



Middletown High School South Wrestling Program Recognized for Winning 2025 Shore Conference E-Division Championship



At the meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, the Township Committee proudly recognized the Middletown High School South Wrestling Program for winning the 2025 Shore Conference E-Division Championship! This was the team's first division championship since 2022 and their first one since being placed into a new division this season.

As division champions, the team will be moving on to the upcoming NJSIAA tournament. Mayor Tony Perry was honored to present the wrestlers, managers, and coaches with personalized certificates and congratulate them on this outstanding accomplishment. Way to go Eagles!

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, March 2nd.

Haus of Nails Celebrates Grand Opening



On Wednesday, Haus of Nails (1872 NJ-35) hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the salon's official opening in Middletown. Mayor Tony Perry was happy to cut the ribbon alongside employees and customers and present the new business with a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Visit hausofnailsnj.com for information about the salon's many services. Please join us in welcoming Haus of Nails to Middletown!

Check Out New *Locally Sourced* Podcast Episode with Former MLB Player Jason Marquis



Mayor Tony Perry and guest Jason Marquis take a photo together in the podcast studio located at Town Hall.

In the first *Locally Sourced* episode of 2025, Mayor Tony Perry sits down with former professional baseball player Jason Marquis. With spring training for Major League Baseball (MLB) currently taking place, get into the "swing" of baseball news by listening to Jason discuss his impressive career in the MLB and his current life as a Middletown resident.

You can listen to the podcast on Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify. You can also click [HERE](#) to watch it on YouTube.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

YOU VOTED
AND WE LISTENED.



THE NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WALOO PARK IS

OPTION 3



Thank you to everyone who voted for this unique design! Stay on the lookout for future updates and visit middletownnj.org/waloo to see the results.

We had over 700 survey participants. Click [HERE](#) to see the results.



Notice of Planned JCP&L Survey Work

Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L), a FirstEnergy company, is planning upgrades to its existing transmission lines to enhance electric service reliability. Property owners who live along JCP&L's existing transmission right-of-way will be receiving a letter next week.

To ensure compliance with environmental regulations, survey crews will need to access some transmission line structures to conduct soil borings. Any areas disturbed will be restored as soon as possible after the work is completed. No disruption to your electric service is anticipated as a result of this work. If it is determined that studies need to extend beyond the boundary of the right-of-way, a representative will contact you to coordinate conducting these studies prior to proceeding.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the survey work, please contact the project team at (888) 311-4737.

Participate in North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Meeting on Thursday, 2/27 at 6 PM

**HEY, NORTH MIDDLETOWN/
PORT MONMOUTH
SPREAD THE WORD!**



North Middletown - Port Monmouth
NRTC Planning Area

**Share your ideas
on how to improve
our neighborhood.**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION
HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL!
LET'S CONTINUE THE
CONVERSATION.**

MEETING DATES

- February 27th – Thu
- March 27th – Thu
- April 23rd – Wed

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

Questions? Email us!
MiddletownNRTC@housingall.org

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SUCCESS CENTER**  **Habitat
for Humanity** 

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.

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

High School Juniors & Seniors: Apply for Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Friday, 3/7



Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the 2025 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

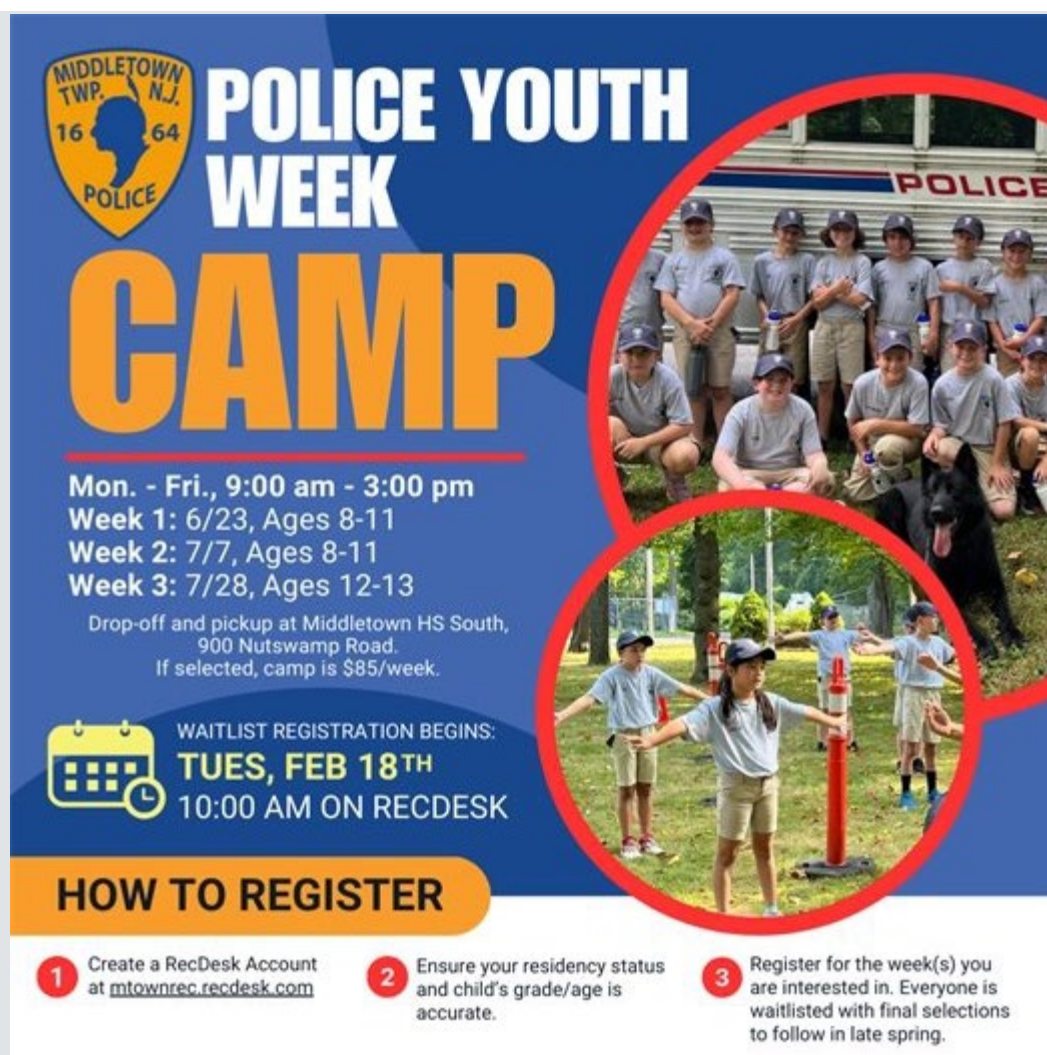
The deadline to apply is Friday, March 7th. Visit middletownnj.org/scholarship to apply!

Middletown Township is excited to partner with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the 2025 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition! We encourage high school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown to compete for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

The essay for the statewide scholarship competition should be approximately 500 words and focus on the theme "What I Like About My Hometown". All applicants must submit the completed application and essay to the Mayor's Office by either emailing it to mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org or mailing it to 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 ATTN: Mayor's Office by Friday, March 7th.

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

Register Now for Police Youth Week Camp




The poster for the Middletown Township Police Department's Police Youth Week Camp features a blue background with a yellow and black police badge logo in the top left corner. The logo contains the text 'MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J.', '16', '64', and 'POLICE'. To the right of the logo, the words 'POLICE YOUTH WEEK' are written in large, bold, white capital letters, and 'CAMP' is written in even larger, bold, orange capital letters below it. To the right of the text, there are two circular inset photos: the top one shows a group of campers in uniform posing with a police dog, and the bottom one shows campers participating in an obstacle course. Below the main title, the schedule is listed: 'Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 3:00 pm', 'Week 1: 6/23, Ages 8-11', 'Week 2: 7/7, Ages 8-11', and 'Week 3: 7/28, Ages 12-13'. Below the schedule, the drop-off and pickup location is given as 'Middletown HS South, 900 Nutswamp Road', and the cost is listed as '\$85/week'. A calendar icon is next to the text 'WAITLIST REGISTRATION BEGINS: TUES, FEB 18TH 10:00 AM ON RECDESK'. At the bottom, a yellow banner reads 'HOW TO REGISTER', followed by three numbered steps: 1. Create a RecDesk Account at mtownrec.recdesk.com; 2. Ensure your residency status and child's grade/age is accurate; 3. Register for the week(s) you are interested in. Everyone is waitlisted with final selections to follow in late spring.

MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J. 16 64 POLICE

POLICE YOUTH WEEK CAMP

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Week 2: 7/7, Ages 8-11
Week 3: 7/28, Ages 12-13

Drop-off and pickup at Middletown HS South,
900 Nutswamp Road.
If selected, camp is \$85/week.

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Registration for the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) Police Youth Week Camp opened on Tuesday, February 18th at 10 AM! Registration is taking place via Middletown Parks & Recreation's new online system, RecDesk.

Visit middletownnj.org/policeyouthweek for more information.

Registration for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 Summer Camps Opens Monday, 3/3 at 10 AM



Registration for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 summer camps opens for residents on Monday, March 3rd at 10 AM on RecDesk. Registration opens for non-residents on Monday, March 10th at 10 AM.

Create an account on RecDesk in advance to ensure your residency status and child's grade are accurate. If the information is not accurate, please reach out to recreation@middletownnj.org with the necessary updates.

Since the registration process is new this year, we encourage you to get prepared now! All campers must become a Member BEFORE being able to register for camp. You can enroll in "Camp Membership" under "Memberships" on RecDesk. This step will save you time during registration.

Visit mtownrec.recdesk.com to create a RecDesk account. Additional information about camps will be announced on middletownnj.org/camp soon.



2025 SUMMER CAMPS

HELP US, HELP YOU!
Complete these steps
BEFORE registration
opens on
Mon, 3/3 10am (R)

PREPARE FOR REGISTRATION

- 1) Create a RecDesk account.
mtownrec.recdesk.com
- 2) Ensure residency is accurate.
- 3) Ensure child's grade is accurate.
Grades are autogenerated from DOB. Grade must be based on 2024-25 school year.
- 4) Enroll in Camp Membership.
This step has to be done before registration. Click on "Memberships" on RecDesk's homepage. Enroll each child and complete forms saving you time at registration.

CREATE ACCOUNT

PROGRAMS

SIGN IN

MEMBERSHIPS

NEED UPDATES OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
732-615-2260 RECREATION@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG

New Items for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 Summer Camps

NEW NEW NEW



SUMMER CAMP 2025

In addition to our Traditional, Poricy Park, and Specialty Camp offerings - here's what's new and changed for this year.

**NEW
PORTAL**

Registration Now on RecDesk

Create an account for 3/3 opening: mtownrec.recdesk.com

**NEW
CAMP**

Sports Broadcasting Camp

Ages 10-18 | Week of June 30th

**NEW
CAMP**

Little Discoverers Camp

PreK Ages 3-5 | Located at Monmouth Museum

**NEW
LOCATION**

Pioneers Now at Croydon Hall

PreK Ages 3-5 | Originally at Tonya Keller Community Center

**NEW
LOCATION**

Trailblazers Now at Poricy Park

Grades 7-9 | Originally at Tonya Keller Community Center

Full camp information coming soon to middletownnj.org/camp.

In addition to there being a new registration process via RecDesk, Middletown Parks & Recreation will also be offering new camps including Sports Broadcasting Camp for children between ages 10-18 and Little Discoverers Camp at the Monmouth Museum (765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft) for PreK children between ages 3-5. Originally held at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue, North Middletown), Pioneers PreK Camp will be moving to Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) and Trailblazers Middle School Travel Camp will now be doing drop-off and pick-up from Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

Visit middletownnj.org/camp for full camp information coming soon.



NJAW Begins Routine Maintenance at Swimming River & Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plants

As part of an annual routine maintenance program,

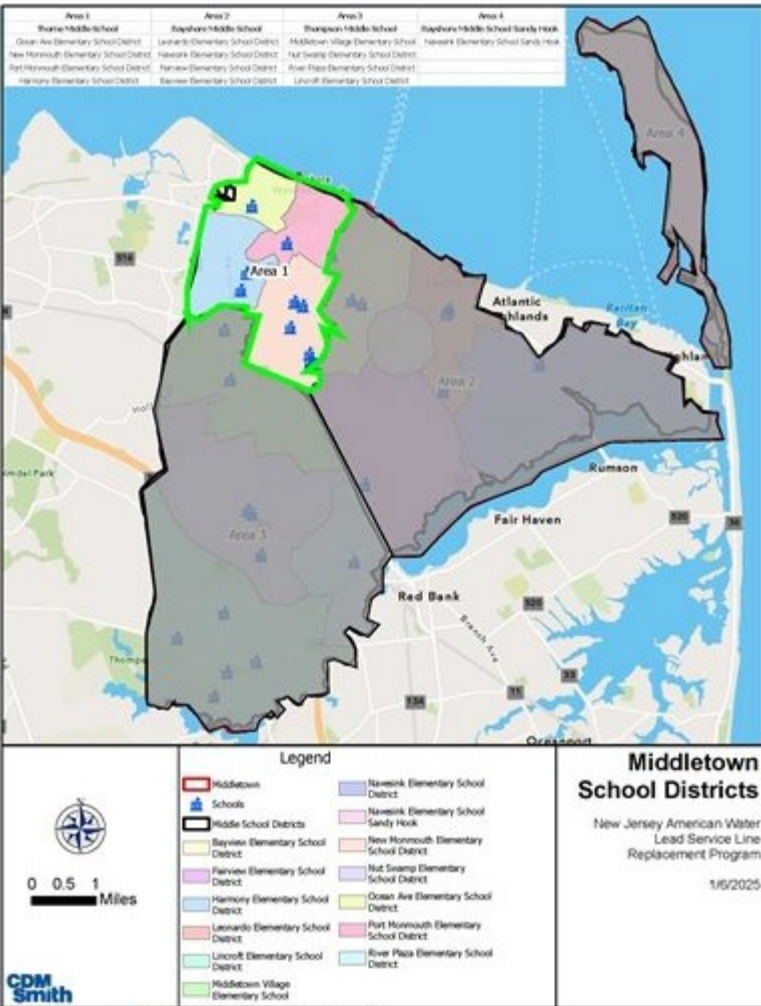
New Jersey American Water (NJAW) is temporarily changing the water treatment process at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune. The maintenance consists of temporarily shifting from using chloramine to free chlorine and will continue through mid-April.

This routine annual change in treatment helps ensure the continued safety and reliability of water quality throughout the distribution system. During this period, some customers may notice a slight taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and will only be temporary until the system maintenance is complete. If customers experience this, the company suggests placing water in an uncovered pitcher in the refrigerator overnight to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

Throughout the maintenance period, NJAW will continue to monitor water quality in the system to provide water to customers that meets or surpasses federal and state drinking water standards.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's full press release.

NJAW Lead Service Line Replacement Program Door-to-Door Canvassing Continues



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

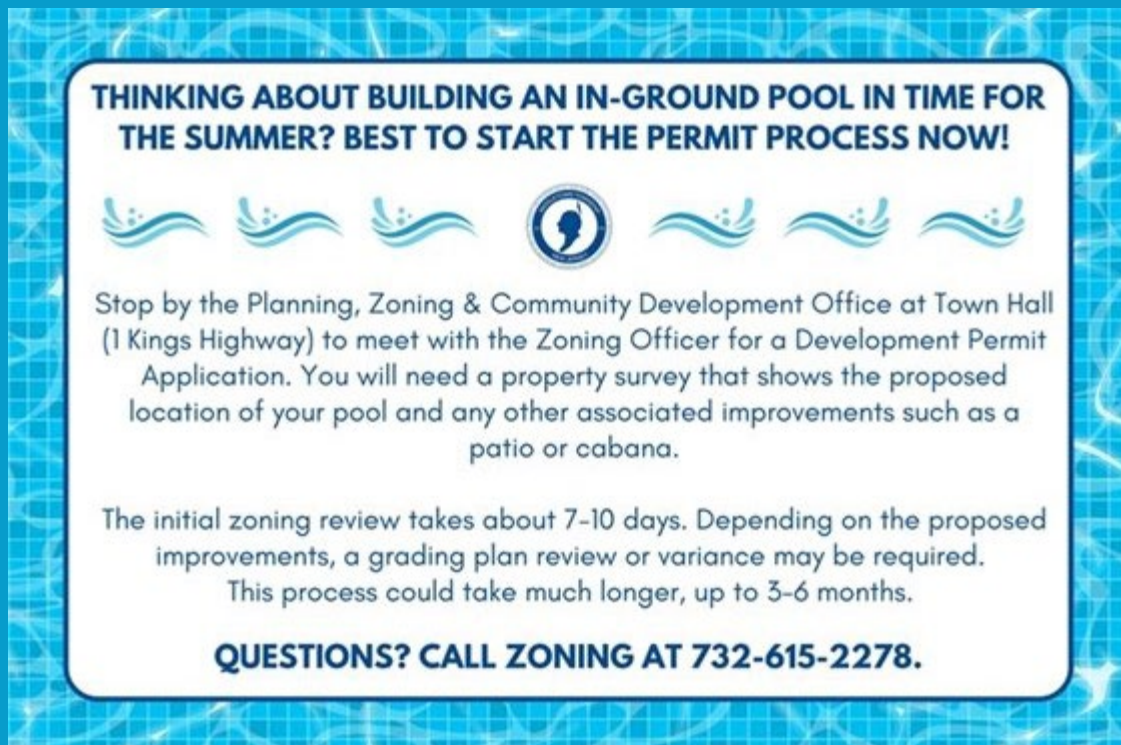
CDM Smith, on behalf of New Jersey American Water (NJAW), started a door-to-door canvassing effort related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP) in Middletown on Monday, February 3rd. The canvassing and internal inspections are currently taking place in Area 1 on the map above. The entire canvassing is expected to take place over the next few months.

All CDM Smith inspectors will wear co-branded (NJAW and CDM Smith) high visibility logo vests and will have NJAW-issued Contractor ID badges. Inspectors will introduce themselves and the program to property owners and will then ask to enter the home to inspect the water service where it enters into the home (typically in a basement or crawl space).








The inspector will take exterior photos of the property and interior photographs of the service material and record the pipe material identified. Inspections generally take 15 minutes or less. At no time will residents be asked for money. Any customer that prefers to not have an internal inspection completed will be directed to

alternatives to the inspections including self-reporting.

The Middletown Township Police Department is aware of the canvassing. If you have any questions about LSLRP, please email njawlead@cdmsmith.com and LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com.



THINKING ABOUT BUILDING AN IN-GROUND POOL IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER? BEST TO START THE PERMIT PROCESS NOW!

Stop by the Planning, Zoning & Community Development Office at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) to meet with the Zoning Officer for a Development Permit Application. You will need a property survey that shows the proposed location of your pool and any other associated improvements such as a patio or cabana.

The initial zoning review takes about 7-10 days. Depending on the proposed improvements, a grading plan review or variance may be required. This process could take much longer, up to 3-6 months.

QUESTIONS? CALL ZONING AT 732-615-2278.

It may be winter, but summer will be here before you know it! If you're thinking about building an in-ground pool in time for this summer, the best time to start the permit process is NOW!

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Middletown Health Department Encourages You to Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month!



February is National Children's Dental Health Month!

Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.



Visit www.middletownnj.org/dental for fun activity sheets from the American Dental Association.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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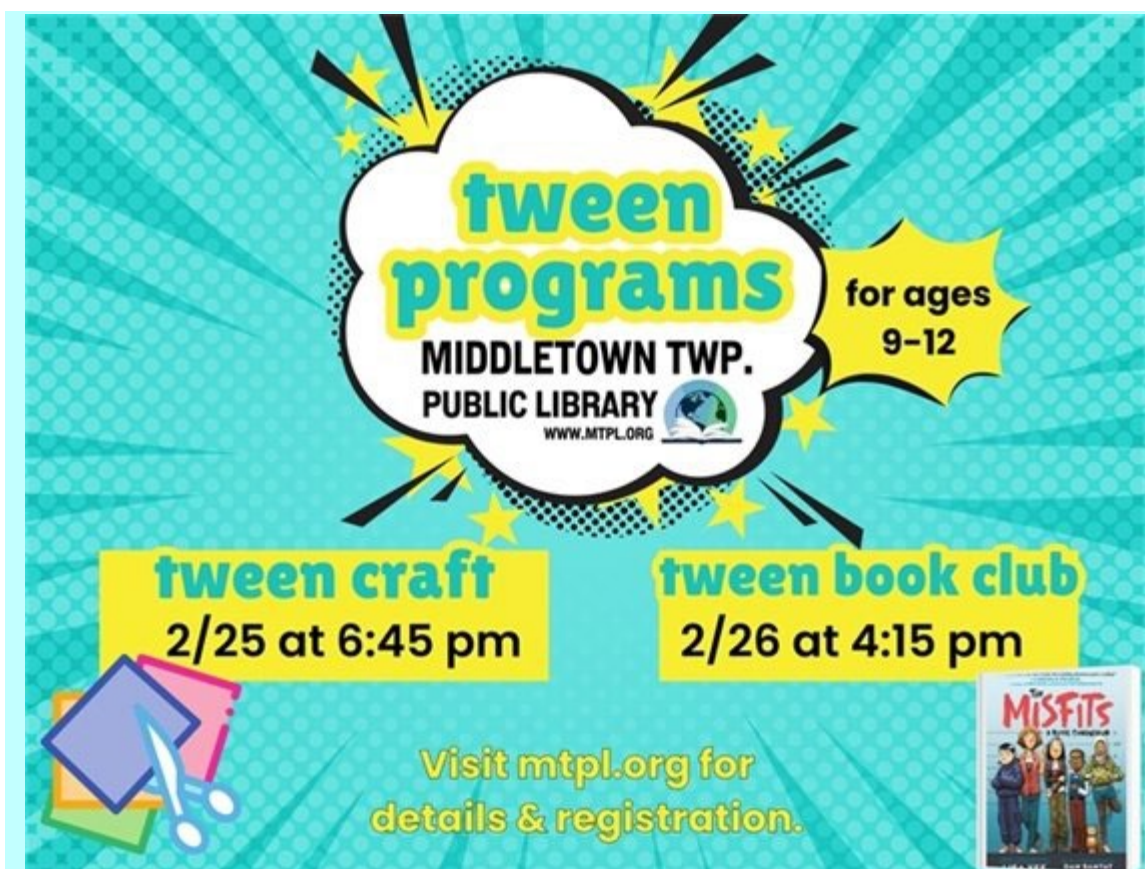
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Sign Up for MTPL's Tween Programs Happening on Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:45 PM and Wednesday, 2/26 at 4:15 PM




The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) has officially reopened after being closed for a few days due to renovation work and is excited to host some exciting tween programs next week!

On Tuesday, February 25th, there will be a Tween Craft Night in the MTPL's Children's Program Room (55 New Monmouth Road) from 6:45-7:45 PM. Children between ages 9-12 are invited to create a mixed media canvas of their initial. There are currently no seats available, but there is a waitlist. If you are interested in signing up for the waitlist, please register using your child's name.

On Wednesday, February 26th, the MTPL will be hosting Tween Book Club (which was originally planned for Wednesday, February 19th). Children between ages 9-12 are encouraged to join the club to discuss books and meet new friends! This month's book selection is *The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum* by Lisa Yee. Registration is required for this program, which will be taking place in the Children's Program Room at 4:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Tween Craft Night and to sign up for the waitlist. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Tween Book Club and to register.

Register for MTPL's Adult Zining Workshops



adult zining workshops


Thurs., Feb. 27, 7 pm
Wed., March 26, 1 pm
Thurs., April 24, 7 pm

**all supplies
provided**

In the Community Room

Learn about zines and how
easy and fun they are to make!

Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown

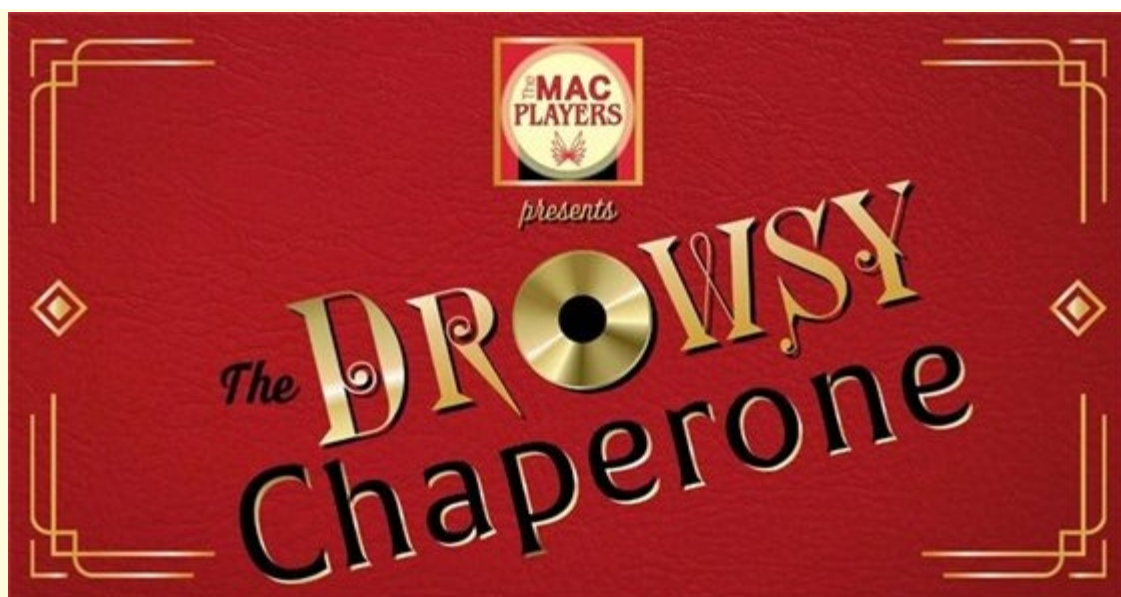


The MTPL is currently offering a series of adult zining workshops in the Community Room, with the next one taking place on Thursday, February 27th at 7 PM!

During the program, you can learn about zines, read a few, and try your hand at creating one or two. No "artistic" skills needed; all supplies provided. Registration is encouraged but not required. The next two adult zining workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th at 1 PM and Thursday, April 24th at 7 PM.

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

**Buy Tickets for *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the MAC:
Friday, 2/28 is Opening Night**



Don't miss this Tony Award-winning musical, presented by The MAC PLAYERS and accompanied by a live orchestra at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)!

Performances will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) on the following dates and times: Friday, February 28th at 7 PM, Saturday, March 1st at 7 PM, Sunday, March 2nd at 2 PM, Friday, March 7th at 7 PM, Saturday, March 8th at 7 PM, and Sunday, March 9th at 2 PM.

Hailed by *New York Magazine* as "The Perfect Broadway Musical," *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a masterful meta-musical, poking fun at all the tropes that characterize the musical theatre genre.

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



- Church Street in Belford (near Saint Mary School) between Leonardville Road and Drift Road is currently closed to replace Bridge MT-10. It will be closed 24/7 to vehicular traffic through October, but pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the course of the 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.

RESOURCES

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.

The Township will soon 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

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.

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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