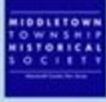




**Attend Public Input Session About Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 on Tuesday, 3/18 at 6 PM**

A poster for a public input session. At the top, there are two circular logos: the Middletown Township logo on the left and the Monmouth County logo on the right. The Monmouth County logo features a lighthouse and the text "COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY 1832". Below the logos, the text "PUBLIC INPUT SESSION" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Underneath that, "NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD/COUNTY ROAD 520" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text "TUESDAY, 3/18 6:00-8:00 PM" is centered. Underneath that, "COURTROOM AT TOWN HALL (1 KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETOWN)" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there is a stylized graphic of a road with yellow lines. Below the road, a block of text reads: "Monmouth County and Middletown Township officials, along with representatives from U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle, will be coming together to encourage public participation about the potential improvements of Newman Springs Road/CR 520. Both County and Township professionals will be present to answer any questions." The background of the poster is dark, and the text is primarily in white or yellow.

**Middletown Announces Township Trivia Thursdays!**



# TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



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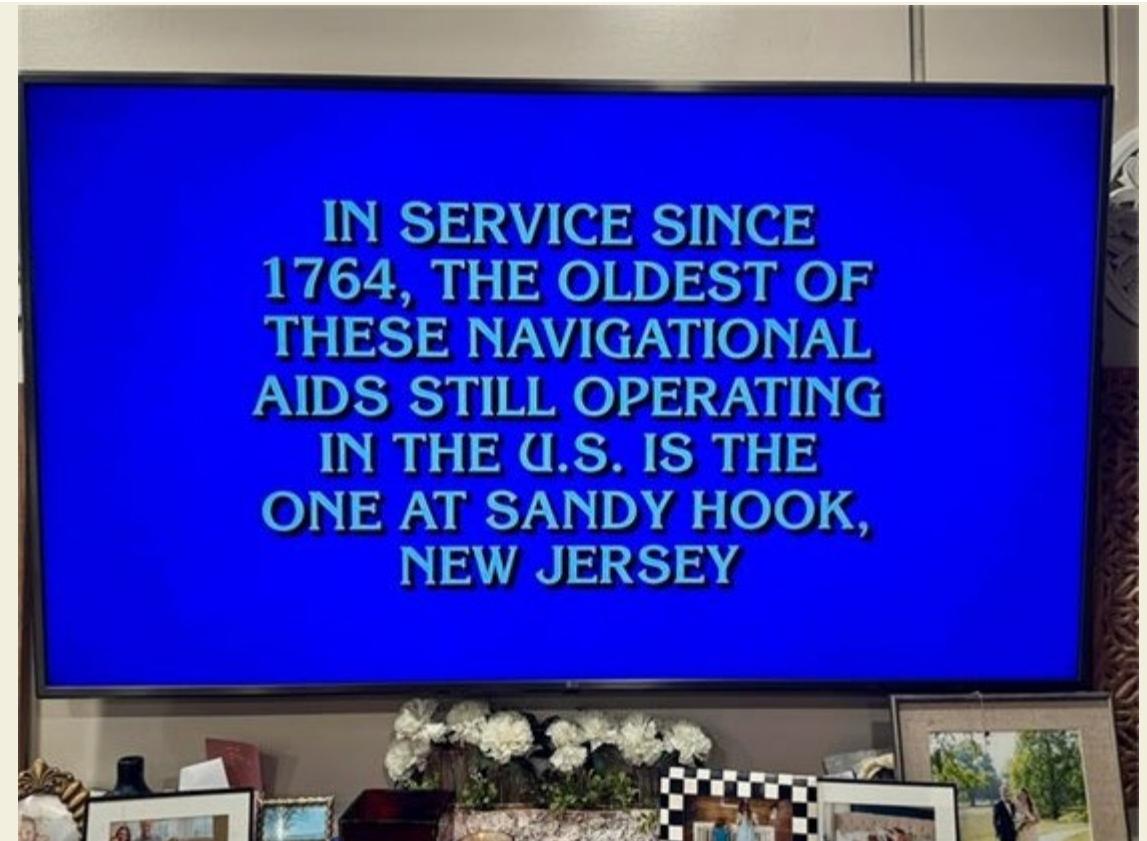


Middletown Township and the Middletown Township Historical Society are partnering to present Township Trivia Thursdays every other week.

Test your trivia skills while learning more about our town and its rich history. This week's question can be found on [middletownnj.org/trivia](https://middletownnj.org/trivia) and the Township's [YouTube channel](#). The next trivia question will be featured via the Township's social media channels on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our [Township Trivia](#) page.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#)!

**Middletown Makes Appearance on Jeopardy!**



In other trivia-related news, Middletown was part of a question that was asked on *Jeopardy!* this past Tuesday. Thanks to this episode, viewers throughout the country got to learn that the oldest operating lighthouse in the United States is right here in Middletown. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse has been standing strong and shining bright since 1764!

## Middletown Celebrates St. Patrick's Day



*Photos courtesy of Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn and the Middletown Senior Center*

St. Patrick's Day is technically on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, but Middletown has been celebrating all week long! Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were honored to attend St. Augustine's Monastery's annual St. Patrick's Day brunch! Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeeman Ryan Clarke, alongside their daughters, also proudly represented Middletown at Rumson's annual St. Patrick's Day parade!

Throughout the week, the Middletown Senior Center hosted a variety of St. Patrick's Day-themed events where members could bake Irish soda bread, make a leprechaun craft, solve the case of the stolen shamrock necklace, and watch a performance of Irish step dancing!

**Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179 Honor Child Ambassador  
AJ Danville at Annual Charity Ball**



***Mayor Tony Perry presents Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179 Ambassador AJ Danville with a certificate to remind him how awesome he is! (Photo courtesy of Tisa Dziadzio)***

**Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Elks Special Children's Committee Charity Ball. All proceeds from this event help support the Elks Special Children's Committee's important mission.**

**Hosted by Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179, this year's event recognized Ambassador AJ Danville. Despite the challenges he has faced, AJ continues to push himself to try new things like eating foods with different textures — all while remaining the positive kid he is!**

**Mayor Perry was honored to meet AJ and give him a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee. We are so proud of AJ and wish him all the best!**

**Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 3/17 at 7 PM**



The Middletown Township Committee Regular  
Meeting will be held on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com). Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Check Out DPW's Spring 2025 Brush Collection Schedule


**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
52 KANES LANE  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07448**
PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
RED BANK, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 652  
ECRWSS

**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**SPRING 2025 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE	COLLECTION RANGE
TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a> .	PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.	BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB AFTER YOUR START DATE.
A,B,C,D	APRIL 1	APRIL 1-APRIL 6
E,G	APRIL 7	APRIL 7-APRIL 20
I,F,J,K	APRIL 21	APRIL 21-MAY 4
H,L	MAY 5	MAY 5-MAY 19

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.  
BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
BRUSH AND LEAF DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

## Register Now for Middletown Alliance Parent Presentations This Spring

**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](mailto:middletownalliance@gmail.com).

**To register, please fill out our Google form by using this link:** [middletownnj.org/presentation](http://middletownnj.org/presentation)

**You can also scan the QR code:**



**March: Current Drug Trends**

- Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8 PM

**April: Social Media**

- Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8 PM

**May: Raising Resilient Kids**

- Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-8 PM



**Connect with the Middletown Alliance!**

 [@middletownalliance](https://www.instagram.com/middletownalliance)

 [Middletown Alliance page](https://www.facebook.com/middletownalliance)

 [www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance)

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

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

## Contribute Your Ideas to the North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan

# 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](mailto: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](#).

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School (235 Ocean Avenue). We hope to see you there!

Visit [middletownplan.org](http://middletownplan.org) for more information about the plan.



Are you a teenager in North Middletown or Port Monmouth? The NRTC YOUTHink 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!

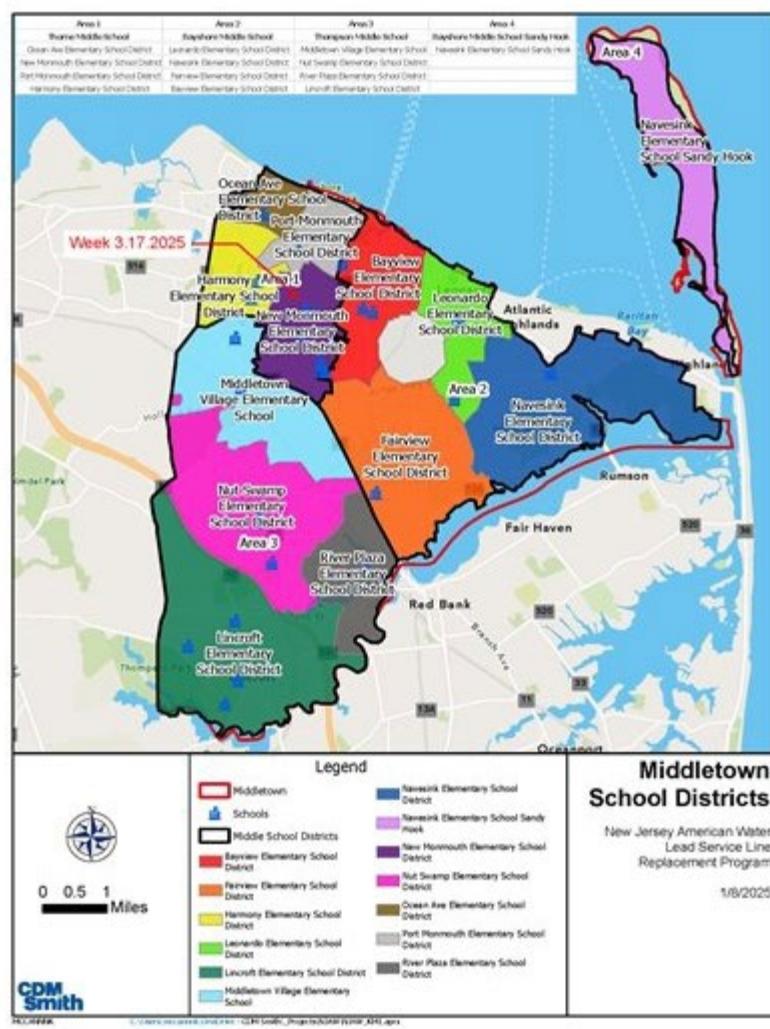
Whether it's new activities, community spaces, or programs you'd love to see, we want to hear directly from you. We will be hosting the first meeting for our youth on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Cugini's Pizza (361 NJ-36) in Port Monmouth.

**Click [HERE](#) to register for this free event. The first 15 youth to register and attend will receive a free \$20 gift card!**

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!

**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 the New Monmouth Elementary School District 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).

## Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025 Specialty Summer Camps



**2025 SPECIALTY SUMMER Camps**

**MIDDLETOWN Parks & Recreation**

**MULTI-SPORTS**  
Ages 5-11 | Croydon Hall  
9a-12p | \$230/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11 & 8/18

**SNAPOLOGY**  
Ages 6-10 | Poricy Park  
Half Day 9a-12p or 1p-4p & Full Day 9a-4p  
\$225/half day week, \$450/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

**SKATEBOARDING**  
Ages 5-14 | Kunkel Park Skate Park  
9a-10a Beginners, 10a-11a Intermediates  
\$145/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23 & 8/25

**GONE RUNNING**  
Grades 1-9 | Thompson Middle School  
9a-11a | \$170/week (R)  
Weeks: 8/18 & 8/25

**NEW! MAD SCIENCE**  
Ages 6-12 | Croydon Hall  
Half Day 9a-12p & Full Day 9a-3:30p  
\$190/half day week, \$335/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

**NEW! SPORTS BROADCASTING**  
Ages 10-18  
9a-4p | Middletown Library & Town Hall  
6/30-7/3 | \$725/week (R)  
More info coming soon!

Join us for a Summer of fun with these third party camps.

Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for its various specialty camps hosted by third party vendors. With plenty of options to choose from, your child is bound to have a great summer!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

## Register Now for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Spring Break Skateboarding Lessons



Shred with Middletown Parks & Recreation over spring break from Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! Learn skateboarding or expand your skills with Coach Dave at Kunkel Park Skate Park in Leonardo. You have the option to choose between the beginner class or intermediate class.

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

## 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 RecDesk 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 red circle highlights a photo of children in camp shirts and hats standing in front of a police station. A smaller red circle highlights a photo of children playing with a red traffic cone in a grassy field.

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](http://RecDesk).

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

**MAC Spring Classes Begin Next Week: Register Now!**



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) spring 2025 classes opened on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>! The MAC will be blossoming this season with a vibrant array of spring classes in theater, dance, visual art, wellness, and music. Some classes begin next week, so register today to secure your spot!

***Click [HERE](#) to view and register for the youth classes. Click [HERE](#) to view and register for the adult classes.***

**Register Now for MAC's Summer Arts Camps**



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) summer arts camps officially opened on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Your favorite instructors are back for a fun-filled summer of theater, visual arts, dance, STEM, and so much more!

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Sign Up for MTPL's March Teen Happenings**



March  
*Teen Happenings*  
this week

**Project Patchwork**

3/18 from 4-5:30 pm in  
the Community Room

**DIY Bee Bookmarks**

3/20 at 4 pm in the  
Community Room

**MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
AT [MTPL.ORG](http://MTPL.ORG) !

A decorative border with floral and bee illustrations surrounds the text.

**Teens, the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) has some exciting programs for you happening next week!**

Do you know how to knit or crochet? If so, come to the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to participate in Project Patchwork where you can knit or crochet blanket sections for those in need! The sections will be joined into blankets and donated to local organizations. Volunteer hours will be offered. This program is for children between the ages of 12-18 and will take place in the Community Room from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Later that week, stop by the Community Room on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to make cute bee bookmarks out of felt! This free program, DIY Bee Bookmarks, will be available from 4:00-4:45 PM.

**Both programs require registration. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Project Patchwork and to register. Click [HERE](#) for more information about DIY Bee Bookmarks and to register.**

Celebrate NJ Makers Day at the MTPL on Saturday, 3/22 by  
Signing Up for "Mobile Ed: The Magic of Science"



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

**Mobile Ed Productions**  
**presents:**  
**The Magic of Science**

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**Experiments with**  
**Academy of**  
**Allied Health & Sciences**

Visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for registration & details!

Join the MTPL for NJ Makers Day on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM!

NJ Makers Day is a statewide, annual celebration that brings out the inventor, maker, creator, and artist in everyone. Throughout the day, there will be several "Mobile Ed: The Magic of Science" programs.

Everything done in this 45-minute science assembly program will look and act like a real magic trick. The only real trick is that everything done is science at work! Science, studies in chemistry, light, magnetism, optical illusions, physics, and mathematics will all be demonstrated in an energetic performance that is perfect for children. Registration is required for all attendees.

***Click [HERE](#) for more information about NJ Makers Day activities and to sign up for a slot in one of the "Mobile Ed: The Magic of Science" programs.***

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Monmouth County Senior Advisory Council to Host Community Listening Session About Aging Concerns at Middletown Senior Center on Friday, 4/11 at 10:30 AM**

## Attention Monmouth County Residents

We need to hear from you!

What do you feel will be your greatest challenges as you age in your home?

The Monmouth County Senior Advisory Council will be holding community listening sessions to find ways to address those challenges in Atlantic Highlands, Fair Haven, Highlands, Middletown, Red Bank, Rumson, and Sea Bright

**Friday, April 11th, 2025  
from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Middletown Senior Center  
900 Leonardville Rd.  
Leonardo, NJ 07737

County resources will be available for residents.  
Lunch will be provided.

Limited Seating  
Please Preregister by March 28th  
Contact Sheila Chapman  
732-431-7450 or  
[Sheila.Chapman@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:Sheila.Chapman@co.monmouth.nj.us)



2025 Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

Thomas A. Arnone, Director  
Susan M. Kiley, Deputy Director  
Dominick "Nick" DiRocco  
Ross F. Licitra  
Erik Anderson

The Monmouth County Senior Advisory Council will be hosting its next community listening session for residents of Atlantic Highlands, Fair Haven, Highlands, Middletown, Red Bank, Rumson, and Sea Bright. The session will take place at the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

During this session, you will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges you anticipate as you age in your home and explore solutions to help you navigate them. County resources will be available and lunch will be provided. There is limited seating, so please contact Sheila Chapman at 732-431-7450 or [Sheila.Chapman@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:Sheila.Chapman@co.monmouth.nj.us) to RSVP by Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Visit [monmouthadvs.com](http://monmouthadvs.com) for more information about the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services.

Hop into the Spring Spirit at Middletown Parks & Recreation's Annual EGGstravaganza on Saturday, 4/12

from 10 AM - 1 PM



Bring your family out for a spring-filled Saturday and join Middletown Parks & Recreation for its annual EGGstravaganza at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)! Get your photo taken with the bunny, meet friends at the petting zoo, jump in a bounce house, do arts and crafts with Doodle Dude and Miss Fish, and more!

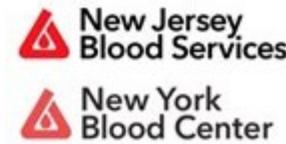
This event is free with free parking available in the NJ Transit lots.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Register Now for Blood Drive Happening at Town Hall on  
Tuesday, 4/15 from 12:30-6:30 PM**

# Blood Drive

## Middletown Township



**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:30 PM**

Town Hall Training Room  
1 Kings Highway

### How to Prepare:

- 滴 Eat well and hydrate
- 滴 Meet weight requirements
- 滴 Bring a photo ID
- 滴 Be 17+ or 16 with parental consent

To make an appointment,  
visit [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) and use  
the sponsor code **72770**.



[nybc.org](https://nybc.org)

1-800-688-0900

The Middletown Township Health Department is proud to be partnering with the New Jersey Blood Services/New York Blood Center to host a blood drive at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) next month!

According to New York Blood Services, someone needs blood every two seconds. It is important to have blood available 24/7 for emergencies as well as ongoing, life-sustaining needs for patients battling chronic diseases. Since blood cannot be synthetically made, there is no substitute – only volunteer donors can give the gift of life.

Help make a difference by making an appointment today at [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) and use the sponsor code 72770!

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 are proud to support the event that will once again travel up Church Street to Town Hall.

Follow [@bethedifference\\_nj](https://www.instagram.com/bethedifference_nj) on Instagram and click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



- 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.



## Upper Navesink River State Channel Dredging Project Completed

On Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced the completion of the navigation dredging of the Upper Navesink River Channel in Middletown. The dredging project began in December 2024.

The \$5 million state-funded dredging project returned the Upper Navesink River Channel to a state of good repair and provides boaters access from the boat ramp at Swimming River Park to the Shrewsbury River Channel.

*Click [HERE](#) to read NJDOT's full press release for more information.*



## Monmouth County Launches Ride in Monmouth

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners announced their latest transportation initiative, Ride in Monmouth, formerly known as Special Citizens Area Transportation (SCAT) at a launch event on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ride in Monmouth is a demand response shared ride transportation service. All services are first come, first served by availability and curb to curb. The service is available for transportation Monday – Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Residents can book their trip as far as six months in advance or as little as 48 hours, however, it is strongly encouraged to book as far in advance as possible to secure a ride.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release for more information about the criteria.*

## 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

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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](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.



## **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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