



## Middletown Hosts Rededication Ceremony for Murray Farmhouse During "Weekend in Old Monmouth"



*Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke accept Joseph Murray's framed pension certificate gifted by Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon as they stand in front of the Murray Farmhouse along with Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, and the Revolutionary War reenactors.*

Last weekend, Middletown Township was thrilled to participate in Monmouth County's 2-day event "Weekend in Old Monmouth". On both Saturday and Sunday, residents were invited to Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to tour the middle-class Colonial-era Murray Farmhouse and Barn.

On Saturday, the Township held a rededication ceremony for the Murray Farmhouse to celebrate its recent renovations. The ceremony began with Revolutionary War reenactors presenting the colors and performing a gun salute.

During the rededication, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon gave Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Township Committee a framed piece about Joseph Murray, a patriot who lived there with his family during the Revolutionary War.

On Saturday, Girl Scout Troop #894 from Leonardo participated in "Weekend in Old Monmouth" by dressing in Colonial attire and teaching kids how to play games from that time period. Visitors also got to enjoy a petting zoo, while Colonial reenactors offered tours and a butter churning and bread tasting experience throughout the weekend. Additionally, the Middletown America 250 Committee was there to promote upcoming events and initiatives, as well as hand out 250-themed coloring books, pennants, and pins to those who attended.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.

**MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's Podcast *Talking 250*  
Highlights Middletown America 250 Initiatives**



**On Monday morning, Mayor Tony Perry was honored to be a guest on the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's podcast, *Talking 250*, with hosts Monmouth County Clerk/MonmouthNJ 250 Co-Chair Christine Hanlon and MonmouthNJ 250 Executive Director Ted Maturo.**

**While in the studio, Mayor Perry talked about the Middletown America 250 Committee's events and the importance of celebrating this milestone in our nation's history.**

**Be on the lookout for the episode coming soon!**

## **Boy Scout Troops Participate in Cleanups of Historic Cemeteries**



## CEMETERY CLEANUPS



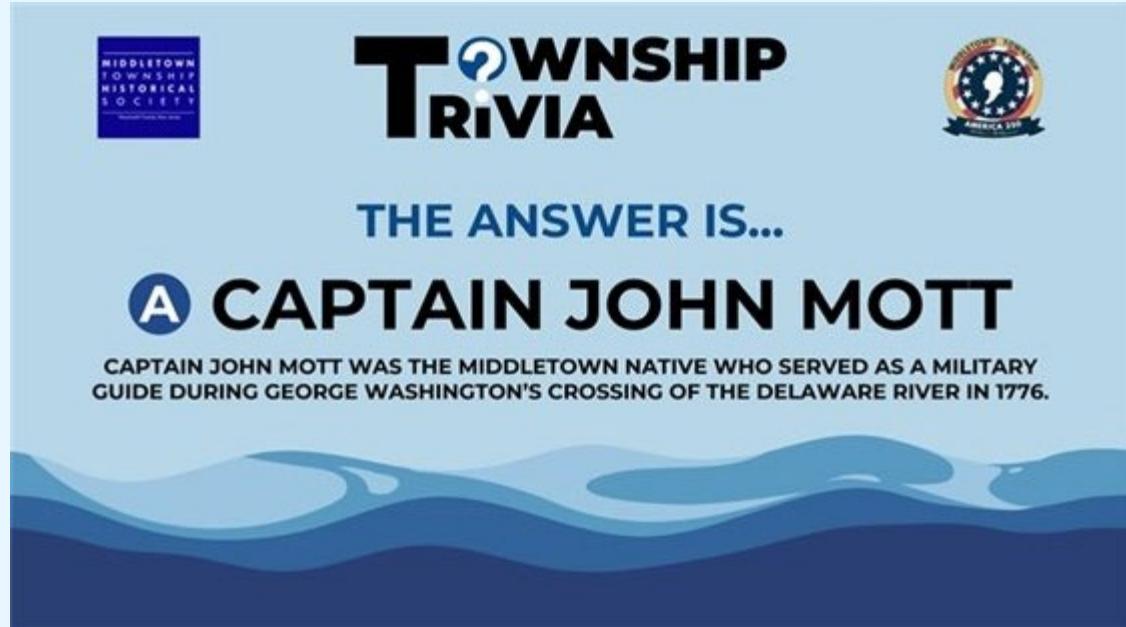
*Port Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #47 (pictured on top) and Fairview Boy Scout Troop #140 (pictured on bottom) pose for photos during the cleanups! (Photos courtesy of Middletown Landmarks Commissioner/America 250 Committee Member Roseann Eteson)*

On Saturday, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson hosted cemetery cleanups at the Eastmond Burial Ground (York Avenue and Wood Avenue in Port Monmouth) and the Joseph Johnson Family Cemetery (121 Kings Highway). One of the initiatives of Middletown's America 250 is to recognize our Revolutionary War landmarks and Patriots. Beautifying these cemeteries where these war heroes are buried helped launch this effort.

Port Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #47, led by Mike Marinelli, focused on the Eastmond Burial Ground while Fairview Boy Scout Troop #140, led by Don Antenucci, dedicated their time to the Joseph Johnson Family Cemetery.

Thank you to these two troops for all their hard work in clearing these overgrown areas, preserving our local history, and honoring our Patriots!

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



The graphic features the Middletown Township Historical Society logo (a blue square with white text), the Township Trivia logo (a large 'T' with a question mark inside and the word 'TRIVIA' in a bold, sans-serif font), and the America 250 logo (a circular emblem with a profile of George Washington and the text 'AMERICA 250'). Below these is the text 'THE ANSWER IS...' in a large, bold, blue font. Underneath is a large blue circle containing the letter 'A', followed by the text 'CAPTAIN JOHN MOTT' in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom, a blue banner with white wavy patterns contains the text 'CAPTAIN JOHN MOTT WAS THE MIDDLETOWN NATIVE WHO SERVED AS A MILITARY GUIDE DURING GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CROSSING OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN 1776.'

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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Follow us on [Instagram](#)!

**Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone Host Successful Annual Small Business Roundtable**



***Mayor Tony Perry addresses the jam-packed Training Room, located at Town Hall.***

**On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone hosted their annual Small Business Roundtable at Town Hall. Over 40 small-business owners and employees attended, as well as state, county, and Middletown elected officials.**

**Mayor Perry began the event by introducing the Township professionals and elected officials who where present as well as outlining the agenda which covered several projects.**

**Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone discussed improvements to County Road 520 as well as programs the County currently offers to promote small businesses, such as Grown In Monmouth and Brewed & Distilled in Monmouth. He was also excited to introduce Slice of Monmouth, a new initiative the County will be officially announcing soon to highlight pizzerias.**

**Middletown Planning Director Amy Citrano provided updates about redevelopment for Campbell's Junction and the Route 36 Corridor. She also shared some feedback with the small-business owners about economic development from the Master Plan, which is currently in the draft phase.**

**Township Administrator Tony Mercantante spoke about the redevelopment project**

that is planned for Port Belford. Within the next few years, the Township expects to add shops, restaurants, an amphitheater, and more to the area. The goal for this project is to serve as a community hub where new businesses and jobs can thrive.

The proposal has received all the required approvals from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), so now the NJDEP needs to come to the Township for site approval. Plans for this redevelopment project will be available online once the Township receives them. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 732-615-2098.

Thank you to everyone who attended this annual networking event. Middletown is proud to support our small businesses!

## **McDonald's Unveils New Renovations and Celebrates Grand Re-Opening**



**Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino had a great time celebrating McDonald's' (925 NJ-35) grand re-opening and the completion of its recent renovations.**

**With Town Hall being across the street, we are especially excited to have a view of their new and improved golden arches! Whether McDonald's is serving our community with their classic and craveable meals or giving back through the**

Ronald McDonald House Charities, we are “lovin’ it” and wish them all the best!

## The Plastic Surgery Center/Institute for Advanced Reconstruction Opens in Middletown



*Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Dr. Andrew Elkwood (CEO, The Advanced Reconstructive Surgery Alliance), David Clark (President, The Advanced Reconstructive Surgery Alliance), and Dr. Michael Rose (Managing Partner, The Plastic Surgery Center). Photo courtesy of The Plastic Surgery Center/Institute for Advanced Reconstruction*

On Wednesday, Mayor Tony Perry attended the grand opening of The Plastic Surgery Center/Institute for Advanced Reconstruction (331 Newman Springs Road, Building 2). This 14,500-square-foot facility offers complex reconstructive procedures, transformative cosmetic enhancements, specialized hand surgery, breast health, and aesthetic treatments.

With their highly-trained surgeons and doctors, many of whom have double-board certifications, and skilled physician assistants, they aim to give their patients the best experience possible.

Visit [advancedreconstruction.com](http://advancedreconstruction.com) for more information.

## Township Committee to Host Meeting



**on Monday, 5/12 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting [middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com](https://middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com). Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once the meeting begins, the event will say "LIVE" and a camera icon will appear. You can click on the camera icon to stream the meeting. After the meeting ends, a recording of it will be available.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to access the meeting agenda.*

**Exciting News: Tindall Park's Tennis and Pickleball Courts are Now Open!**



**The resurfaced tennis courts and newly dedicated pickleball courts are now open for play at Tindall Park! We kindly request that visitors abide by open play rules.**

**Look for an announcement for an official ribbon cutting ceremony soon!**

**Learn more about ongoing park improvements at [middletownnj.org/parkprojects](http://middletownnj.org/parkprojects).**

## **Middletown Parks & Recreation Hosts Successful Kids Fishing Derby**



Middletown Parks & Recreation's Kids Fishing Derby last weekend had a fin-tastic turnout with more than 50 fish caught at Garvey's Pond (Lakeside Avenue, Navesink)! Congratulations to our winners and thank you to the following local shops for donating prizes:

- **Giglio's Bait & Tackle (1123 E Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright)**
- **JCP Bait & Tackle (780 NJ-36, Belford)**
- **Julian's Bait & Tackle (990 NJ-36, Atlantic Highlands)**
- **Mariner's Mart (778 NJ-36, Belford)**
- **Tackle Box Fishing Co. (1134 NJ-36, Hazlet)**



*Mayor Tony Perry and his son, Grant, look for fish together!*

Interested in fishing? You can fish at Garvey's Pond year-round, but please adhere to the posted rules and regulations!

*Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.*

*(All photos courtesy of Middletown Parks & Recreation)*

**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.

**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 on Thursday, 5/15 at 6 PM**

**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

**AHA** **FAMILY** **Monmouth County**  
affordable housing alliance  
Hope. Strength. Community. SUCCESS CENTER  
SAYONARA  
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.

## 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.

## Honor Our Fallen Heroes at Annual Memorial Day Parade with American Legion Post 338 on Monday, 5/26 at 10 AM

*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.**



Visit [middletownnj.org/parade](http://middletownnj.org/parade) for details about the parade route (pictured below).



**Register Now for Middletown Alliance's  
Final Spring Parent Presentation  
Next one is on Thursday, 5/22!**

# 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 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).

**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

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

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

 [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> and the second one on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The first presentation focused on current drug trends and the second one focused on social media.

The final presentation will be about raising resilient kids and take place on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 presentation.

Check Out DPW's Spring 2025 Brush Collection Schedule



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

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.
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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

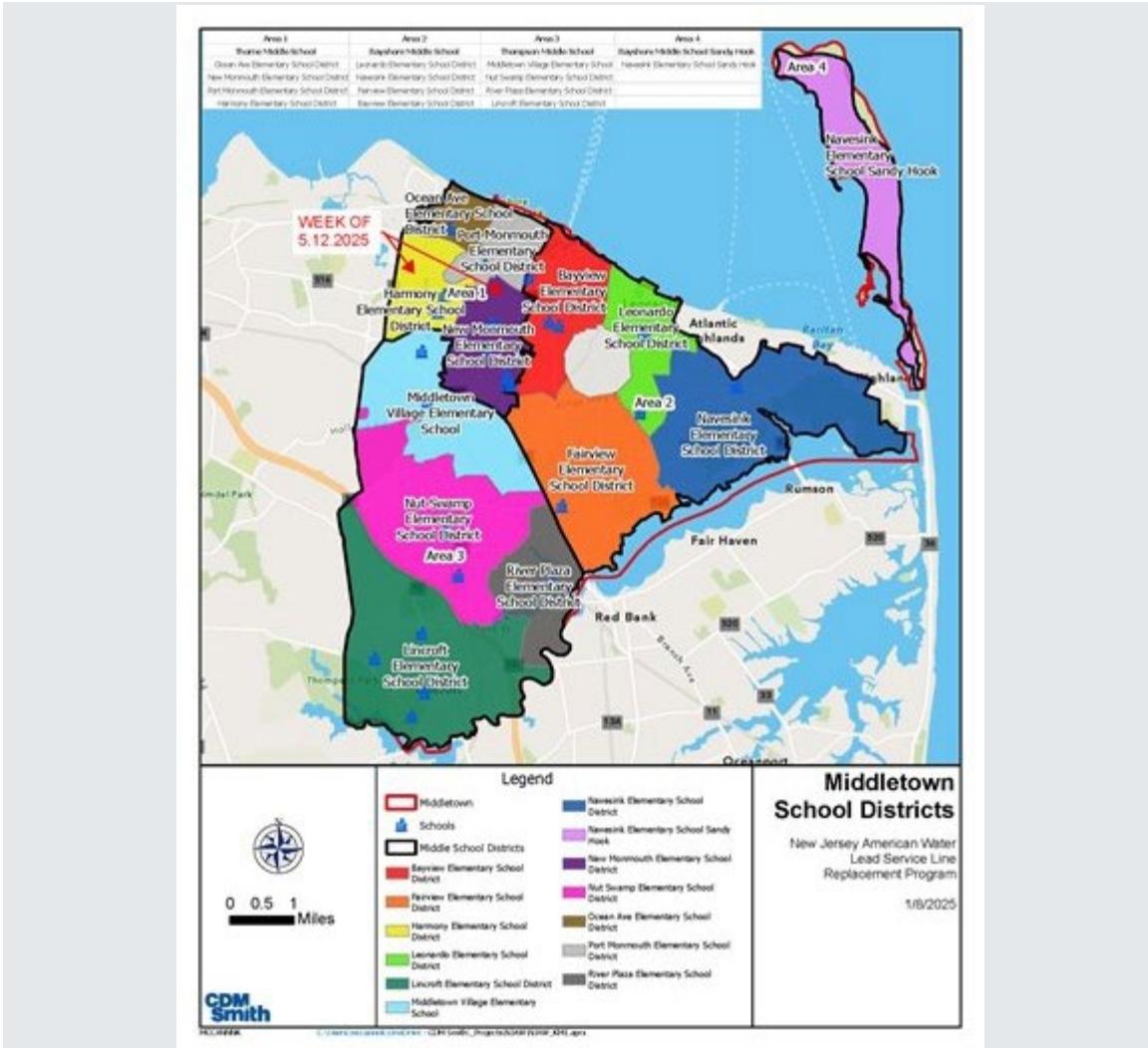
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RED BANK, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 652

ECRWSS

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETON 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 FOR MORE INFORMATION.](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION)

## 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 and 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.

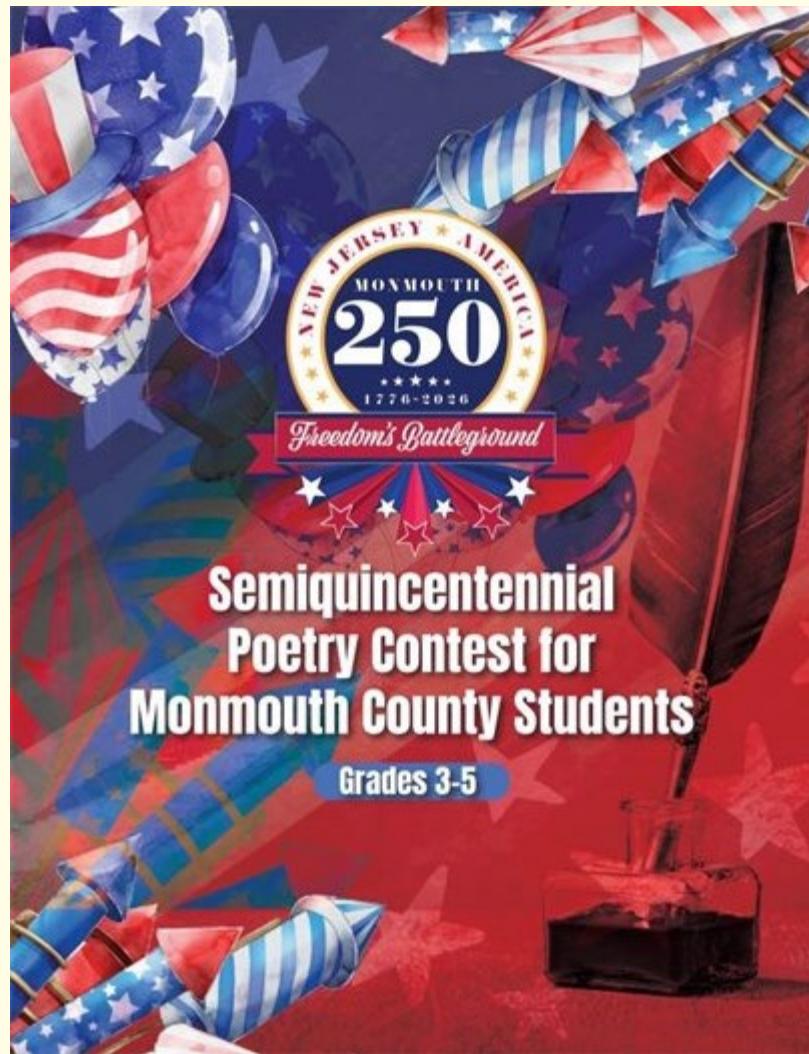
All CDM Smith inspectors will wear co-branded (NJAW and CDM Smith) high visibility logo vests and will have NJAW-issued Contractor ID badges. Inspectors will introduce themselves and the program to property owners and will then ask to enter the home to inspect the water service where it enters into the 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).

## 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](http://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.*



## Participate in Middletown Township School District's Strategic Planning Meetings

The Middletown Township Board of Education invites everyone to participate in a Strategic Planning Initiative along with their neighbors, community members, friends, teachers, students, and school district administrators to create a shared vision for the future of the Middletown Township School District. This process will be facilitated by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

The goal is to create a shared vision for the district and discuss the strengths, challenges, and solutions. Staff members, parents, guardians, students, community leaders, and other interested members of the public are invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas to help plan for the future of Middletown's students.

Meetings will take place on the following dates at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road):

- Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM
- Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM

*Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to any of the meetings.*

Deep Cut Gardens  
Photo courtesy of Walter Johnson

# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

## SPRING 2025

READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:  
[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS.](http://middletownnj.org/matters)

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

**QUARTERLY TAXES WERE DUE MAY 1, 2025.**

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE MAY QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS  
ON MONDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> BY 4 PM EITHER IN THE TAX  
COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE  
PAYMENT PORTAL.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE  
TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.



*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**



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

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

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**Attend MAC's Spring Arts & Crafts Festival TOMORROW  
(Saturday, 5/10) from 11 AM - 3 PM**



Following the success of the Fall Arts & Crafts Festival last October, the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) 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.*

**Participate in MTPL's Financial Fitness Spring Series and**

**Learn About Mortgages on Tuesday, 5/13 at 4:30 PM**



# **Financial Fitness: Mortgages**

WITH **M&T** Bank



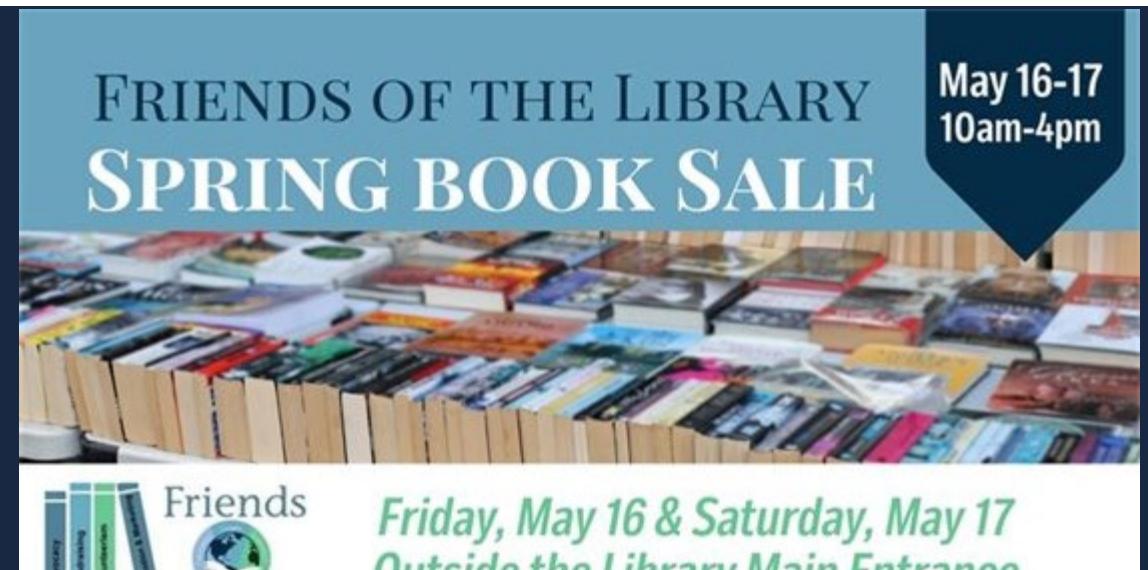
Tuesday, May 13  
at 4:30 pm  
Group Study Room  
registration recommended



Learn about mortgage basics with the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) at this financial workshop with Ryan Heitt of M&T Bank. The program will be taking place in the MTPL's Group Study Room/Classroom, located in the back of the Reference Area (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended.

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

**Shop at the Friends of the MTPL's Spring Book Sale on Friday, 5/16 and Saturday, 5/17 from 10 AM to 4 PM**



**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
SPRING BOOK SALE**

May 16-17  
10am-4pm

**Friends**

*Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17  
Outside the Library Main Entrance*

The poster features a photograph of a large stack of books at the top. Below the title, there is a logo for "Friends" featuring stylized books and a globe. The text "Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17 Outside the Library Main Entrance" is written in green. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains the text "Come to the Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Spring Book Sale to browse a selection of books, games, and movies for sale. Items will be available for sale outside the main library doors, beneath the overhang." and "The Friends of the MTPL is a nonprofit operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. All funds go toward library programs and resources." in white.

**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!**



The poster for the Be The Difference Suicide Awareness and Prevention Community Walk. The title 'BE THE DIFFERENCE' is at the top in large white letters. Below it is 'SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION COMMUNITY WALK'. The date 'SUNDAY, MAY 18TH' is in an orange box. A photo of a group of people in black shirts posing in front of a building is below the date. A large purple circle on the right contains the text 'BE THE DIFFERENCE'. A 'SIGN UP TODAY' button is in the bottom left. A 'DETAILS' section lists: WHAT: BEING A DIFFERENCE; DATE: MAY 18<sup>th</sup>; TIME: 10AM-12PM; LOCATION: MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER. An 'OR DONATE' button is below the details. A QR code is on the right. The Instagram handle '@BETHEDIFFERENCE\_NJ' is at the bottom right.

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](#) 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**

 American Cancer Society

# 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 6:00-10:00 PM at Middletown High School South (900 Nut Swamp Road).

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





- **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.**



**Middletown Township Animal Control Provides Information About Baby Birds Learning to Fly**



## Be Mindful of Baby Birds Learning to Fly



During the spring and summer, fledglings begin to adventure out of the nest while mom teaches them how to fly from the ground. This process can take a week to accomplish, and the mother will continue to care for her babies from the ground.

We understand there are many dangers in the world, but this is a critical part of the learning process, and the fledgling must be left alone with mom without human intervention.

**PLEASE DO NOT GIVE FOOD OR WATER TO FLEDGLINGS AS IT CAN BE HARMFUL AND EVEN FATAL.**

If you feel an animal is sick, injured, or abandoned, please call Middletown Animal Control during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at 732-615-2097.

After hours and on weekends, please call the Middletown Township Police Department at 732-615-2100.



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## INSTALLING A POOL IN A FLOODZONE?



Pools located in the floodzone require Zoning and Floodplain Management approvals and must meet certain floodzone standards, such as the following:

- No impact to a floodway
- No increase in ground elevation
- Above-ground pools must not displace more than 100 cubic yards of flood storage volume
- In-ground pools must lay at or below grade except for incidental grading necessary for the installation of pool structures, such as railings and diving boards

### ADDITIONAL INFO:

Visit [middletownnj.org/floodzonepools](https://middletownnj.org/floodzonepools) for more floodzone standards.  
Questions? Call the Floodplain Manager at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167.

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

**Coming Soon: New SDL Online Permit Portal**

# SDL 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



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](http://ready.gov/tornadoes) for more information.

## 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.

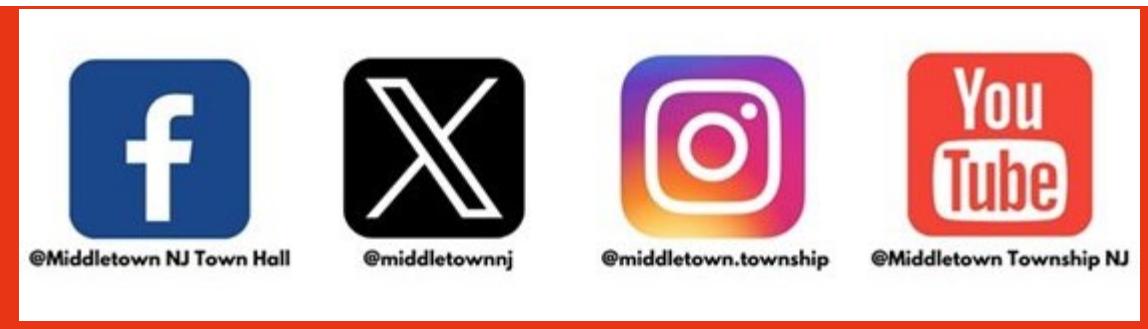


**Know Someone with a Disability?  
Make Sure They Register with NJ  
Register Ready!**

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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