



MTPD Remembers Fallen Officers with Annual Police Memorial Service



Mayor Tony Perry extends his gratitude to Police Chief R. Craig Weber and the dedicated Middletown Township Police Department.

On Friday, May 16th, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week, marking its 97th anniversary.

Although the ceremony is usually held outside at the Middletown Police Memorial (located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35), this year everyone gathered in the Courtroom at Town Hall due to inclement weather.

Current and retired MTPD officers, loved ones of the deceased officers, and community members came to pay their respects to our fallen police and K-9 officers who served the MTPD. Mayor Tony Perry, Township Committee members, County and State officials, members of the Middletown Township Public School Board of

Education and Administration, and Township staff were also in attendance.

Deputy Chief Paul Bailey began the service by announcing the Presentation of Colors by the Middletown Honor Guard, followed by a Call to Order, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Police Chaplain Reverend Dr. Dan Correa led the ceremony with the Invocation. Chief of Police R. Craig Weber and Mayor Tony Perry delivered speeches at the event, and retired Deputy Chief Eugene Hannafey and retired Sergeant Richard Deickmann of the Middletown Retired Officers Association read the names of Middletown's deceased officers while photos of the monuments were displayed. The Benediction was delivered by Deacon Marty McMahon.

To honor and remember our fallen, Bayshore Middle School student Sara Alexandre performed TAPS on the trumpet. The ceremony concluded with New Jersey State Police officers Daniel Murphy and Joseph Wurtz playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. After the event ended, guests were invited to a complimentary lunch in the Town Hall Training Room.

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

Middletown Hosts Annual "Mayor for a Day" Program



Top row pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Township Clerk Heidi R. Pieluc, and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber. Bottom row pictured from left: Mayor Jonathan Garland from Lincroft Elementary School, Mayor Logan D'Alessio of Bayview Elementary School, Mayor Liam Young of Nut Swamp Elementary School, Mayor Melody Donegan of New Monmouth Elementary School, Mayor Artemis Qirk of Ocean Avenue Elementary School, Mayor Blakely Werner of River Plaza Elementary School, Mayor Jonathan Tufaro of Middletown Village Elementary School, and Mayor

Holden Higgins of Saint Mary School

On Wednesday, Middletown held its annual "Mayor for a Day" program! Eight students from different elementary schools came to Town Hall to assume their mayoral responsibilities. The fun event began in front of Town Hall where the mayors got to meet members of our Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services departments and check out their vehicles and equipment! After, they all went to the Mayor's Conference Room where they enjoyed pizza and discussed the importance of leadership with Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke.

Each student had the opportunity to visit the Mayor's Office and sit in his chair as they signed their "Mayor for a Day" certificate as well as a proclamation recognizing May 26, 2025 as Memorial Day in the Township of Middletown. The certificates were also signed by Mayor Perry and brought to the young mayors' respective schools.

The certificates were signed by their principals today, allowing each student to serve as their school's mayor.

After the certificate and proclamation signing, each student received a badge and pin from Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber and then visited our TV Studio at Town Hall to recite a line from the proclamation. With this activity, the mayors learned about the significance of Memorial Day while also getting to practice being on camera.

To get a better understanding of their new role, the young mayors ended their evening by participating in a mini Township Committee meeting, which was led by Township Clerk Heidi R. Pieluc, and included the Pledge of Allegiance, reading a proclamation for the record, and the opportunity to pass ordinances and make public comments. While on the dais, the mayors discussed different initiatives like limiting the use of leaf blowers in the morning and reducing the amount of homework.

Congratulations to our young community leaders!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event and click [HERE](#) to watch our young mayors proclaim May 26, 2025 as Memorial Day in Middletown Township along with Mayor Perry.

Township Committee Proclaims May as Mental Health Awareness Month and Encourages Community to Sign Up

for "Be the Difference" Happening this Sunday, 5/18



At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, May 12th, the Township Committee proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Middletown. Mayor Tony Perry proudly presented the proclamation to Middletown High School South student Alex Taddeo, who is the Managing Director for the third annual "Be the Difference" suicide prevention community walk.

The event will be taking place this Sunday, May 18th from 10 AM to 12 PM and will travel from the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) to Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Proceeds will be donated to the New Jersey chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee are proud to support the event and encourage community members to sign up.

Follow [@bethedifference_nj](#) on Instagram and click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Township Committee Recognizes June 7, 2025 as Relay for Life Day in Middletown



At the meeting, Mayor Tony Perry was honored to present the Relay for Life of Middletown's Event Leadership Team, led by Amy Nolan, with a proclamation recognizing June 7, 2025 as Relay for Life Day in Middletown Township.

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 7th from 6-10 PM at Middletown High School South (900 Nutswamp Road). The Township Committee encourages everyone to support this amazing event. Please visit middletownnj.org/relayforlife to sign up.



Township Committee Selects Winners of Middletown High Schools North and South's Prom Pledge



The presentations at the meeting ended with drawings for Middletown High Schools North and South's prom pledge. As chairperson of the Middletown Alliance, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz spoke about this initiative, which was a combined effort between the Alliance and student assistant counselors at the schools.

As part of this pledge, juniors, seniors, and their parents were encouraged to sign their names and vow that the students will not use drugs or alcohol before, during, and after prom. Members of the Township Committee randomly selected names out of bags and chose the eight winners. Each winner will receive a \$50 Uber Eats gift card.

Congratulations to the following winners: Middletown High School North juniors Leah Fieldman and Victoria D'Alessio, Middletown High School North seniors James Morello and Grace Mitchell, Middletown High School South juniors Nick Murolo and Christopher Mauriello, and Middletown High School South seniors James Sisler and Taylor Higgins!

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 Tuesday, May 27th.

Township and County Hold Second Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 Traffic Improvements Meeting



Mayor Tony Perry discusses acquiring the final easement by the Acme Access Road to make it a two-way roadway.

On Tuesday, May 13th, Middletown Township and Monmouth County hosted the second public input session to discuss traffic on Newman Springs Road/County Road 520 in Lincroft. Approximately 70 residents came to Town Hall to provide continued feedback on the proposed traffic improvements.

Mayor Tony Perry, members of the Township Committee, and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante were joined by Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, County Engineer Joseph Ettore, County Traffic Engineer Mike Nei, County Engineer Vince Cardone, Traffic Engineering Consultant Joseph Platt of TPD, Inc, and Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Lieutenant Anthony Ciccone of the Traffic Safety Bureau to provide any updates from the last meeting held in April. U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle Community Liaison Nicholas Ginther also attended the meeting.

Mayor Perry announced that the Township acquired the final easement by the Acme Access Road so the County and Township can make it a two-way roadway. He also spoke about the importance of pedestrians utilizing crosswalks to ensure their safety. County Engineer Joseph Ettore provided an update, which included that the County retained traffic design consulting firm TPD to review the traffic data in Lincroft and provide solutions. Joseph Platt of TPD displayed some heat maps of

crashes over the last few years and shared that he recently received updated data from MTPD's Traffic Safety Bureau that will be taken into consideration. Lieutenant Ciccone spoke about the police department's ongoing enforcement efforts and said that more tickets have been issued in Lincroft.

County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone highlighted some traffic calming solutions, helped address residents' questions, and listened to their ideas. Community members provided important feedback about blind areas, where traffic backs up, and other traffic safety concerns in the Lincroft area. Another meeting is expected to be scheduled for early fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email mayoroffice@middletownnj.org.

Community Gathers for North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Plan Meeting



Affordable Housing Alliance Executive Director Randi Moore and Middletown Planning Director Amy Citrano address community members.

Middletown Township, Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA), Ideal Beach Community Association (IBCA), Bayshore Family Success Center, and Monmouth County

Habitat for Humanity hosted the 8th Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) program meeting on Thursday, May 15th at Ocean Avenue Elementary School to focus on reviewing the draft NRTC plan.

The plan's strategies and activities build off previous community engagement and input. With a work plan in place, opportunities for funding and investment to achieve the community's vision will become available. Priority activities discussed include funding and financing for home repairs and elevations, meaningful recreation activities and job training programs for youth, hosting community events with IBCA, ensuring neighborhood security, and providing access to fresh food in the neighborhood.

The plan will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs next month. *Visit middletownplan.org to review the draft plan and provide comments.*

We also encourage everyone to join AHA and IBCA on Saturday, June 7th from 10 AM-12 PM for a beach cleanup at Ideal Beach!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.



NeighborWorks
Week June 7-14, 2025

AHA

affordable housing alliance

Hope. Strength. Community.



Ideal Beach Clean-up

Join the AHA and IBCA for
a Community Clean Up Event!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH 10AM-12PM

MEET US AT THE CORNER OF
OCEAN AVE. & BAYSIDE PKWY.



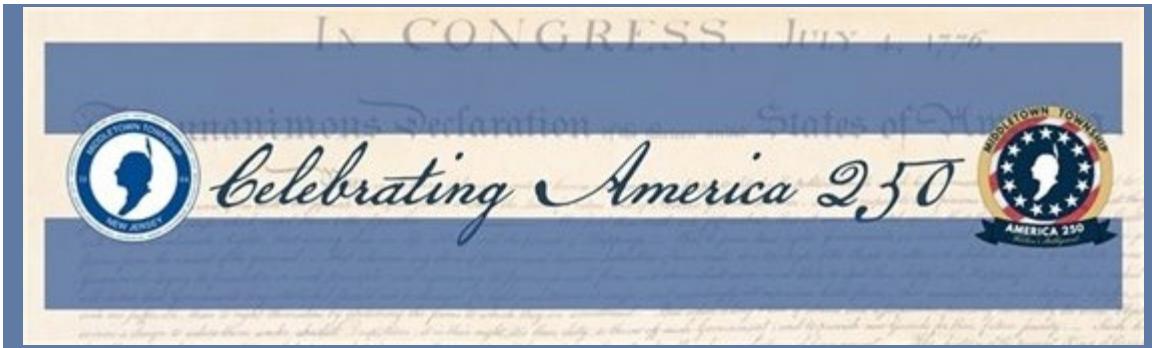
NJ TRANSIT Rail Strike Update

At midnight on Friday, May 16th, locomotive engineers at NJ TRANSIT officially went on strike. As of right now, all NJ TRANSIT rail service is suspended statewide.

While negotiations are still ongoing, commuters should prepare for alternative travel options and expect significant delays.

To help accommodate commuters, Middletown is currently waiving all daily parking permit fees in our Route 36 commuter lots for the duration of the strike.

Visit njtransit.com/railstoppage for updates and more information.



Remember Revolutionary War Hero Joseph Murray at Poricy Park on Sunday, 6/8 at 11 AM

JOSEPH MURRAY DAY

★ 21-GUN SALUTE ★ COLOR GUARD

★ WREATH-LAYING ★ TOURS

★ PROCLAMATION

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 11:00 AM

**WHERE: JOSEPH MURRAY FARMHOUSE
PORICY PARK
345 OAK HILL ROAD**

Join the Middletown America 250 Committee, Middletown Parks & Recreation, and the Poricy Park Conservancy at Joseph Murray Day on Sunday, June 8th! In remembrance of the 245th anniversary of Joseph Murray's death, our community is encouraged to gather together at the Joseph Murray Farmhouse at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). Murray was a Patriot who served in the Monmouth County militia as a soldier belonging to Colonel Asher Holmes' Regiment of Monmouth Militia under

the command of Lieutenant Garret Hendrickson in opposition to the British during the Revolutionary War.

There will be a 21-gun salute, wreath-laying, color guard, poetry reading about Murray's life, as well as a proclamation presentation. The Murray Farmhouse and Barn will also be open to visitors and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

We encourage you to attend Joseph Murray Day so you can learn more about his life and contributions to our nation!

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](https://www.middletownnj.org/parkprojects).

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.

Honor Our Fallen Heroes at Annual Memorial Day Parade

with American Legion Post 338 on Monday, 5/26 at 10 AM



Visit middletownnnj.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.

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

To register, please fill out our Google form by using this link: middletownnj.org/presentation

You can also scan the QR code:



Connect with the Middletown Alliance!

 @middletownalliance

 Middletown Alliance page

 www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance

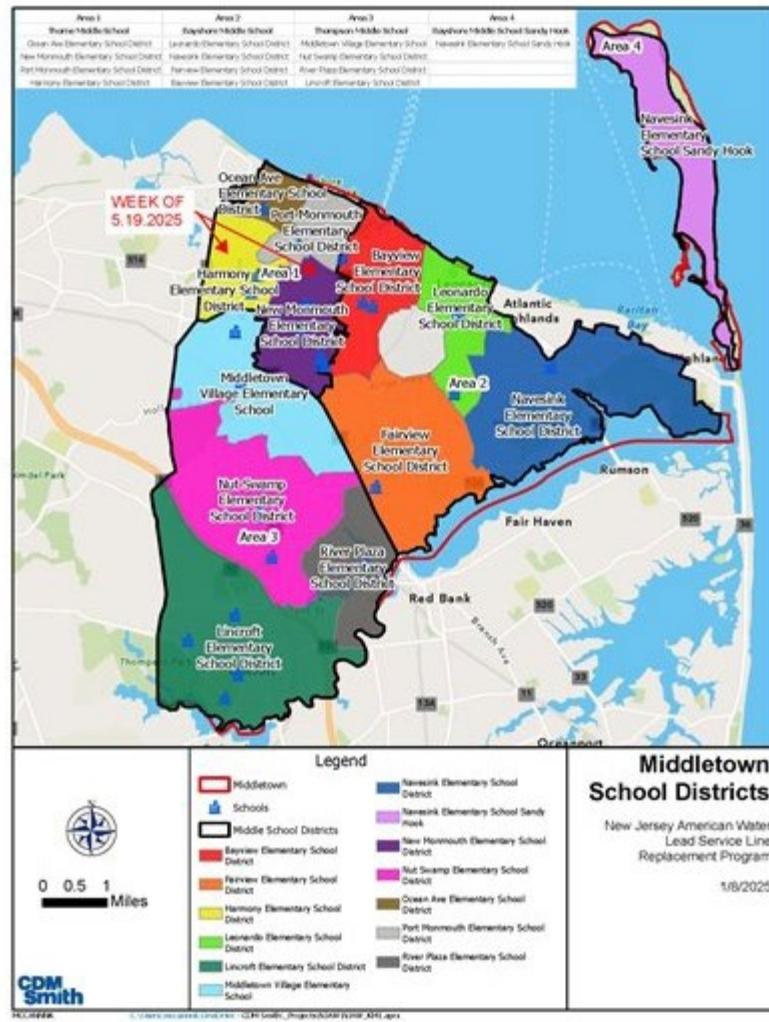
The Middletown Alliance proudly presents its Spring Parent Presentation Series!
The Alliance hosted the first presentation on Thursday, March 27th and the second one on Monday, May 5th. The first presentation focused on current drug trends and the second one focused on social media.

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

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 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 and LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com.



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)



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 29th from 6:00-8:00 PM**
- **Monday, June 16th from 6:00-7:30 PM**
- **Thursday, August 28th from 6:00-7:30 PM**

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

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 1st through Sunday, June 15th. 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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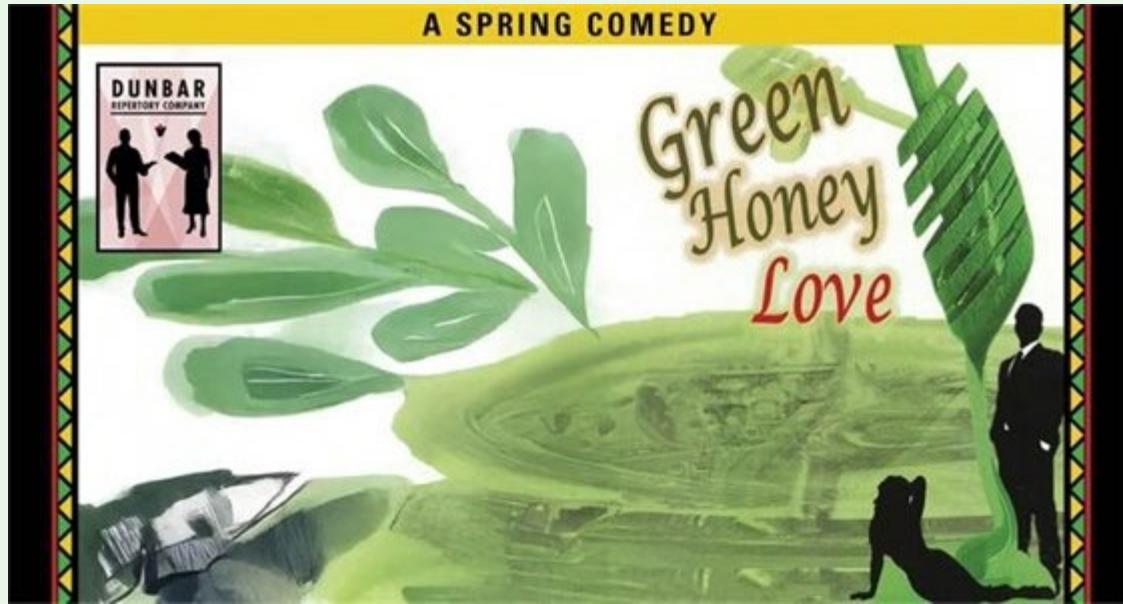
Shop in Our Town-Wide Garage Sale This Weekend!



Shop 'til you drop at our annual town-wide garage sale this weekend! This fun event is free for shoppers and will take place rain or shine.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the map.

Buy Tickets for *Green Honey Love* at the MAC: Performances are This Weekend and Next Weekend



Dunbar Repertory Company is proud to present *Green Honey Love* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on the weekends of May 16th through 18th and May 23rd through 25th! *Green Honey Love*, written by Gail Wynn Huland El and directed by Damien S. Berger, is a story about adultery, deceit, greed, and conspiracy of murder – your everyday comedy.

Green Honey Love: Except for her lover, everyone, including her husband George, thinks Belinda still has the mind of a child after being involved in a terrible car accident that caused severe head injury. What George doesn't know is that Belinda and her lover are conspiring to kill him before the settlement check arrives.

Performance dates: Fridays, May 16th and 23rd at 8 PM, Saturdays, May 17th and 24th at 3 PM and 8 PM, and Sundays, May 18th and 25th at 4 PM. The play will take place in the MAC's theater (36 Church Street).

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

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 our winners will automatically advance to the regionals hosted at a nearby MLB stadium!

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

Attend Shore Voices' Free Performance at the MTPL on
Tuesday, 5/20 at 7 PM

SHORE VOICES

PRESSENTS
THE MUSIC OF NEW JERSEY MUSICIANS



Tuesday | May 20 | 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY ROOM

Registration not required



**MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WWW.MTPL.ORG

Enjoy the sounds of this popular, local a cappella group's spring performance at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! The concert will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

**Sign Up for MTPL's Disney Trivia Night Happening on
Thursday, 5/22 at 7 PM**



Test your knowledge of Disney movies at the MTPL! Registration is required for this adults-only program that will take place in the MTPL's Community Room.
Registration is required.

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

A black rectangular sign with a dashed white border. Inside, there are two orange and white traffic cones on the left and right. In the center, the words "TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS" are written in large, bold, orange capital letters. Below that, "MIDDLETON" is written in white, with a blue circular logo containing a white profile of a person's head next to it. To the right of the logo, "TOWNSHIP" is written in white. The sign is set against a dark background.

- 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.

RESOURCES

Monmouth County to Offer Greener Blue Pump-out Boat on Fridays and Saturdays, Beginning Friday, 5/23

Greener Blue
PUMP-OUT BOAT
2025 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

OPERATED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SERVICE DETAILS

- Free of cost!
- Open to all recreational boaters (not limited to Monmouth County residents)
- No paperwork required
- First come, first served

SEASON SCHEDULE

- On Fridays and Saturdays starting on May 23rd and ending October 4th
- Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Service Area is: Navesink River, Shrewsbury River, Atlantic Highlands Marina (Sandy Hook Bay)

WEATHER NOTICE

Service is weather-dependent and may be canceled due to unsafe conditions. All changes are at the Captain's discretion. Please check the website for updates. Additional service days may be added based on demand.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- On service days: VHF Channel 9 (Marine radio), Cell: 732-761-4997
- General inquiries: Division of Health 732-431-7456 (Option 3)

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thomas A. Arnone, Director | Susan M. Kiley, Deputy Director
Dominick "Nick" DiRocco | Ross F. Licita | Erik Anderson

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The Greener Blue Pump-Out Boat, which is operated by the Monmouth County Department of Health and Human Services, will be in service on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 AM to 4 PM beginning Friday, May 23rd!

This free program, which is available to all recreational boaters and not limited to Monmouth County residents, helps properly dispose sewage from boats. Service is available on a first come, first served basis and does not require any paperwork. The service areas are the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers and the Atlantic Highlands Marina (Sandy Hook Bay).

If you have general inquiries, please call the Monmouth County Division of Health at 732-431-7456 (Option 3). On service days, you can contact VHF Channel 9 (Marine radio) or call 732-761-4997.

Middletown Animal Control Reminds Residents to Leave

Fawns Alone



A REMINDER TO LEAVE FAWNS ALONE

A fawn is not strong enough to follow its mom around, so she will put her baby in a very specific spot until she returns around dusk. The fawn knows to stay still, be quiet, and wait for her return.

**Please DO NOT pick up or offer food or water to the fawn.
The fawn's little heart can't handle the stress which can cause its death.**

If you notice a fawn surrounded by flies, continuously crying, or with severely curled ears, please contact Middletown Animal Control immediately.

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.



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

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 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 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.

How to Secure Your Home in the Event of an Earthquake

An infographic titled 'SECURE YOUR HOME' with a sub-instruction 'Make sure your house is shake proof.' It lists three steps: 1. Bolt tall furniture, 2. Secure loose objects, and 3. Know how to turn off utilities. To the left is a circular icon with a house inside a grid, and the word 'Ready.' with a checkmark.

Earthquakes can happen anytime, anywhere. The best time to prepare for an earthquake is before it happens.

The Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would like to educate our community about how to stay safe before, during, and after an earthquake. It is important to protect your property by bolting tall furniture, securing loose objects, and knowing how to turn off your utilities.

Stay on the lookout for additional educational materials!

Visit ready.gov/earthquakes 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 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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