



*A young community member sits by the "campfire" and listens to Mayor Tony Perry introduce local historian and author Rick Geffken, Sand Hill Indian Historical Association Director Claire Garland, and naturalist & storyteller Marc Gottwerth who all took the stage to tell local county tales.*

**On Sunday, Middletown Township partnered with the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association for the first**

official Middletown America 250 event "Stories 'Round the Campfire".



Despite the rain moving the event indoors, local stories and history were still shared inside the Middletown Arts Center's theater. There were also Lenni-Lenape Native American artifacts on display in the gallery provided by both the Monmouth Museum and Middletown resident and Director of the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association, Claire Garland. The Lenni-Lenapes were the original settlers of Middletown Township.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events and initiatives as we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!

*Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.*

*(Photos courtesy of Middletown Recreation)*

## **USS NEW JERSEY SSN 796 Captain and Crew Members Visit Town Hall**



**On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry welcomed Commanding Officer Captain Steven Halle of the USS NEW JERSEY SSN 796, crew members, and Chairman of the Submarine Commissioning Committee Peter Engelman to Town Hall as Middletown prepares to welcome the newest submarine into the Navy's fleet next month!**

**The Township is thrilled to play a significant role in this historic moment for both our military and nation. This event marks a proud chapter in our town's history, and we are eager to support and celebrate the dedication of the brave individuals who serve our country.**

*For more information, visit [njcommissioning.org](http://njcommissioning.org).*

## **Crossing Guards Complete Annual Training and Receive Recognition for Years of Service**



**Mayor Tony Perry, Middletown Deputy Police Chief John Werner, Lt. Antonio Ciccone, and Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli were proud to pose with the crossing guards who were recognized for their impressive number of years of service. Shoutout to Cheryl Wilson (pictured to the right of Mayor Perry) for receiving a gold pin for 35 years!**

On Thursday morning, Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli held a training session in the Training Room at Town Hall to prepare our crossing guards for the 2024-2025 school year.

After the training session, Mayor Tony Perry thanked the crossing guards for their dedication and helped Dominick present pins to the crossing guards who were celebrating specific years of service. Mayor Perry was especially humbled to present a gold pin to Cheryl Wilson from Navesink Elementary School who was recognized for her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a crossing guard!

The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for overseeing the crossing guards who are positioned throughout the township during the school year. We wish everyone a happy and safe school year!

## **Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



*George Richdale, a founding member of the Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad, was recognized for 70 years of service. Pictured from left: Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Member Tatum Sinopoli, President Jessie Trentacosti, George Richdale, and Captain Dan Fowler*



*Pictured from left: Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad President Jessie Trentacosti, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Captain Dan Fowler*

On Saturday, Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad hosted an event to celebrate the squad's 70 years of service to our community. Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad is one of the Middletown Emergency Medical Services Department's five all-volunteer first aid squads. Committeeman Ryan Clarke, who began his diverse career of volunteerism with the squad decades ago, was honored to attend the event and present a certificate on behalf of the Middletown Township Committee.

Please join us in congratulating the squad for this monumental anniversary and thanking them for assisting residents when they are sick or injured, providing relief when they are suffering, and promoting safety in Lincroft and Middletown.

*(Photos courtesy of Tracy Nimon)*

## Beacon Hill Country Club Opens Golf Practice Facility



***Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to join the Beacon Hill Country Club (BHCC) Board of Trustees, past BHCC presidents, BHCC General Manager/CEO Alexander Mueller, BHCC Greens Superintendent Graham Kasprzyk, and BHCC staff for the ribbon cutting.***

*(Photo courtesy of BHCC)*

Last Friday, Beacon Hill Country Club (8 Beacon Hill Road, Atlantic Highlands) hosted the grand opening of its golf practice facility! The hitting bays and Toptracer technology is a perfect example of the club's continued growth and dedication to making its member experience exceptional, especially as it celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Visit [www.beaconhillcc.org](http://www.beaconhillcc.org) to check out the country club's first-class amenities, year-round activities, and more.

## **Middletown Township Proclaims August 31<sup>st</sup> Overdose Awareness Day**



*The Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County volunteers placed 27 purple flags on the lawn near the Township's Police Memorial on Highway 35 and Kings Highway to honor each life lost to overdose in Monmouth County from 1/1 – 3/31 of this year. There are also 2 white flags that represent all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose throughout 2024.*

**The Middletown Township Committee recognized Overdose Awareness Day (August 31<sup>st</sup>) with a proclamation at the Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. National Recovery Month will also be observed in Middletown Township during the month of September to help educate our community about available programs.**

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, please reach out to Preferred Behavioral Health (PBH) at 732-367-4700. PBH provides mental health and substance use disorder services to Middletown and New Jersey residents.

The Monmouth ACTS Navigation System can also connect Monmouth County residents to resources for mental health, substance use, food, housing, and more!

You can call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959.

To view upcoming events and a variety of substance use, mental health, and parent and family resources, visit the Middletown Alliance

page at [www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance).



## Watch the Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Meeting

*Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Check Out Latest Episode of "Minute with the Mayor"!



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he discusses the micro-resurfacing pilot program used on roads in Shadow Lake Village, exciting news about Netflix's production of "Happy Gilmore 2" being filmed right here in Middletown, the arrival of the USS NEW JERSEY SSN 796 submarine that is being commissioned at U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo next month, and upcoming Township events.

*Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.*

**Catch New "Locally Sourced" Podcast Interviews  
Lucky Listener Giveaway Winner Announced on Instagram**

**CHECK OUT MAYOR TONY PERRY'S NEW PODCAST**

**Locally SOURCED**

EXIT 114

**LISTEN ON**

Join Mayor Tony Perry as he chats with Rob Doran, owner of Almost Home General, and learn the fascinating backstory that inspired his successful franchise. Then, learn about our town's Native American history with local author Rick Geffken and Sand Hill Indian Historical Association Director Claire Garland.



Earlier today, @joestrbo was chosen as the random winner of the limited edition "Locally Sourced" cap that we were promoting on Instagram. Congratulations!

**Middletown Remembers: 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service on Wednesday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM**

*Middletown Remembers*

23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the  
World Trade Center Tragedy  
Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

*Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.*

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens  
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748  
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.  
Tribute will be held rain or shine.

**Participate in Township's Master Plan Survey Regarding  
Draft Recommendations by Saturday, 8/31**



## **MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

### **PUBLIC SURVEY #2 SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Your feedback will help  
the project team refine  
recommendations and  
content in the final Master  
Plan update.**

*Draft Elements include:*

- Land use
- Circulation & Mobility
- Utilities
- Community Facilities
- Open Space and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Economic Development
- Green Building and Sustainability

**To access the Master Plan Public Survey #2, visit:  
[middletownnj.org/mpsurvey](http://middletownnj.org/mpsurvey)**

Middletown Township is preparing a comprehensive Master Plan update to serve as a roadmap to guide the future planning of the Township! For more information about the process, please view the [project website](#).

Draft recommendations were presented at a public workshop in June. To view the draft recommendations before taking the survey, click [HERE](#).

*Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey by Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**Join us for Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/28 from 1-6 PM  
Fireworks at 7:30 PM!**



**Saturday, September 28th  
Croydon Hall 1pm-6pm**

**6pm-7:30pm "Tramps Like Us" Bruce Tribute Band  
[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

Middletown Day will be returning on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 PM at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road). Enjoy food trucks, live music, local businesses and crafters, touch-a-trucks, children's entertainment, inflatables, and so much more!

New this year, there will be fireworks at 7:30 PM! Join us beforehand for "Tramps

**Like Us" – NJ's #1 Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please bring your own blankets and chairs. Sponsorship and vendor spots are still available, so apply today!**

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

## **Middletown Recreation Introduces New RecDesk Registration Portal Beginning Fall 2024**



Middletown Recreation is transitioning to a new registration portal, RecDesk, for programs and events starting with the fall 2024 season. Please continue to use [CommunityPass](#) for program registrations that start in August and September.

Please note that account credits from CommunityPass will not transfer over. Only credits from 2023/2024 programs that are more than \$10 will be awarded via PO/check (less processing fee).

[Click HERE](#) for more information and visit [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com) to create an

**account today!**

## Tindall Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Are Closed Through August

**NOTICE**  
**TINDALL COURTS**

*Courts 1-8: Closed on or about July 22nd through August for renovations.*

*Courts 9-16: Effective August 5th walk-on play only. No permits, no private lessons. Middletown North High School has priority at posted times. Courts to close for renovations following the completion of courts 1-8.*

**NEW TENNIS COURTS & PICKLEBALL COURTS COMING SOON!**

Middletown Recreation would like to inform the community that the Tindall Park tennis and pickleball courts will be closed for renovations through August. These updates are necessary to ensure that the facilities remain safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone.

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

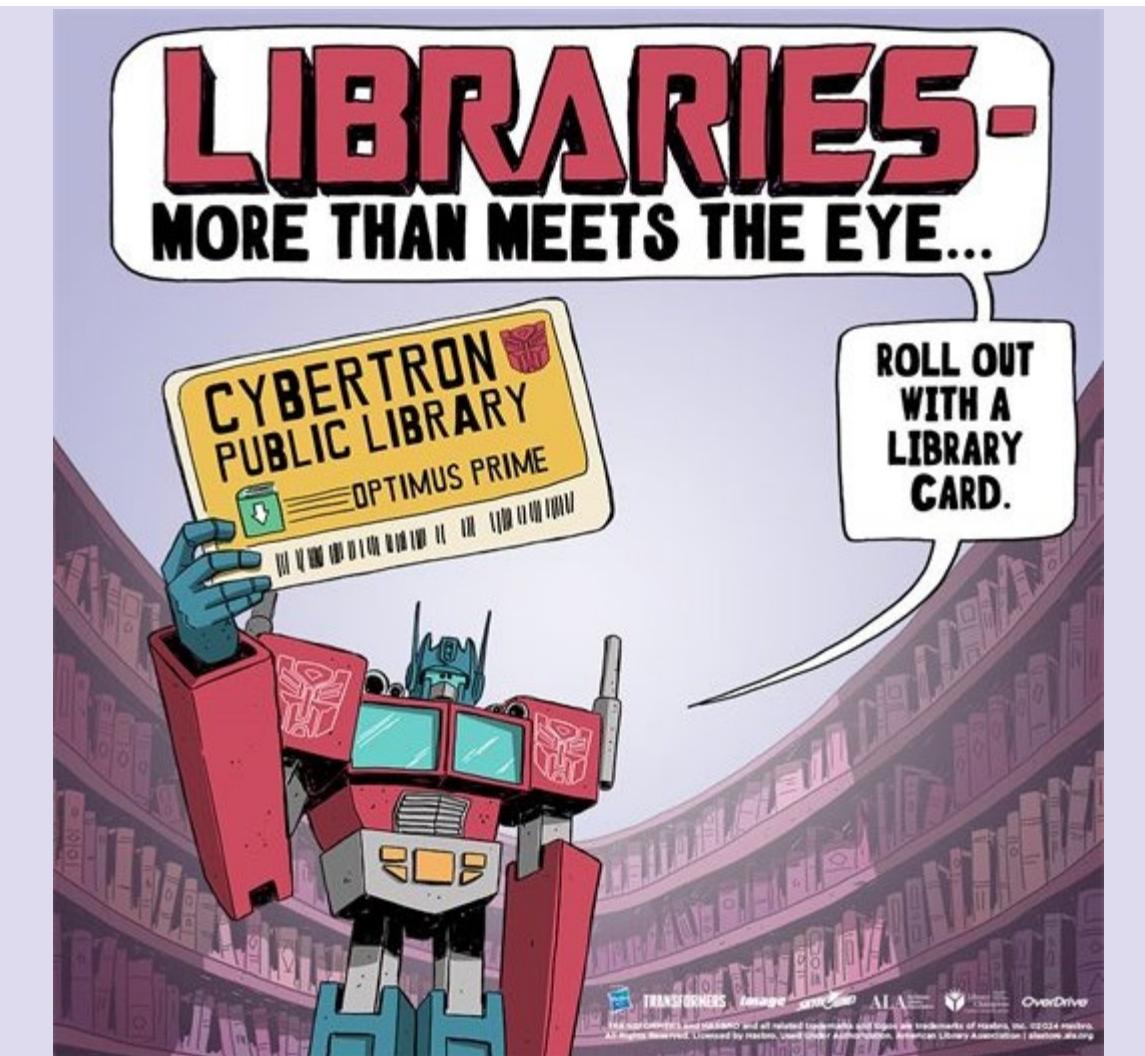
**Check Out MAC's Fall 2024 Youth Classes!**



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) brochure for its 2024 fall classes was recently released! Registration for these great classes in theater, dance, art, and music opens on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

*Click [HERE](#) to check out the brochure.*

**Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month with a MTPL Card!**



September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Help spread the word that anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Middletown is eligible for a free Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) card.

Visit [www.mtpl.org/get-a-library-card](http://www.mtpl.org/get-a-library-card) to read more about how to get a library card.

UPCOMING EVENTS						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**MAC's Sizzlin' Summer Super 50/50 Raffle Drawing on Tuesday, 8/27 at 6:30 PM: Buy Yours Today!**



Support the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) this summer and win some cash for yourself! Super 50/50 Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the MAC box office (36 Church Street). The drawing will be held at the MAC on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The winner does NOT need to be present to win.

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

Pre-Register Now for Middletown Animal Control's Free Cat Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, 9/17

 **FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

TUESDAY, 9/17 FROM 5:00-6:00 PM  
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Cats must be accompanied by their owners and in their own carriers.

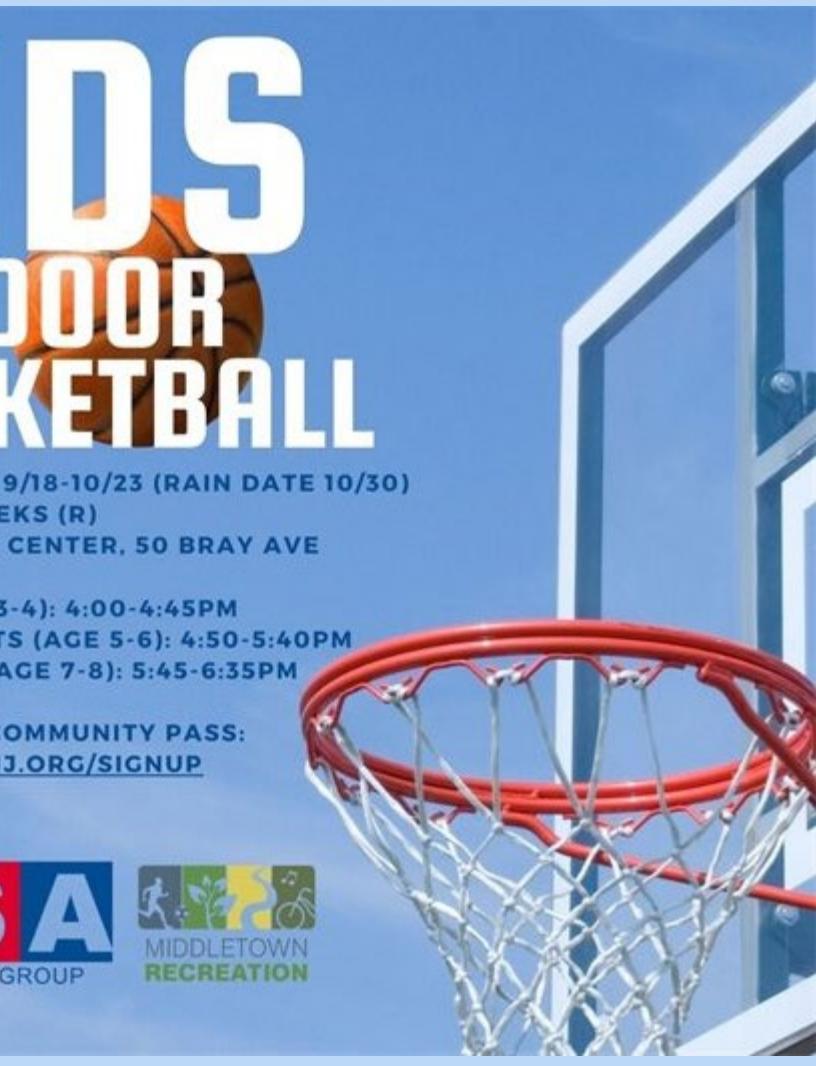


Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions and visit [www.middletownnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletownnj.org/rabies) to pre-register.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletownnj.org/rabies) for more information and to pre-register.

**Register for Middletown Recreation's USA Sport Group Youth Basketball Classes**

**KIDS  
OUTDOOR  
BASKETBALL**



WEDNESDAYS, 9/18-10/23 (RAIN DATE 10/30)  
\$159 FOR 6 WEEKS (R)  
TONYA KELLER CENTER, 50 BRAY AVE

SQUIRTS (AGE 3-4): 4:00-4:45PM  
SENIOR SQUIRTS (AGE 5-6): 4:50-5:40PM  
FOUNDATION (AGE 7-8): 5:45-6:35PM

REGISTER ON COMMUNITY PASS:  
[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)

**USA**  
USA SPORT GROUP

MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION

Play outside with Middletown Recreation as you grow your basketball skills! For kids between ages 3-9, this USA Sport Group class includes instructional coaching and structured scrimmages. Space is limited, so register today!

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

## Run for a Great Cause at Annual Mayor's Challenge at Poricy Park



Run for a great cause! The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Challenge will take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>! Choose between the 5K run, 5K walk, or 1 mile fun run with awesome prizes for runners! Medals and long sleeve shirts for everyone.

All proceeds benefit 180 Turning Lives Around, a local charity dedicated to ending domestic and sexual abuse in our community. Prices increase closer to race day.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

# RESOURCES

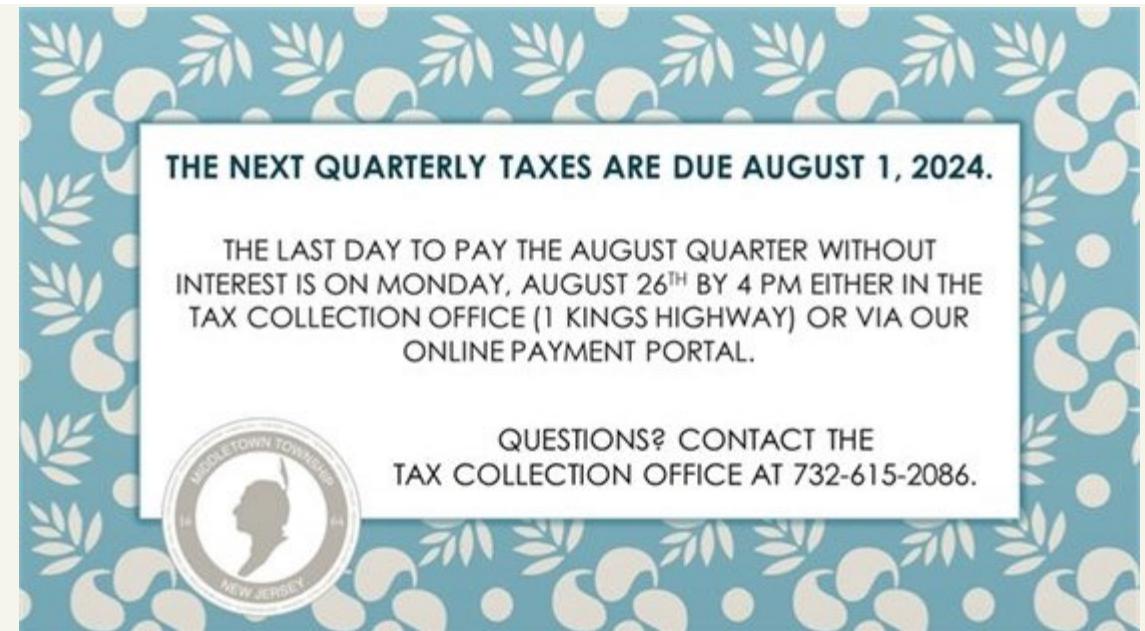


## Calculate How Your Municipal Tax Dollars Are Being Spent



Property owners can easily calculate how their municipal tax dollars are being spent. Visit [middletownnj.org/mytaxdollars](http://middletownnj.org/mytaxdollars) to access the calculator, type in your 2024 residential assessment, and see penny for penny where your municipal tax dollars go.

**Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is  
Monday, 8/26 by 4 PM**



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



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

Take a trip to 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.

**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.



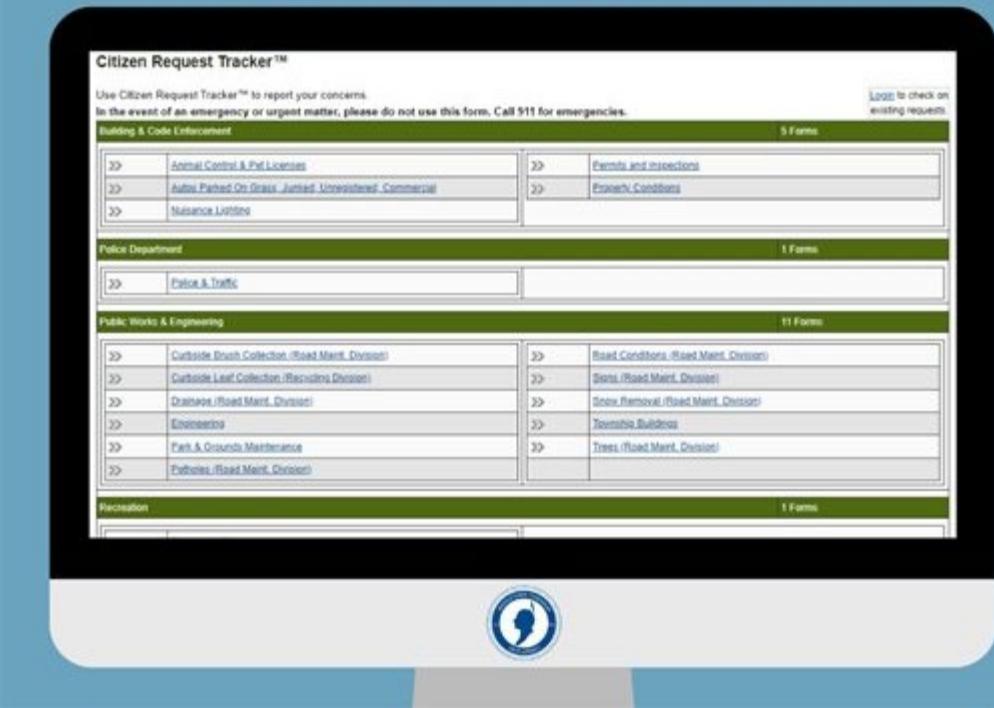
Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!

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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