



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



At the meeting on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **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](http://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](http://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!**



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.MiddletownPlan.org](http://www.MiddletownPlan.org)



Middletown Township, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, Affordable Housing Alliance, and Habitat for Humanity are creating a community-driven neighborhood plan for the North Middletown-Port Monmouth area! This neighborhood planning process will bring together residents, business owners, public officials, local organizations, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive set of proposed strategies and activities to improve the community.

Once completed, this neighborhood plan will unlock special state funding to implement these proposed strategies through the New Jersey Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program.

We encourage residents who live in the planning area to complete [this Google survey](#). Visit [www.middletownplan.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit [middletownnj.org/scholarship](http://middletownnj.org/scholarship) to apply!

Middletown Township is excited to partner with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the 2025 Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org) or mailing it to 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 ATTN: Mayor's Office by Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Register Now for Police Youth Week Camp



**MIDDLETON TWP. N.J. 1664 POLICE**

# POLICE YOUTH WEEK CAMP

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Week 1: 6/23, Ages 8-11  
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.

**WAITLIST REGISTRATION BEGINS:  
TUES, FEB 18TH  
10:00 AM ON RECDISK**

## HOW TO REGISTER

- 1 Create a RecDisk Account at [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://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.

A large photo on the right shows a group of children in grey t-shirts and caps standing in front of a police station. A smaller photo inside a red circle shows children playing with a red traffic cone in a grassy field.

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

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

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



The image is a promotional flyer for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 Summer Camps. At the top, there are four young boys in red shirts smiling. Below them is a large yellow and purple graphic with the text "2025 SUMMER CAMPS". To the left of the graphic are the logos for Middletown Parks & Recreation and Poricy Park. The text "RecDesk Registration begins:" is followed by "March 3rd (R) - 10AM" and "March 10th (NR) - 10AM". A purple box contains the text "WEEKLY CAMPS RUN JUNE 30 - AUG 8". Below this is a section titled "TRADITIONAL CAMPS:" with a list of three camps: "Croydon Hall Camps - PreK-6th Grade", "Poricy Park Science Camps - PreK-6th Grade", and "Trail Blazers Travel Camp - 7th-9th Grade". At the bottom, there is a website link "MTOWNREC.RECDESK.COM" and a graphic that says "the best days are spent at CAMP" with a sun and clouds.

**2025 SUMMER CAMPS**

RecDesk Registration begins:  
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[MTOWNREC.RECDESK.COM](http://MTOWNREC.RECDESK.COM)

the best days are spent at CAMP

Registration for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 summer camps opens for residents on **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **10 AM** on RecDesk. Registration opens for non-residents on **Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com) to create a RecDesk account. Additional information about camps will be announced on [middletownnj.org/camp](http://middletownnj.org/camp) soon.



**MIDDLETON PARKS & RECREATION** **PORICY PARK**

# 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](http://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** **SIGN IN**

**PROGRAMS** **MEMBERSHIPS**

**NEED UPDATES OR HAVE QUESTIONS?**  
**732-615-2260 [RECREATION@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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,

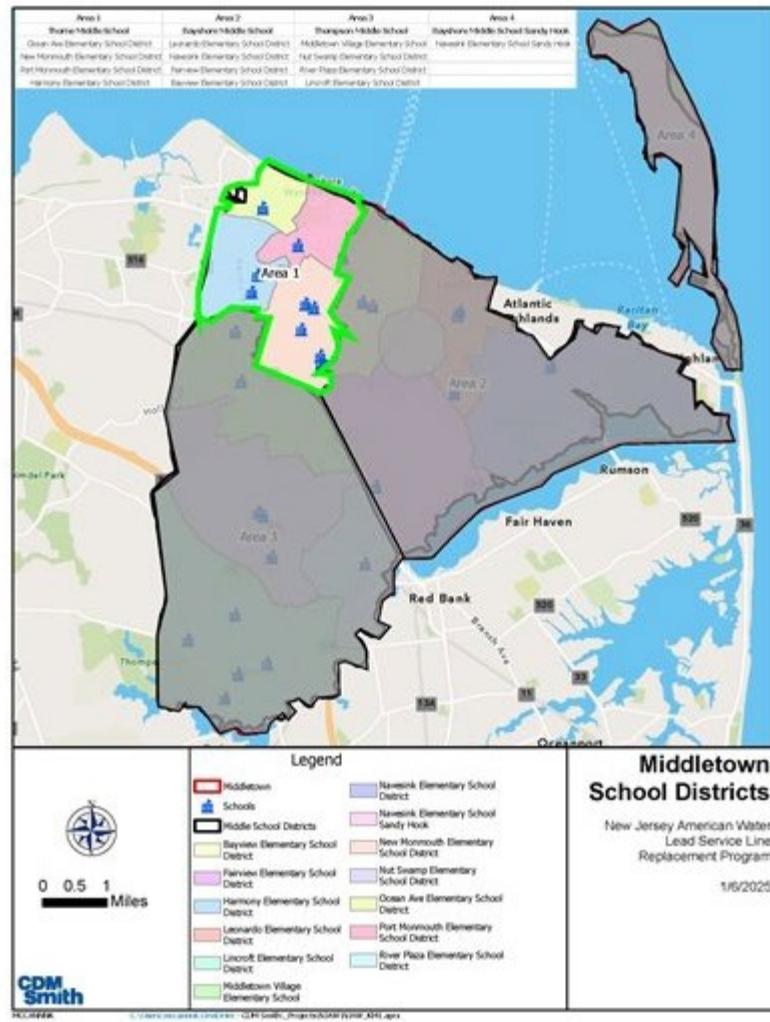
**New Jersey American Water (NJAW) is temporarily changing the water treatment process at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune. The maintenance consists of temporarily shifting from using chloramine to free chlorine and will continue 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

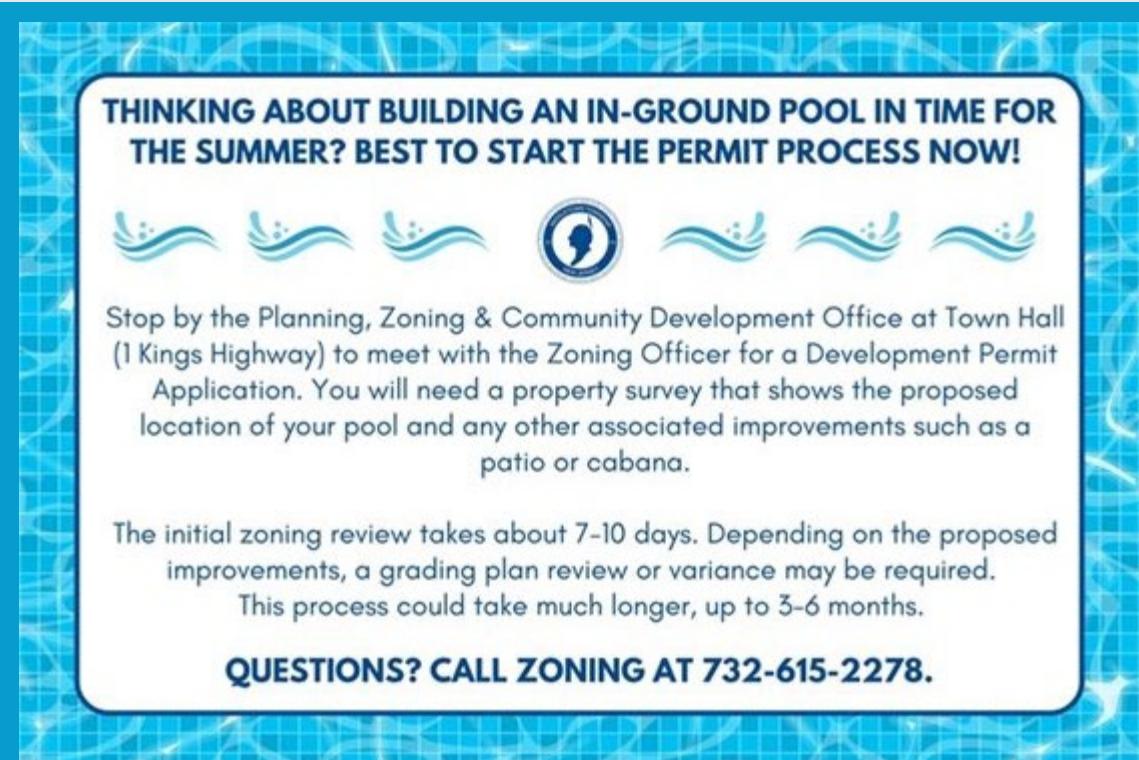
All CDM Smith inspectors will wear co-branded (NJAW and CDM Smith) high visibility logo vests and will have NJAW-issued Contractor ID badges. Inspectors will introduce themselves and the program to property owners and will then ask to enter the home to inspect the water service where it enters into the 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](mailto:njawlead@cdmsmith.com) and [LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com](mailto: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.**

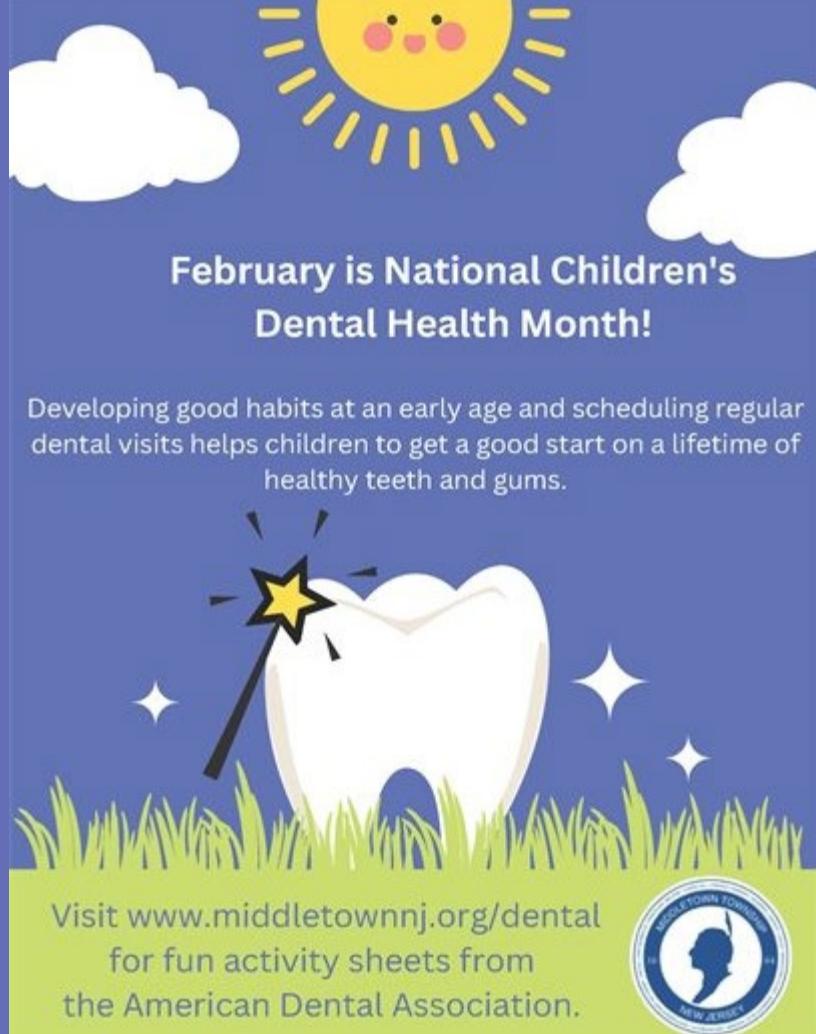
**It may be winter, but summer will be here before you know it! If you're thinking about building an in-ground pool in time for this summer, the best time to start the permit process is NOW!**

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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.

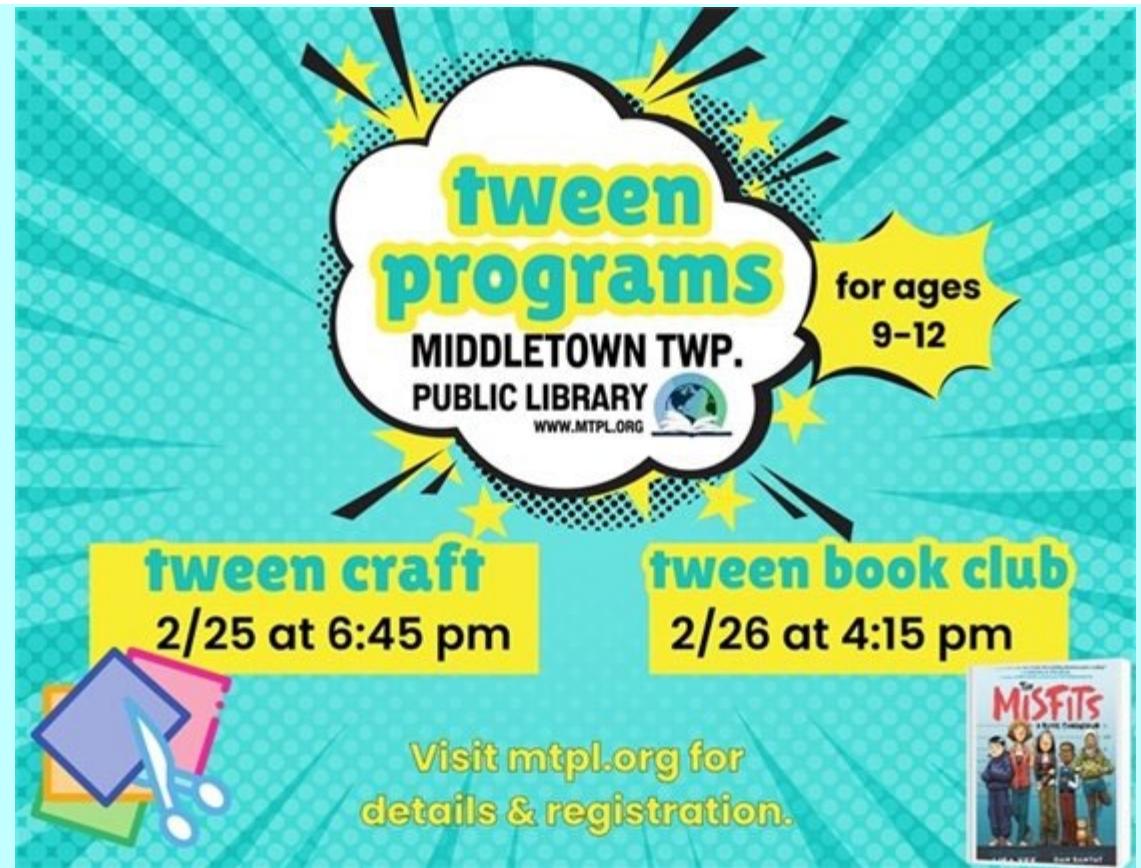
Visit [www.middletownnj.org/dental](http://www.middletownnj.org/dental) for fun activity sheets from the American Dental Association.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, the MTPL will be hosting Tween Book Club (which was originally planned for Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>). 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

In the Community Room

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

Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown

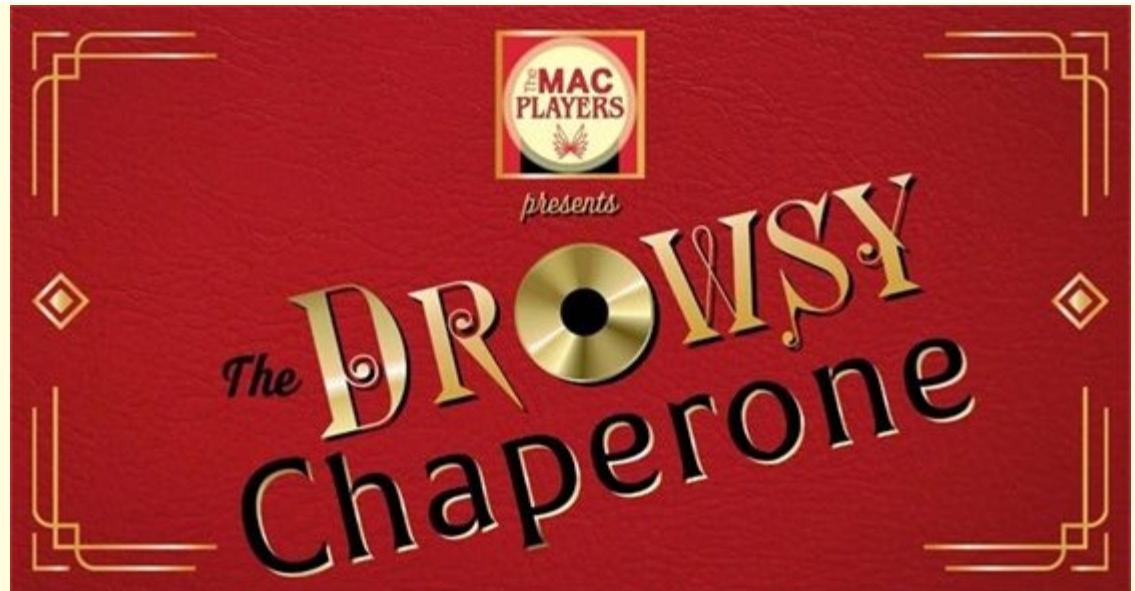


The MTPL is currently offering a series of adult zining workshops in the Community Room, with the next one taking place on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM!

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 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM and Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM, Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM, Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](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.



## 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](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).

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