



New Developments & Happenings Around Town



On Tuesday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber, and Lieutenant Brian McGrogan attended the



Be on the lookout for new banners on Route 36! Ahead of the commissioning



The new tennis courts at Tindall Park are looking great! The fresh pavement is ready for the lines to be painted, and the fencing is securely in

Middletown Board of Education Workshop
Meeting where Detective Ric Cruz was recognized for his incredible work with the Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence (L.E.A.D.) Program throughout Middletown.

Last month, Detective Cruz was presented with the New Jersey Instructor of the Year Award at the L.E.A.D. Conference.

ceremony for the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) in September, our Department of Public Works & Engineering has begun hanging banners to welcome the Navy's newest submarine and crew to Middletown.

place. We're nearly finished with the first eight courts. Once they're completed, we'll move on to the next set of tennis and pickleball courts. We're excited for everyone to enjoy these new facilities and thank you for your patience!

Middletown Township Proclaims August 31st Overdose Awareness Day



The Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County volunteers placed 27 purple flags on the lawn near the Township's Police Memorial on Route 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 31st) with a proclamation at the Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 19th. 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.

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



MIDDLETON 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**

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 31st.

Participate in North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Survey and Meetings

HEY, PORT MONMOUTH/ NORTH MIDDLETOWN **WE NEED YOU!**

Do you have
innovative ideas
on how to enhance
your neighborhood?

SCAN THE QR CODE

Questions? Email us!
MiddletownNRTC@housingall.org



BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION & LET YOUR IDEAS BE HEARD!

Join us on select Thursdays @ 6:00pm
at Ocean Avenue School
235 Ocean Ave, Middletown Township, NJ 07748

MEETING DATES:

September 26th

October 24th

November 21st

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.MiddletownPlan.org

Middletown Township, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, Affordable Housing Alliance, and Habitat for Humanity are creating a community-driven neighborhood plan for the North Middletown-Port Monmouth area! This neighborhood planning process will bring together residents, business owners, public officials, local organizations, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive set of proposed strategies and activities to improve the community.

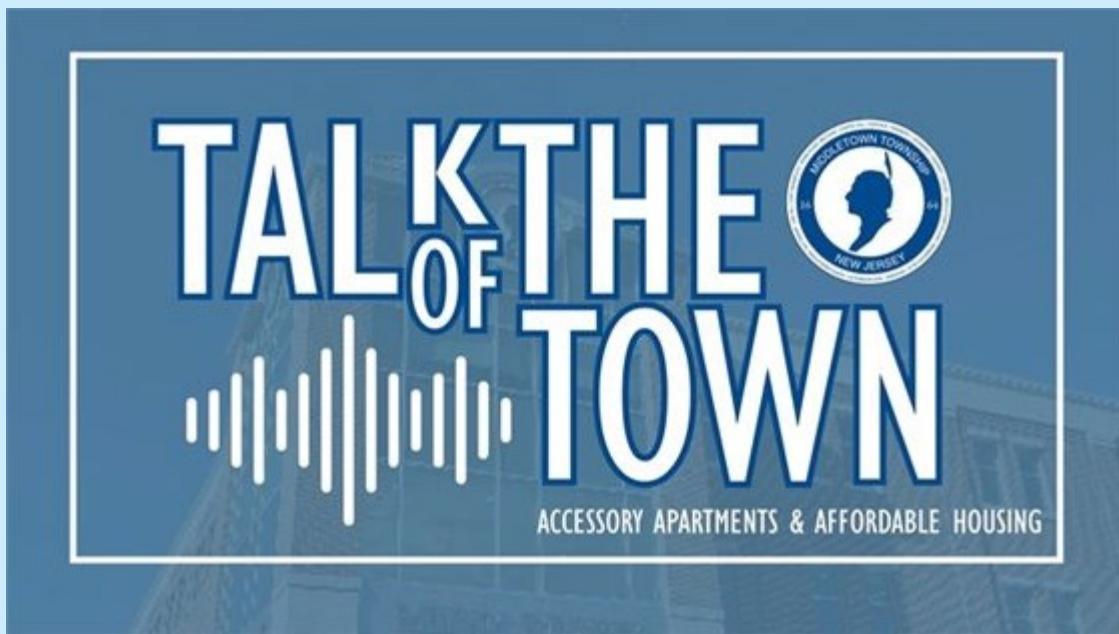
Once completed, this neighborhood plan will unlock special state funding to implement these proposed strategies through the New Jersey Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program.

The first community meeting was held in May and a second community discussion was held at the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Family Fun Day in July. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue).

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#) (which can also be accessed via the QR code above).

Visit www.middletownplan.org for more information about the plan.

Learn About Middletown's Affordable Housing and Accessory Apartments in Latest *Talk of the Town*



Catch our most recent episode of *Talk of the Town* as host Tara Berson chats with Planning Director Amy Citrano about how to apply for the Middletown Affordable Housing Program and the minimum requirements for building accessory apartments, as well as the benefits of building them.

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

Township Committee to Host Meeting on Tuesday, 9/3 at 7 PM



**The Middletown Township Committee Workshop
Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd 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. 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 2347 009 3757 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 access the meeting agenda.

Volunteer with the Middletown EMS Cadets

JOIN THE CADETS

MIDDLETOWN EMS CADETS



Volunteer Opportunity

- Bimonthly meetings
- Leadership positions
- Ride along on first aid calls (age 16+)
- Basic first aid and CPR training provided
- Learn basic EMS skills
- Get service hours

FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM
@middletown_ems_cadets

Any questions? Contact:

- explorers@middletonems.org
- middletonems.org/explorers
- DM us on Instagram!



The Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Cadets are recruiting new members who are interested in learning more about EMS and public safety, and are either at least 14 years old or have passed eighth grade. Upon turning 16, members may study to become a certified Emergency Medical Technician. If you are interested, please email explorers@middletonems.org.

Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for the November Election

Become A Poll Worker And Earn
\$300 Per Election!



Contact Monmouth County Board of Elections

(732) 431-7802 ext 7150

Also looking for bilingual workers with the ability to conduct a conversation in Spanish.
Must be a registered voter of Monmouth County and attend one training class.

**The Monmouth County Board of Elections is recruiting poll workers for the
upcoming 2024 Presidential Election!**

Poll worker classes begin on Wednesday, September 4th and run through Thursday, October 17th. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Poll Worker, please call the Board of Elections at 732-431-7802 ext. 7150.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video with more information.

**New Locally Sourced Episode to Premiere Friday, 9/6:
Subscribe Today!**

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

EXIT 114

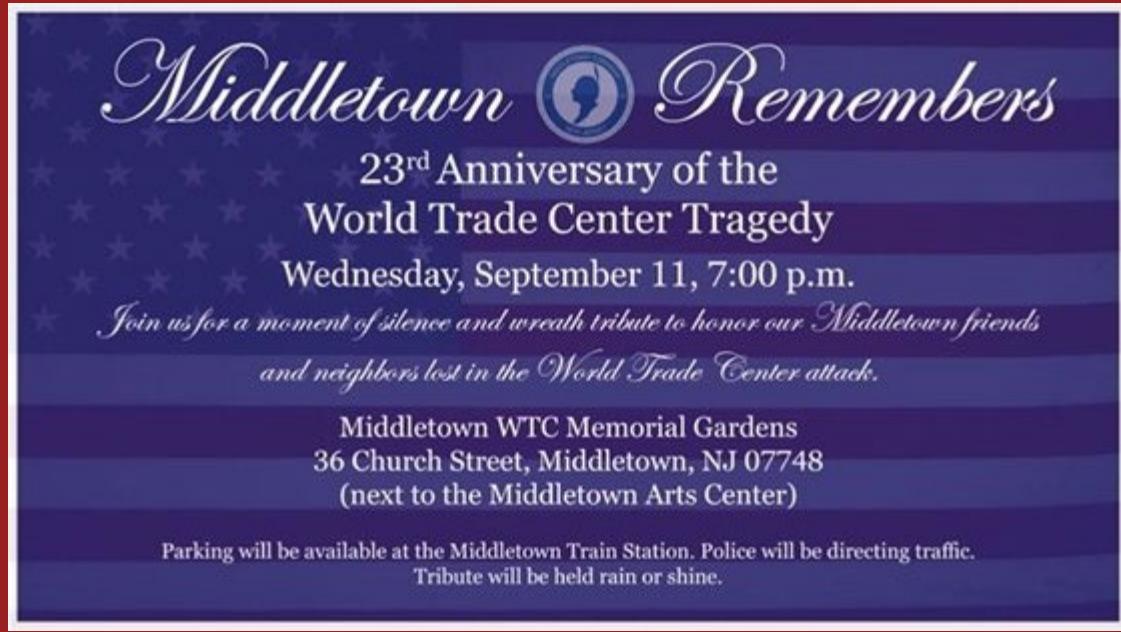
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Middletown Remembers: 23rd Anniversary Memorial Service on Wednesday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM



Middletown Remembers
23rd 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.

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



MIDDLETOWN DAY 2024

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Petting Zoo & Hay Rides
- Inflatables & Games
- First Responder Vehicles
- Pirate Ship Show
- Car Show & More!

7:30pm FIREWORKS!

Saturday, September 28th
Croydon Hall 1pm-6pm
6pm-7:30pm "Tramps Like Us" Bruce Tribute Band
middletownnj.org/middletownday

Middletown Day will be returning on Saturday, September 28th 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 for more information.

Browse Middletown Recreation's Upcoming Fall Programs and Events



Fall 2024 registration opens for Middletown Recreation's October, November, and December programs and events on Wednesday, September 4th at 10 AM for residents. Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the brochure.

This season will open on Middletown Recreation's new registration portal, RecDesk, so make sure to create a new account at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Middletown Recreation Introduces New RecDesk Registration Portal Beginning Fall 2024



The image shows the landing page for the Middletown Recreation Registration Platform. At the top, a red banner on the left says "NEW" and the Middletown Recreation logo is on the right. The main title "Registration Platform!" is in large white letters. Below it, the text "Make a new account with RecDesk." and "Fall registration (Oct - Nov - Dec) opens soon!" are displayed. A note below that says "Continue to use Community Pass for program registrations that start in September." The page then shows a "Welcome to Middletown Township" message with a note for first-time users about adjusting rates for shared zip codes. It features four main buttons: "CREATE ACCOUNT" (green), "SIGN IN" (blue), "PROGRAMS" (blue with a grid icon), and "MEMBERSHIPS" (green with a checkmark icon). Below these are "FACILITIES" (green with a building icon) and "LEAGUES" (blue with a people icon). At the bottom, the website address mtownrec.recdesk.com is shown.

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 to create an account today!

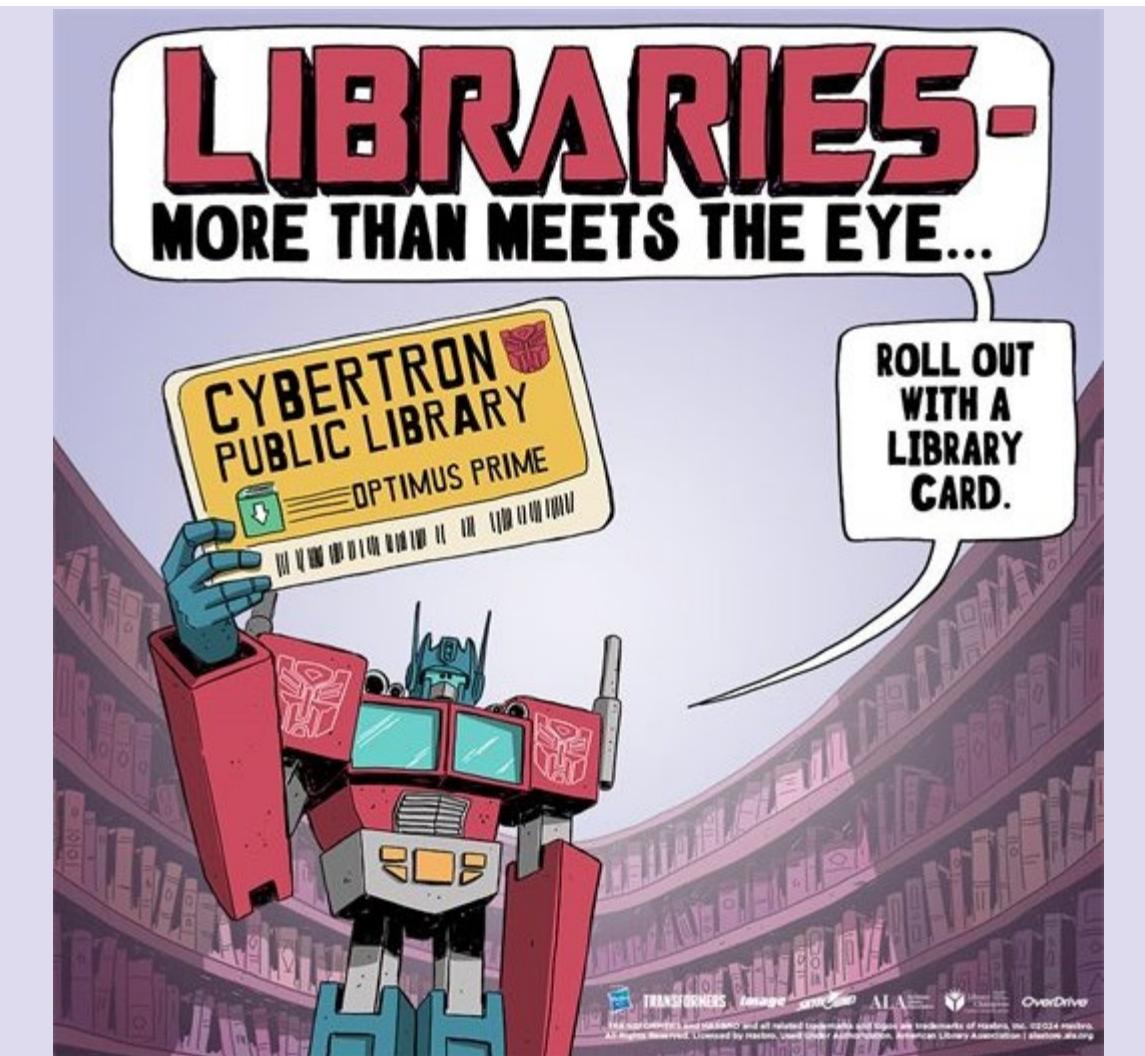
Registration for MAC's Fall 2024 Classes Opens
Wednesday, 9/4 at 9 AM



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 4th 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 to read more about how to get a library card.



Sleepy Hollow Road is scheduled to be milled/paved from Wednesday, September 4th through Friday, September 6th. The road will be closed, but residents and school vehicles will still have access throughout the project.

Below is a map highlighting the section of Sleepy Hollow Road between Cooper Road and Chapel Hill Road. The detour route will use Independence Road and Hillendale Drive shown below. The purple is the section that will be paved and the yellow is the detour route.

Text your zip code to 888-777 or visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle, the Township's emergency communications platform, and receive important alerts about topics such as traffic detours, severe weather, and more!



Shrewsbury River Navigational Channel Under Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge Closed to All Marine Traffic from Monday, 9/9 – Friday, 9/13

The Shrewsbury River navigational channel under the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge will be completely closed to all marine traffic from 6:00 AM on Monday, September 9th to 6:00 PM on Friday, September 13th.

Visit www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com for additional information.



**Design Greeting Cards for Senior Citizens at the MTPL on
Wednesday, 9/4 from 3-6 PM**



Teens, stop by the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) to make greeting cards for local seniors in Middletown! Volunteer hours will be offered for each card. There is a limit of five cards for a total of five hours, and volunteers must be between 12-18 years old.

**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 to pre-register.*

Visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies for more information and to pre-register.

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



Run for a great cause! The 6th annual Mayor's Challenge will take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Sunday, September 29th! 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!

Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Gone Running Youth Program Beginning in September

LET'S RUN!

GONE RUNNING YOUTH PROGRAM

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

TUES/THURS
SEPT 10 - OCT 31ST
4:30PM-5:30PM
PORICY PARK

\$145 ONE-DAY (R)
\$240 TWO-DAYS (R)
GRADES K-9TH

INCLUDES:
COMPETITION
RACE DAY AWARD
T-SHIRT

Run with Middletown Recreation this fall at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)! The Gone Running Youth Program is an introductory level activity where the emphasis is on fun, fitness, running form, and nutrition. Participants can choose to attend on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or both days. The program also includes an organized race competition on Saturday, October 19th. Sign up under summer season on CommunityPass today!

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

RESOURCES



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, visit 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 for more information. You can also email 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 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 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.

REPORT A CONCERN

Visit 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 interface. At the top, there's a header with a logo and the text "Citizen Request Tracker™". Below that, a sub-header 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." To the right, there's a link to "Log in to check on existing requests". The main area is divided into several sections with dropdown menus:

- Building & Code Enforcement:** 5 Forms
 - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
 - Auto Parked On Grass (Janitor, Unpermitted, Commercial)
 - Nuisance Lighting
 - Permits and Inspections
 - Structural 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
 - Path & Grounds Maintenance
 - Potholes (Road Maint. Division)
 - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
 - Sign (Road Maint. Division)
 - Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
 - Touristic Businesses
 - 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.](#)

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