



## Mayor Tony Perry Launches *Locally Sourced* Podcast



In the inaugural episode of our new podcast *Locally Sourced*, Mayor Tony Perry chats with Middletown Recreation Director Janet Dellett about park improvements, upcoming events, and more. After, listen to Eric Taliercio share secrets and stories about local staple Taliercio's Gourmet Deli!

Click [HERE](#) for information about *Locally Sourced* and to listen to the episode.

## Congratulations to Newest Police Youth Week Graduates



*Photos courtesy of MTPD*

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) just completed its second Police

**Youth Week Camp of the summer! There were 61 children, between the ages of 8 to 11, who participated in this program. The Police Youth Week program, run by Detective Ric Cruz, is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training and gives participants their first exposure to law enforcement at the recruit phase. Participants learned firsthand about a wide variety of law enforcement training and techniques including officer safety, internet safety, crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, and the K-9 unit. The program also emphasized the importance of citizenship and community policing.**

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony at Brookdale Community College's Student Life Center. Each graduate received a certificate and a well-earned challenge coin. Campers Claire Herron and Harris Hickey were given a shoutout and trophies for getting the best times in the obstacle course race.

Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Werner and Detective Ric Cruz personally congratulated each child. Kudos to our newest Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program – Sgt. Carr, Sgt. Heaton, Cpl. Buhowksi, Cpl. Riffert, Cpl. Seymour, Cpl. Reuter, Ptl. Ruane, Ptl. Derasmo, and Ptl. Zubkow, as well as volunteers Noah Fleming, Rylee Higgins, Alex Rowland, and Natalie Pizzuto!

Special thanks to Laurie Tietjen and her staff at Freedom Reins for the fun activities on the horse farm and free ice cream sundaes.

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



### **MTPD PARTNERS WITH 7-ELEVEN FOR "OPERATION CHILL" TO REWARD KIDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR!**



If an officer witnesses a kid doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior, they'll get a coupon for a free small Slurpee® drink at participating stores.



If your child is issued a "ticket" for being kind, feel free to share it via social media using #MTPDoperationchill.

### **7-ELEVEN operation chill**

RECOGNIZING GREAT KIDS



Operation Chill, an annual program with 7-Eleven and the Middletown Township

Police Department (MTPD), is back in action! Children can be the lucky recipient of a coupon for a free small Slurpee® if MTPD officers see them doing a good deed or exhibiting positive behavior.

Join MTPD at Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/6 from 5-8 PM



National Night Out will be celebrated at Middletown High School North's back field (63 Tindall Road) this year on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>! Attendees will be able to park in the lot off Swartzel Drive.

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. This is the MTPD's 7<sup>th</sup> year hosting it.

The MTPD will be on site to meet the public, give demonstrations, and have fun. Activities include fingerprinting, K-9 demonstrations, police equipment displays,

impaired driving simulator, inflatables, giveaways, food, and more!

We hope to see all our residents at this FREE, family-friendly event!

## North Middletown-Port Monmouth Community Comes Together for Family Fun Day & Second NRTC Discussion



[Photo courtesy of Affordable Housing Alliance](#)

On Thursday, Middletown Township, the Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted a Family Fun Day outside the Tonya Keller Community Center. In addition to providing activities like face painting, cornhole, and more, this event served as a second community discussion about the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program. The first community meeting was held in May.

**Thank you to all our community members who made the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day a success! Your input is truly invaluable. Stay tuned for more exciting meetings and events coming your way!**

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



**In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – and Middletown is preparing to celebrate in a monumental way!**

**Middletown's America 250 Committee has already started planning thoughtful ways to commemorate this historic milestone by paying tribute to our nation's past and the part that Middletown played in it.**

**This multi-year initiative will run from July 1, 2024 through July 4, 2026. Much like the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976, this observance will offer a plethora of ways to learn about Middletown's history before and during the Revolutionary War and explore the significant role it had in founding the nation.**

**We are excited to embark on this journey toward celebrating this momentous occasion in our nation's history!**

**Learn about Local Lenape Folklore at "On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape" on Tuesday, 7/23 at 7 PM**

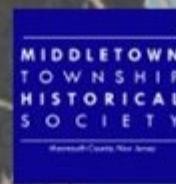
# On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape with Prof. Camilla Townsend

**Tuesday, July 23 at 7pm**

**FREE! Two Ways to Attend:**

- *In-Person* at the Middletown Twp. Public Library
- *Online* via Zoom: Register at  
[MiddletownNJHistory.org](http://MiddletownNJHistory.org)

**Hosted by**  
**Middletown Township**  
**Historical Society**



This program is made possible in part by the Monmouth County Historical Commission, through funding by the New Jersey Historical Commission



**Join the Middletown Township Historical Society on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM  
as they present "On the Turtle's Back: Stories of the Lenape".**

Professor Camilla Townsend of Rutgers University will speak about Lenape folklore stories. The stories were originally collected from Lenape people who sought to record their legends before their language and cultural traditions died out. Townsend and a Lenape co-author, Nicky Kay Michael, carefully researched the lives of the storytellers and have recently published the tales for the first time.

You can attend in person at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online via Zoom by registering at [MiddletownNJHistory.org](http://MiddletownNJHistory.org). The Middletown America 250 Committee encourages residents to attend this free event so you can learn more about local history ahead of Middletown's upcoming celebration of our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Join Us For Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise  
Happening on Wednesday, 8/14 from 5:30-9:00 PM**



**DAR**  
MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER

*You're Invited*

*Sail the waters of Sandy Hook Bay and  
see America as Marquis de Lafayette did upon his arrival  
for his farewell tour on August 14, 1824!*

**Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Teal Cruises boat boards at 5:30 PM and returns to dock at 9:00 PM

**Location:** Atlantic Highlands Marina (2 Simon Lake Drive, Atlantic Highlands)

**Cost:** \$100/ ticket (includes 3-hour boat ride with Lafayette impersonator, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks & dessert with cash bar)

SCAN TO LEARN MORE, REGISTER, & PURCHASE TICKETS

The Middletown Township Committee encourages residents to join our America 250 celebration by purchasing tickets for the Lafayette Bicentennial Sunset Cruise happening in August.

Attendees will sail the waters of the Sandy Hook Bay and see America as Marquis de Lafayette, a French nobleman who fought in the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War, did during his farewell tour exactly two centuries ago.

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

**Listen to Local County Tales at "Stories 'Round the Campfire" on Sunday, 8/18 at 7:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 | 7:30-8:30 PM  
MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER LAWN  
36 CHURCH STREET**

Middletown Township and Sand Hill Indian Historical Association invite you to an evening of listening to local county tales under the moonlight.

Please bring your own lawn chair and blanket so you can sit and relax as you enjoy smores and stories about Middletown's history!



**Stories 'Round the  
CAMPFIRE**



Middletown's America 250 Committee is partnering with Middletown Township and Sand Hill Indian Historical Association to host Stories 'Round the Campfire on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Middletown Arts Center's lawn (36 Church Street)! We encourage everyone to join us for this free event as we dig deep into our community's rich history and listen to local county tales under the moonlight, similar to how Native American tribes used to hold powwows many centuries ago.

Attendees will be able to make s'mores and are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and/or blanket.



**Local Business Owners Encouraged to Provide Discounts to USS NEW JERSEY Sailors in September**

Attention local business owners! Please consider supporting the USS NEW JERSEY's sailors when they are in Middletown this September as the Navy introduces its next warship.

We are looking for businesses to offer coupons to say "thank you" to the brave men and women who serve our country.

*Click [HERE](#) to learn more.*

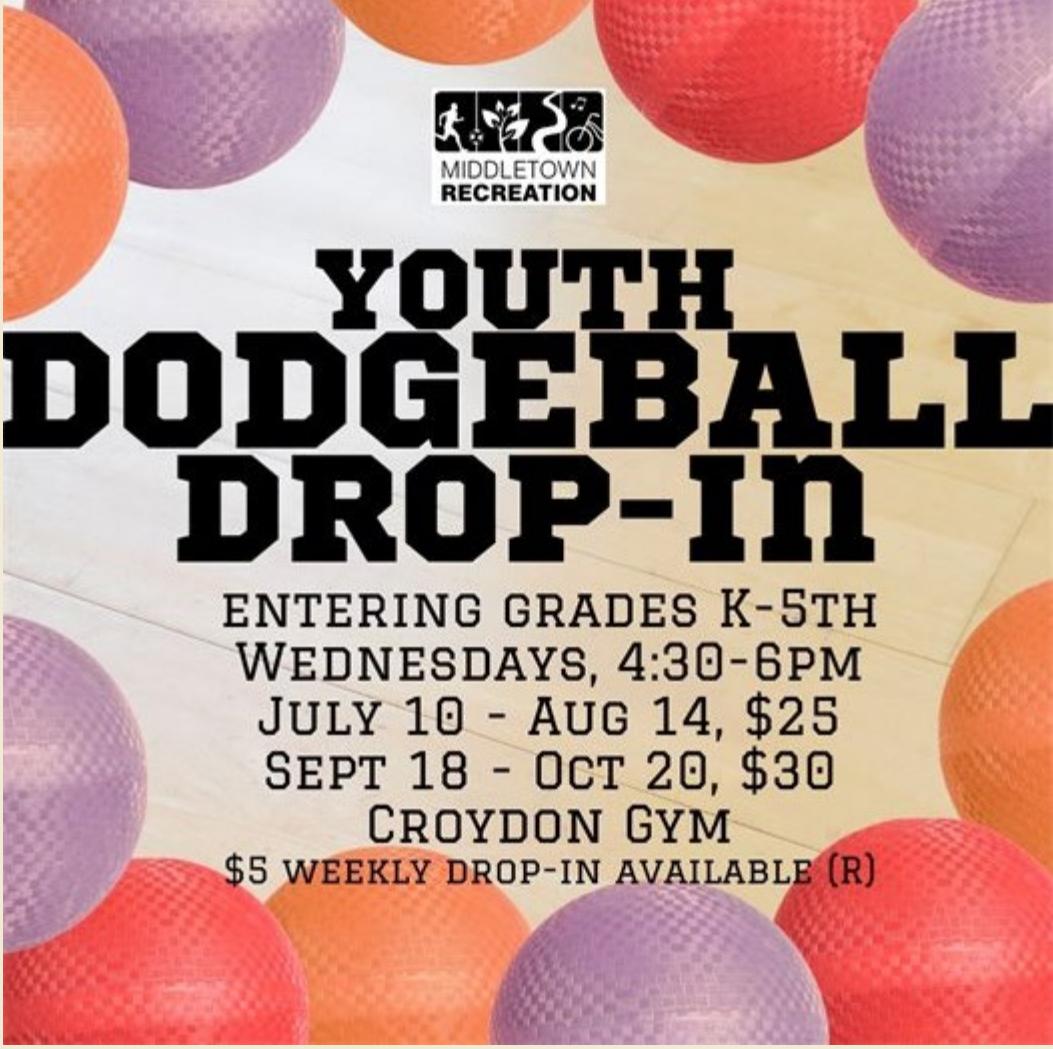
**TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS**

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

Bray Avenue near Pews Creek will be closed for approximately 8 weeks, beginning Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please avoid the area and plan alternate routes.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle), text your zip code to 888-777, or download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app to sign up for the Township's emergency notifications, which include alerts about road detours and closures.

**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program!**



**MIDDLETON RECREATION**

**YOUTH  
DODGEBALL  
DROP-IN**

ENTERING GRADES K-5TH  
WEDNESDAYS, 4:30-6PM  
JULY 10 - AUG 14, \$25  
SEPT 18 - OCT 20, \$30  
CROYDON GYM  
\$5 WEEKLY DROP-IN AVAILABLE (R)

Dodge, duck, dip, and dive with Middletown Recreation at the Youth Dodgeball Drop-in Program on Wednesdays! Weekly drop-in is available and co-ed teams are picked weekly. There are two sessions: July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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



**Purchase Tickets Now for The MAC Players' *Legally Blonde The Musical* Premiering This Weekend!**



The MAC PLAYERS

LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical*

JULY 12-21

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

The musical will take place at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on the following dates: Fridays, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Saturdays, July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, and Sundays, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM.

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

**Middletown Recreation & MAC's Summer Concert Series  
Begins Tuesday, 7/16 at 7 PM!**



**MAC JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
Featuring vocalist Claudia Perry

MIDDLETOWN  
*Summer*  
**CONCERT**  
SERIES





  
Middletown  
Arts Center

  
Middletown  
Recreation

The MAC Jazz Orchestra, featuring vocalist Claudia Perry, will kick off our annual free summer concert series on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>! The remaining concerts will take place on Tuesdays, July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the extreme heat predicted for July 16<sup>th</sup>, the event will be held inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). This series is sponsored by Middletown Recreation and the MAC.

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

**Get Festive at Middletown Recreation's Christmas in July Beach Party & Movie Night on Thursday, 7/25**



Enjoy a family-friendly night filled with a DJ, free ice cream, Beach Santa, and activities at Middletown Recreation's "Christmas in July" event at Ideal Beach (49 Bayside Parkway, North Middletown)! The beach party will begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your own beach chair and blanket. Stay after the beach party to watch a classic Christmas movie, *The Christmas Chronicles*, at 8:45 PM.

This event is free, but your RSVP is recommended. We hope to see you there!

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

**Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws Happening on Friday, 7/26 at 7 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Sit with our community as we cheer on the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. A \$20 ticket includes food, boardwalk game tickets, fireworks, and more!

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

**Give Back by Donating Blood at Lincroft Fire Company on Monday, 7/15**



## Lincroft Fire Co.

601 Newman Springs Rd.

### Monday, July 15th

**12:30pm - 6:30pm | Bloodmobile**

*(parked in the back of the building)*

**Appointments Encouraged! Walk-ins welcome!**

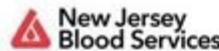
For an appointment, scan the QR code



Or call 1800-933-2566

Please bring your nybc donor card or a photo ID.  
Eat well and drink plenty of fluid before donating blood!  
For information about eligibility call: 1-800-933-2566 or visit: [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)

*Donors will receive a \$15 Tango gift card (tango.com)*



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

Help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> between 12:30-6:30 PM to donate a pint of blood! Donors need to bring a photo ID and are reminded to eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood. All donors will receive a \$15 Tango gift card.

Appointments are recommended and can be made by either calling 1-800-933-2566, visiting the [New York Blood Center's website](#), or scanning the QR code pictured above. If you register online, please search sponsor code "70286".

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* to make an appointment.](#)

**Join MTFD at Touch-A-Truck on Monday, 7/29 from 6-9 PM**

Middletown Township Fire Department's 2nd Annual

# Touch-A-Truck



**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**6 PM to 9 PM**

**Mater Dei High School Parking Lot**  
**Cherry Tree Farm Road**

**Fire Trucks - Food Trucks - Games**  
**Fire Safety Demonstrations**

11 Companies - 1 Department - All Volunteer

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



On Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Mater Dei High School parking lot for the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) second annual Touch-A-Truck to check out fire trucks, food trucks, games, and fire safety demonstrations!

**Play Spooky Games at MTPL's Teen Summer Scares:  
Horror Board Game Night on Monday, 7/15 at 6 PM**



Join employees from Shore Gamers, a local game store, at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to play all kinds of fun, horror-inspired tabletop games! This thrilling event for teens will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

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

**Teens: Spend an Afternoon with MTPL at the Teen High Challenge Course on Tuesday, 7/16 from 3-6 PM**



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PUBLIC LIBRARY  
www.mtpl.org

## Teen High Challenge Course

7/16 from 3 - 6 pm at  
Thompson Park, Old  
Orchard Picnic Shelter



\*please arrive 10 minutes early to sign waiver form. No participation without signed waiver.

Visit the MTPL.org Calendar for more information.

Join the Middletown Township Public Library at Thompson Park (805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft) to navigate a high ropes course and take on a zipline at the "Teen High Challenge Course" program! Attendees will meet at the Old Orchard Picnic Shelter. Participants and guardians must arrive early to sign a waiver form; parents must sign for minors. No participation allowed without a signed form. The event is weather dependent.

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

# RESOURCES



**Planning a Vacation?  
Renew Your Passport at the Middletown Town Hall  
Passport Acceptance Agency**



For more information, please call the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, email [passport@middletownnj.org](mailto:passport@middletownnj.org), visit [www.middletownnj.org/Passports](http://www.middletownnj.org/Passports), or stop by the Clerk's Office at 1 Kings Highway.

The Middletown Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents about the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency (1 Kings Highway). Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/passports](http://www.middletownnj.org/passports) for more information. You can also email [passport@middletownnj.org](mailto:passport@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2014 if you have any questions.

### Middletown OEM Provides Hurricane Safety Tips

#### Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management:



### Hurricane Safety PSA

As hurricane season is underway, Middletown's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Operations Chief Charlie Ehret presents hurricane preparedness tips for

residents in this public service announcement (PSA).

**Click HERE to watch the PSA on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20).**

## 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.



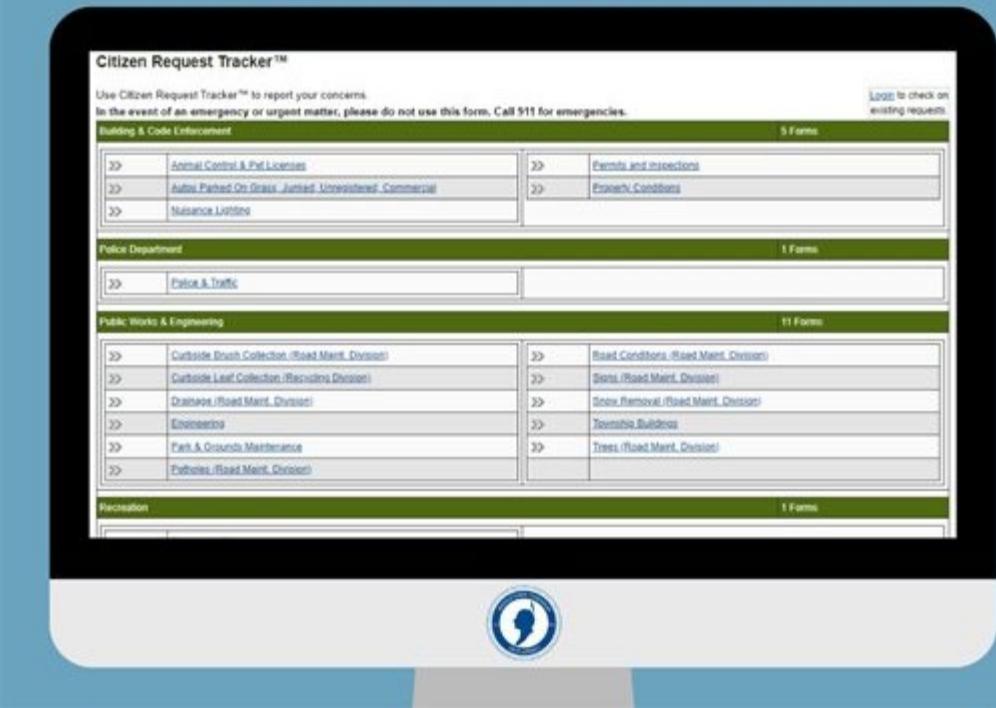
**Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!**

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).

# 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.



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

Click **HERE** to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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