



Township Committee Recognizes Two Monmouth United Soccer Club Teams for Winning NJ State Cup Titles



Athletes from both teams show off their trophies and MUSC banner alongside Mayor Tony Perry and Coach Lee Drury!

At the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, Monmouth United Soccer Club (MUSC) 2013 Boys Premier I and 2014 Boys Premier II teams were given congratulatory certificates for their recent New Jersey Youth Soccer (NJYS) accomplishments!

The 2013 Boys Premier I team won the 2024 NJYS State Cup National Championship Series and the 2014 Boys Premier II team won the 2024 NJYS State Cup Presidents Cup. In addition to getting certificates signed by Mayor Tony Perry, the teams also began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 day at 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 8:30 PM through Sunday, February 2nd.

Indigo Shore Art Studio Opens in Belford



Committeeman Ryan Clarke was honored to join the Korkmaz family for the ribbon cutting!

On Saturday, Indigo Shore Art Studio (290 East Road, Belford) officially opened its doors. The studio's team specializes in custom pre-sketched paint canvases, digital art, and dance parties to create memorable moments for everyone, whether they're hosting a birthday party or just looking for a fun activity to enjoy!

The Korkmaz family already owns two locations in Westfield, and is thrilled to open their first one in Middletown — especially as Middletown residents!

Follow the studio on Instagram ([@indigoshore.artstudio](https://www.instagram.com/@indigoshore.artstudio)) and visit indigowestfield.com for more information about their services.

Middletown-Based Business Select A Puppy Donates

Food and Toys to MTPD K-9 Officers



K-9 officer Cap, his handler Sergeant Stephen Greenwood, and Detective Lieutenant Brian McGrogan pose with Select A Puppy representatives and their donation. (Photo courtesy of MTPD)

Earlier today, local business Select A Puppy (1839 NJ-35) delivered a donation of dog food and toys for our "paw-some" K-9 officers. The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is incredibly grateful for their generosity!

HELP MIDDLETOWN CHOOSE THE NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WALOO PARK

We've selected four fantastic playground designs, and now it's your turn to tell us which one you prefer!

Visit middletownnj.org/waloo for more information and to complete our survey. The last day to submit it is Friday, 2/7.

WALOO PARK PLAYGROUND

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3



OPTION 4



We're thrilled to invite the Middletown community to participate in shaping the future of Waloo Park, which is located on Main Street in Port Monmouth! We've selected four fantastic playground designs, and now it's your turn to tell us which one you prefer.

As part of this exciting project, the playground's location within the park is changing. The new playground will be placed slightly closer to Main Street than the former playground, and the old asphalt area will be removed. This change will leave the back part of the park as open green space — perfect for pick-up games, relaxation, and enjoying the outdoors!

Once the survey is complete, we'll share the results. Our goal is to purchase the selected playground equipment by the end of March. If everything stays on track, construction could begin as early as July, with the new playground ready for use by this fall!

The last day to complete the survey is Friday, February 7th, so don't miss the chance to share your input!

Visit middletownnj.org/waloo for more information and to complete the survey.

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 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.

Additional Daily Parking Now Available at Main Train Station Parking Lot



Pictured above is what one of our new signs looks 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.

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".

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 for information about how to purchase a parking permit either online or in person.

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.

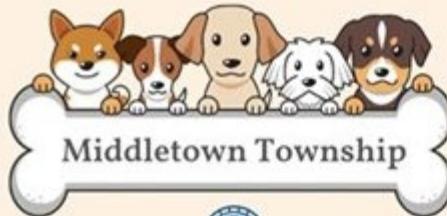
Late fees begin February 1st.



**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



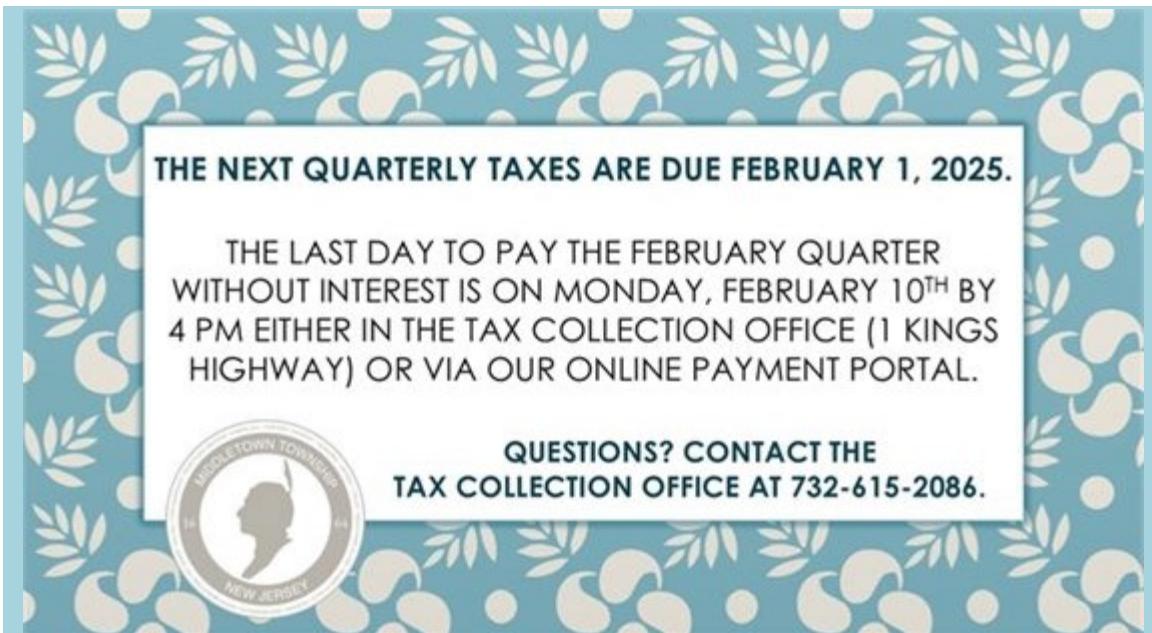
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middletownnj.org/petlicensing

**Licensing a pet in your name
establishes legal ownership.**

Having a pet with a current license helps prove ownership in case you are ever in a situation where it is needed.

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](#)!

**Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is
Monday, 2/10 by 4 PM**



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

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

A circular seal for the New Jersey Division of Taxation. The outer ring contains the text 'NEW JERSEY' at the top and 'DIVISION OF TAXATION' at the bottom. The center features a yellow silhouette of the state of New Jersey.

**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.

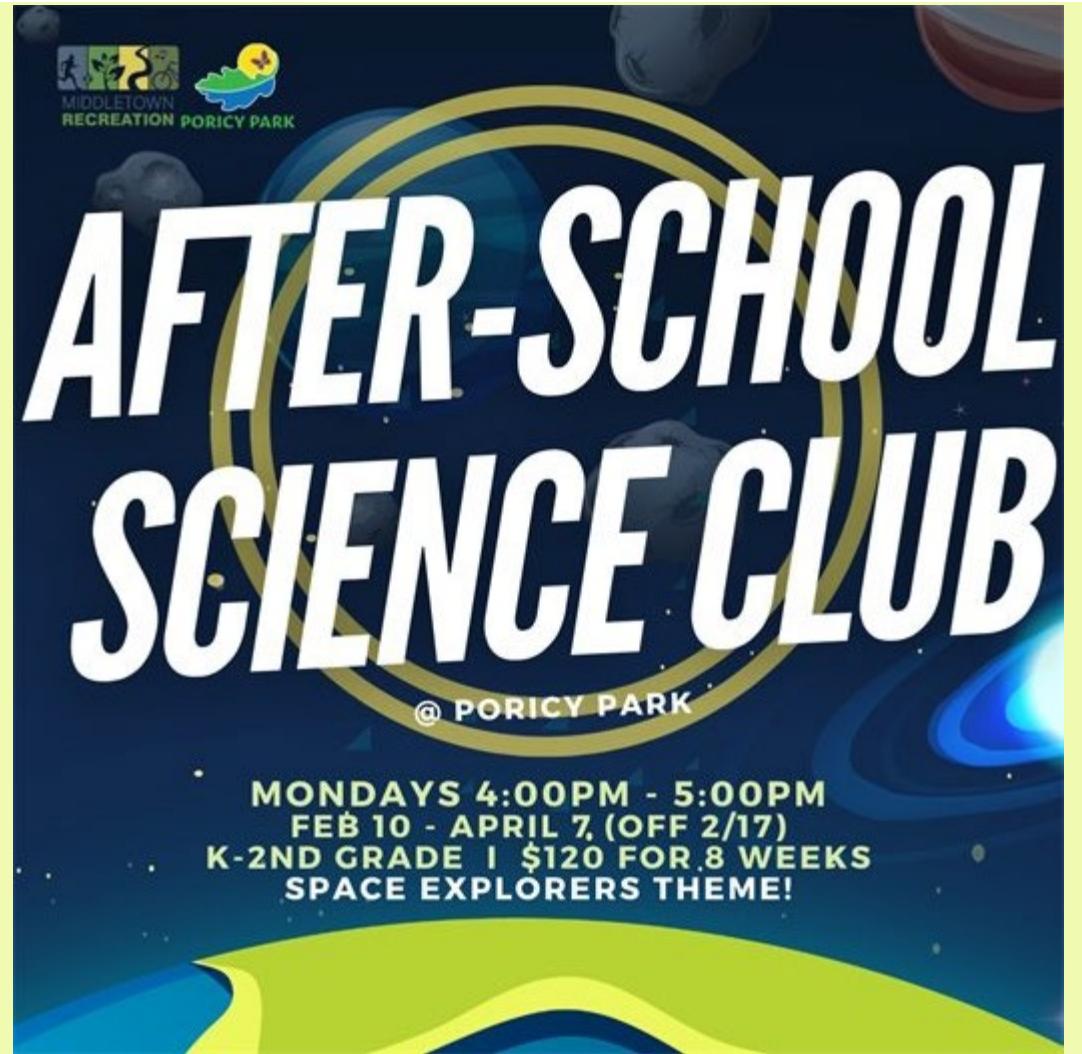
WHEN
Wednesday, February 12th from 2:00 - 4:00PM

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.

Middletown Recreation's After-School Science Club Begins in February: Register Now!



Join Middletown Recreation for its award-winning After-School Science Club where there's STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and fun to be had! Each week has a different topic and will include an outdoor hike (weather permitting). This winter's theme is Space Explorers.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Join Middletown PBA Local 124 and Hazlet PBA 189 at

Annual Climb With A Cop Fundraiser on Saturday, 2/1

FUNDRAISER

TO BENEFIT

**Special
Olympics**
New Jersey



SATURDAY
February 1, 2025

10:00AM - 2:00PM

37 Kanes Ln.
Middletown, NJ

Entry fee \$35

*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ

**Climb
With
A
Cop**



LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW JERSEY

THE GRAVITY VAULT
INDOOR ROCK GYMS

Visit www.gravityvault.com, www.njtorchrun.org or call
The Gravity Vault at (732) 856-9599 for more details.

Must be 5 years old or older to climb. Individuals under 18 must have waiver completed by parent or legal guardian.

Middletown PBA Local 124 is partnering with Hazlet PBA 189 to host the annual Climb with a Cop fundraiser on Saturday, February 1st. The event will take place at Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Lane) from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). We hope to see you there!

**Middletown VAC Encourages Community to Attend Annual
Four Chaplains Service on Sunday, 2/2 at 2 PM**

**The Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to Attend the
Four Chaplains Service**

Sunday, February 2nd

2:00-3:00 PM

VFW Post 2179

(1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth)

**Refreshments to follow*



The Four Chaplains Service is held annually to commemorate the selfless acts of valor of the four chaplains who perished on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943. The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation exists to further the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging goodwill and cooperation among all people.

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) invites residents to attend VFW Post 2179's annual Four Chaplains Service. It will take place at the Post (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth) on Sunday, February 2nd from 2-3 PM.

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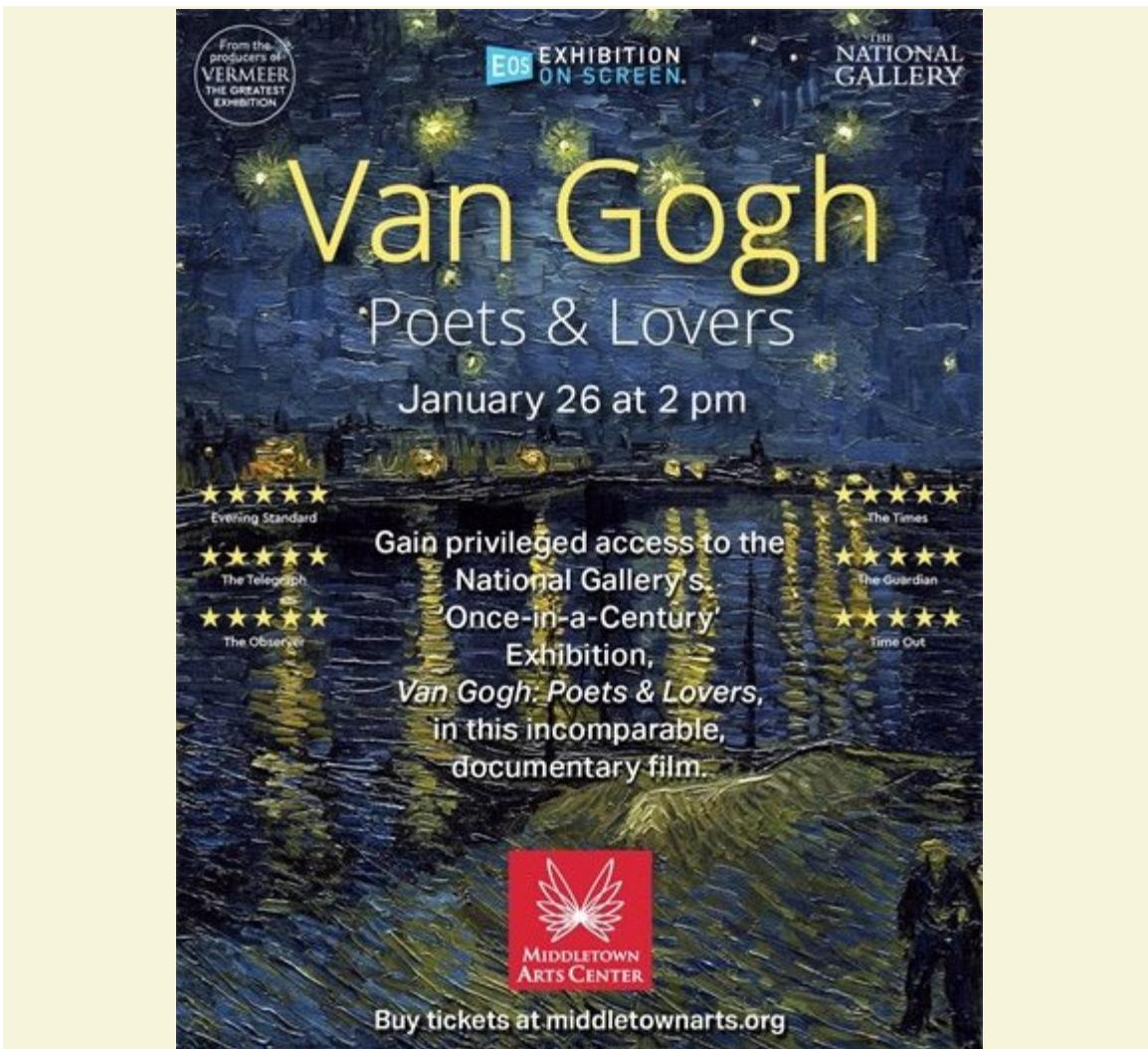
**Attend Middletown Preschool's Open House on Tuesday,
2/11 from 5-7 PM**



Visit Middletown Preschool (50 Bray Avenue) on Tuesday, February 11th from 5-7 PM to see if it's a good fit for your little one! Take a tour, meet our teachers, and get more information about sending your child to preschool. Please RSVP by emailing recreation@middletownnj.org.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Middletown Preschool.

Purchase Tickets to Watch *Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers* Documentary at the MAC on Sunday, 1/26 at 2 PM



Gain privileged access to the National Gallery's blockbuster exhibition, *Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers*, in this incomparable, new documentary film by Exhibition on Screen. The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be showing the film on Sunday, January 26th at 2 PM. Tickets cost \$10 for MAC members and \$15 for the general public. We encourage you to buy tickets and enjoy the film at the MAC (36 Church Street) this weekend!

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

Join MTPL's Inclusive Music Experience for Adults of All Abilities on Monday, 1/27 at 5:30 PM

SLP
For Adults who have Special Needs
with Miss Kat

♪A Fun & Accessible Music Experience Designed for Adults♪

IN PERSON
THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Monday, 1/27
5:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!
VISIT THE MTPL.ORG CALENDAR
PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is offering a fun, free, and accessible music experience for adults of all abilities to listen or sing. Modern pop, classic rock, camp songs, and some originals will be performed in a sing-along style. Don't forget to bring your voice and/or your communication system!

Miss Kat, a speech-language therapist who specializes in augmentative and alternative communication, will be hosting the event. It will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

**Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the MTPL
on Saturday, 2/1**

IT'S COMING! THE 14TH ANNUAL



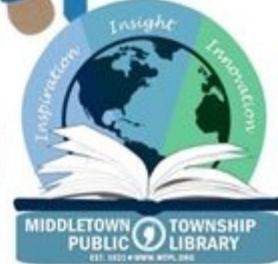
**Take Your Child
to the Library Day**

Saturday, February 1, 2025

www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org



**Join us for a special
story time at 10am!**



Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for Take Your Child to the Library Day! Get a library card, try a craft or activity, or join the MTPL's special story time at 10 AM. Registration is required for the story time.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the story time.

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



CALLING ALL SCOUT GROUPS!

MIDDLETON RECREATION  **PORICY PARK** 

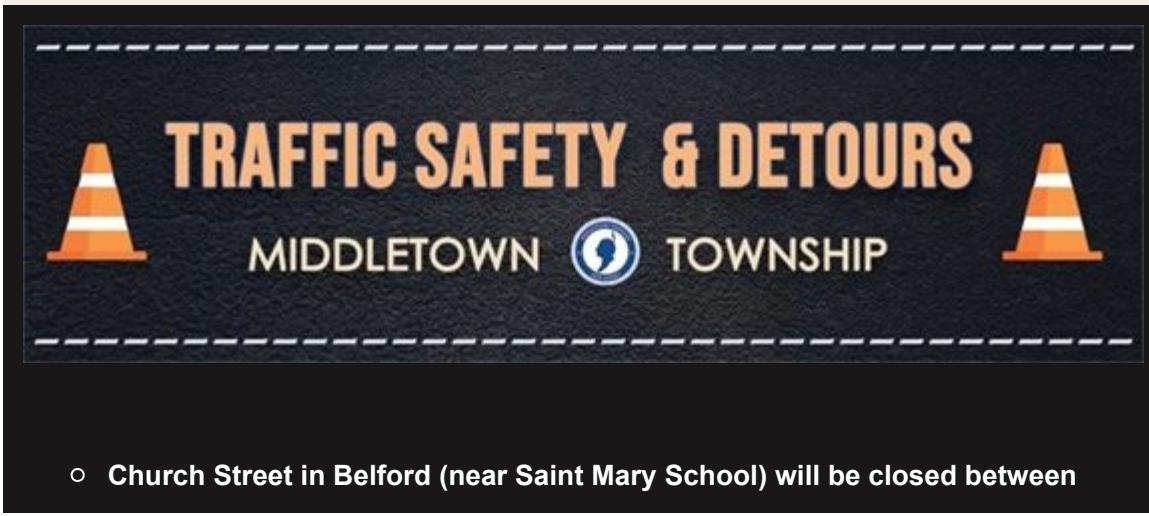
MAPLE SUGARING AT PORICY PARK

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.



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- Church Street in Belford (near Saint Mary School) will be closed between

Leonardville Road and Drift Road on or about Monday, February 3rd to replace Bridge MT-10. It will be closed to vehicular traffic through October, but pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the course of the 9-month project.

- **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, Whippoorwill 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 Whippoorwill 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



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.



Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW WITH NIXLE

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://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.



If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation or heat tape before cold weather sets in.



Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.



Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines and fix drafts around windows and doors.



When temperatures stay below freezing, keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.



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.

[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.

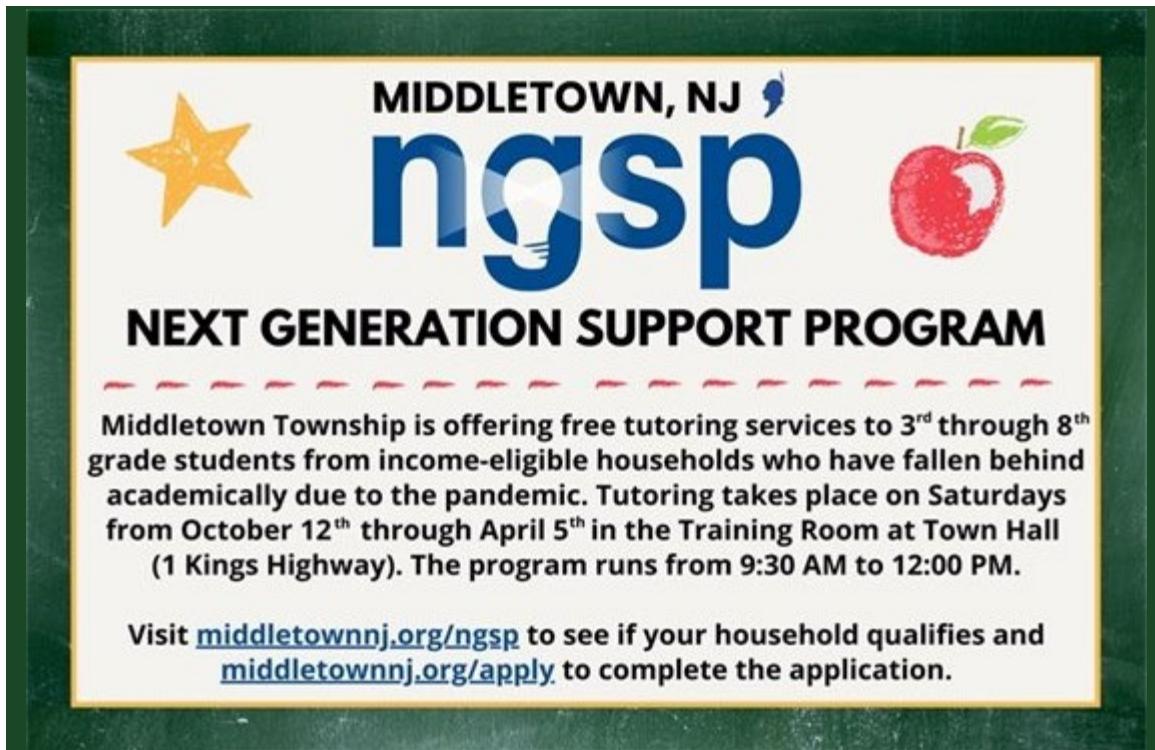
HOW TO REGISTER OR REPORT VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY

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**



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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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