



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

The graphic is a vibrant green and yellow poster for the 2025 Summer Camps. It features a large yellow banner with the text "2025 SUMMER CAMPS" in bold, white and blue letters. Below the banner, it states "RecDesk Registration begins: March 3rd (R) - 10AM, March 10th (NR) - 10AM". A purple box highlights "WEEKLY CAMPS RUN JUNE 30 - AUG 8". Under the heading "TRADITIONAL CAMPS:", it lists three options: "Croydon Hall Camps - PreK-6th Grade", "Poricy Park Science Camps - PreK-6th Grade", and "Trail Blazers Travel Camp - 7th-9th Grade". The website "MTOWNREC.RECDESK.COM" is listed at the bottom. The graphic is decorated with photos of smiling children in red camp shirts, inflatable water toys, and a group of campers in orange shirts. A logo for "MIDDLETOWN Parks & Recreation PORICY PARK" is in the top left, and a tagline "the best days are spent at CAMP" with a sun icon is in the bottom right.

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.



The graphic is a registration guide for 2025 Summer Camps. It features the Middletown Parks & Recreation and Poricy Park logos at the top left. The main title '2025 SUMMER CAMPS' is in large, bold, orange and yellow letters. To the right, under the heading 'PREPARE FOR REGISTRATION', are four numbered steps: 1) Create a RecDesk account (with the URL mtownrec.recdesk.com), 2) Ensure residency is accurate, 3) Ensure child's grade is accurate (with a note that grades are autogenerated from DOB and must be based on the 2024-25 school year), and 4) Enroll in Camp Membership (with a note that this must be done before registration and to click on 'Memberships' on the RecDesk homepage). A purple callout box on the left says 'HELP US, HELP YOU! Complete these steps BEFORE registration opens on Mon, 3/3 10am (R)'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'CREATE ACCOUNT' and 'SIGN IN'. Below these are two boxes: 'PROGRAMS' with a grid icon and 'MEMBERSHIPS' with a checkmark icon and a mouse cursor pointing at it. At the very bottom, it says 'NEED UPDATES OR HAVE QUESTIONS? 732-615-2260 RECREATION@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG'.

2025 SUMMER CAMPS

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.

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

CREATE ACCOUNT **SIGN IN**

PROGRAMS **MEMBERSHIPS**

NEED UPDATES OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
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**Updated Information About Middletown
Parks & Recreation's 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 more information.

Mayor Tony Perry Receives Engraved Bullet Shell Casing from USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) Commissioning



On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry was presented an engraved bullet shell casing from the 21-gun salute that took place at the USS NEW JERSEY (SSN 796) Commissioning by Al Morales. Al is the protocol officer for Commander Submarine Forces in the U.S. Navy, played a key role in coordinating the poignant ceremony which took place at U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo on September 14, 2024.



The bullet shell casing has the date of the commissioning ceremony and the shape of New Jersey engraved. It is encased in a frame that was crafted from the original teakwood of Battleship NEW JERSEY (BB-62).

Navesink County Club Hosts Annual Challenger Winter Classic

Last weekend, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell was honored



*Photo courtesy of Navesink
Country Club*

to drop the puck at the 10th Annual Challenger Winter Classic, which was hosted at Navesink Country Club! The Brick Stars Challenger, a hockey program for players between the ages of 5 to 21 with a wide range of development disabilities, and the New Jersey Warriors, a team affiliated with the New Jersey Devils and consists of disabled military veterans, played against each other for the exciting charity game.

Middletown Parks & Recreation Wins NJRPA Excellence in Programming Award for Annual Dodgeball Tournament



Middletown Parks & Recreation Director Janet Dellett proudly accepts the award as she showcases a video that highlights the program. (Photo courtesy of Middletown Parks & Recreation)

Earlier this week, Middletown Parks & Recreation attended the Annual New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) Conference where they received the

Daniel M. Gasalberti Excellence in Programming Award for their Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Holiday Drive! Over the last 15 years, there have been 87 teams and 696 players across all ages who have participated in this popular program.

Thank you to our amazing community for always showing up and donating toys and winter items for those in need. We're already counting down the days until the next tournament and holiday drive!

Township Awarded Grant to Fund Middletown History Museum Repairs



Pictured from left: Monmouth County Commissioner Erik Anderson, Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc, Middletown Township Historical Society President Thomas Valenti, and Monmouth County Historical Commissioner Roseann Eteson (Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Government)

On Monday, Middletown Township received a \$9,600 grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission to support roof and gutter repairs for the Middletown History Museum, which will be located in our historic train station.

The historic train station, which dates back to 1876, sits in the daily commuter lot across the street from the current Middletown Train Station and the Middletown Arts Center. After serving as an active train station for 110 years, it became home to several community organizations, most recently the Middletown Police Auxiliary.

At the Township Committee Regular Meeting on September 24, 2024, the Township entered into a formal agreement to lease the historic train station to the Middletown Township Historical Society. The organization plans to use the station as an exhibit space, set to officially open in 2026 to coincide with the building's 150th birthday and the nation's 250th.

Middletown Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc and Middletown Township Historical Society President Thomas Valenti were honored to formally accept the grant together at the awards ceremony.

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

MTPD Gives Homeschooled Students Tour of Middletown Township Police Headquarters



*Detective Ric Cruz and Officer Michael Reuter get together for a group photo with the students!
(Photo courtesy of MTPD)*

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Community Relations officers recently gave a tour of the station to a group of homeschooled students. A parent/guardian from the group kindly expressed their gratitude to Detective Ric Cruz for his thoughtful presentation and efforts to make the visit special:

"Your words carry weight and the insight and wisdom you share has impact. You are planting and watering such important seeds into the children of our community. On our way home, my boys were quizzing each other on the strategies to use when dealing with peer pressure. They remembered each one! We can't thank you enough for the time you gave us, and for the time it took to prepare the presentation you used. It was an honor and privilege to be in that room with you yesterday."

The MTPD is proud to offer these tours to local students, whether they are in public school, private school, or homeschooled. If you are interested in scheduling a tour, please email kdavis@middletownnj.org.

North Middletown-Port Monmouth Community Gather for Sixth NRTC Program Meeting



DPW Director Ted Maloney addresses the packed room of involved community members.

Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Middletown Township, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted the sixth Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) program meeting on Thursday, February 27th at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue).

The meeting focused on flooding and youth programs.

Middletown Township's Floodplain Administrator, Stacy Krause, shared information on flood hazard areas, substantial improvements, and elevating homes in floodplains. Middletown Township Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) Director Ted Maloney provided an overview and update on the Army Corps of Engineers' flood control projects within the project area. Lastly, participants shared ideas for potential youth programs for different age groups in the neighborhood.

Visit www.middletownplan.org for more information about the NRTC plan and to view previous presentations. We hope you join us for the next NRTC meeting on Thursday, March 27th at Ocean Avenue Elementary School at 6:00 PM!

HEY **WE WANT TO**
KIDS, **HEAR FROM YOU!**

you bring **the ideas**

we'll bring **the**

IF YOU ARE A TEENAGER
IN NORTH MIDDLETOWN/PORT MONMOUTH
AND HAVE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT
YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR TOWN

Join us Thur, March 20th
@ 5:00pm
Cugini's Pizza
361 NJ-36, Port Monmouth, NJ

SCAN TO
REGISTER FOR
THE EVENT

SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME

Bring a Friend!

Questions? Email us!
MiddletownNRTC@housingall.org

AHA
American Housing Alliance
New Strength. Community.

FAMILY
COMMUNITY & RESOURCES
Middletown

Habitat
for Humanity
Middletown

CUGINI'S PIZZA

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.MiddletownPlan.org

Are you a teenager in North Middletown or Port Monmouth? The NRTC YOUThinking Hub is being launched to give North Middletown and Port Monmouth teens a voice in shaping their community. We believe young people have incredible ideas, and this is your chance to share them!

Whether it's new activities, community spaces, or programs you'd love to see, we want to hear directly from you. We will be hosting our first meeting for our youth on Thursday, March 20th at 5:00 PM at Cugini's Pizza (361 NJ-36) in Port Monmouth.

Click [HERE](#) to register for this free event.

This hub is a space where your thoughts, creativity, and opinions matter. By participating, you can help influence real changes and make our town a better place for you and your friends. Let's build the future of our community—together!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 3/3 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3rd 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 watch or listen to by visiting middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com. Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, March 3rd 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.

New Episode of *Middletown Memo* Now Available



Check out the latest *Middletown Memo* segment hosted by Communications Director Tara Berson. This episode covers the Township's new Wellness Wheels program, Key to the Township recipient Ed Sefcik for 50 years of volunteer service to Belford Engine Fire Company, and Middletown High School South Wrestling Team's division championship.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.

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.

Middletown Alliance to Offer Monthly Parent Presentations Beginning in March: Register Now!



SPRING PARENT PRESENTATION SERIES

MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE
Wellspring CENTER FOR PREVENTION

With Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from Wellspring Center for Prevention

The Middletown Alliance is excited to offer parent presentations this spring on current drug trends, social media, and raising resilient kids! All presentations will be from 7-8 PM at Middletown Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) in the Training Room.

Questions? Please email middletownalliance@gmail.com.

To register, please fill out our Google form by using this link:
middletownnj.org/presentation

You can also scan the QR code:



March: Current Drug Trends
• Thursday, March 27th 7-8 PM

April: Social Media
• Monday, April 14th 7-8 PM

May: Raising Resilient Kids
• Thursday, May 22nd 7-8 PM

Receive up-to-date information
Get your questions answered
Learn best ways to address these topics with your child/teen

Connect with the Middletown Alliance!
@middletownalliance
Middletown Alliance page
www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance

Click [HERE](#) to view the graphic in a larger PDF format and visit middletownnj.org/presentation to register for presentations.

MTPL Renovation Update: Stacks of Books and Materials Now Open

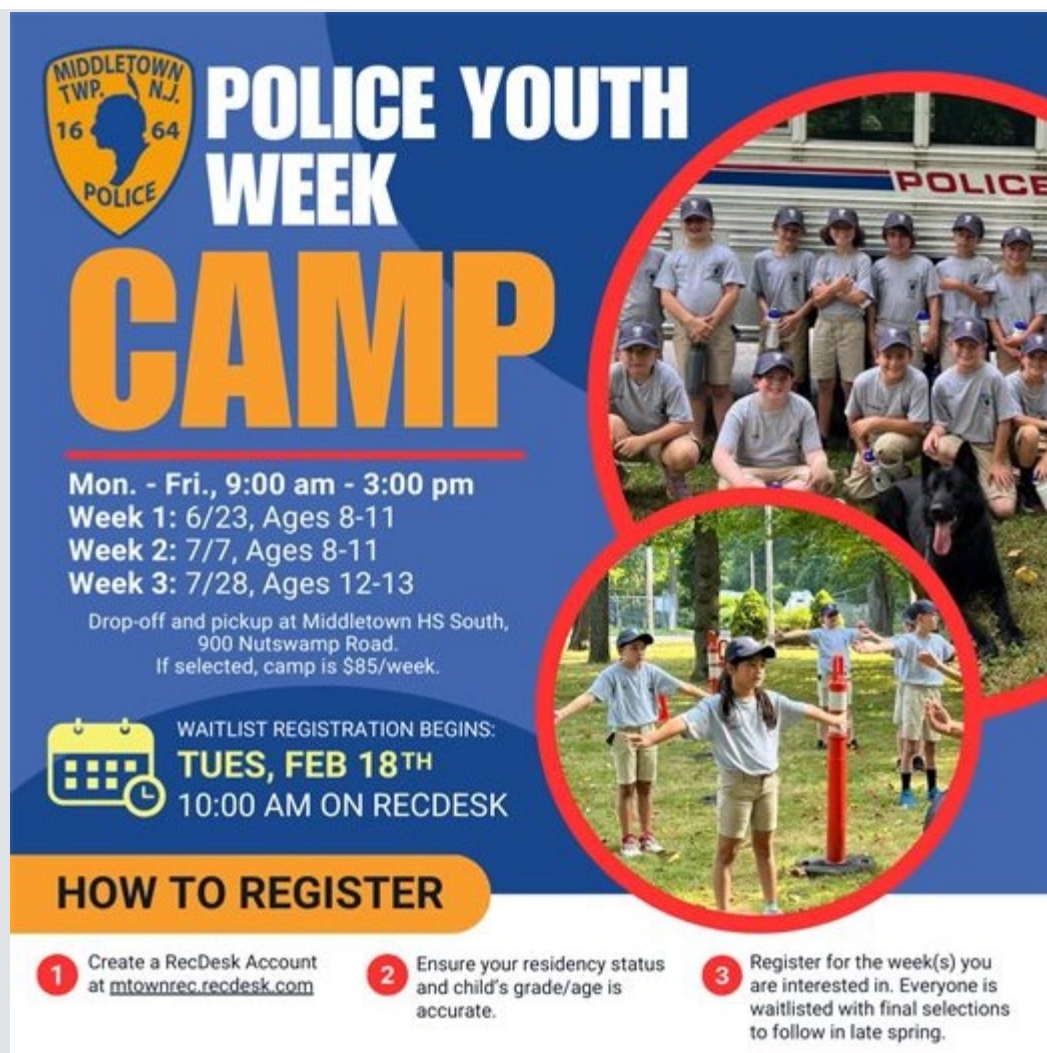
The Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) main collection reopened this week for public browsing as the renovation of the library's Reference Area nears completion.



While the MTPL is not able to reveal the newly renovated library spaces yet, all books and services are available and accessible. MTPL invites the public to enjoy the new seating and study areas that have been made available in the Hub.

Visit mtpl.org/mtpl-renovation for more information about the renovation. The MTPL looks forward to officially reopening the renovated library spaces to the community soon!

Register Now for Police Youth Week Camp




The poster for Police Youth Week Camp features the Middletown Twp. N.J. Police logo on the left, which includes the years 16 and 64. The main title 'POLICE YOUTH WEEK CAMP' is prominently displayed in white and orange. Below the 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'. It also provides the drop-off and pickup location at Middletown HS South, 900 Nutswamp Road, and states the cost is \$85/week. A calendar icon indicates that waitlist registration begins on 'TUES, FEB 18TH 10:00 AM ON RECDESK'. The 'HOW TO REGISTER' section is divided into 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. Two circular inset photos show campers in uniform posing with a police dog and participating in an obstacle course.

MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J. 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 RECDESK

HOW TO REGISTER

- 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.

Registration for the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) Police Youth Week Camp continues and is taking place via Middletown Parks & Recreation's new online system, RecDesk.

Visit middletownnj.org/policeyouthweek for more information.

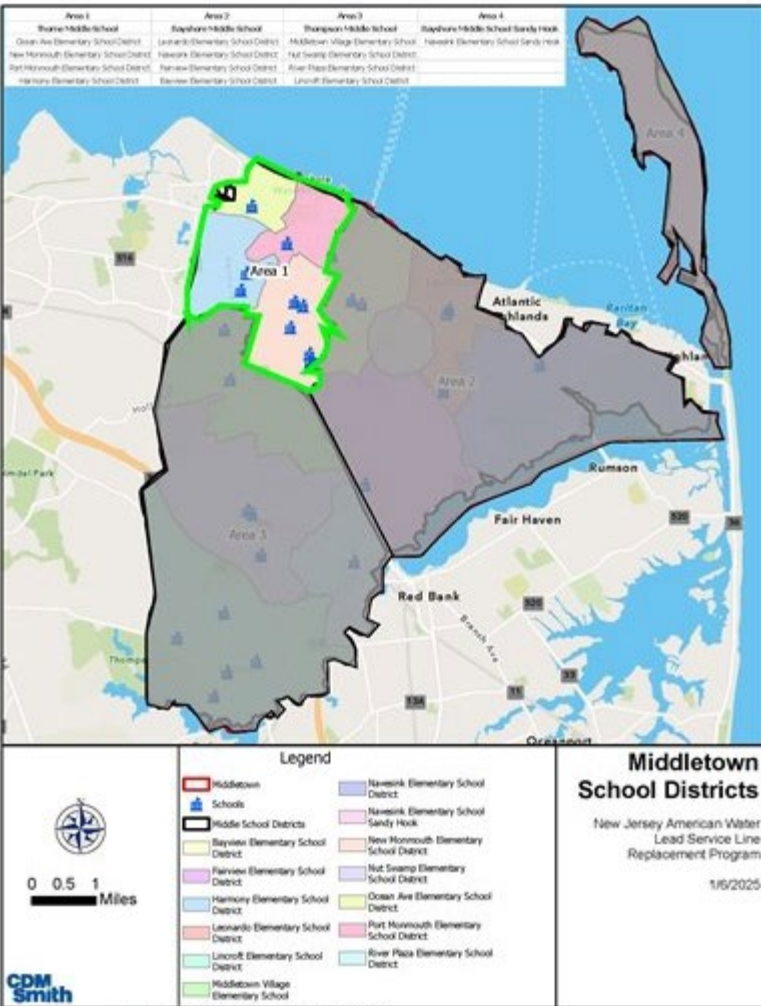
**Registration for MAC's Summer Arts Camps Opens
Wednesday, 3/5 at 9 AM**



Mark your calendar! Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) summer arts camps opens Wednesday, March 5th at 9 AM. Your favorite instructors are back for a fun-filled summer of theatre, visual arts, dance, STEM, and so much more!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a brochure highlighting the different camps.

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

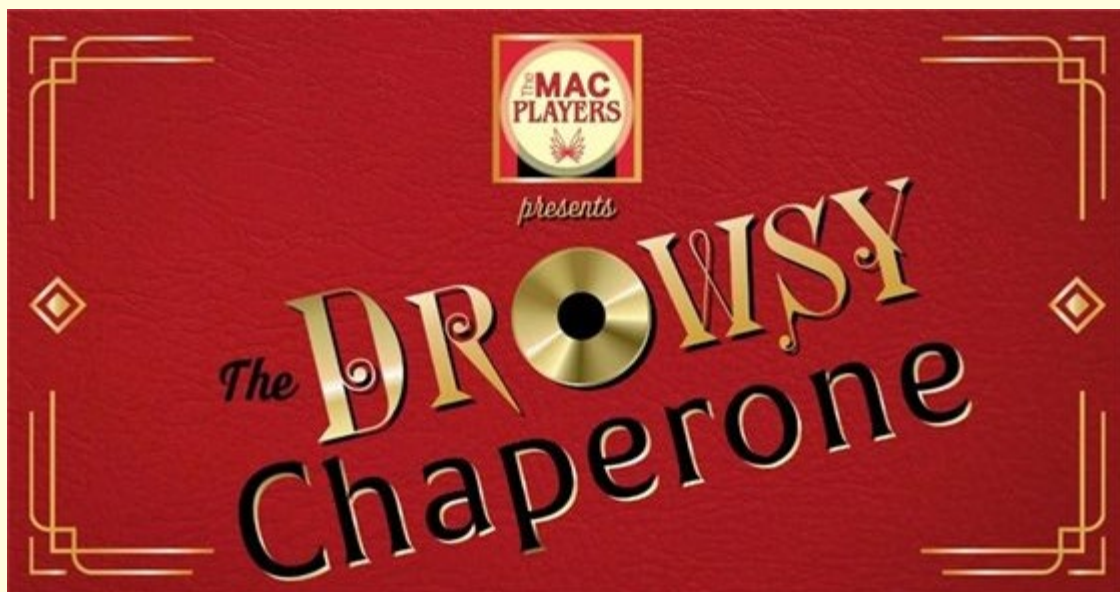
alternatives to the inspections including self-reporting.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Watch *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the MAC This Weekend and Next Weekend: Buy Tickets Now!

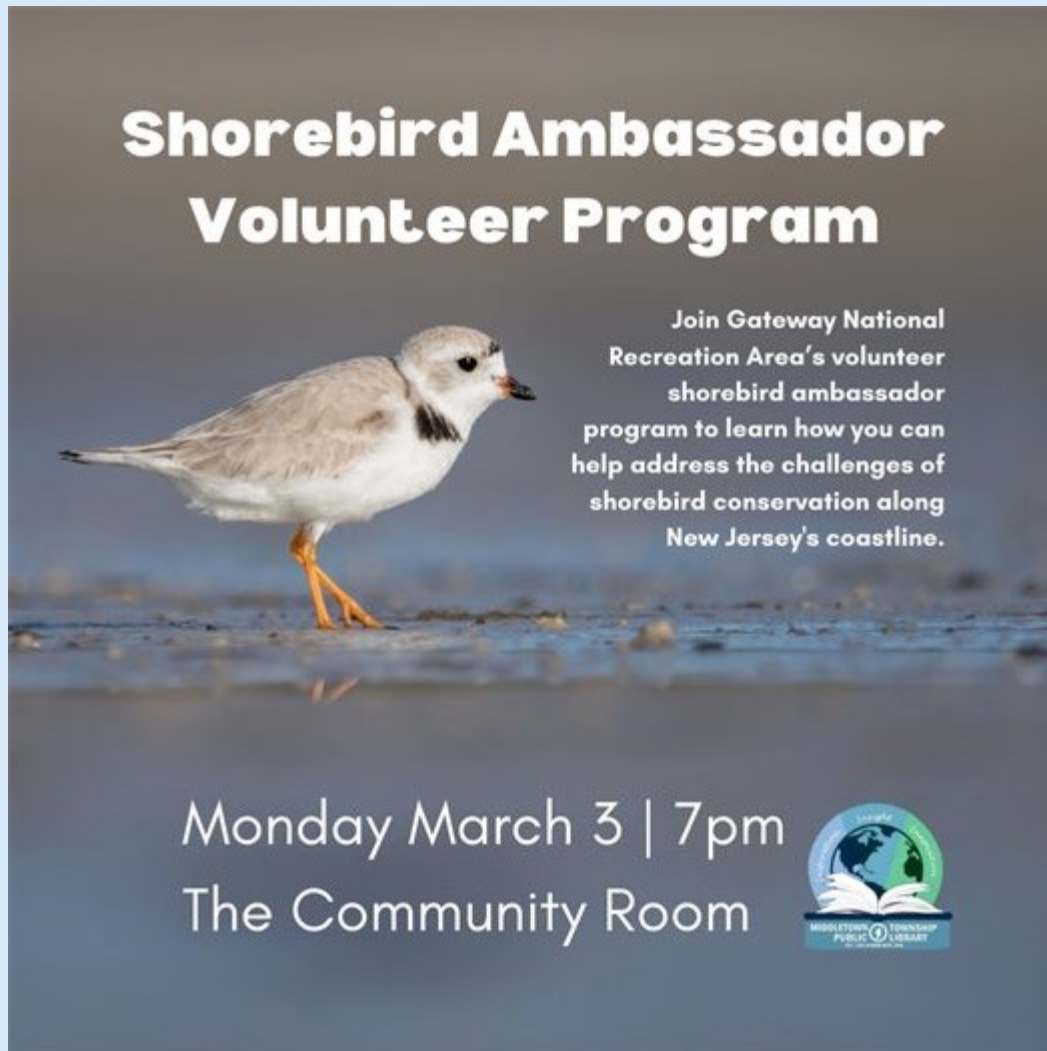


Don't miss this Tony Award-winning musical, presented by The MAC PLAYERS and accompanied by a live orchestra at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)! Performances will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) on the following dates and times: Friday, February 28th at 7 PM, Saturday, March 1st at 7 PM, Sunday, 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.

Learn About the Shorebird Ambassador Volunteer Program at the MTPL on Monday, 3/3 at 7 PM



Interested in giving back to your community? Gateway National Recreation Area's volunteer shorebird ambassador program is actively seeking and recruiting volunteers who are committed to conservation, education, and community engagement. Join their free presentation at the MTPL's Community Room to learn how to share the shore and make the beach more welcoming for shorebirds and other types of coastal animals. Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

Enjoy An Irish Music Performance at the MTPL on Saturday, 3/8 at 2 PM



**An Afternoon
of Irish Music with
COOK COLLEGE RAMBLERS**

**Live Music
Performance
in the Community Room**

**Saturday,
March 8
2:00 pm**

Registration is recommended
not required at mtpl.org.



Get ready for St. Patrick's Day at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) with a LIVE performance by the Cook College Ramblers! This afternoon of Irish music will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

**MTPD to Host Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on
Saturday, 3/22 from 8 AM - 4 PM at New Monmouth Baptist
Church**



Residents are invited to a **FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint** hosted by the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) on **Saturday, March 22nd** at New Monmouth Baptist Church (4 Cherry Tree Farm Road) to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly.

Car seat safety checkpoints are also typically held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35) from 2-6 PM. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Be the Difference Suicide Prevention Community Walk to
Take Place on Sunday, 5/18: Sign Up Now!**



REGISTRATION

Now Open!

DATE: MAY 18TH

TIME: 10AM-12PM

PLACE: MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

On Sunday, May 18th, the third annual Be the Difference Walk will be starting at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) at 10:00 AM and ending at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The proceeds from this event, which was founded by former Middletown High School South student Piper Wyman, are donated to the New Jersey chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

This year, Middletown High School South senior Alex Taddeo is spearheading the event. Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, who have proudly participated in the event in the past, are excited for the walk to once again travel up Church Street to Town Hall.

In addition to signing up for the walk or donating, you can also buy Be the Difference merchandise. The last day to place an order for merchandise is Sunday, March 2nd.

Follow [@bethedifference_nj](#) on Instagram and click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- 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.

RES OURCES

**Middletown Township Animal Control Provides
Information About Raccoon Behavior in Spring**

How Raccoons Behave in Spring

Presented by Middletown Township
Animal Control



Right now, raccoons are starting to seek their partner, become pregnant, and search for their new home. Most raccoons will seek out hollow trees and abandoned fox dens, but some may find an empty space in your attic or crawlspace. Raccoons don't know that this is your home and that they aren't supposed to be there. The mother raccoon is looking for a safe, warm place to keep her babies.

Please take the proper steps to ensure animals can't access any part of your home:

- Keep your garbage can sealed
- Don't leave pet food outside
- Inspect your roof and attic and seal any gaps or holes
- Install proper vents (including chimney caps)
- Remove any tree branches that may provide access to your roof
- Secure window wells (typically found near basement windows)



RACCOONS ACTIVE DURING THE DAY

During the spring months, if you see raccoons active in the daytime it does not necessarily mean that they have rabies. Instead, it is likely that they are foraging for food to feed their young.

Regardless, it is always important to be cautious around wild animals. Rabies is a fatal virus and you should ALWAYS avoid handling or approaching them under any circumstances. Rabies can be transmitted through a bite, scratch, or saliva. If you notice any signs or symptoms from the animal that may warrant a concern, such as neurological impairment, loss of balance and motor skills, extremely aggressive or docile behavior, and self-inflicted wounds, please keep your distance and contact Animal Control or the Middletown Township Police Department.

Middletown Township Animal Control:
Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
732-615-2097

Middletown Township Police Department:
After hours and on weekends
732-615-2100

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

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.

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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.

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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