



## Middletown Recreation Hosts 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Challenge Benefiting 180 Turning Lives Around



*Pictured from left: Middletown EMS Public Information Officer Kevin Krippa Jr., Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Middletown Deputy Police Chief (and 5K runner) John Werner, 180 Turning Lives Around Chief Operating Officer Lori Davidson, and 180 Turning Lives Around Development Associate Ashlee Newman*

On Sunday, Middletown Recreation hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Challenge at Poricy Park! All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to 180 Turning Lives Around, a local charity dedicated to



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation*

ending domestic and sexual violence.

Committeeman Ryan Clarke and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were happy to start off their morning by cheering on our community members who signed up for the 5K run, 5K walk, and 1 Mile Fun Run! Prior to each activity, Committeeman Clarke and 180 Chief Operating Officer Lori Davidson spoke to participants about 180's important mission.

Thank you to the businesses and organizations that sponsored the event, our volunteers, and everyone who showed up for this important cause!

**Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event and visit [180nj.org](http://180nj.org) for more information about the nonprofit.**

## New Moon Aesthetics Opens in Lincroft



Last week, New Moon Aesthetics (631 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft) hosted its

official grand opening! Committeeman Ryan Clarke was proud to present a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee and assist with the ribbon cutting alongside Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger.

New Moon Aesthetics offers a wide variety of skincare and laser services. We encourage you to learn more about the new business at [newmoonaesthetic.com](http://newmoonaesthetic.com).

## Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Teaches Homeschooled Children About Vietnam War



*Photo courtesy of Belinda Rooney*

On Wednesday, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) conducted a class about the Vietnam War to a group of homeschooled children. The students came to VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth to learn firsthand from our veterans. According to the class's organizer Belinda Rooney, the veterans "brought a war to life in a way us parents never could". We commend VAC members Dennis Beauregard, Bob Siemer, Richard Furlong, and Bill Bouw for taking the time to teach this important lesson to our youth.

**Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2024 Veteran of the**

## Year Award by Friday, 12/20

**The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee  
is now accepting nominations for the**

**2024 VETERAN  OF THE YEAR**

**All nominations must be received no later than  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please visit  
[middletownnj.org/voty](http://middletownnj.org/voty) for more information.**

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middletown Alliance Leaders  
Celebrate Graduation**



**Congratulations to the most recent 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates of Middletown Alliance Leaders! Over the past month, both students and parents have learned about current drug trends, decision-making skills, social media safety, and how to be a peer leader.**

Middletown Alliance Leaders (formerly known as Project P.L.U.S.) is a peer leadership and prevention program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders led by the Middletown Alliance. Throughout the course, students learn about the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances, peer pressure, and social media.

The program's end goal is to provide children with the knowledge and understanding that they have the power to make positive decisions while feeling comfortable growing into themselves.

Visit [middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://middletownnj.org/middletownalliance) for more information about Middletown Alliance Leaders and Middletown Alliance's prevention efforts.



On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) declared the state to be in a Drought Warning. Following this official order, New Jersey American Water (NJAW) issued a statewide mandatory conservation notice. Some conservation guidelines include pausing all outdoor watering, turning off the tap while you brush your teeth, and running the dishwasher only when full.

*Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's notice and visit [njdrought.org](http://njdrought.org) for more information.*

**MTFD Highlights Importance of Learning About Wildfire Risks and How to Stay Safe**



## Middletown Township Fire Department Public Service Announcement

As of October 21<sup>st</sup>, the New Jersey Forest Fire Service has implemented statewide Stage 3 Fire Restrictions. With these restrictions in place, the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) shared some important safety tips for our community.

*Click [HERE](#) to watch the Public Service Announcement from the MTFD.*

### NJDEP Places Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Elevated Tides



Due to the elevated tides predicted to reach our area through Sunday evening, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) placed the Port Monmouth facility into "Operational Mode" on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 AM.

*Click [HERE](#) to read our advisory for more information.*



### Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 11/18 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

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The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting [middletownnj.org/tcmeeting](http://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 2342 555 9837 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.*

## Participate in North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Meeting on Thursday, 11/21 at 6 PM



# 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](http://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.

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#). Visit [middletownplan.org](http://middletownplan.org) for more information about the plan.

## Middletown Township Health Department Provides Resources to Help Residents Quit Smoking



Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is the Great American Smokeout, an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. People are challenged to stop smoking for at least 24 hours assuming that their decision not to smoke will last longer, hopefully forever.

If you're having trouble quitting smoking or vaping, the Middletown Township Health Department encourages you to visit [tobaccofreenj.com/gaso](http://tobaccofreenj.com/gaso) for helpful resources. The department will also be handing out free Quit Kits at the entrance of Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Check Out DPW's List of Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration Projects



### UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION



**The following roads will be paved through Wednesday, 11/27:**

Sandpiper Drive (Oceanview Avenue to cul-de-sac)

Red Hill Road (Kings Highway to Holland Road)

Red Hill Road (Tatum Park to Church Lane)

Red Hill Road (near Dwight Road)

Johnson Terrace (Cherry Tree Farm Road to Old Country Road)

Hauser Street (Harmony Road to Johnson Terrace)

Eylar Terrace (Johnson Terrace to Hauser Street)

Ware Place (Johnson Terrace to the end)

Coral Place (Roberta Drive to Berman Way)

Berman Way (Harmony Road to Coral Place)

Beacon Hill Road (Leonardville Road to Poplar Place)

North Lake Drive (New Monmouth Road to Tindall Road)

Jefferson Street (Washington Avenue to Lincoln Street)

Monroe Street (Washington Avenue to Harrison Street)

**Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance.**

**Visit [middletownnj.org/roads](http://middletownnj.org/roads) for more specific dates and information.**

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**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout Happening Saturday, 11/16 from 10-11 AM**



Think you've got the best penalty kick in town? Put it to the test at Middletown Recreation's Annual Turkey Soccer Shootout & Food Drive! Each player will line up and take five shots on goal to tally up the most points.

This fun event is open to participants between ages 6 through 99. Winners in each age range will receive a frozen turkey just in time for Thanksgiving, and all participants will get a free turkey stuffie!

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

**Register for Middletown Recreation's Turkey Trot Hike  
Happening on Wednesday, 11/27 at 2:30 PM**



Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to hike the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), enjoy the beautiful scenery, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife.

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

**Sign Up for Middletown's Holiday Helpers Program  
Beginning Monday, 11/18**



Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Middletown Township is proud to announce the return of the Holiday Helpers Gift Drive to support local families in need!

We are looking for individuals, groups, and/or businesses to help make the holidays a little brighter by “adopting” a family to purchase new toys and clothing for them. Please use this [Google Form link](#) to sign up and be matched with a family in need.

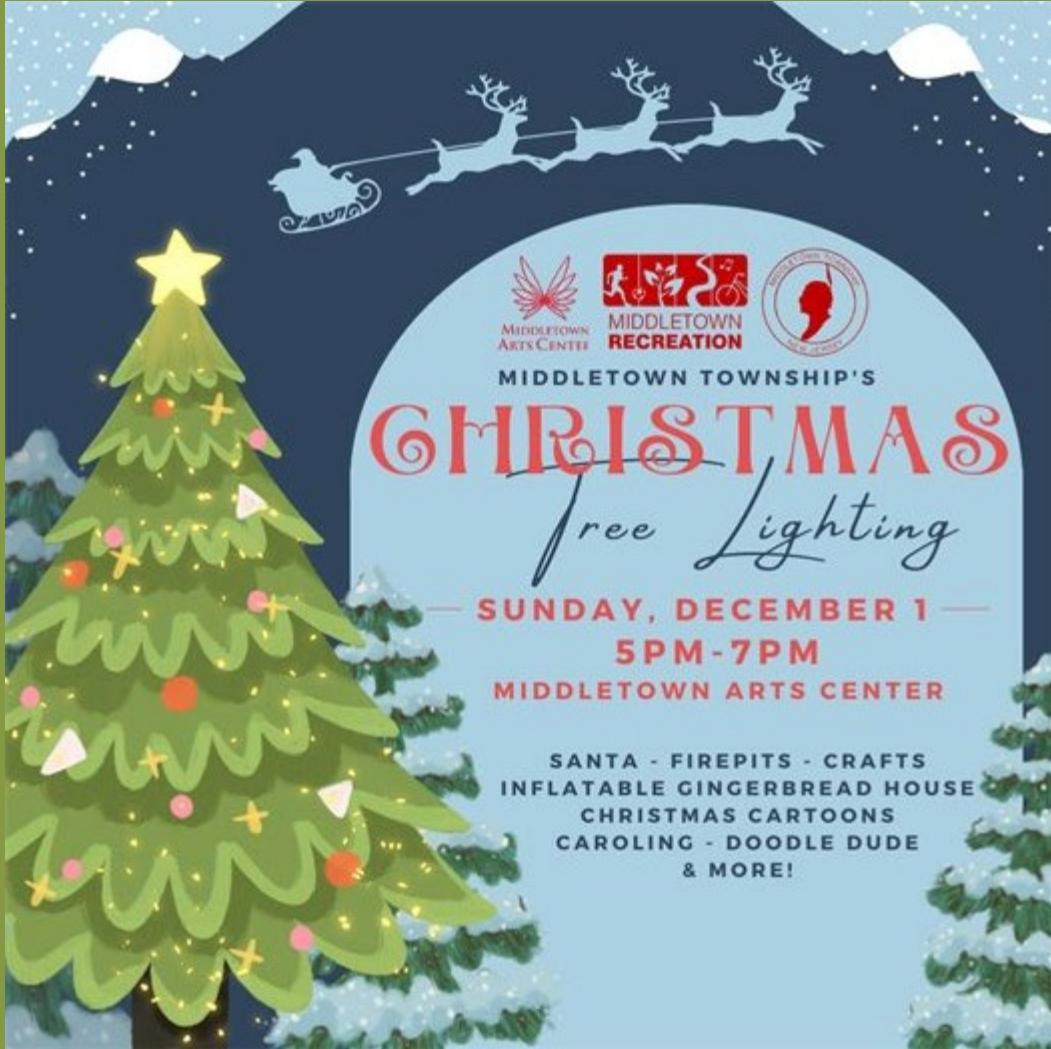
Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Croydon Hall Annex at 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo between Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be onsite to collect gifts Monday through Wednesday from 8:00-11:00 AM and Thursday through Friday from 12:00-2:30 PM.

If you have any questions or are a family in need of assistance this holiday season, please call the Middletown Township Health Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2164.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

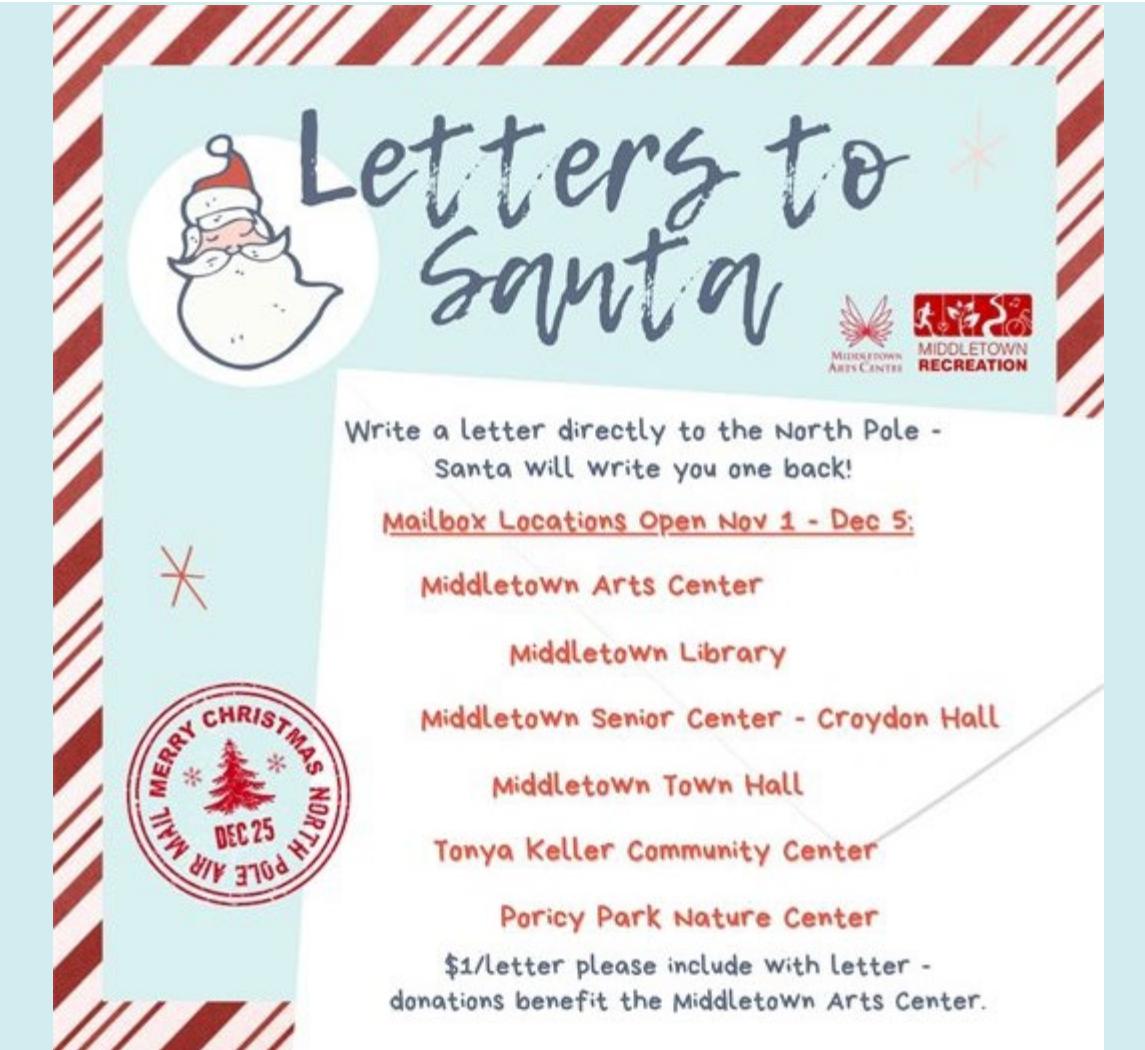
**Get into the Holiday Spirit by Attending Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, 12/1 from 5-7 PM**



Santa's coming to town! Catch Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 PM at the MAC (36 Church Street). Bring the whole family — get your photo with Santa and enjoy some crafts, classic Christmas cartoons, and an inflatable gingerbread house! This great event is free for residents, but RSVPing on RecDesk is recommended.

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

**Write a Letter to Santa by Thursday, 12/5**



**Letters to Santa**

Write a letter directly to the North Pole -  
Santa will write you one back!

Mailbox Locations Open Nov 1 - Dec 5:

- Middletown Arts Center
- Middletown Library
- Middletown Senior Center - Croydon Hall
- Middletown Town Hall
- Tonya Keller Community Center
- Poricy Park Nature Center

\$1/letter please include with letter -  
donations benefit the Middletown Arts Center.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**DEC 25**  
**NORTH POLE AIR MAIL**

Our Middletown elves are currently collecting letters to Santa in our special mailboxes and will be delivering them directly to the North Pole! Santa will write a personalized letter to your child through Middletown Recreation's and the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Letters to Santa program. Please include \$1 with your letter to donate to the MAC. To help our elves, we encourage you to download our letter template.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, the letter template, and drop-off locations.

**Give Back this Holiday Season with Middletown PBA Local 124's Toy Drive**



Looking for an incredible cause to be part of as the holiday season approaches? Please consider supporting Middletown PBA Local 124's toy drive! Police officers will be collecting unwrapped toys for donation at the Middletown Township Police Department's main lobby (1 Kings Highway) now through Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Toys collected will be distributed to local nonprofits 180 Turning Lives Around, Jason's Dreams for Kids, and Middletown Helps Its Own.

If you are a local business willing to assist by becoming a collection location for toys, please reach out to Ptl. Brian Macdonald or Ptl. Daniel Flannigan at [bmacdonald@middletownnj.org](mailto:bmacdonald@middletownnj.org) or [dflannigan@middletownnj.org](mailto:dflannigan@middletownnj.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School**

North on Saturday, 11/16 from 9 AM - 1 PM



Monmouth County will be holding its annual paper shredding event in Middletown on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 1 PM at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road). County residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large-sized trash bags. All paper will be shredded on location in a mobile truck, and the event will end either once the mobile truck is full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents, but staples and paper clips can remain.

**Give Back this Holiday Season by Donating Blood at Lincroft Fire Company on Monday, 11/25**

**New Jersey Blood Services** **Blood Drive**

**It's giving gratitude**

Show up to donate and **receive a shirt** that's the perfect fit.

**Lincroft Fire Co.**  
601 Newman Springs Rd.

**Monday, November 25th**  
**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 visit: [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org) Use Sponsor Code **70286**

Please bring your nybc donor card or a photo ID.  
Eat well and drink plenty of fluid before donating blood!

Donors 76 and over need one-time doctor's note to donate unless one is already on file.

For eligibility questions to donate blood call 1800-688-0900 or visit: [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

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**Prepare to donate**

- Eat well and hydrate**
- Bring a photo ID**
- Feel good and symptom free**
- 17+**  
Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements**

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](http://nybc.org/eligibility).

[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, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:30 PM to donate a pint of blood!

Donors will receive a free t-shirt.

Appointments are recommended and can be made by either calling 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.**

**Learn About Identity Theft at the MTPL on Tuesday, 11/19 at 4:30 PM**



# IDENTITY THEFT

Just in time for the shopping season!  
Learn about identity theft and ways  
to protect yourself.

**Featuring**  
**Ryan Heitt, Banker**  
**M&T Bank**

**Tuesday,  
November 19 | 4:30 pm  
Community Room**



Just in time for shopping season, Ryan Heitt of M&T Bank will lead this program at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) about identity theft and ways to protect yourself online! The presentation will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended, but not required.

Be on the lookout for more events like this one! The MTPL will begin a series of programs on a variety of financial topics in January.

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

# RESOURCES



## Apply Now for Township's Free Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Households



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**ngsp**



### NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The program runs from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Visit [middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://middletownnj.org/apply) to complete the application.

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services through the Next Generation Support Program to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. The program has begun, but the Township is still accepting applications.

Visit [middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information and to apply.

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



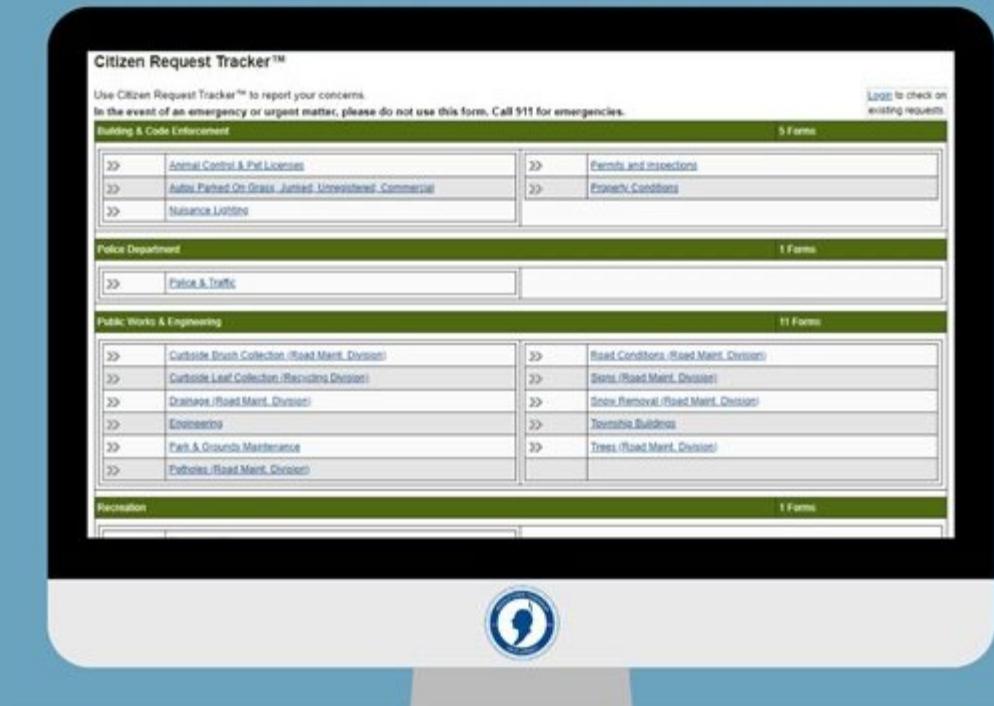
Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!

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 [middletownnj.org/oem](http://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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