



## Reorganization Meeting Set for Sunday, 1/5 at 10 AM: Tony Perry and Rick Hibell Expected to Lead in 2025



Click [HERE](#) for more information about the meeting.

## Middletown to Sign Sister City Pact with Ofakim, Israel on Monday, 1/6 at 11 AM



**Mayor Tony Perry and Ofakim, Israel Mayor Itzik Danino will be signing a sister city pact to symbolically unite the two cities they govern. Mayor Perry first met with Mayor Danino in January 2024 when he visited Ofakim following the aftermath of October 7, 2023.**

**Middletown lost 37 residents on September 11, 2001 – and continues to feel the impacts from that fateful day. As a result of their communities' experiences with terrorism and grief, Mayor Perry and Mayor Danino quickly built a friendship. This sister city agreement, which will be the first one in Middletown's history, will represent the two cities' commitment to fostering cultural, educational, and economic bonds.**

**The Middletown Township Committee encourages community members to attend this event.**

**Want to Give Back? Register Now for Middletown Township Health Department and NJ Blood Services' Blood Drive on Thursday, 1/9**

# Blood Drive

New Jersey  
Blood Services



## Middletown Township

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:30 PM**

Town Hall Training Room

1 Kings Highway

### How to Prepare:

- 滴 Eat well and hydrate
- 滴 Meet weight requirements
- 滴 Bring a photo ID
- 滴 Be 17+ or 16 with parental consent

To make an appointment,  
visit [nybc.org/drive](http://nybc.org/drive) and use  
the sponsor code **72770**.



[nybc.org](http://nybc.org)

1-800-688-0900

Middletown is partnering with New Jersey Blood Services to host a blood drive at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) on Thursday, 1/9.

According to New York Blood Services, someone needs blood every two seconds. It is important to have blood available 24/7 for emergencies as well as ongoing, life-sustaining needs for patients battling chronic diseases. Since blood cannot be synthetically made, there is no substitute – only volunteer donors can give the gift of life.

Help make a difference by making an appointment today at [nybc.org/drive](http://nybc.org/drive) and use the sponsor code 72770!

**Reminder: South Zone Recycling to be Collected on Saturday, 1/4**

## Middletown New Year's South Zone Recycling Schedule Change



**Due to New Year's Day, there was no South Zone recycling collection on Wednesday, 1/1. Recycling will be collected on Saturday, 1/4.**

**Happy New Year!**



## TREE REMOVAL IN MIDDLETOWN

Due to a new state mandate, trees may not be removed from any private property without Township review and approval.

Before making any decisions, please call the Middletown Zoning Office at 732-615-2279 for guidance.

You can also visit [middletownnj.org/treeremoval](http://middletownnj.org/treeremoval) for additional information and the permit application.



## Christmas Tree Collection Dates: South Zone on Saturday, 1/11 & North Zone on Saturday, 1/18



Middletown Township is proud to recycle all Christmas trees into wood mulch which will be available to residents for free in the spring. Please help make the recycling process easier by removing all ornaments, wires, and plastic bags from your old Christmas trees.

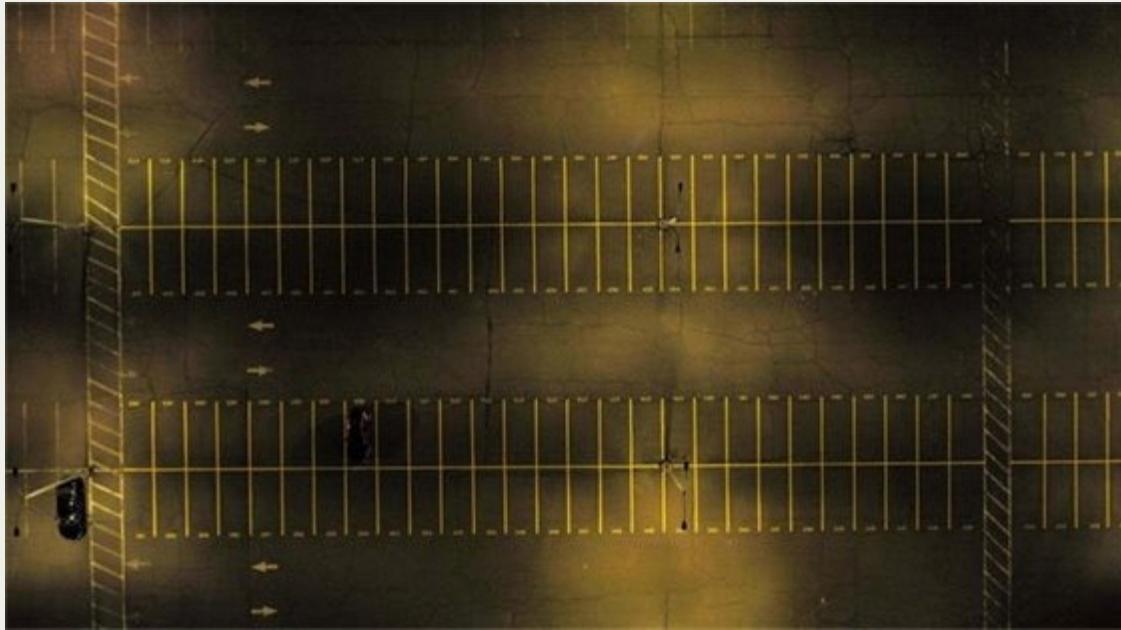
## Renew Your 2025 Parking Permit



## 2025 Parking Permit Renewal

Parking permit renewal for the 2025 calendar year has begun. Visit [middletownnj.org/parkingpermits](http://middletownnj.org/parkingpermits) for information about how to renew or purchase a parking permit either online or in person.

## Additional Daily Parking Now Available at Main Train Station Parking Lot



*The new parking spaces are marked with yellow striping.*

To address the need for more daily parking for commuters, the Middletown Department of Public Works has added new parking spaces (numbered 300-519) to the large train station lot located off Middletown-Lincroft Road near the satellite recycling center. These new spaces feature yellow striping.

New signage will be installed soon, but the zone, cost, and instructions on how to start a parking session remain the same. The zone number is 12501 and parking costs \$5 per day via the mPay2Park app. After you open the app, you need to log in to your account, click "Park", and choose your license plate. Then, enter your zone/space and duration and click on "Start Now".

**Renew Your Dog License Through Friday, 1/31**

## Attention All Dog Owners: 2025 Dog License Renewals Beginning 1/1/2025

Dog license renewal paperwork was recently mailed and will soon be emailed to you (if you have an email address on file).

Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>.

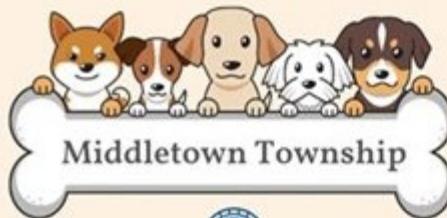
Late fees begin February 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097  
or visit [middletownnj.org/petlicensing](http://middletownnj.org/petlicensing).**

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

### BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control  
732-615-2097  
[middletownnj.org/petlicensing](http://middletownnj.org/petlicensing)

The annual licensing fee goes directly toward services that benefit your pet.

Licensing fees are divided into several services including free rabies clinics, animal shelter fees, veterinarian fees, Animal Control equipment fees, and more.

With dog license renewals currently taking place, Middletown Animal Control would like to remind residents about the benefits of licensing your dog! Throughout the month of January, we will be sharing these advantages via our communications channels. Be sure to follow Middletown Township on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#)!

**Registration Closed for Middletown Animal Control's  
Free Dog Rabies Clinic**

**FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

SATURDAY, 1/18 FROM 8:30-9:30 AM  
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

*This is a drive-thru clinic, but dogs must still be on a leash and accompanied by their owner.*

*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.*



This clinic has reached maximum capacity, so Middletown Animal Control will not be accepting any additional pre-registrations.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the Monmouth County Health Department's calendar to find other rabies clinics.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri | Sat. |
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**New Year, New Hobby: Make an Artistic Resolution and Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!**



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Winter 2025 classes begin Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, so register today! Pick up a hobby and sign up for a class in theater, dance, art, or music.

*Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult classes.*

**Kick Off the New Year with Vision Boards at the MTPL on Tuesday, 1/7 at 11 AM**



**2025 VISION BOARDS**  
**Create Vision Boards, Monthly Goals &**  
**Gratitude Journals for the New Year**

**January 7 at 11am**  
**Community Room**

 **Registration is required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)**

Looking to lay the foundation for your 2025 aspirations? Come to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to join Reference Librarian Katie K. as she goes over how to create a vision board, monthly goals, and gratitude journals for the year ahead! This fun event will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required as supplies are limited.

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

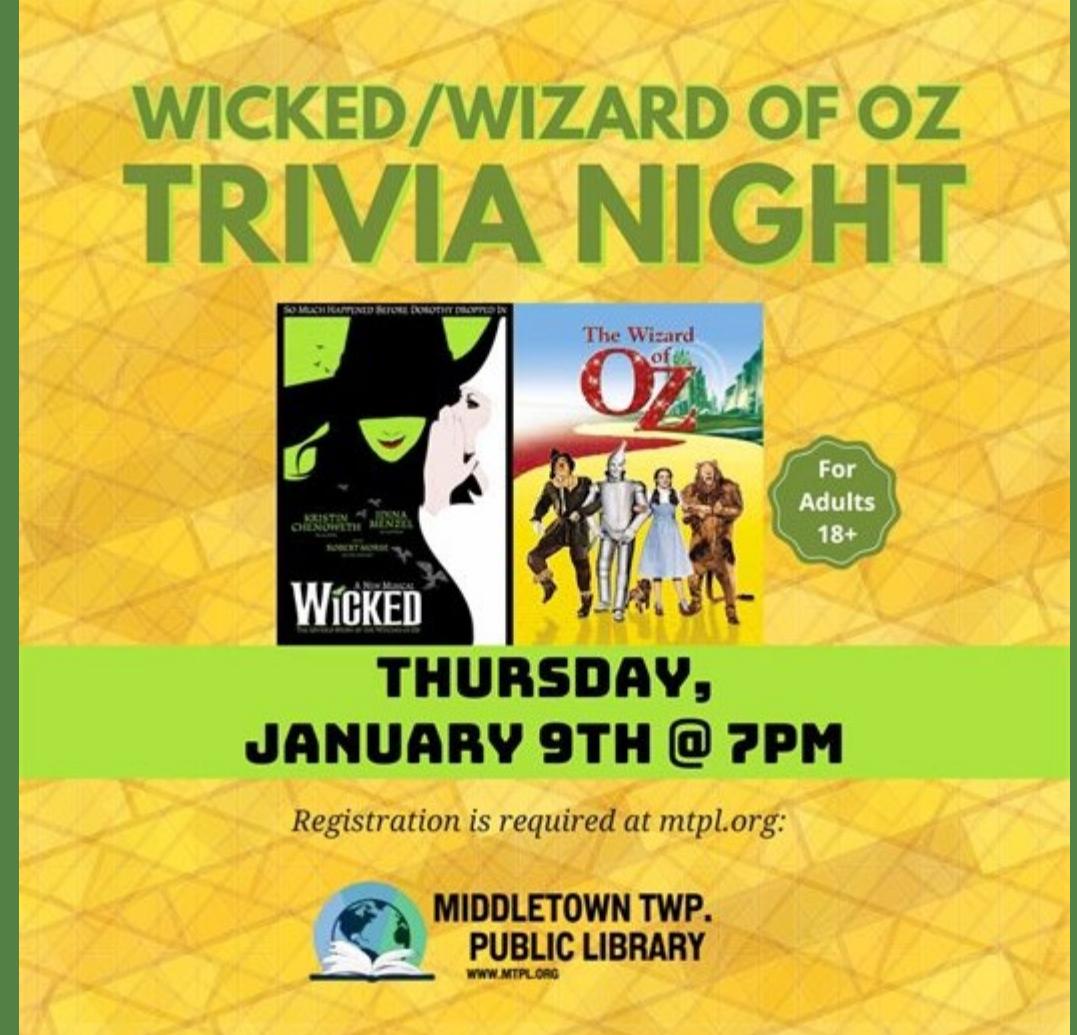
**Attend the Middletown Preschool Fair on Wednesday, 1/8  
from 5-7 PM**



Finding the perfect preschool for your child can be tough, so we're here to help! Middletown Recreation is bringing preschools throughout the town together in one place for your convenience. Representatives from various schools will be at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) to speak about class options, program structure, and answer any questions you may have.

*Click [HERE](#) to view a list of featured schools.*

**Enjoy *Wicked* and *Wizard of Oz* Trivia Night at the MTPL on Thursday, 1/9 at 7 PM**



**WICKED/WIZARD OF OZ  
TRIVIA NIGHT**

SO MUCH HAPPENED BEFORE DOROTHY DROPPED IN  
KRISTIN CHENOWETH & DEANNA MENGES  
A NEW MUSICAL  
**WICKED**

The Wizard of OZ

For Adults 18+

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 9TH @ 7PM**

Registration is required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org):

 MIDDLETOWN TWP.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
[WWW.MTPL.ORG](http://WWW.MTPL.ORG)

Follow the yellow brick road to the MTPL to test your *Wicked* and *Wizard of Oz* knowledge at this trivia night for adults 18 and over! Registration is required.

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

Register for MTPL's Read to a Dog Program Happening  
Thursday, 1/9 at 4 PM & Monday, 1/20 at 6 PM

# READ TO A DOG

Thursday, 1/9 @ 4pm &  
Monday, 1/20 @ 6pm  
For Grades K-5



*Visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for details and registration.*



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PUBLIC LIBRARY  
[www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

Students in grades K-5 can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog twice per month at the MTPL. On Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be four sessions between 4-5 PM. On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be four sessions between 6-7 PM. Registration is required.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up for a slot.*

**Register for Middletown Recreation's Maple Tree Tapping Event Happening Wednesday, 1/29 from 4-5 PM**



Join Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to drill holes, hammer in tappers, and hang buckets - the first steps of making maple syrup!

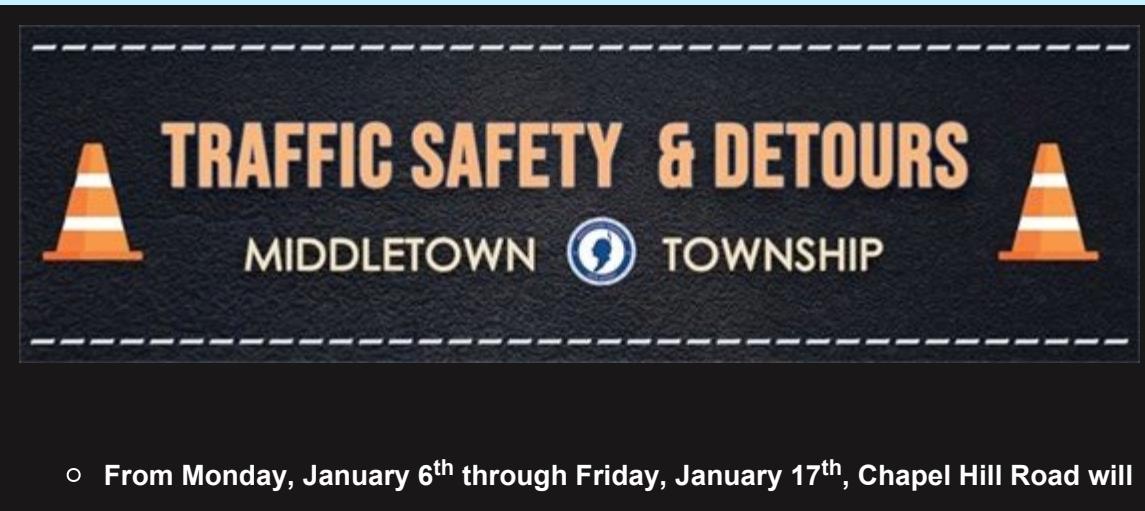
*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Winter Ball Happening Friday, 1/31 & Saturday, 2/1



Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Dance returns to Jacques Banquet Hall (500 Palmer Avenue) on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>! Join us for a winter ball with a DJ, buffet, photo booth, surprises, and more! Registration is now open on RecDesk.

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



- From Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Chapel Hill Road will

be closed at Whipporwill Valley Road for construction from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The detour is set. Properties 1 through 230 will have access from Route 35. Properties 231 through 400 will have access from Kings Highway East.

- Beginning Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Broadway will be closed between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) due to construction of the final phase of the US Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project. Broadway will be closed for approximately 2 years. Detours will be posted. Port Monmouth Road between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) will be re-opened in late January (weather permitting), providing an alternate detour route for the Broadway closure.
- As part of the replacement of a bridge structure, Whipporwill Valley Road will be closed to traffic for a period of 90 consecutive calendar days. The project began on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and a detour will be in place during the closing period. The bridge area at Whipporwill Valley Road will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the allowed closing period. Vehicular and pedestrian access to all residences and businesses within the project limits will be maintained during construction.



## Upper Navesink River Channel Dredging Project Continues

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced the Upper Navesink River Channel dredging project that began in early December in Middletown.

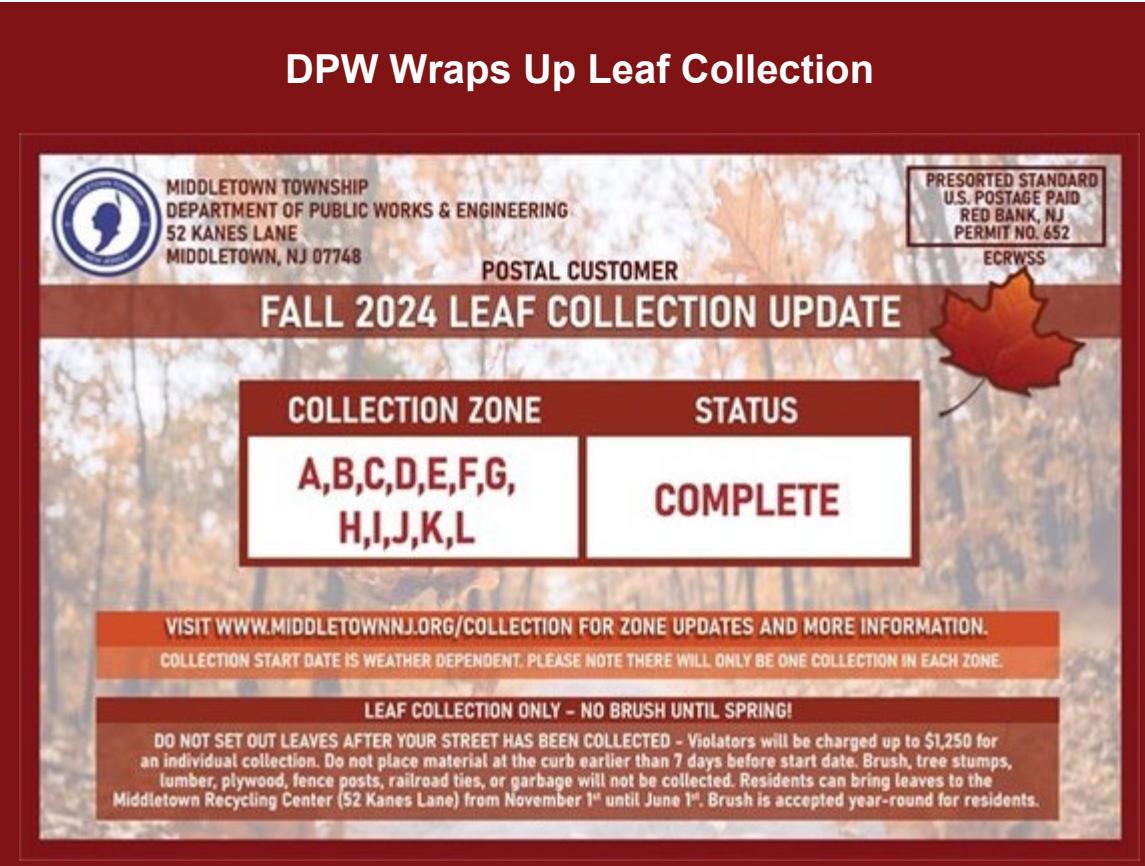
Dredging operations are expected to be completed in January 2025. Work is being conducted during daylight hours on a 7-days-a-week schedule. The area roads are expected to remain open through the duration of the project.

*Click [HERE](#) to read NJDOT's press release for more information.*

# RESOURCES



## DPW Wraps Up Leaf Collection



## 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.

## How to Protect Your Pipes During the Colder Months

## AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER

Before the cold sets in, locate your main water shut-off valve and hang an I.D. tag on it so you can find it quickly in an emergency. In many homes, it is located near the water meter or close to where the water pipe enters the home. Note: If your pipes do freeze, you will need to be able to turn off your water immediately. Do NOT attempt to thaw the pipes without doing so.

We recommend that you locate and test your main water shut-off valve.

It's a good idea to test your main water shut-off valve to be sure it works properly. To test, slowly close it. If you have a ball valve, it generally only requires a quarter turn to close. Gate valves are generally closed by turning the handle clockwise and should turn easily. You may need to have it serviced if it does not close easily.

Once the shut-off valve is completely closed, check sinks and other water fixtures to make sure you found the main water valve and that it is working properly. If no water comes out of any faucets, CONGRATULATIONS, you found your shut-off valve! See more tips to the right.

### DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT A WATER EMERGENCY?

To report a water emergency to us, visit [amwater.com](http://amwater.com), select your state from the drop down, and click on the **Report Emergency** button in the upper right hand corner.

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

Now that it is officially winter, we encourage you to take some preventative measures to avoid frozen pipes! In the graphic above, American Water provides some helpful tips.

In addition to avoiding frozen pipes, it is also important to keep in mind that you should not pour fats, oils, or grease down the drain. You should dispose of them in the trash instead. This tip should be practiced year-round, but is especially relevant during the holiday season when family and friends tend to be gathering together for meals more often.

**Click [HERE](#) to watch a video about unwelcome holiday guests – fats, oils, and grease!**

**Prepare Your Home for Winter Storms with Flood Insurance and Precautionary Steps**

<https://middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/249375> [1/5/2025 5:28:32 PM]



Middletown Floodplain Management encourages residents to purchase flood insurance and winterize their homes by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

Remember to clear rain gutters, repair roof leaks, and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or neighboring structure during or following a storm. Keep pathways and driveways clear between storms to avoid buildup of snow piles and icing. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

## **VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY POLICIES IN MIDDLETOWN**

Middletown Township has an ordinance that requires owners of a business or vacant and abandoned property to maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions.

The ordinance holds property owners responsible for maintaining and securing the property since vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties can cause a cycle of neighborhood deterioration. The ordinance penalizes owners whose property remains vacant year after year.

### **HOW TO REGISTER OR REPORT VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Please visit [middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty](http://middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty) to either register your vacant/abandoned property or report a vacant/abandoned property.

You can also contact Lisa Vena from the Planning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2283 or [lvena@middletownnj.org](mailto:lvena@middletownnj.org) if you have any additional questions.



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



## MIDDLETOWN, NJ **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.



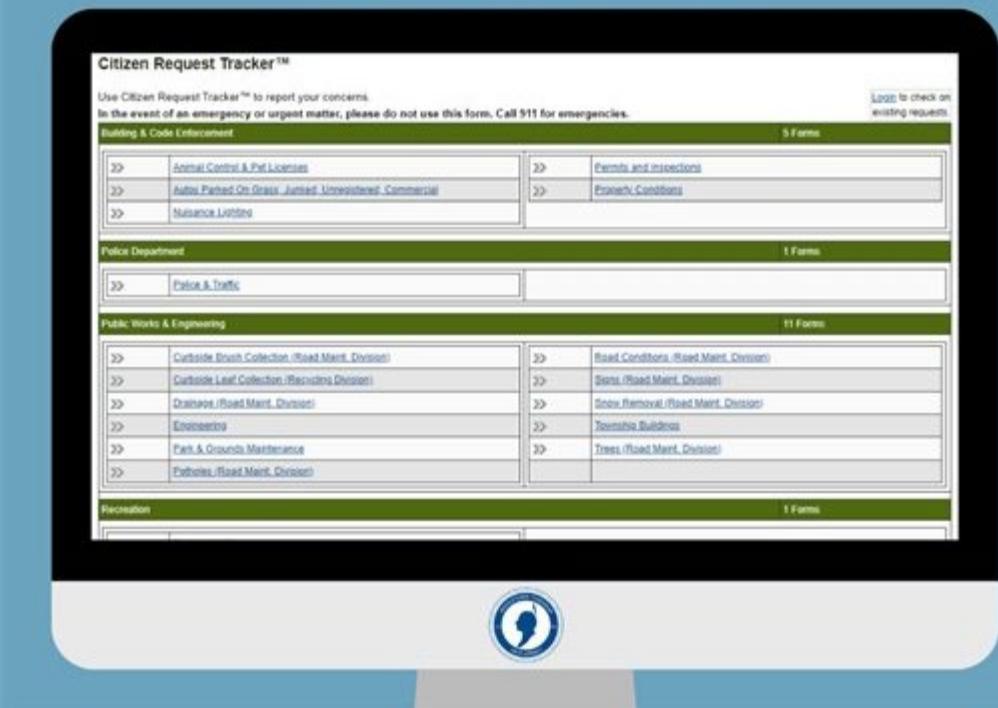
**Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!**

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.



The screenshot shows the Citizen Request Tracker website. At the top, it says "Citizen Request Tracker™" and "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 link to "Check on existing requests".

The website is organized into several sections:

- Building & Code Enforcement** (5 Forms):
  - Animal Control & Pet Licenses
  - Autom Parked On Grass / Jurid. Unregistered Commercial
  - Nuisance Lighting
  - Events and Inspections
  - Emergency 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)
  - Emergency
  - Park & Grounds Maintenance
  - Patholes (Road Maint. Division)
  - Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
  - Signs (Road Maint. Division)
  - Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
  - Structural Buildings
  - Trees (Road Maint. Division)
- Recreation** (1 Form):
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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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