



**Attend "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 250<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up soon, there will be new elements at this year's event. There will be live re-enactments, butter churning and bread tasting, quill pen writing, and colonial games. There will also be a petting zoo from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Murray Farmhouse Rededication Ceremony at 11:30 AM.

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



# 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](http://middletownnj.org/oldmonmouth) for more information.

★ **WHEN:** Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM

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

**Volunteers Clean British Retreat Route Signs and Murray Farmhouse Garden in Honor of Earth Day**





*Committeeman Ryan Clarke and his daughter were honored to clean the signs with 250 Committee members and volunteers.*

Last weekend, the Middletown America 250 Committee and Middletown Parks & Recreation Department hosted a cleanup in celebration of Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). With the help of community volunteers, they cleaned 26 of our British Retreat route signs and helped spruce up the Murray Farmhouse garden.

The signs will soon be featuring an updated look and the Department of Public Works & Engineering will be re-installing them throughout town. We thank everyone who dedicated their free time to honoring our local history and giving back to our community!

## Middletown Welcomes Home MTPD Officer Nico Zampelle from Active Duty Service



*The Township Committee and MTPD chiefs were honored to stand alongside Officer Nico Zampelle.*

At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Middletown proudly welcomed home and thanked Officer Nico Zampelle for his service to the United States Army and to our nation. While deployed for nine months in Syria, Officer Zampelle served as a captain and led a team of soldiers for the base defense of Al-Tanf Garrison where his crew engaged in multiple drone attacks.

For the remainder of his time there, Officer Zampelle took command of Blackfoot Troop 1-102ND CAV. A recipient of the Combat Action Badge and Bronze Star, he is a true example of courage, patriotism, and selflessness.

During the presentation, Officer Zampelle spoke about Active Duty and presented Mayor Tony Perry with a certificate and American flag that was flown at his base. Police Chief Craig Weber spoke highly of Officer Zampelle, who was hired by the Middletown Township Police Department in 2021.

Middletown is honored to call Officer Zampelle a member of our community and commends him for always protecting others.

## **Middletown Recognizes MTFD, EMS, and OEM Volunteers During Volunteer Month**



**On Monday night, the Township Committee proclaimed April as Volunteer Month in Middletown. In honor of this initiative, Mayor Tony Perry presented proclamations to the chiefs of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, and Office of Emergency Management (OEM).**

**Middletown Township is fortunate to have thousands of volunteers in our community, whether they are providing vital emergency services or serving on any of our nearly two dozen Township boards, committees, and commissions.**

**We thank all our volunteers for generously donating their time to our community!**

## **Township Committee Proclaims April as Donate Life Month in Middletown**





*Mayor Tony Perry presented the proclamation to Medtronic representatives Lisa Luisi (left) and Michele Napolitani (right).*

**At the meeting, Middletown proudly recognized April as Donate Life Month. This annual observance raises awareness about the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country.**

**Currently, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 100,000 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists.**

**Lisa Luisi and Michele Napolitani, representatives from Medtronic in Eatontown, accepted the proclamation and explained how they use donations to create orthopedic implants to help people undergoing procedures like spine surgery, ACL replacements, and dental surgery.**

**Interested in becoming an organ and tissue donor? You can register via a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at [NJSharingNetwork.org](https://www.njsharingnetwork.org).**

## **Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Team Celebrates Mid-Monmouth Championship**



The Township Committee was also thrilled to recognize the Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Team at Monday's meeting. As back-to-back champions, this team has shown the importance of working well together and what hard work can achieve. We are so proud of the athletes and encourage them to always "shoot" for their goals!

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, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*





Join Mayor Tony Perry for the latest episode of *Minute with the Mayor* where he recognizes Middletown Township Police Officer Nico Zampelle for his recent Active Duty service in Syria, congratulates the Middletown South 9U Travel Basketball Team for winning the 2025 Mid-Monmouth Championship, and discusses the importance of Donate Life Month and registering as an organ and tissue donor.

He also thanks the volunteers who participated in the Middletown America 250 Committee's recent Earth Day cleanup and encourages residents to attend the Murray Farmhouse Rededication Ceremony and "Weekend in Old Monmouth" on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 AM  
**WHERE:** Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway)  
**RSVP:** Email [mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). If you are interested in attending, please email [mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2024.

## MTFD and Middletown Fire Prevention Remind Residents About the Importance of Smoke Alarms

# SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

**MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS PERFORM AS INTENDED  
– WHEN YOU NEED THEM THE MOST**

- **TEST** smoke alarms monthly
- Change the **BATTERIES** every year
- Beware of **CHIRPING** smoke alarms  
– it's time to replace the batteries
- Replace older smoke alarms – **REPLACE**  
alarms that are more than 10 years old
- Know the **SOUND** of the smoke alarm and  
what to do if the alarm goes off



**REMEMBER, ONLY WORKING SMOKE  
ALARMS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

The Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Fire Prevention Office would like to remind our residents about the importance of having working smoke detectors in your residence.

There is no doubt about it: **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES**. Please take some time over the next few days to test your smoke alarms in your homes.

Smoke & carbon monoxide alarms are available at most hardware and/or department stores in the Middletown area.

Remember, you want to "Hear the Beep, Where you Sleep"! Place smoke detectors in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, on every level of your home, in your living room, in basements/garages, and near stairways.

Should you have questions about your smoke detectors, including issues with installation, we urge our residents to contact the Middletown Township Fire Prevention Office at 732-615-2270.

**Register Now for Middletown Alliance's  
Parent Presentations This Spring  
Next one is on Monday, 5/5!**



The poster is for the "Spring Parent Presentation Series" by the Middletown Alliance. It features a blue background with yellow and white circular accents. At the top, the title "SPRING PARENT PRESENTATION SERIES" is in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right are logos for the "MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE" and the "Wellspring Center for Prevention". Below the title, it says "With Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from Wellspring Center for Prevention". The main text states: "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." It then asks for questions to be emailed to [middletownalliance@gmail.com](mailto:middletownalliance@gmail.com). A registration link is provided: [middletownnj.org/presentation](http://middletownnj.org/presentation). A QR code is also shown with the text "You can also scan the QR code:". The schedule is listed in two sections: "April: Social Media" with a bullet point for a "NEW DATE! Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM", and "May: Raising Resilient Kids" with a bullet point for "Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8 PM". An illustration of two people talking is between these sections. At the bottom left, three checkmarks list benefits: "Receive up-to-date information", "Get your questions answered", and "Learn best ways to address these topics with your child/teen". At the bottom right, it says "Connect with the Middletown Alliance!" and provides social media handles for Instagram (@middletownalliance), Facebook (Middletown Alliance page), and a website link ([www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance)).

**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](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:

**April: Social Media**

- **NEW DATE!** Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM

**May: Raising Resilient Kids**

- Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance)

The Middletown Alliance proudly presents its Spring Parent Presentation Series! The Alliance hosted the first presentation on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> but will now be taking place on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The final presentation on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://middletownnj.org/presentation) to register for the presentations.



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



**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**  
**NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD/COUNTY ROAD 520**

**TUESDAY, 5/13**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**COURTROOM AT TOWN HALL**  
**(1 KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETOWN)**

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.

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

**HEY, NORTH MIDDLETOWN/  
PORT MONMOUTH  
SPREAD THE WORD!**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION  
HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL!  
LET'S CONTINUE THE  
CONVERSATION.**

**MAKE UP DATE  
FOR APRIL 23RD**

**MEETING DATES**

- **MAY 15TH - Thu**

Join us @ 6:00pm  
Ocean Avenue School  
235 Ocean Ave  
Middletown Township, NJ 07748

Questions? Email us!  
MiddletownNRTC@housingall.org

Share your ideas  
on how to improve  
our neighborhood.

North Middletown - Port Monmouth  
NRTC Planning Area

**AHA**  **FAMILY  
SUCCESS CENTER**  **Monmouth County  
Habitat  
for Humanity**  **FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.MiddletownPlan.org](http://www.MiddletownPlan.org)**


Middletown Township, Affordable Housing Alliance, Bayshore Family Success Center, Ideal Beach Community Association, 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.

The meeting on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> was rescheduled to Thursday, May 15<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.

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.

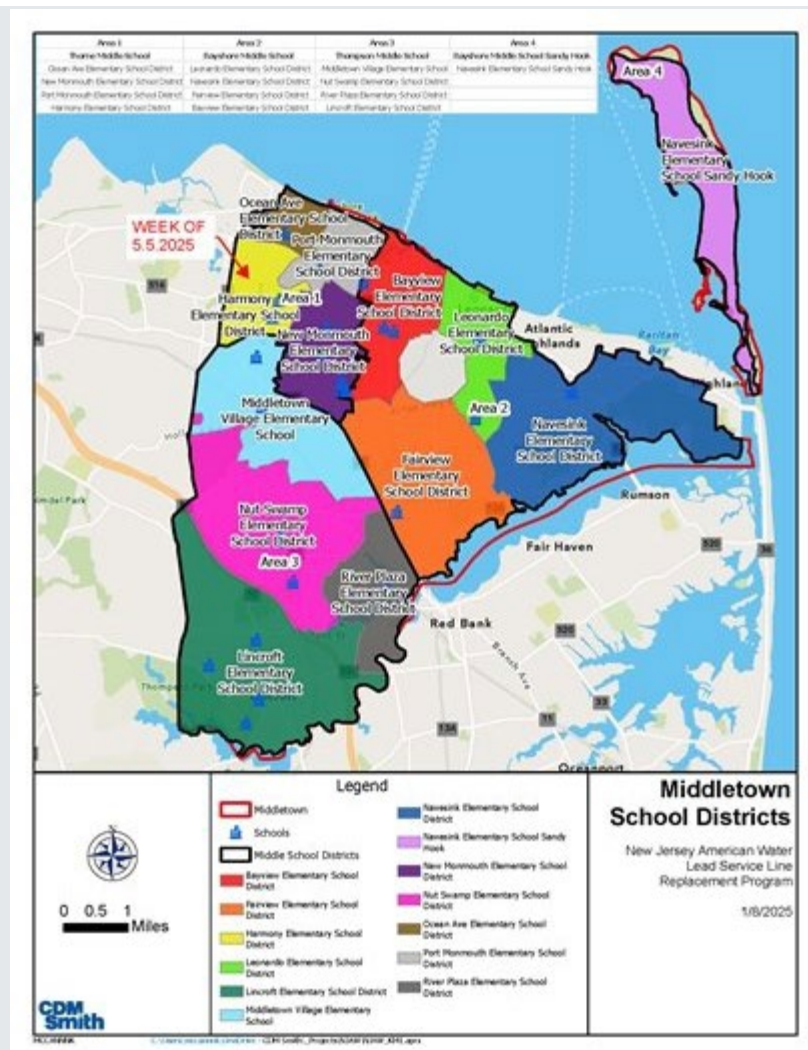
COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP">WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP</a>.</small>	START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small>	COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB AFTER YOUR START DATE.</small>
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.

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 Harmony 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).

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



**Police Week: May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Police Memorial:**  
**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kdavis@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-2039 to schedule a tour.

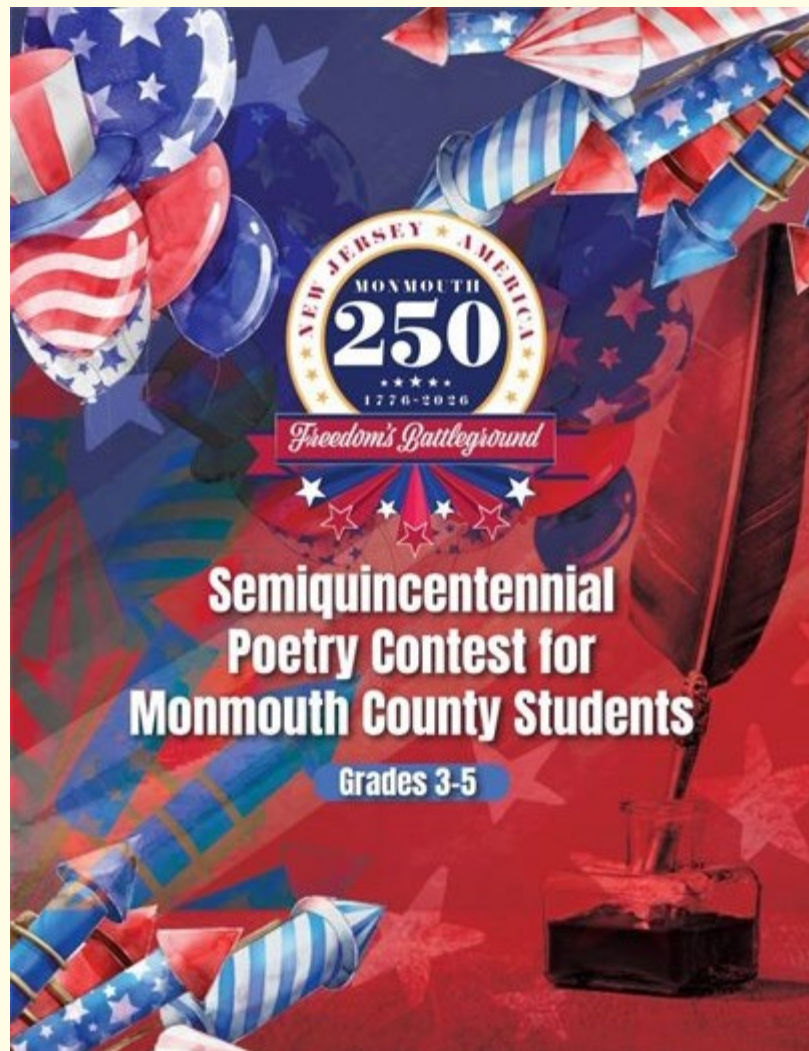
The Police Memorial service will be held rain or shine at the Middletown Police Memorial located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The public is invited to attend.

Formally founded on May 15, 1928, the Middletown Township Police Department is celebrating its 97<sup>th</sup> 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**



**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 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. This contest invites students to write a poem reflecting upon what patriotism means to them.

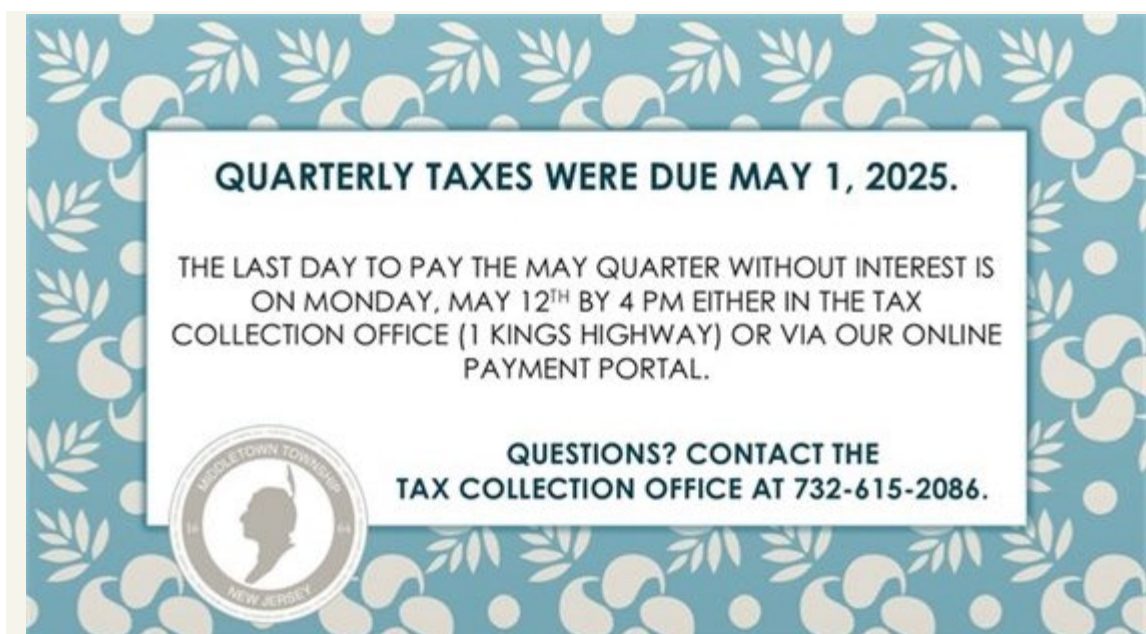
Prizes will be awarded for each grade level. The winning essays will be showcased on [monmouthNJ250.org](https://monmouthNJ250.org) and the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's social media channels. It will also be highlighted throughout the committee's Semiquincentennial celebration.

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

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.*

**Pay Off Library Fines by Donating Nonperishables through MTPL's Food for Fines Program until Sunday, 6/15**

The poster features a blue background with a stylized illustration of food items (a can of soup, a green can, and a blue water bottle) at the bottom. The title 'Food for Fines' is in large white letters. The Middletown Township Public Library logo is in the top right, with the text 'ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO AREA FOOD BANKS' below it. A yellow banner displays the dates 'May 1 to June 15'. The main text describes the program, and the bottom section lists participating food banks.

# Food for Fines

**PAY OFF LIBRARY FINES WITH FOOD BANK DONATIONS!**

**May 1 to June 15**

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO AREA FOOD BANKS**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
EST. 1922 • WWW.MTPL.ORG

Food for Fines is back at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Pay off your library fines by dropping off nonperishable food bank donations at the MTPL's Circulation Desk (55 New Monmouth Road) from Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Expired food items will not be accepted.

Each nonperishable item donated eliminates \$1.00 of late fees. Patrons can reduce up to \$10.00 per card. Please note that donations cannot be used to pay for lost items.

All donations will be brought to the food banks at Calico Cat (96 Kings Highway), Project Paul (211 Carr Avenue, Keansburg), and Middletown Helps its Own (612 Carter Avenue, Port Monmouth).



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Listen to Live Music at the MAC's May Music Cafe on Sunday, 5/4 from 4-6 PM**




Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM for its monthly music cafe, featuring singer-songwriters Gabrielle Lea, Carol Lester, Keith Monacchio, and Mark Healy. The concert will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the showcase's artists and click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

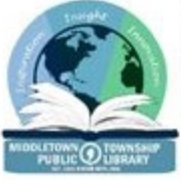



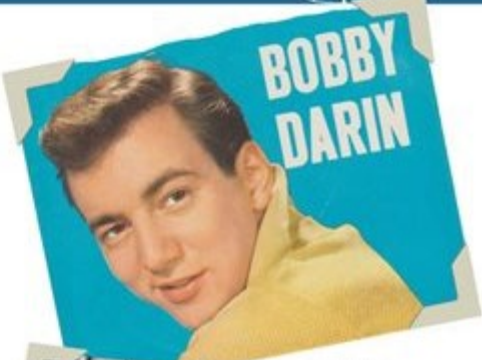
### **Attend MTPL's Musical Biography Program about Bobby Darin on Wednesday, 5/7 at 1 PM**

# Bobby Darin



*A Musical Biography  
Program featuring  
Phil Bruschi*

**Wednesday,  
May 7 | 1-3 pm  
Community Room**



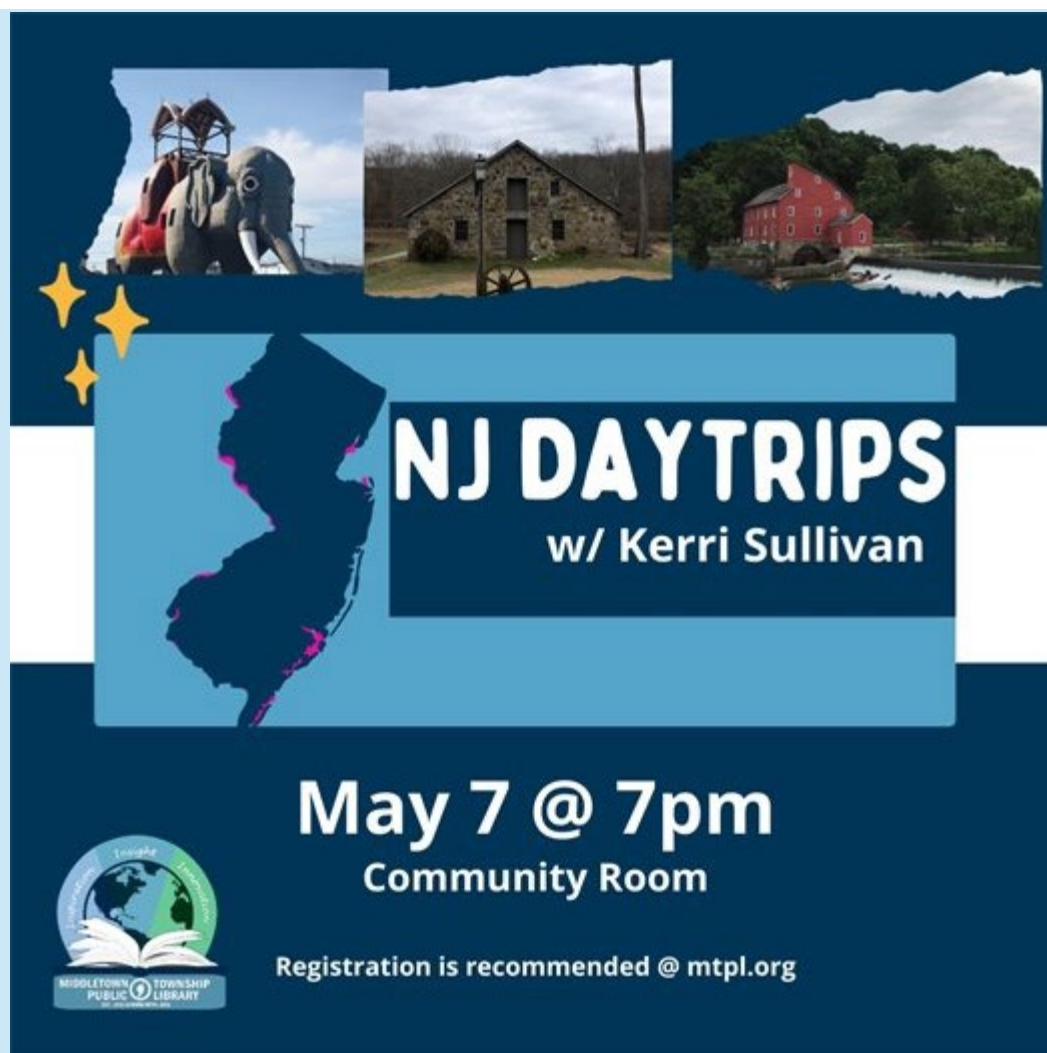
For ages 18+  
Registration is  
recommended  
at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org).

Explore the ageless talent of Bobby Darin with Phil Bruschi at the MTPL's musical biography program. Learn about Darin's remarkable career and listen to Phil perform many of his biggest hits ranging from rock and jazz to country and folk.

This free event will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended, but not required.

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


**Explore the State and Learn About Various NJ Daytrips at  
the MTPL on Wednesday, 5/7 at 7 PM**



**NJ DAYTRIPS**  
w/ Kerri Sullivan

**May 7 @ 7pm**  
Community Room

Registration is recommended @ [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)



Get inspired to explore New Jersey with presenter Kerri Sullivan as she highlights interesting places to visit around the Garden State, including the Roebling Museum, Fort Mott, Whitesbog Village, and more!

This program will take place in the MTPL's Community Room. Registration is recommended, but not required.

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

**Attend 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 Middletown Arts Center (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. Admission is free for this great event.**

**Delicious food 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.**

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

**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 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.

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





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 possibility 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.

**Register for Annual Relay for Life of Middletown  
Happening on Saturday, 6/7 from 6-10 PM**

A purple-themed poster for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life 2025 event. It features a large purple ribbon forming a loop. The text includes the American Cancer Society logo, the event title 'Middletown's Annual Relay For Life 2025', the date and time 'Saturday, June 7th 6-10pm', and the location 'at Middletown HS South Track Field'. A QR code is provided for more information or donations. A list of activities like food trucks, games, and a luminaria ceremony is included. A footer explains the purpose of the event.

 **Middletown's Annual  
Relay For  
Life 2025**

**Saturday, June 7th  
6-10pm at Middletown HS South  
Track Field**

**Join Us For**

- Food Trucks
- Games and Activities
- Luminaria ceremony
- Music
- And so much more!

To learn more information or donate, scan the QR code below!



Relay For Life is a nationwide event where teams walk around a track field to remember, celebrate, and raise awareness for others who had or have cancer. From community donations we are able to give back and help raise money for cancer research and services the ACS provides!

**The Township Committee encourages everyone to attend the Annual Relay for Life of Middletown.**

**Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's annual nationwide signature event that celebrates survivors, remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, and unites our community to fight against a disease that has taken too much from too many. This year, Relay for Life will be taking place on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Middletown High School South (900 Nut Swamp Road).**

**Visit [middletownnj.org/relayforlife](https://middletownnj.org/relayforlife) to sign up.**

# TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- As of Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://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



**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](https://ready.gov/tornadoes) 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](https://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](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.







**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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