



**Help Clean British Retreat Route Signs at Middletown
America 250 Earth Day Event TOMORROW from 9-11 AM**



MIDDLETOWN AMERICA 250 EARTH DAY CLEANUP



Join the Middletown America 250 Committee for an Earth Day Celebration! Volunteers are invited to help our committee members honor our local history by cleaning our series of British Retreat route signs.

WHEN?

Saturday, April 26th from 9-11 AM

WHERE?

Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org to sign up!



Find Out the Answer to This Week's *Township Trivia*
Thursday!



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THE ANSWER IS...

B JOSEPH MURRAY

BUILT IN THE 18TH CENTURY, THE MURRAY FARMHOUSE AND BARN WAS HOME TO PATRIOT JOSEPH MURRAY AND HIS FAMILY DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.



Photo courtesy of Middletown NJ 250 Committee

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 and the Township's [YouTube channel](#).

The next trivia question will be featured via the Township's Instagram story on Thursday, May 8th. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, May 9th issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Follow us on [Instagram](#)!



MURRAY FARMHOUSE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

Community members are cordially invited to the rededication ceremony of the Joseph Murray Colonial Farmhouse! Come for the event and stay for "Weekend in Old Monmouth" which will take place from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Visit middletownnj.org/oldmonmouth for more information.

★ **WHEN:** Saturday, May 3rd at 11:30 AM

★ **LOCATION:** Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

**Celebrate Earth Day with Middletown Parks & Recreation
on Saturday, 4/26 at 9 AM**



In honor of Earth Day (Tuesday, April 22nd), join Middletown Parks & Recreation for some hands-on park beautification and help refurbish the Murray Farmhouse's Colonial-era garden located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). This free event is the perfect community service project for scouts, groups, and those looking for volunteer hours!

Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please email recreation@middletownnj.org if you are interested in participating.

MTPD Invites Residents to Participate in Operation Take Back NJ TOMORROW, 4/26 from 10 AM - 2 PM

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, April 26th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.



The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) will be participating in the National Take Back Initiative in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration New Jersey Division and other state and local law enforcement agencies. The goal of the program is to provide a safe opportunity for the citizens of New Jersey to rid their homes of unused, unwanted, or expired medications by turning these medications over to law enforcement officials to dispose of these substances in a non-hazardous manner.

MTFD Volunteers Help with Ocean County Wildfire



Community Fire Company

Photos courtesy of MTFD



East Keansburg Fire Company

This week, Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) volunteer firefighters have been helping combat the wildfire in Ocean County.

Thank you to Community Fire Company and East Keansburg Fire Company for always helping others in Middletown and beyond.

Renovated Tindall Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Coming Soon!



Photo courtesy of Middletown Parks & Recreation

The new pickleball and tennis courts at Tindall Park are taking shape and already look incredible! With a newly paved driveway and parking lot, in addition to the new basketball court and dog park opened last year, Tindall Park is being completely transformed into a destination for everyone in Middletown to enjoy.

Thank you for your patience during these renovations. The courts are almost complete, so stay tuned for their opening date!

Middletown Parks & Recreation Welcomes New Volunteer



On Earth Day, Hunter started his first day as a volunteer for Middletown Parks & Recreation. From picking up water bottles to clearing litter, Hunter is already making a difference. If you see him out and about, please say hello to him and thank him for his hard work!

We encourage all our community members to follow in Hunter's footsteps and help keep our parks clean and beautiful. Please remember to always dispose of your trash properly.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 4/28 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28th 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, April 28th 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.

Middletown Alliance Continues "Spring Clean Out Your Lungs!" Initiative with Tips & Tricks on Quitting Vaping



It's time to "spring clean" out your lungs! Over the last few weeks, the Middletown Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Prevention has been highlighting the health risks associated with vaping nicotine products through a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs).

This second PSA highlights tips and tricks on how to quit vaping. Keep an eye out for the final PSA of the series, as well as information about how to recycle your vapes at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). For more information on the health risks of vaping and further education, please

visit middletownnj.org/middletownalliance.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the second PSA.

Register Now for Middletown Alliance's 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 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:



April: Social Media

- **NEW DATE!** Monday, May 5th from 7-8 PM

May: Raising Resilient Kids

- Thursday, May 22nd from 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

The Middletown Alliance proudly presents its Spring Parent Presentation Series! The Alliance hosted the first presentation on Thursday, March 27th at Town Hall.

The presentation focused on current drug trends and was led by Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from the Wellspring Center for Prevention. Nicki shared some of the latest drug trends and products seen in Monmouth County and local schools, such as nicotine oral pouches, easy-to-conceal vape devices, kratom, and more. Parents and guardians were able to ask questions and learn about what Middletown is doing to help fight these issues!

Interested in attending the remaining presentations? The next one, which is about

social media, was originally scheduled for Monday, April 14th but will now be taking place on Monday, May 5th. The final presentation on Thursday, May 22nd will be about raising resilient kids. Both presentations will take place from 7-8 PM in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

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

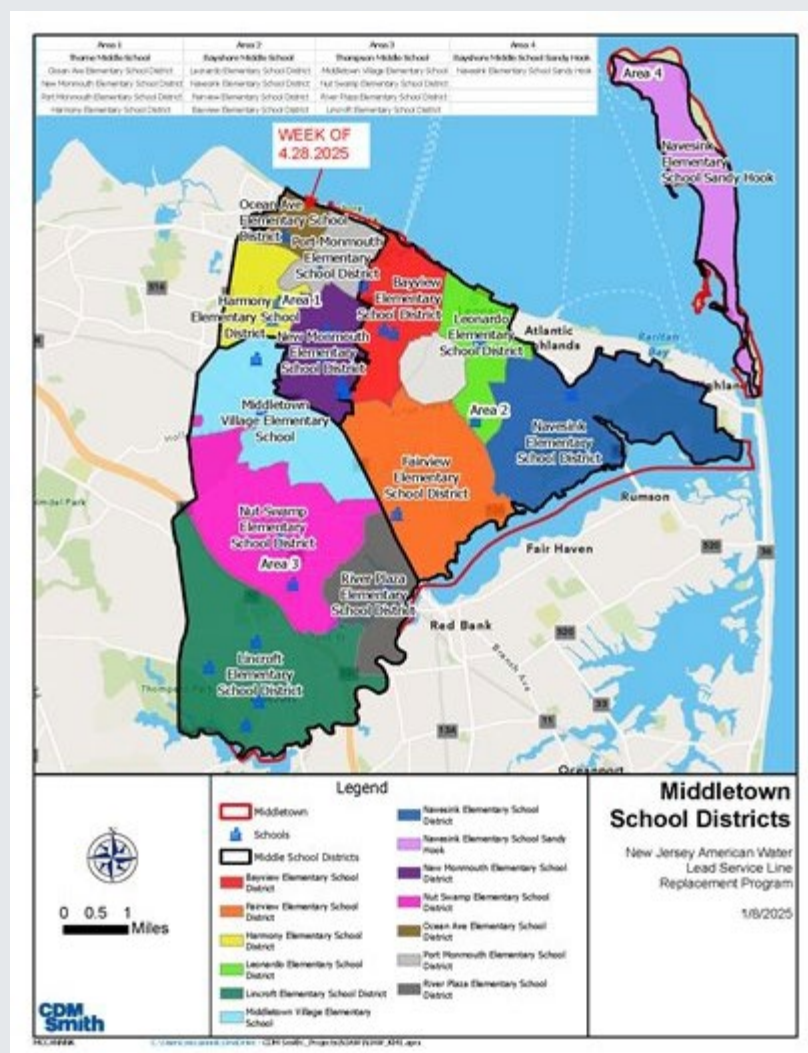
Complete Middletown Animal Control's Spring Wildlife Survey by Friday, 5/2



Visit middletownnj.org/springwildlife to complete the survey.

Attend Second Public Input Session About Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 Traffic Improvements on Tuesday, 5/13 at 6 PM

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



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

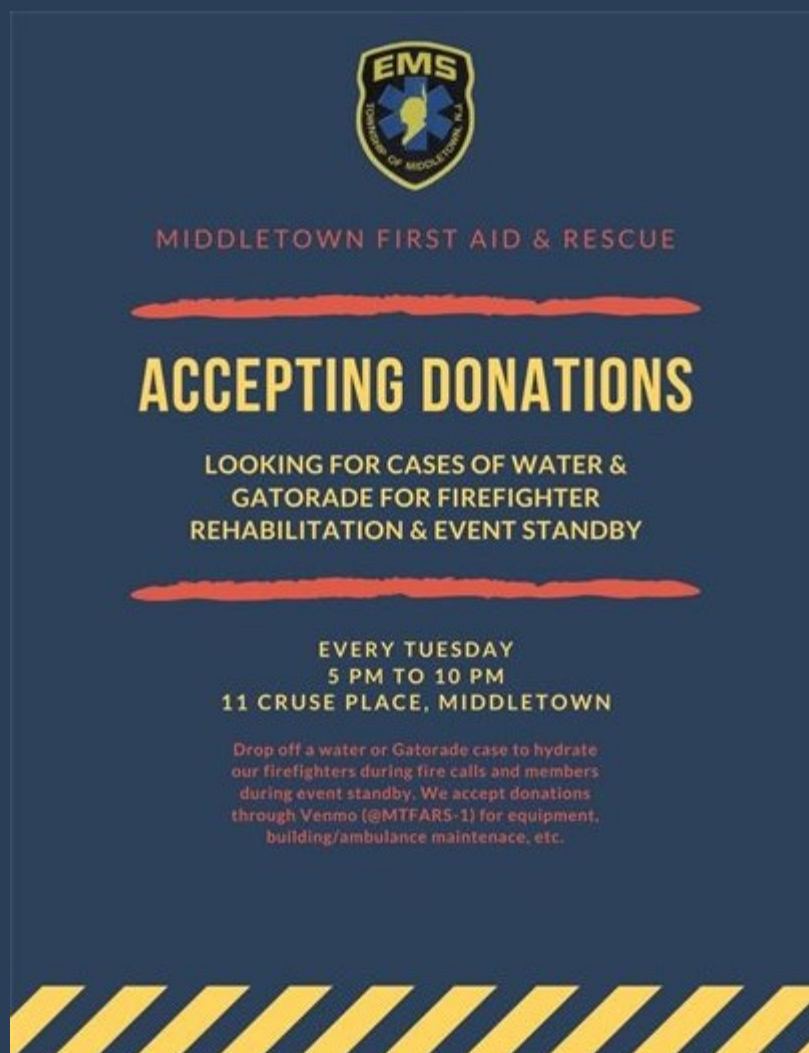
CDM Smith, on behalf of New Jersey American Water (NJAW), started a door-to-door canvassing effort related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP) in Middletown on Monday, February 3rd. The canvassing and internal inspections are currently taking place in the Ocean Avenue Elementary School 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 and LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com.

Celebrate National Volunteer Month by Donating to Middletown First Aid & Rescue



With April being National Volunteer Month, now is the perfect time to give back to Middletown First Aid & Rescue! The all-volunteer squad is one of the five Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) squads.

Middletown First Aid & Rescue is currently looking for cases of water and Gatorade, which they provide at large-scale events and fires to help rehab and ensure hydration of both their members and our firefighters. The squad is accepting donations every Tuesday from 5-10 PM at 11 Cruse Place. You can also send money via Venmo to @MTFARS-1 to support their mission.

RSVP to Annual Small-Business Roundtable Happening on Tuesday, 5/6 at 8 AM



Mayor Tony Perry and County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone kindly invite local business owners to the

SMALL-BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: Tuesday, May 6th from 8:00-10:00 AM
WHERE: Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway)
RSVP: Email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2024



Attention all small-business owners! Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone will be holding their annual Small-Business Roundtable on Tuesday, May 6th at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). If you are interested in attending, please email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2024.

Attend Annual Police Memorial on Friday, 5/16 at 11 AM



Police Week: May 11th - May 17th

Police Memorial:

Friday, May 16th at 11:00 AM

Police Week is an annual event held in May. During the week, Police Department tours are available to students, scouts, senior citizens, and anyone who is interested. Please email kdavis@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2039 to schedule a tour.

The Police Memorial service will be held rain or shine at the Middletown Police Memorial located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The public is invited to attend.

Formally founded on May 15, 1928, the Middletown Township Police Department is celebrating its 97th anniversary. The culmination of our Police Week celebration is the annual Police Memorial Service held at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. We encourage community members to attend.

**Save the Date: Annual Memorial Day Parade with
American Legion Post 338 to Take Place on Monday, 5/26**

*The American Legion Post 338
and Township of Middletown
invite you to the annual*



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

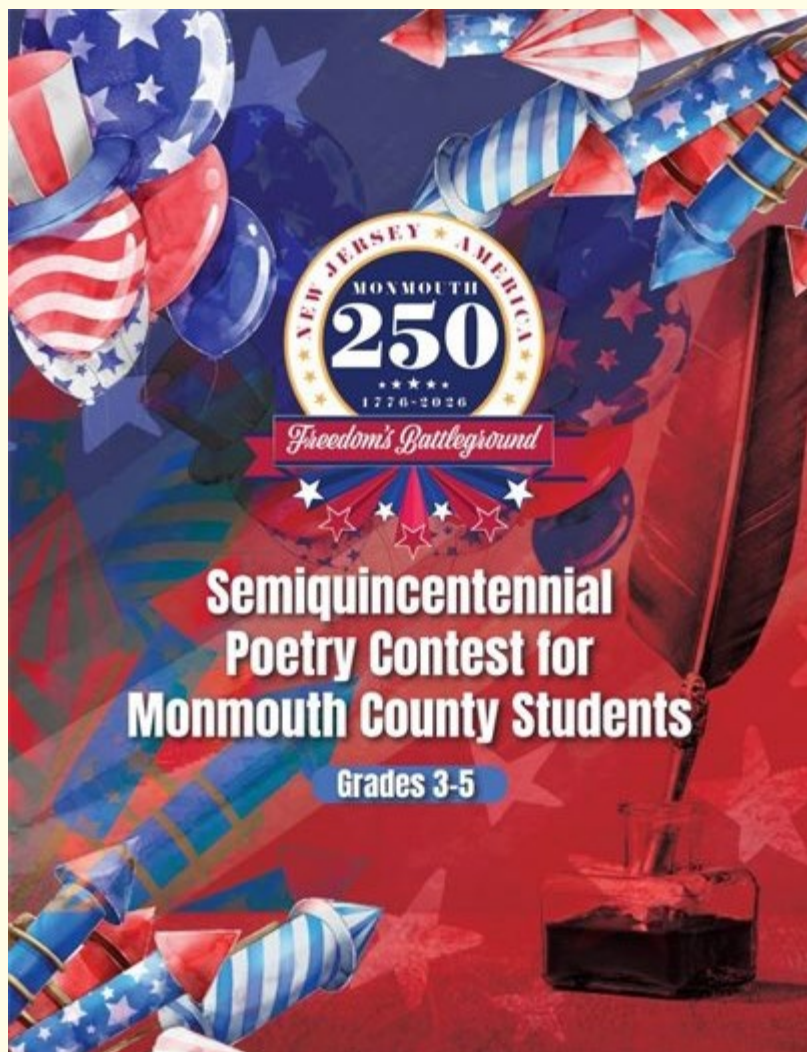
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

**BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
(834 Leonardville Road)
10:00 A.M.**



MonmouthNJ 250 Committee Announces Student Poetry

Contest: Submit Your Entry By Friday, 5/16



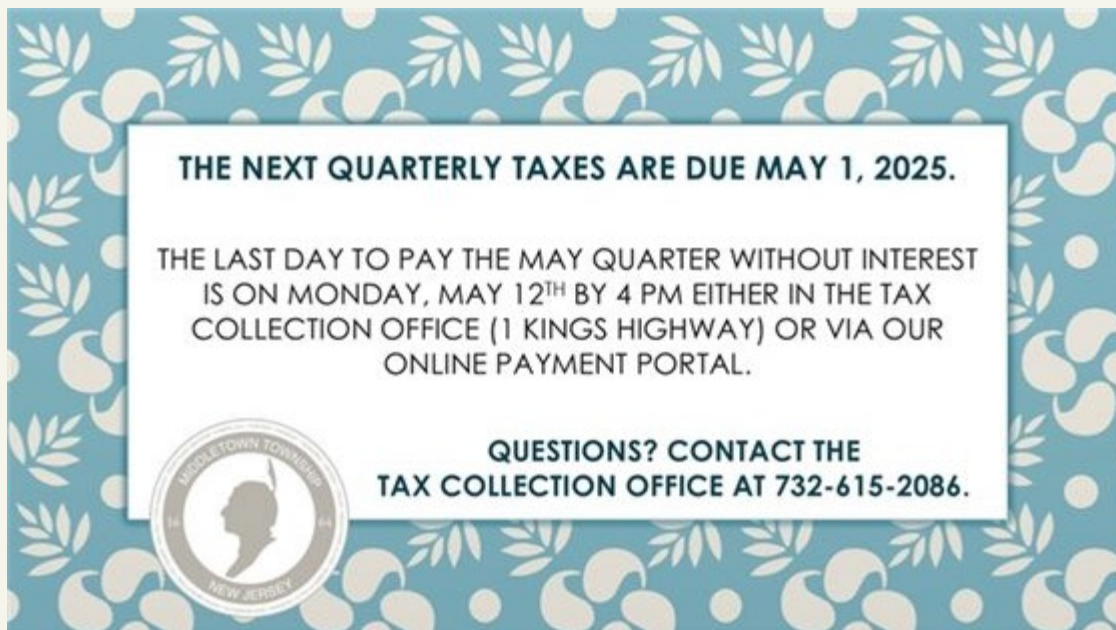
The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently announced that they are hosting a Semiquincentennial Poetry Contest for Monmouth County students in grades 3-5 in recognition of America's 250th birthday. This contest invites students to write a poem reflecting upon what patriotism means to them.

Prizes will be awarded for each grade level. The winning essays will be showcased on monmouthNJ250.org and the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's social media channels. It will also be highlighted throughout the committee's Semiquincentennial celebration.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 16th and the winners will be announced by Sunday, June 1st.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the contest and how to submit your entry.

Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Monday, 5/12 by 4 PM



Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay taxes.



**Shop at LVGA's 20th Annual Community Yard Sale
TOMORROW, 4/26 from 8 AM - 3 PM**

LINCROFT'S 20th ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Sponsored by
The Lincroft Village Green Association

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 | 8AM - 3PM
HOMES ALL ACROSS LINCROFT
RAIN OR SHINE!

To learn more and register your yard sale, please visit
www.lincroft.org

All Yard Sale Addresses will be available in the On-line Sellers List
by Friday, April 25@ www.lincroft.org

Registration is free to members of the LVGA.
All residents of Lincroft are welcome to join the LVGA annually for \$25 per household



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

The Township Committee encourages residents to shop in the Lincroft Village Green Association's (LVGA) 20th Annual Community Yard Sale. Proceeds from this rain-or-shine event will raise money for the sprinklers, plantings, and maintenance at Lincroft Village Green, a Township-owned park.

Shoppers can find bargains galore by viewing the online sellers booklet which lists all of the addresses and items for sale. The list can be found on the LVGA's website.

Visit lincroft.org and follow the LVGA on social media for more information.

**Participate in Garden State Art Weekend at the MAC Now
through Sunday, 4/27**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) for the annual Garden State Art Weekend, featuring events and an exhibition by the Art Society of Monmouth County. The various programs will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street).

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Attend Middletown Preschool's Children Art Show & Open House on Wednesday, 4/30 from 5-7 PM



Join Middletown Preschool (50 Bray Avenue) for the Children's Art Show & Open House! Enjoy artwork from the PreK3 and PreK4 classes, meet the teachers and director of Middletown Preschool, get information about the classes, and take a tour of the school. This event is free to attend.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Save the Date: "Weekend in Old Monmouth" on Saturday, 5/3 from 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, 5/4 from 12-5 PM



The Joseph Murray Farmhouse, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), is proud to be one of the 50 historic sites in Monmouth County opening its doors to visitors for the 2-day event “Weekend in Old Monmouth”! Come see this outstanding example of a middle-class Colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give short tours and answer questions. With America’s 250th birthday coming up soon, there will also be new added elements this year!

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

Enjoy Acoustic Concert at MTPL on Saturday, 5/3 at 2 PM



Stop by the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to enjoy an afternoon of acoustic guitar music. Vocalist, songwriter, and instrumentalist Italo “Tal” Naccarato will perform his original compositions, which highlight a deep appreciation for traditional Folk and Americana Roots music, steeped heavily in Rock and Blues.

This free concert will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended.

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

Compete in Middletown Parks & Recreation's Fishing Derby on Sunday, 5/4 from 9 AM - 12 PM



Catch the big fish and claim the prize at the return of Middletown Parks & Recreation's Fishing Derby! Participants will be competing for the longest fish at Garvey's Pond, located on Lakeside Avenue in Navesink. There will be medals for the top winners in each age range and raffle prizes throughout the event. Please bring your own equipment.

Click [HERE](#) for full tournament rules and registration.

**Buy or Sell Items at MAC's Spring Arts & Crafts Festival
on Saturday, 5/10 from 11 AM - 3 PM**



Following the success of the Fall Arts & Crafts Festival last October, the MAC is bringing it back this spring! Dozens of vendors will be on hand with unique items including hand-crafted jewelry, paintings, candles, wood carvings, baked goods, charcuterie cups, home decor, original artwork, pet products, and more. Delicious grub will also be available from DoBee's Backyard BBQ, Sweet Pepper Empanada Express, and Goldy's Ice Cream food trucks.

There will be fun for the whole family throughout the day as Doodle Dude will be onsite with Doodle Dawn and Miss Fish for free art fun for the kids starting at noon.

Admission is free for this great event. Vendor spots are still available until Friday, May 2nd, so reserve your table today!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event and becoming a vendor.

**Shop or Sell in Our Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale on
Saturday, 5/17 and Sunday, 5/18**



Spring clean or shop 'til you drop at our annual town-wide garage sale! This fun event is free for shoppers and costs \$8 for households to register.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to get your house on the map.

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



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 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.

TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- As of Monday, March 31st, Chapel Hill Road is closed at Whipporwill Valley Road for construction. A detour is set. Properties 1-230 have access from the NJ-35 side. Properties 231-400 have access from Kings Highway East. The road will be closed 24/7 for approximately 6 months. Click [HERE](#) to view a map of the detour.
- Church Street in Belford (near Saint Mary's 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 U.S. 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

Need Assistance? Utilize the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Warm Line: 732-683-8959



The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.

This tool provides easier access to services including :

-  Mental Health
-  Food
-  Housing
-  Substance Use
-  More



Monmouth County proudly offers the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System – an easy way for residents to find and access appropriate services in Monmouth County to meet their needs. Created as part of Monmouth County’s Department of Human Services, the Navigation System serves as one point of entry for residents to be connected to any human service provider in the County without needing to make multiple calls.

Call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959 to reach countless service providers and visit monmouthacts.org for more information.



Coming Soon: New SDL Online Permit Portal

The Middletown Township Building & Inspection Department plans to launch its new SDL online permit portal by June. Get a head start by creating an

account now!

With the portal, you will be able to do the following:

- Request an inspection
- Check the status of a permit or request
- Get updates on status changes to a permit or request

Click [HERE](#) to access the SDL portal.

Know the Difference: Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning



The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section features a large, circular image of a dark, stormy sky with a visible tornado funnel descending over a green field. Below the image, the text 'TORNADO WATCH VS WARNING' is written in white. The right section contains two distinct boxes. The top box is titled 'TORNADO WATCH' with a magnifying glass icon and states 'A tornado is possible.' It lists two actions: 'Stay tuned to local radio/TV for information.' and 'Know where you'll shelter if needed.' The bottom box is titled 'TORNADO WARNING' with an exclamation mark icon and states 'A tornado is happening or imminent. Take shelter immediately.' At the bottom right of the infographic, the word 'Ready.' is written next to a green checkmark icon.

TORNADO WATCH
A tornado is possible.

- **Stay tuned** to local radio/TV for information.
- **Know** where you'll shelter if needed.

TORNADO WARNING
A tornado is happening or imminent. Take shelter immediately.

Ready. ✓

With tornado season generally being March through August in New Jersey, the Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would like to educate our community about how to prepare for tornadoes and stay safe.

Noted above is the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. Stay on the lookout for additional educational materials!

Visit ready.gov/tornadoes for more information.

SPRING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT TIPS



Early spring is a great time to purchase or review your flood insurance policy. Throughout the season, you should also perform property maintenance to ensure your home is dry during all of the April showers!

Visit middletownnj.org/springtips for more information.



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



[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 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.

Exciting news — the *Connect & Correct* app is now officially available on the [**Apple App Store**](#) and [**Google Play**](#)! The goal of the app is to 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.





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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