Recreation**



Join Middletown Recreation for some after-school fun! Free for residents, Open Recreation offers monitored play, homework help, and even a light snack. Registration is easy, so sign up today!

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

**Looking for a Job? Apply for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp Open Positions!**





# WE'RE HIRING



Have a fun summer  
while earning money.  
**APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**  
Must be 15 years or older

## OPEN POSITIONS

**CAMP RUNS  
JULY 1  
TO  
AUG 9**

- CAMP COUNSELOR  
\$15/HOUR**
- CAMP COORDINATOR  
\$20/HOUR**
- CAMP EMTS  
\$15/HOUR**



*the best days are spent at CAMP*

Middletown Recreation is now hiring counselors, aides, and EMTs for Summer Camp 2024! Applicants must be 15+ years old by the start of camp.

Click [HERE](#) for job descriptions and information about the application process.

**Participate in 2024 Master Plan Ideas Wall By Friday, 5/31**



# MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE

## IDEAS WALL - POST YOUR IDEAS!

*What is your vision for  
Middletown in the next  
10 years and beyond?*



Participate in the Middletown Master Plan “Ideas Wall,” an online tool to gather input from the community that will help shape the plan and future of our Township.

Share your ideas and see what others have said on the Ideas Wall! What do you like about Middletown and where do you see potential for improvements?

To access the Ideas Wall, visit:  
[middletownnj.org/mpideas](http://middletownnj.org/mpideas).

We encourage you to visit [www.middletownnj.org/mpideas](http://www.middletownnj.org/mpideas) to participate in our virtual "Ideas Wall" to help shape the future of our town. The wall will be live until Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> so please share your thoughts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Participate in Garden State Art Weekend at the MAC



Looking for plans this weekend? Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) for Garden State Art Weekend, a one-of-a-kind, state-wide celebration of art in New Jersey.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Garden State Art Weekend at the MAC.

**Sign Up for MTPL's Financial Literacy for Students  
Program Happening on Monday, 4/22 at 4:30 PM**



# Financial Literacy For Students

**4/22 @ 4:30 pm in the  
Community Room**



Visit the [MTPL.org](https://www.mtpl.org) Calendar for more information.



**Teens: Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for this introductory program about saving and informed investing. This session is geared to students and will take place in the Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).**

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

**Attend MTPL's Savings & Investing: Financial Literacy for  
Adults Program on Monday, 4/22 at 7 PM**

# SAVINGS & INVESTING

## financial literacy for adults

with Colin Dennis,  
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority  
Investor Advocacy Project



**Monday, 4/22 @ 7 pm**  
**Community Room**

Registration strongly recommended.  
Visit the calendar page at [mtpl.org](https://mtpl.org)

**Adults:** Join the MTPL for this introductory program about saving and informed investing. It focuses on some of the challenges facing investors, avoiding investment pitfalls, the questions people should ask when investing, and applying for and maintaining credit cards. The presenter, Colin Dennis, will also provide some resources for people who may have experienced fraud.

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

**Attend Middletown Preschool's Children Art Show & Open House on Wednesday, 4/24 at 5 PM**



Join Middletown Preschool (50 Bray Avenue) for a Children's Art Show & Open House! Enjoy artwork, learn about the preschool, and get information about classes. Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open and filling quickly!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Register for Suicide Awareness and Prevention  
Community Walk Happening Sunday, 5/19 at 10 AM**

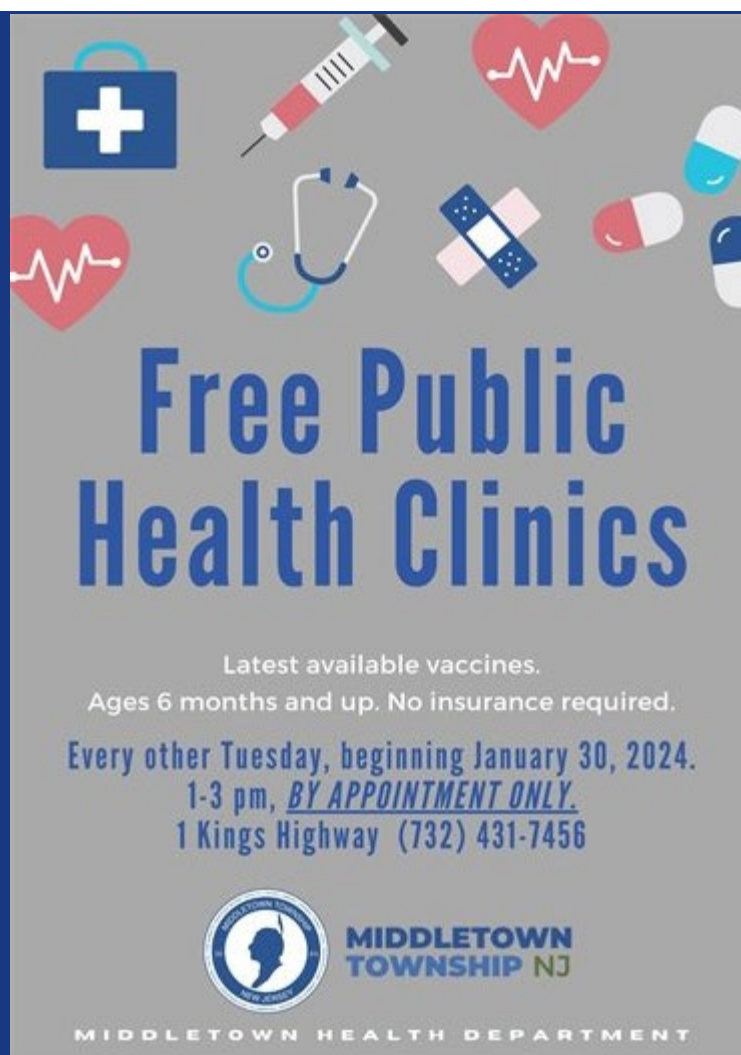




Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

# RESOURCES

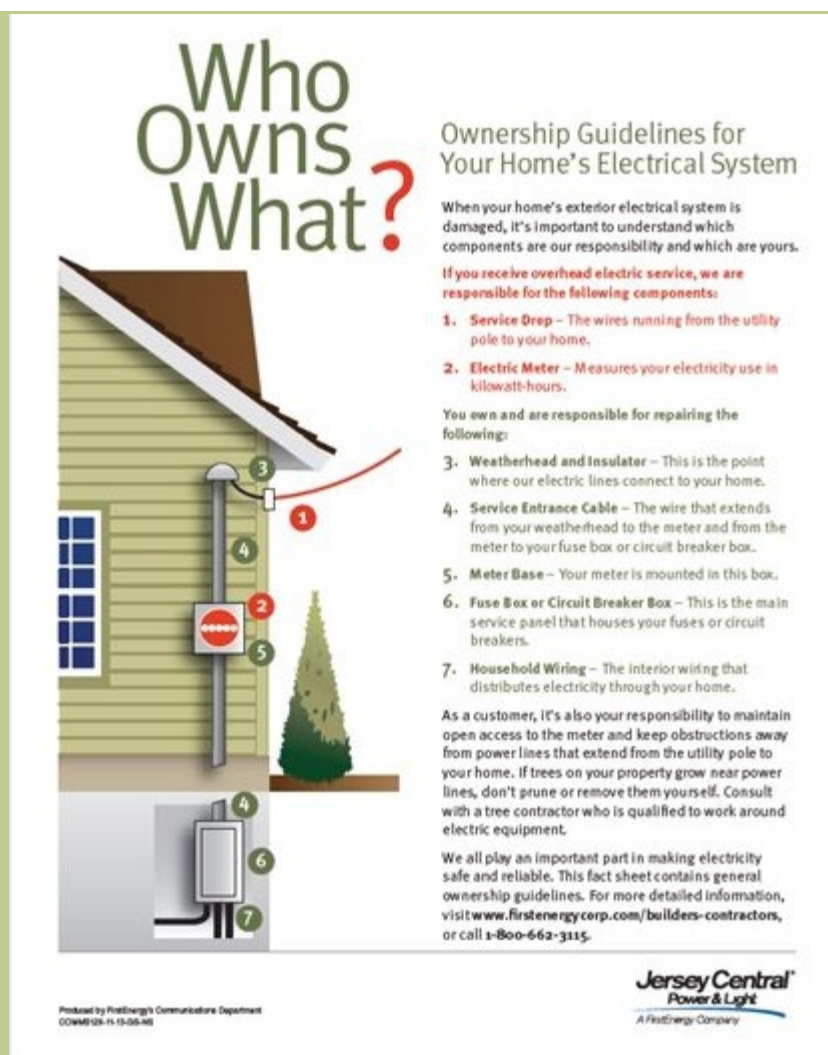
**Make an Appointment for Middletown Health Department & Monmouth County's Free Vaccine Clinics**



The next clinic is on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Clinics are available by appointment only, so please call 732-431-7456 if you would like to make one. Patients under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Patients are NOT required to have insurance or bring their immunization records.

**JCP&L's Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's  
Electrical System**



[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) reminds customers that they need to be aware of individual outages to their homes that may require an electrician and inspection before service can be restored. The photo above provides information that helps explain what equipment customers may need an electrician to address before restoration can be completed.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about JCP&L.

**Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates**



## REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register for Nixle.

## Monmouth County Introduces Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

### Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Warm Line: 732-683-8959



**The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.**

**This tool provides easier access to services including :**

-  Mental Health
-  Food
-  Housing
-  Substance Use
-  More



Monmouth County has recently launched the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System – an easy way for residents to find and access appropriate services in Monmouth County to meet their needs. Created as part of Monmouth County's Department of Human Services, the Navigation System will serve as one point of entry for residents to be connected to any human service provider in the County without needing to make multiple calls and needing to tell their story again and again.

Call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959 to reach countless service providers and visit [www.monmouthacts.org/navigation-system](http://www.monmouthacts.org/navigation-system) for more information.

Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW

**WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING,  
OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?**

**LET DPW KNOW!**



Please complete an online form at  
[www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup).

**QUESTIONS?**

Please call DPW at  
732-615-2090.

**THANK YOU!**



We encourage you to complete a form at [www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup) if your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

# REPORT A CONCERN

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern](http://www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern) to notify the Township about matters such as property and/or road conditions, traffic safety, and others.

The screenshot shows the 'Citizen Request Tracker™' web application. At the top, it says 'Use Citizen Request Tracker™ to report your concerns. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, please do not use this form. Call 911 for emergencies.' There is a 'Log in to check on existing requests' link. The interface is divided into several sections, each with a 'Forms' count:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
  - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
  - Autos Parked On Grass - Jurisd. Unregistered - Commercial
  - Nuisance Lot/Signs
  - Permits and Inspections
  - Property Conditions
- Police Department** (1 Form):
  - Police & Traffic
- Public Works & Engineering** (11 Forms):
  - Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)
  - Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)
  - Drainage (Road Maint. Division)
  - Engineering
  - Park & Grounds Maintenance
  - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
  - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
  - Signs (Road Maint. Division)
  - Storm Removal (Road Maint. Division)
  - Township Buildings
  - Trees (Road Maint. Division)
- Recreation** (1 Form):

You will need an account to log in. If you don't have an account, it only takes a few minutes to create one.



**Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!**

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).



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