



Nothing Bundt Cakes Celebrates Grand Opening



Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Township Committee were thrilled to join the owner and employees of Nothing Bundt Cakes, members of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, local business owners, and customers at the ribbon cutting!

On Thursday morning, Nothing Bundt Cakes (1379 NJ-35) officially opened its first location in Middletown! Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino had a "sweet" time at the ribbon cutting where they presented the owner with a certificate. In addition to delicious desserts, Nothing Bundt Cakes also sells party supplies.

Please join us in welcoming the bakery chain to town!

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

Middletown Village Elementary School Student Wins Monmouth County Snowplow Naming Contest



Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and Commissioner Erik Anderson stopped by Middletown Village to present Jackson with a Certificate of Recognition next to the snowplow he named. (Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Government)

On Monday morning, Middletown Village Elementary School student Jackson Felegy found out that he won the second annual Monmouth County Snowplow Naming Contest with a surprise visit from Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, Monmouth County Commissioner Erik Anderson, and Middletown Board of Education President Frank Capone!

He and Jackson Mattioli of Laura Donovan Elementary School in Freehold Township submitted the name "Born to Plow". As a result of their creativity, two snowplows now bear their winning tagline and their respective schools!

Connect with the Township to Help Correct Concerns



Middletown Township is now utilizing the “See-Click-Fix” platform so residents can easily contact the Township to report any concerns. The Township is branding this reporting tool as *Connect & Correct* since you can submit your request via the website and track its progress through completion.

Visit [middletownnj.org](https://www.middletownnj.org) and click on the *Connect & Correct* button. This link will direct you to a page of categories you can choose from to report your concern.


Simply choose the relevant category from the list such as lost pet, pothole, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. and add a brief description of the issue. You will be able to enter an address or pinpoint the location of the issue on the map. You will also have the option to attach a photo if you would like, and then you can click to submit the report.

You will then be able to track the status of the issue through updates on the platform or via email notifications.

In February, the Township will be launching the *Connect & Correct* app which should make it even easier to report your concerns on-the-go as well as streamline

communications regarding any concerns you may have.

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW 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.

**Christmas Tree Collection Dates: North Zone TOMORROW
(Saturday, 1/18)**



A poster for Christmas tree collection. At the top is the Middletown Township Public Works & Engineering logo, which includes icons for recycling, a tree, and a house. Below the logo, the title "CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES" is written in a green, stylized font. Underneath, the collection dates are listed: "SOUTH ZONE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH" and "NORTH ZONE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH". A note at the bottom states: "Trees can also be recycled if brought to the Middletown Recycling Center during regular business hours." The background of the poster is a close-up of green pine needles. Below the poster is a blue box with white text that reads: "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."

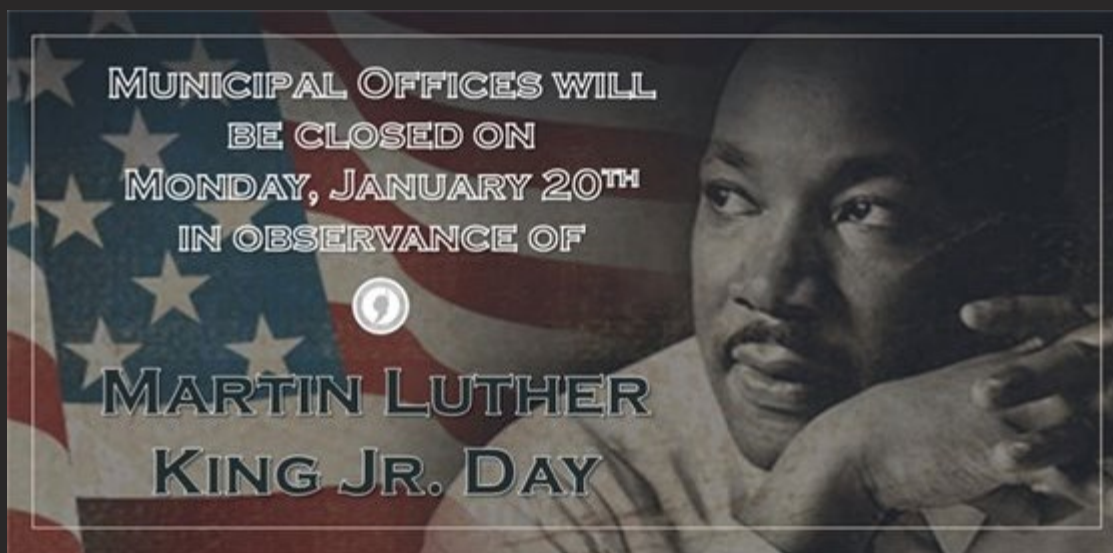
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Municipal Offices Closed on Monday, 1/20



A poster announcing the closure of municipal offices. The background features a portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. on the right and an American flag on the left. The text, in a white, outlined font, reads: "MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF". Below this is a small circular logo with a stylized 'M' and 'K'. At the bottom, the text "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY" is written in a large, bold, outlined font.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL
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MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH
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MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY

The Middletown Township Public Library will be open.



MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER CLOSURE

Due to the predicted snowstorm on Sunday, the Middletown Recycling Center will be closed on Monday, January 20th and reopen on Thursday, January 23rd at 8:30 AM.

 Thank you for your patience!



GET THE  APP TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON GARBAGE, RECYCLING, AND BULK COLLECTION CHANGES VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Tuesday, 1/21 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st 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 view and listen to through CivicClerk. Previous Township Committee Meetings were available to view and listen to through Cisco Webex. Going forward, all Township Committee Meetings will be accessible via CivicClerk.

The meeting will be made available to watch or listen to by visiting middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com. Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Tuesday, January 21st meeting. Once the meeting begins, the event will say "LIVE" and a camera icon will appear. You can click on the camera icon to stream the meeting. After the meeting ends, a recording of it will be available.

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.

Save the Date for Free Presentation About NJ's Tax Relief Programs: Wednesday, 2/12 from 2-4 PM



SENIOR RESIDENTS: HEAR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT NJ'S TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The New Jersey Division of Taxation will be hosting a presentation about NEW eligibility requirements for the ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ programs.

WHEN

Wednesday, February 12th from 2:00 - 4:00PM

WHERE

Middletown Senior Center
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo

**PLEASE CALL THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT
(732) 615-2086.**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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 for additional information and the permit application.



How to Purchase Your 2025 Parking Permit



2025 Parking Permit Applications

The Township Clerk's Office has begun accepting applications for the 2025 calendar year. Visit [middletownnj.org/parkingpermits](https://www.middletownnj.org/parkingpermits) for information about how to purchase a parking permit either online or in person.

Additional Daily Parking Now Available at Main Train Station Parking Lot

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT #1

ZONE #12501
Spaces 300-519

PAY BY CELL VIA MPAY2PARK MOBILE APP

\$5.00 per day
Metered Parking in Effect 5 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday
Free Parking on Weekends and Holidays

Available on the App Store | www.mPay2Park.com | Google play

For further information call: 1-855-677-7275

HOW TO START A PARKING SESSION:

1. Open the mPay2Park app.
2. Register/log in to your account.
3. Click "Park" and choose your license plate.
4. Scan or enter your zone/space and duration.
5. Click on "Start Now".

Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748
732-615-2045 or 732-615-2015
middletownnj.org/parkingpermit | townclerk@middletownnj.org

Pictured above is what one of the new signs will look like.

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 is "12501:Middletown" 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 1st and January 31st.

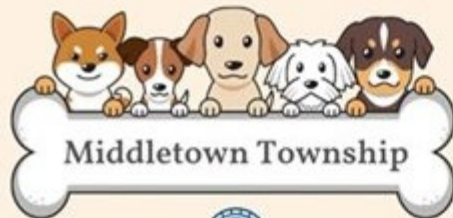
Late fees begin February 1st.



**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097
or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.**

Visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing for more information.

BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control
732-615-2097
middletownnj.org/petlicensing

Your pet can have a social life.

Many places (like groomers, dog parks, pet-friendly hotels, airlines, etc.) require pet licenses.

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](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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**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.

Middletown Recreation's Annual Mother-Son Cornhole Tournament Returns Thursday, 2/6 from 5:30-8:30 PM



It's an alien invasion! Moms, team up with your sons in Middletown Recreation's annual mother-son cornhole tournament to win awesome prizes!

Like last year, participants will also play bingo for additional fun and prizes. Price includes a pizza dinner. Space is limited, so register or get on the waitlist today!

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

Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Maple Sugaring Programs Happening Saturdays, 2/8 and 2/22





CALLING ALL SCOUT GROUPS!

MAPLE SUGARING AT PORICY PARK

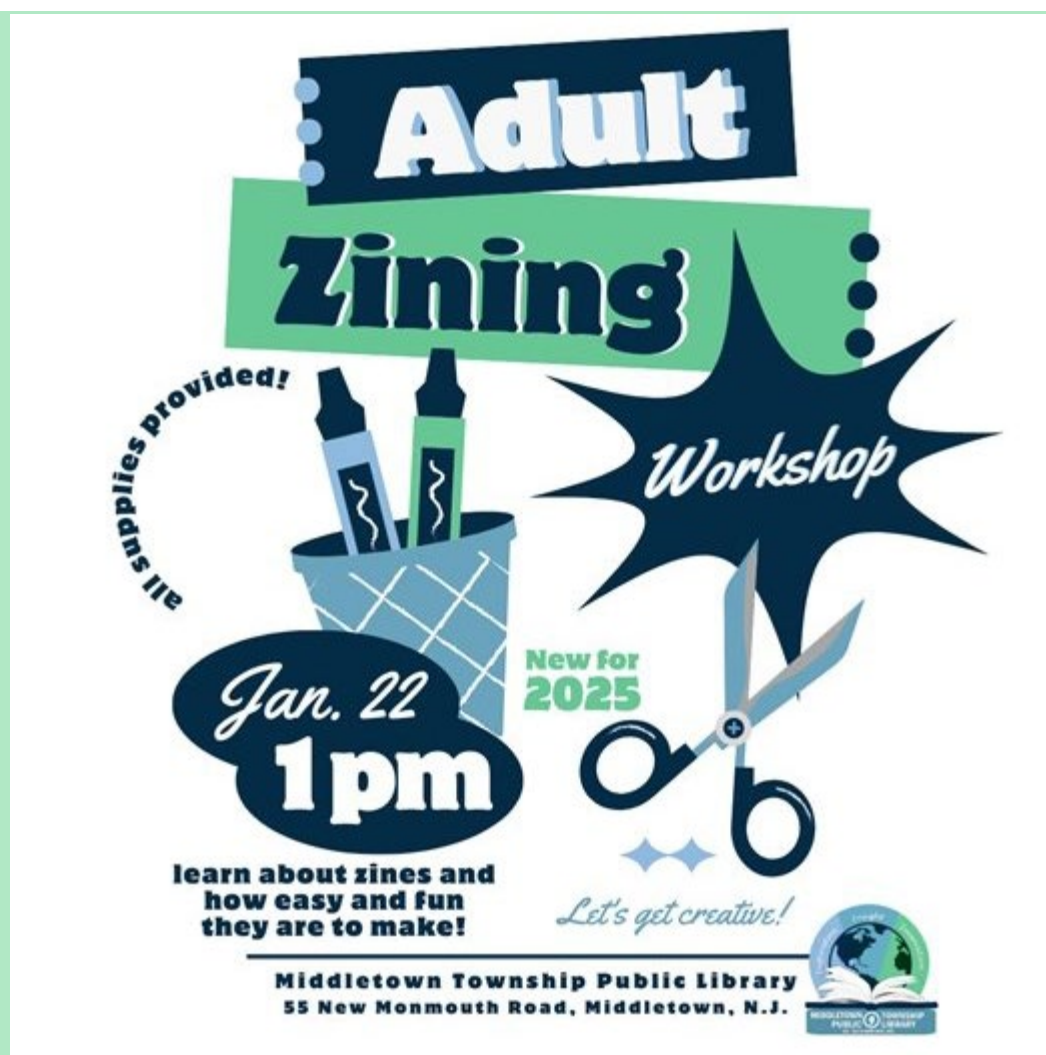
*Includes science experiments, syrup sampling, and short
hike to check on tapped trees. One scout group per
session - pick the time that works best for your group!*

SAT 2/8 OR SAT 2/22

Bring your scout group to Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to learn how to collect sap, identify maples and other trees in the winter, and how boiling increases solution concentrations to create syrup!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to choose either the Saturday, February 8th or Saturday, February 22nd timeslot.

Sign Up for MTPL's Adult Zining Workshop Happening Wednesday, 1/22 at 1 PM



Learn about zines and how to create your own small, self-published work made up of text and images at the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) workshop for adults! No artistic skills needed; all supplies provided. Registration is encouraged but not required. The workshop will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

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

**Teens: Make DIY String Art at the MTPL on Wednesday,
1/22 at 7 PM**

MTPL TEENS
JANUARY
happenings



DIY STRING ART

1/22 at 7 pm in the
Children's Program
Room



Make a cute sign that says "read" using embroidery floss at this teen art program happening in the MTPL's Children's Program Room! Pictured above is an example of what it could look like.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**Sign Up Today to Compete in MAC's Art of Chili Cook-Off
Fundraiser or Buy Tickets to Support**



Put your culinary creativity on display as the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) presents The Art of Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser! Contestants must prepare in advance a minimum of eight quarts of chili (any style!), but no toppings or garnishes – your chili must stand on its own as you compete for the celebrity judges and the People’s Choice Award!

Fifteen amateurs and five restaurants will battle it out as our celebrity judges determine 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), and 3rd (\$50) places, as well as best restaurant chili. All entrants will compete for the People’s Choice Award (\$100). Cash prizes are courtesy of Brightview Senior Living in Holmdel.

To enter, please submit your contact info and the type of chili you are making to tj.middletownartscenter@gmail.com. The entry fee is \$25. Checks can be made out to the Middletown Arts Center and sent to 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748.

If you’d like to pay by credit card, please call 732-706-4100. Space is limited!

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$15, which include a tasting kit to sample all the chilis and a vote in the People’s Choice Award.

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



- As of Monday, January 13th, Broadway is 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 were posted. Port Monmouth Road between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) reopened on Monday, January 13th, 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 2nd 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 21st, 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

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.

Ball Valve Shut-Off

Gate Valve Shut-Off

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, select your state from the drop down, and click on the **Report Emergency** button in the upper right hand corner.

Icons and Tips:

- Open Cabinets:** If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.
- Wrap Pipes:** Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation or heat tape before cold weather sets in.
- Check Sprinklers:** Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.
- Seal Drafts:** Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines and fix drafts around windows and doors.
- Keep Water Moving:** When temperatures stay below freezing, keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.

[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, New Jersey 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



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 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 if you have any additional questions.



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



MIDDLETOWN, NJ

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NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services to 3rd through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12th through April 5th 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 to see if your household qualifies and 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 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.


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