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**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP** |  | **PRESS RELEASE**

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Beginning this summer, the Young Discoverers (PreK ages 3+; must be potty trained) and Adventurers (Grades K-1-2) camp will be offered at Monmouth Museum. Registration opens Monday, 3/24 for residents and Monday, 3/31 for non-residents.

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information.

## MTPD Celebrates Police Promotion and Welcomes Two New Officers



*Pictured from left: Deputy Chief John Werner, Sergeant Ric Cruz, Officer Robert Poss, Officer Nicholas Massaro, and Chief R. Craig Weber (Photo courtesy of MTPD)*

**At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry was humbled to conduct the swearings-in for Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) officers Ric Cruz, Nicholas Massaro, and Robert Poss.**

**Officer Ric Cruz was promoted to Sergeant after working as a detective in the MTPD since 2020. After serving in the United States Coast Guard, Sergeant Cruz was hired as a patrolman in 2012. Throughout the past 13 years of his career, he has overseen the Community Relations Unit, spearheaded the Police Youth Week camp, led the Police Explorers program, and instructed the police aspect of the Middletown Alliance's program, Alliance Leaders, that teaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Sergeant Cruz is also heavily involved in the Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) program that is taught in**

**schools and was recognized as the New Jersey Instructor of the Year at the 2024 L.E.A.D. Conference. Sergeant Cruz is a passionate advocate for our elders and youth, whom he regularly provides police tours and presentations. He is a true staple in our community and beloved by many.**

**Officer Nicholas Massaro graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy in 2020 and worked for the Keyport Police Department before beginning his career with the MTPD. He received his K-9 certification from the New Jersey State Police in 2023 and has received several awards, including the 2022 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award and the Chief Phil Meehan Leadership Award from Hazlet Hope.**

**Officer Robert Poss graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy 89<sup>th</sup> Basic Class for Municipal Police Officers and worked in the Long Branch Police Department from April 2012 to December 2024 in various capacities. Officer Poss was assigned to the Forensic Unit of the Long Branch Police Department Criminal Investigations Division for approximately six years. Some of his training included Crime Scene Investigation Course #113 through the New Jersey State Police Forensic Services Bureau and New York Police Department Homicide Investigators Course.**

**We thank these three officers for their dedication to serving and protecting our community and wish them all the best!**

**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, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Wins First Place in 2025 State Ritual Competition**



**At Monday's Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry presented Elks Lodge #2179 with certificates to congratulate them on being back-to-back champions in the State Ritual Competition! Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 is a fundamental organization within the Bayshore area and truly emphasizes the importance of brotherhood and helping others. The Township commends them for always preserving their lodge's history, especially through this competition, while simultaneously building upon its future. Please join us in wishing the Elks luck in the 2025 National Ritual Competition, which will be taking place in Kansas City in June!**

## **Middletown High School North Boys and Girls Basketball Teams Celebrate Division Championship**



The presentations at the most recent Township Committee Meeting ended with Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee recognizing Middletown High School North's boys and girls basketball teams for winning the 2025 Shore B Coastal Division Championship! The boys' team had an impressive 17-9 record throughout the season and the girls' team were undefeated in their division. Middletown is so proud of the Lions for accomplishing this incredible feat together!

## Community Comes Together to Discuss Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 Traffic Improvements



*Mayor Tony Perry outlines the project phases for community members.*

**On Tuesday, Middletown Township and Monmouth County hosted a public input session to discuss traffic on Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 in Lincroft. Approximately 80 residents came to Town Hall to provide feedback on the proposed traffic improvements.**

**Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante were joined by Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, County Engineer Joseph Ettore, County Public Works Director John Tobia, County Engineer Vince Cardone, MTPD Lieutenant Anthony Ciccone of the Traffic Safety Bureau, and U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle Community Liaison Nicholas Ginther.**

**The ongoing project will be divided into two phases. During the meeting, the County hosted a public hearing for the first phase which is the Acme Access Road. Phase two, which is expected to begin in 2026, will consist of lane restriping and various traffic calming improvements.**

**Lieutenant Ciccone provided statistics on behalf of the Middletown Township Police Department and reminded residents that our police officers are committed to making our roadways safer.**

**The next step for the project is to bring representatives from Holmdel and Red Bank**

into this conversation and award a traffic study investigation. Once the traffic study is awarded, the Township and County will plan to host another public input session in May.

The ultimate goal is to have our bordering municipalities work together to achieve traffic calming for our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [mayoroffice@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayoroffice@middletownnj.org).

## **Township Thanks Army Special Forces Officer for Service with Flag and Certificate**



**On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry presented Army Special Forces Officer Nick Lavery with a certificate and flag that was flown at Town Hall on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to thank him for his service. Nick was a featured speaker at local business Whirl Construction's 2025 Annual Kick Off Luncheon.**

**Nick enlisted post-9/11, experienced multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan,**

and was wounded on three different occasions. Despite losing a leg in combat in 2013, he defied military medical retirement, rehabilitated, and deployed to Afghanistan once again in 2015. He is the first Special Forces operator to return to combat as an above-the-knee amputee, and is a warrior and patriot. The recipient of a multitude of prestigious awards, including the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Stars, Nick is a shining example of what it means to love and serve your country.

## Middletown Partners with Interfaith Neighbors to Participate in March for Meals Campaign



*Pictured from left: Monmouth County Commissioner Deputy Director Sue Kiley, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Monmouth County Commissioner Erik Anderson (Photo courtesy of Interfaith Neighbors)*

On St. Patrick's Day, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz felt extra "lucky" to help Interfaith Neighbors distribute lunches at the Middletown Senior Center (900

Leonardville Road, Leonardo) as part of the March for Meals initiative! Interfaith Neighbors is a nonprofit comprised of local faith communities that work together to address homelessness. March for Meals is Meals on Wheels' annual month-long campaign that raises public awareness about hunger and how it affects our senior citizens, as well as the importance of senior nutrition programs.

## Longtime Resident Marge McKee Celebrates 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday



*Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was proud to join fellow Middletown Housing Authority Commissioner Tony Panzica at Marge's birthday party!*

On Friday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz was excited to join Middletown resident Marge McKee for her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! Marge lives in the Alice V. Tomaso Plaza (2 Oakdale Drive), which is where her birthday party was held. Committeewoman Kratz was honored to attend and bring Marge some beautiful flowers and a birthday certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he highlights a recent police promotion, welcomes two new police officers, celebrates Middletown High School North's basketball teams, congratulates Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 on winning first place in the 2025 State Ritual Competition, and thanks our volunteer first responders for their dedicated service to our community.

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

Check Out DPW's Spring 2025 Brush Collection Schedule



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING  
52 KANES LANE  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

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 LANDSCAPERS 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

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).

**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

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

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:



Connect with the Middletown Alliance!

 @middletownalliance

 Middletown Alliance page

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

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

## Participate in the Next North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Meeting on Thursday, 3/27

# 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)**

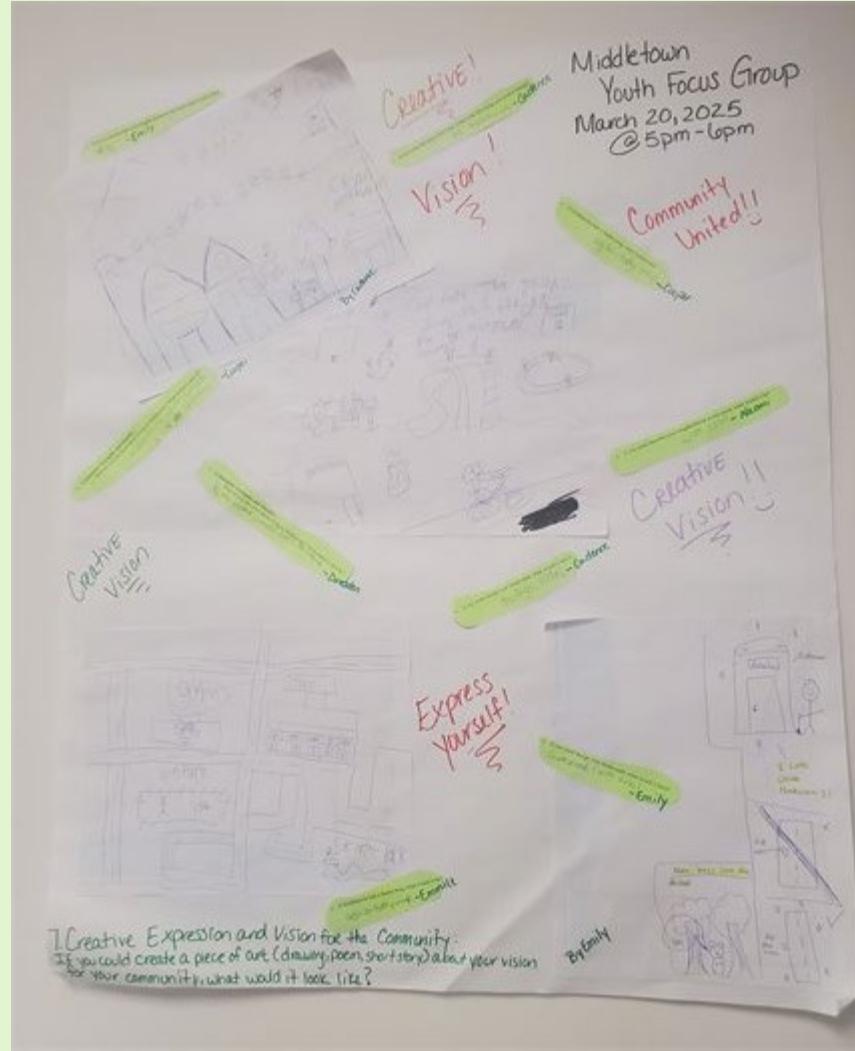
Middletown Township, Ideal Beach Community Association, Bayshore Family Success Center, Affordable Housing Alliance, and Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity are creating a community-driven neighborhood plan for the North Middletown-Port Monmouth area! This neighborhood planning process will bring together 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!

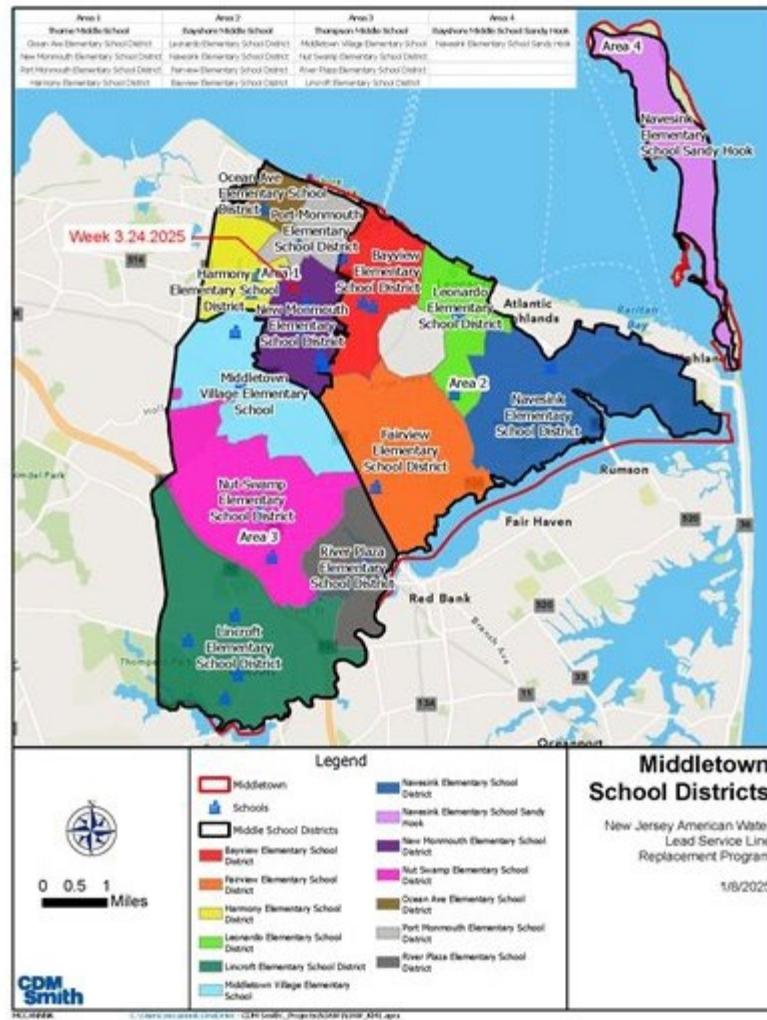
Visit [middletownplan.org](http://middletownplan.org) for more information about the plan.

**On Thursday, the NRTC YOUTHinking Hub was launched to give North Middletown and Port Monmouth teens a voice in shaping their community. Several members of our youth went to the first meeting at Cugini's Pizza in Port Monmouth to share their ideas. Stay on the lookout for future meetings!**



**Members of our youth shared their feedback by answering questions and drawing pictures on a board. Some of their notes include how they would describe Middletown, what they like best about living here, and how they would design their dream park. (Photo courtesy of Affordable Housing Alliance)**

## **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.

## MAC's Spring Classes Are in Full Bloom



The Middletown Arts Center (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.
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**MTPD to Host Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint  
TOMORROW (Saturday, 3/22) from 8 AM - 4 PM at New**

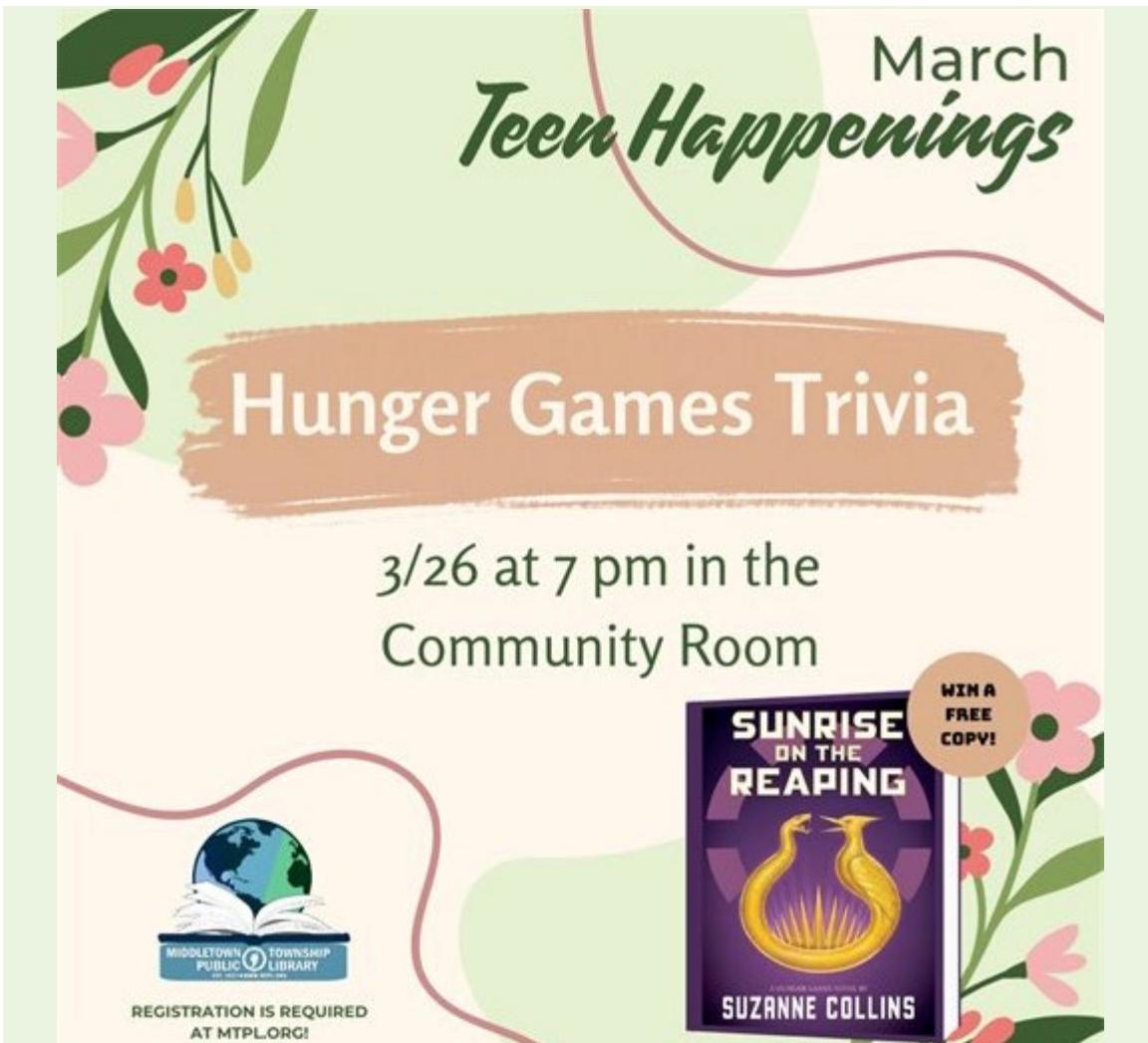
## Monmouth Baptist Church



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.

**Teens: Compete in the MTPL's *Hunger Games* Trivia Night on Wednesday, 3/26 at 7 PM**



March  
*Teen Happenings*

## Hunger Games Trivia

3/26 at 7 pm in the  
Community Room

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

**SUNRISE ON THE REAPING**  
A HUNGER GAMES NOVEL BY  
SUZANNE COLLINS

WIN A  
FREE  
COPY!

The poster features a green background with a floral border on the left. The title 'March Teen Happenings' is at the top. Below it is a large orange brushstroke containing the event title 'Hunger Games Trivia'. The date and location are then listed. On the left, the library's logo is shown, and below it is a registration note. On the right, there's an image of the book 'Sunrise on the Reaping' by Suzanne Collins, with a small orange circle containing the text 'WIN A FREE COPY!' positioned above it. The book cover features a golden cornucopia on a purple background.

Celebrate the release of *Sunrise on the Reaping* and test your knowledge of the *Hunger Games* series at the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Trivia Night for Teens! This fun event will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Winners will receive a free copy of the new book, so make sure to register today!

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

**Sign Up for MTPL's Team Speed Puzzling Challenge  
Happening on Saturday, 3/29 from 11 AM - 2 PM**



Gear up for the USA National Jigsaw Puzzling Competition and compete in the MTPL's team speed puzzling challenge! This competition is open to all ages, but at least one member of each team must be at least 18 years of age. You can either sign up as an individual and the MTPL will place you on a team OR you can sign up as a team. All teams will receive the same 500-piece puzzle, but the first team to complete it wins!

This event will take place in the MTPL's Community Room. Registration is required.

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

**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

 New Jersey  
Blood Services

 New York  
Blood Center

## How to Prepare:

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Meet weight requirements
-  Bring a photo ID
-  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!

**Register for Middletown Parks & Recreation's MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition Happening Tuesday, 5/20 at 5 PM**

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION & MIDDLETOWN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENT



**Pitch  
Hit & Run**

FREE SKILLS COMPETITION  
AGES 7-14  
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Wear your baseball attire!  
May 20th • 5PM-7PM  
McMahon Park



MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION

Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for MLB's Annual Pitch, Hit & Run Competition! This fun event provides children an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills with the opportunity of earning a chance to attend and compete for a championship during the 2025 MLB World Series.

Register today because if Middletown gets 150 registrants, then our winners automatically advance to the regionals hosted at a nearby MLB stadium!

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

**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.



## Middletown Township Animal Control Provides Information About Baby Rabbits' Spring Habits



The graphic features a central circular image of several baby rabbits nestled together in a nest. Above the image, the text "Baby Rabbits' Spring Habits" is displayed in a gold-colored font. A small circular logo with a stylized rabbit face is positioned at the top center. The background is white with a decorative border of red and orange flowers and green leaves.

If you find baby bunnies without their parents, please know that they are most likely not abandoned. Mothers leave them alone all day to keep predators away from their nest. They return briefly at dusk and dawn to feed them. Please do not remove the baby bunnies from their nest and make sure to keep your pets at a distance.

**Contact:**

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

MTPD:  
After hours and on weekends  
732-615-2100

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

**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](https://www.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 be launching the *Connect & Correct* app in April 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



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## 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.





**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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