



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



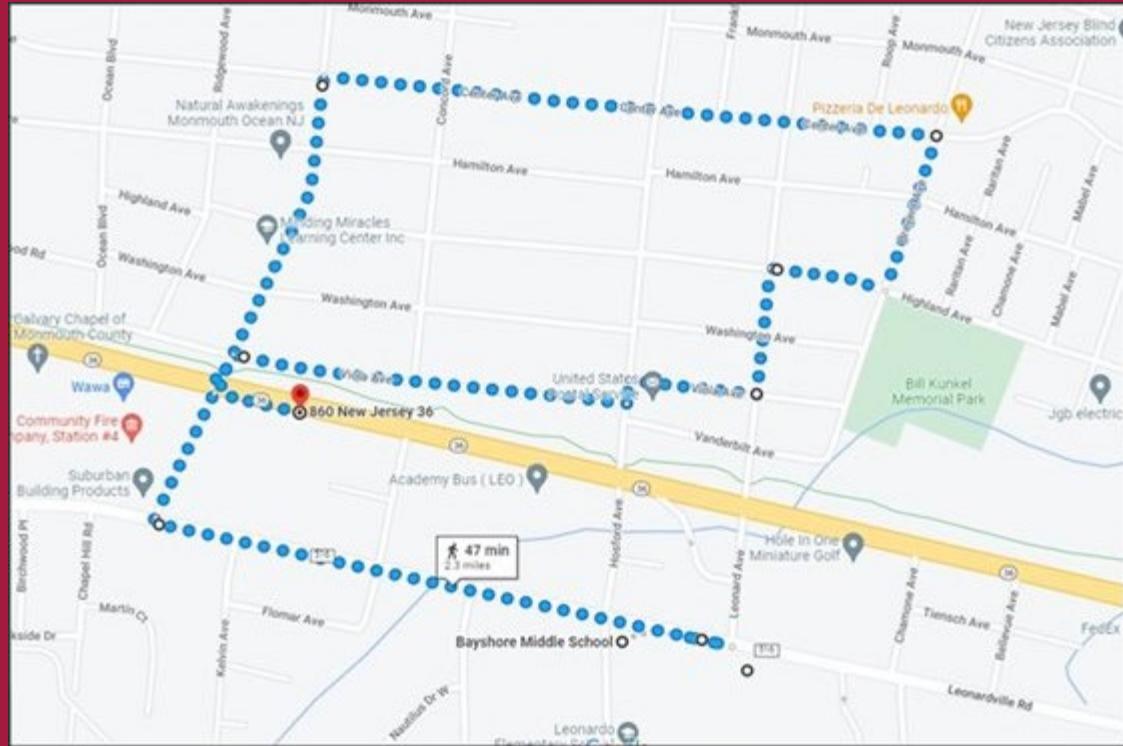
Middletown Township and American Legion Post 338 encourage residents to come together for the annual Memorial Day Parade to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and served our country.

Prior to the parade, there will be a service at the World War II Memorial (900 Leonardville Road) at 9 AM. The parade will begin at 10 AM at Bayshore Middle School (834 Leonardville Road) and end at American Legion Post 338 (860 NJ-36).

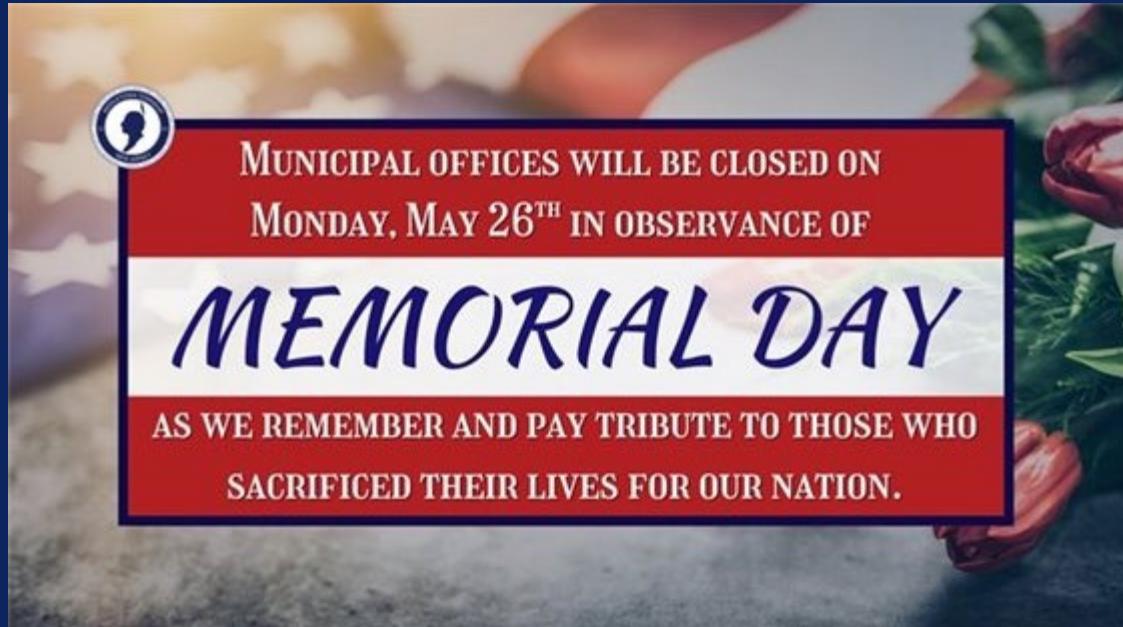


Look out for our parade markers (pictured above) that are currently being displayed along the route!

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



## Municipal Offices Closed on Monday, 5/26 in Observance of Memorial Day



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) and Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will also be closed.

## Community Comes Together to Help "Be the Difference" at Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk



*Pictured from left: "Be the Difference" Managing Director Alex Taddeo, "Be the Difference" Founder Piper Wyman, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke (Photo courtesy of @shotbydenzz on Instagram)*

**In honor of May being Mental Health Awareness Month, Middletown High School South senior Alex Taddeo, along with the help of her peers, hosted the third annual "Be the Difference" suicide awareness and prevention walk on Sunday.**

The walk began at the Middletown Arts Center where many volunteers and walkers gathered for this important cause. Former South student Piper Wyman, who spearheaded this effort in our community, returned from college to help kick off the event to energize the participants, promote positivity, and remind everyone that even in their darkest moments they are never alone. This sentiment was echoed by Erika Mendez, a spokeswoman from the New Jersey chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

Mayor Tony Perry also addressed the crowd, alongside Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and Committeeman Ryan Clarke, before the walkers made their way to the parking



*Mayor Tony Perry welcomes everyone and announces that the Lincroft Senior Citizens Housing Corporation will be donating \$5,000 to the charity.*

lot at Town Hall where people could stop at various tables for snacks, review informational pamphlets, and take a chance at winning one of the several amazing baskets they were raffling off.

Hundreds of community members supported the event by walking, volunteering, and displaying signs with positive and encouraging messages along the route. "Be the Difference" raised over \$15,000 for the New Jersey chapter of AFSP, making this year's event the most financially successful one yet!

Follow [@bethedifference\\_nj](https://www.instagram.com/bethedifference_nj) on Instagram to see photos from the walk.

## Reaction Lab Celebrates Grand Opening



*Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Mayor Tony Perry, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke proudly join the owner and employees for the ribbon cutting.*

On Saturday, Reaction Lab (2347 NJ-36) officially opened! This state-of-the-art STEM facility is the perfect place to mix education and fun. Through various hands-on experiences, children are able to learn about science, grow their confidence, and develop a love for learning.

Visit [reactionlab.fun](https://reactionlab.fun) for more information about the activities they offer.

*Photos courtesy of Andrea Albuquerque*



*Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter have fun making slime together!*

## Broadway Hot & Honey Chicken Opens in Middletown



***Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino help cut the ribbon to officially open the restaurant.***

**On Saturday, Broadway Hot & Honey Chicken (1500 NJ-35) hosted its ribbon cutting! It is the first franchise-owned store and the brand's second location. The restaurant, which is decked out in Nashville-themed decor and specializes in fresh and delicious chicken, will certainly bring the "heat" to our community. Please join us in welcoming them to Middletown!**

*Visit [broadwaychicken.com](http://broadwaychicken.com) for more information about the restaurant.*

## Middletown High School South Senior Hosts Car Show to Raise Funds for Type 1 Diabetes Nonprofit and FBLA



On Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry attended the Middletown South Car Show. Proceeds from the event, which was run by Middletown High School South senior James Keeley, benefited the nonprofit Breakthrough T1D and student organization Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Attendees were able to check out different types of cars, motorcycles and trucks, play games, enjoy some coffee and donuts, and listen to music!

## Lincroft Lightning 11U Baseball Team Hosts Lemonade and Iced Tea Stand Fundraiser



On Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry swung by a lemonade and iced tea stand on Middletown-Lincroft Road that was being run by Lincroft Lightning 11U baseball players. All proceeds benefit the team. Mayor Perry was happy to support the players while drinking some delicious lemonade!

## Middletown Alliance Presents Resources to Help Raise Resilient Kids



*Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from the Wellspring Center for Prevention presents to the interested parents and guardians.*

The Middletown Alliance presented its third and final presentation in its Spring Parent Presentation Series on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Town Hall. Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from the Wellspring Center for Prevention led the presentation and provided parents and guardians with tips on how to help their children grow up to be resilient, solve problems, and use coping skills.

Visit [middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://middletownnj.org/middletownalliance) for more information about the Alliance.



## **Township Committee to Host Meeting on Wednesday, 5/28 at 7 PM**

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28<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](http://middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com). Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Wednesday, May 28<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.*



## Local Groups Clean Up Historic Cemeteries



## CEMETERY CLEANUPS



*New Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #122 and New Monmouth Cub Scout Pack #122 (pictured on top) and members of the Middletown Community Affairs Council, Middletown Landmarks Commission, and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office (pictured on bottom) pose for photos during the cleanups! (Photos courtesy of Middletown Landmarks Commissioner/America 250 Committee Member Roseann Eteson)*

Within the last two weeks, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson hosted cemetery cleanups at the Eastmond Burial Ground (York Avenue and Wood Avenue in Port Monmouth) and the Herbert-Cuttrell Family Burial Ground (40 Old Country Road). One of the initiatives of Middletown's America 250 Committee is to recognize our Revolutionary War landmarks and Patriots. Beautifying these cemeteries where these war heroes are buried is important to the committee's mission.

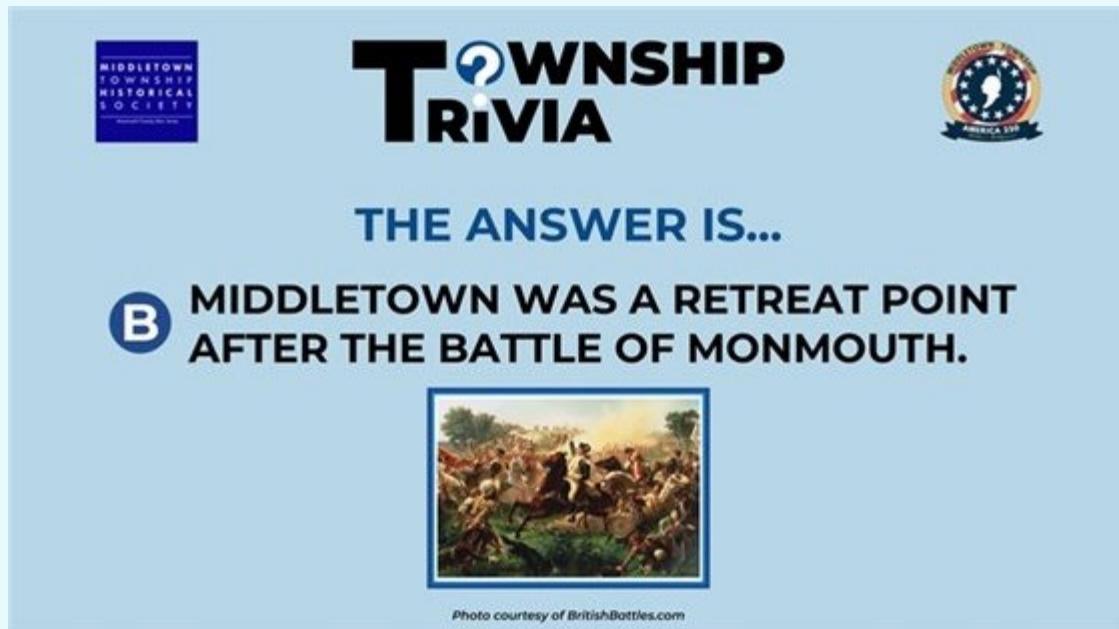
On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, New Monmouth Boy Scout Troop #122, led by Chris Harris, and New Monmouth Cub Scout Pack #122, led by Clare Russo, began cleaning the Herbert-Cuttrell Family Burial Ground in the Harmony section of town.

On Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, a joint effort to clean the Eastmond Burial Ground was

conducted by Middletown Community Affairs Council members John Giordano, Larry Caminiti, and Mitch Gotesky, the Middletown Landmarks Commission, and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office with the help of Officer John Smith.

Thank you to these community members for all their hard work in clearing these overgrown cemeteries, 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, the Township Trivia logo (a large 'T' with a question mark inside and the word 'TRIVIA' below it), and the Seal of the Commonwealth of New Jersey. Below these is the text 'THE ANSWER IS...' in blue. A blue circle containing a white letter 'B' is followed by the text 'MIDDLETOWN WAS A RETREAT POINT AFTER THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH.' Below this is a painting of a battle scene with soldiers on horseback.

Photo courtesy of BritishBattles.com

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, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Follow us on [Instagram](#)!

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



# JOSEPH MURRAY DAY

★ 21-GUN SALUTE

★ WREATH-LAYING



★ COLOR GUARD

★ TOURS

★ PROCLAMATION

**WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM**

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

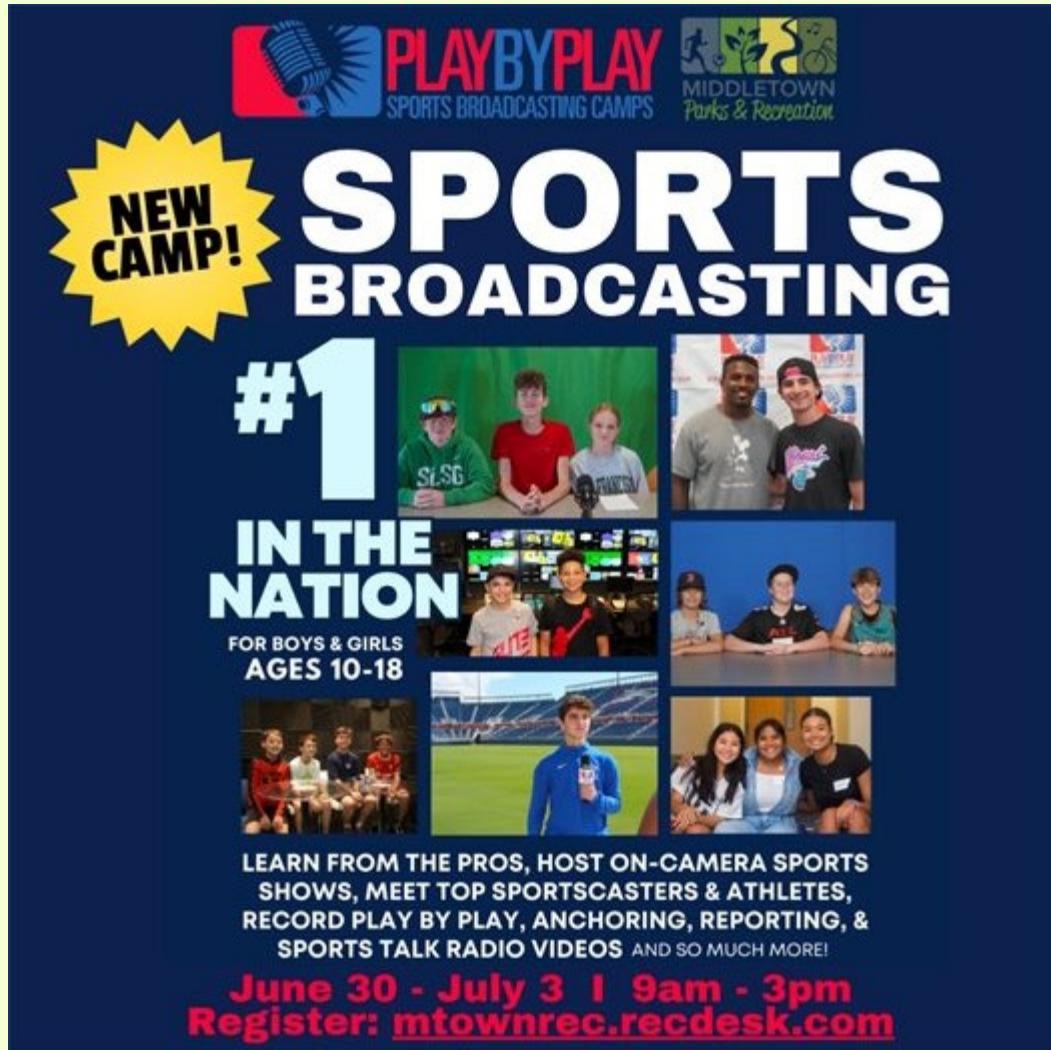
Join the Middletown America 250 Committee, Middletown Parks & Recreation, and the Poricy Park Conservancy at Joseph Murray Day on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>! In remembrance of the 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Joseph Murray's death, our community is encouraged to gather together at the Joseph Murray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

**Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's New Sports Broadcasting Camp Happening from Monday, 6/30 to**

Thursday, 7/3



The advertisement for Play by Play Sports Broadcasting Camps features a dark blue background. At the top left is the logo for "PLAY BY PLAY SPORTS BROADCASTING CAMPS" with a microphone icon. To the right is the "MIDDLETOWN Parks & Recreation" logo with icons for running, cycling, and swimming. A large yellow starburst on the left side contains the text "NEW CAMP!". The main title "SPORTS BROADCASTING" is in large white letters. Below it, a large "#1" is followed by "IN THE NATION" and "FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10-18". There are six small photographs of camp participants in various settings: at a news desk, with a coach, in a studio, on a soccer field, and in a hallway. Below the photos is the text: "LEARN FROM THE PROS, HOST ON-CAMERA SPORTS SHOWS, MEET TOP SPORTSCASTERS & ATHLETES, RECORD PLAY BY PLAY, ANCHORING, REPORTING, & SPORTS TALK RADIO VIDEOS AND SO MUCH MORE!". At the bottom, the dates "June 30 - July 3 | 9am - 3pm" and the registration link "Register: [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)" are displayed.

**NEW CAMP ALERT!** Make your sports dreams a reality with Middletown Parks & Recreation at its new camp run through Play by Play Sports Broadcasting Camps! Meet industry pros and athletes and visit state-of-the-art media venues all week.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to check out the week's schedule.

**Register Now for Middletown Parks & Recreation's New Camp at Monmouth Museum**



**MIDDLETOWN Parks & Recreation** **MONMOUTH MUSEUM**

**NEW CAMP!**

# MONMOUTH MUSEUM @

765 NEWMAN SPRINGS RD, LINCROFT

**MON-FRI**

9:00 AM-12:30 PM  
\$160/WEEK (R)

EXPLORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS,  
ENJOY CRAFTS, STORIES,  
GAMES AND OUTDOOR PLAY.

**YOUNG DISCOVERERS**  
PREK AGES 3+  
MUST BE POTTY TRAINED

**ADVENTURERS**  
ENTERING GRADES K-2

WEEKS RUN 6/30-8/8.  
FIND MORE INFO AND  
WEEKLY THEMES AT  
[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP)

**NEW CAMP ALERT!** Join Middletown Parks & Recreation at its new camp at Monmouth Museum (765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft) as Young Discoverers (PreK Ages 3+) and Adventurers (Grades K-2) explore exhibits and enjoy crafts, stories, games, and outdoor play.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about pricing and weekly themes.*

**Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's 2025  
Specialty Summer Camps**



**2025 SPECIALTY SUMMER Camps**

**MIDDLETON Parks & Recreation**

**MULTI-SPORTS**  
Ages 5-11 | Croydon Hall  
9a-12p | \$230/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11 & 8/18

**SNAPOLOGY**  
Ages 6-10 | Poricy Park  
Half Day 9a-12p or 1p-4p & Full Day 9a-4p  
\$225/half day week, \$450/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

**SKATEBOARDING**  
Ages 5-14 | Kunkel Park Skate Park  
9a-10a Beginners, 10a-11a Intermediates  
\$145/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23 & 8/25

**GONE RUNNING**  
Grades 1-9 | Thompson Middle School  
9a-11a | \$170/week (R)  
Weeks: 8/18 & 8/25

**NEW! MAD SCIENCE**  
Ages 6-12 | Croydon Hall  
Half Day 9a-12p & Full Day 9a-3:30p  
\$190/half day week, \$335/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

**NEW! JUST STEAMIN'**  
Ages 6-10 | Croydon Hall  
9a-12p | \$190/week (R)  
Weeks: 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

Join us for a Summer of fun with these third party camps.

Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for its various specialty camps hosted by third party vendors. With plenty of options to choose from, your child is bound to have a great summer!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.



**Donate to IMA's Bottled Water and Granola Bar Drive for EMS and MTFD**

The Middletown urgent care and primary care branches of Integrated Medicine Alliance (IMA) are currently holding their annual bottled water cases and granola bar drive to benefit the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department.

We encourage everyone to drop off donations at the following Middletown IMA locations:

- **IMA Urgent Care Middletown (363 NJ-36, Port Monmouth)**
- **Family Practice of Middletown (18 Leonardville Road, Middletown)**

The drive will end on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to IMA for supporting our emergency first responder volunteers!

## 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!**

*[Photo courtesy of MTFD's Facebook page](#)*

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.**



## **Middletown Township Health Department Shares Information about Ticks and Mosquitoes**

'Tis the season for ticks and mosquitoes! The Middletown Township Health Department would like to share some useful resources with our community.

***Click [HERE](#) for more information about ticks and click [HERE](#) for more information about mosquitoes.***

**Attend Virtual Public Meeting about Raritan Bay & Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study on Wednesday, 6/18 at 6 PM**

Helping Our Communities Rise to Resilience:

## RARITAN BAY & SANDY HOOK BAY COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS

**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK**

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY.**

**SHARE YOUR CONCERNS, IDEAS, AND EXPERIENCES.**

**BELFORD STUDY AREA**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

**June 18, 2025**

**6 – 8PM**

See project website for virtual meeting link

There will be a presentation followed by Q&A

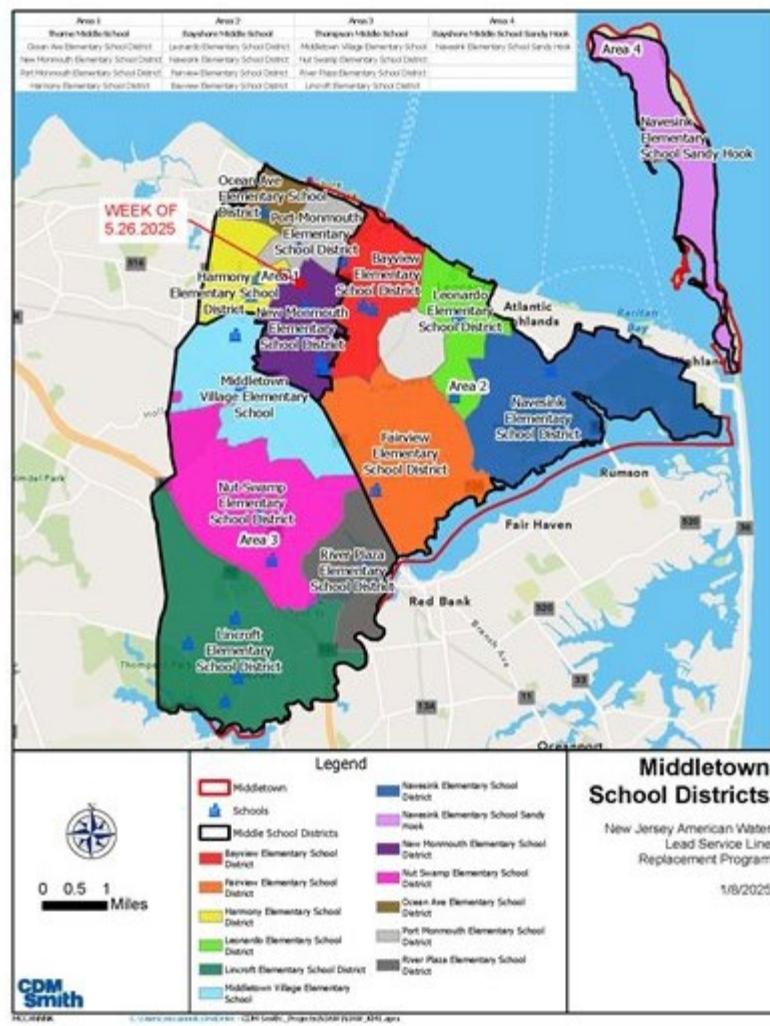
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and NJ Department of Environmental Protection will be discussing the inclusion of Keyport and Belford into the existing study area for Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study.

The study will develop and evaluate various alternatives to manage coastal storm risk and improve resiliency against storm surge within the study area.

Please visit the project website at <https://www.naq.usace.army.mil/AboutProjects/-Raritan-Bay-and-Sandy-Hook-Bay-CSRM-Study/> for additional information regarding the scoping meeting and how to send in comments; or scan the QR code.

**NJAW Lead Service Line Replacement Program**

## Door-to-Door Canvassing Continues



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

**CDM Smith, on behalf of New Jersey American Water (NJAW), started a door-to-door canvassing effort related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP) in Middletown on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The canvassing and internal inspections are currently taking place in the New Monmouth Elementary School District in Area 1 on the map above. There will not be any work conducted on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> due to Memorial Day. 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).



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 to discuss 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.*

**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

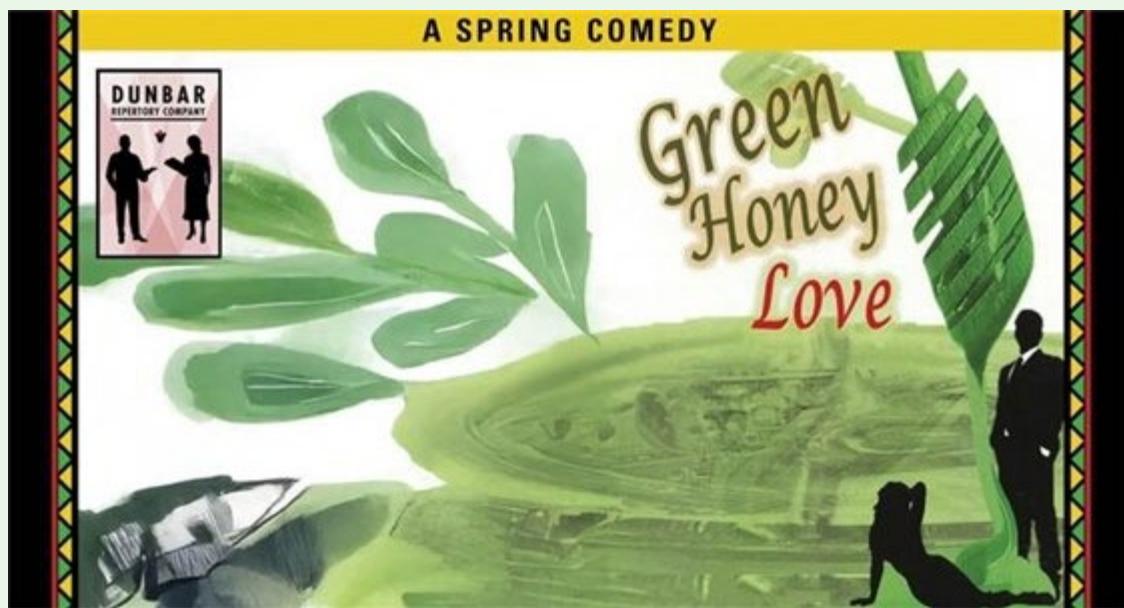
**Circulation Desk (55 New Monmouth Road) from Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Expired food items will not be accepted.**

**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).**



## **Buy Tickets for *Green Honey Love* at the MAC: Final Performances are This Weekend**



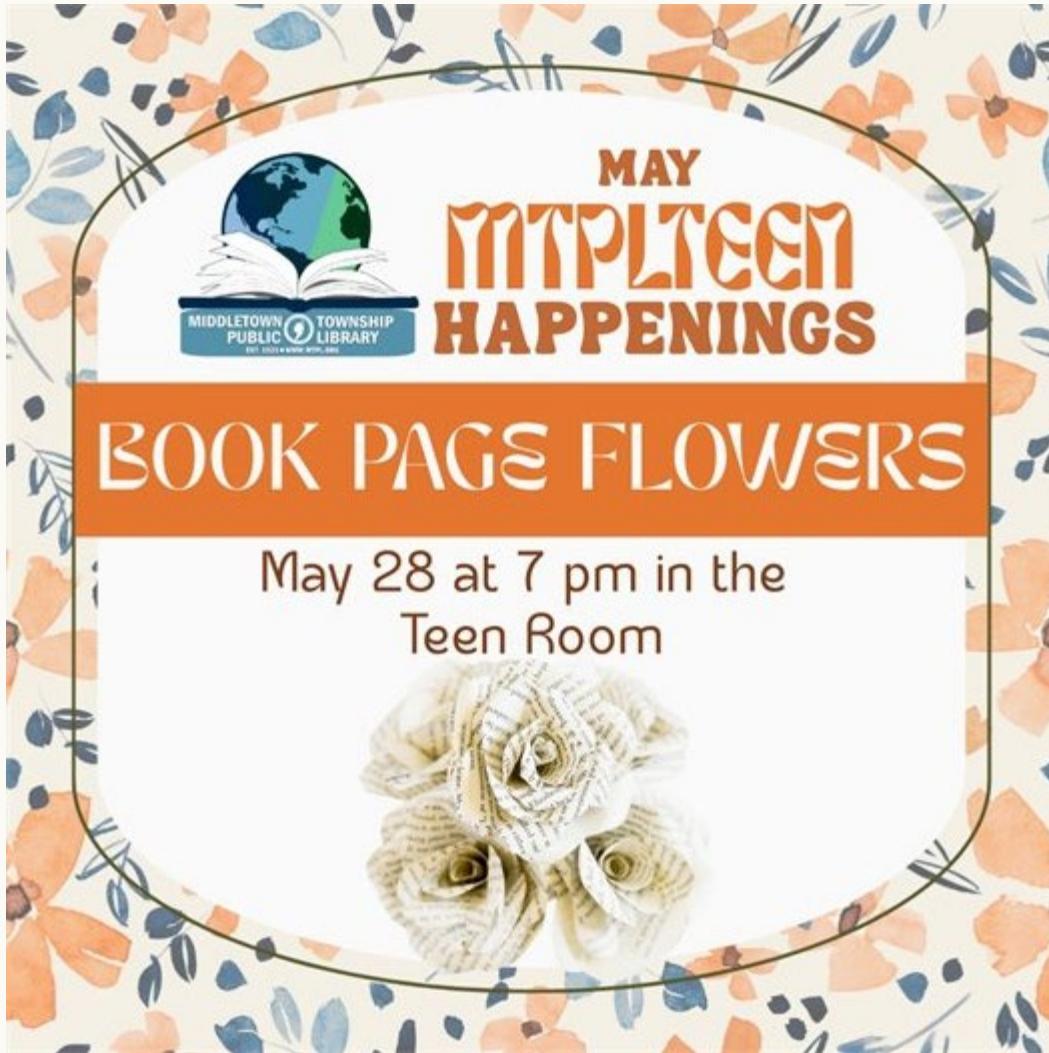
**Dunbar Repertory Company is proud to present *Green Honey Love* at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on the weekends of May 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>! *Green Honey Love*, written by Gail Wynn Huland El and directed by Damien S. Berger, is 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.

**Remaining performance dates:** Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM and 8 PM and Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 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 MTPL's Book Page Flowers Teen Program Happening on Wednesday, 5/28 at 7 PM**



Turn old book pages into beautiful spring flowers at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! This teen art program will take place in the MTPL's Teen Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

## Celebrate MTPL's Summer Reading Kickoff with Multiple Events on Thursday, 5/29



Get ready for Summer Reading 2025 at the MTPL's *Color Our World* kickoff event on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>!

First, stop by the MTPL at 3:30 PM to pick up a ticket for a free ice cream treat. There is a limited amount available and it is first come, first served!

After, attend Crank Up the Toons with The Doodle Dude at 4:30 PM. Registration is required. [Click HERE to register.](#)

At 5:30 PM, patrons of all ages are encouraged to tap into their artistic side for rock painting.

The day of fun will end with The Wag performing at the Summer Reading Kickoff Concert at 7 PM! *Registration is recommended, so click [HERE](#) to register.*

## Volunteer at Ideal Beach Cleanup on Saturday, 6/7!



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 7<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-12PM

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



The Township encourages everyone to join the Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) and Ideal Beach Community Association (IBCA) on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-12 PM for a beach cleanup at Ideal Beach!

Middletown Township, the Bayshore Family Success Center, and Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity are currently partnering with AHA and IBCA to create a community-driven neighborhood plan for the North Middletown-Port Monmouth area.

The plan's strategies and activities build off community meetings, events, and input. With a work plan in place, opportunities for funding and investment to achieve the community's vision will become available through the New Jersey Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program.

The plan will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs next month. Visit [middletownplan.org](http://middletownplan.org) to review the draft plan and provide comments.

*Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the beach cleanup.*

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



The Township Committee recently proclaimed June 7, 2025 as Relay for Life Day in Middletown and encourages everyone to attend the event.

**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 6-10 PM at Middletown High School South (900 Nutswamp Road).**

*Please 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.**



## Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge Construction Update

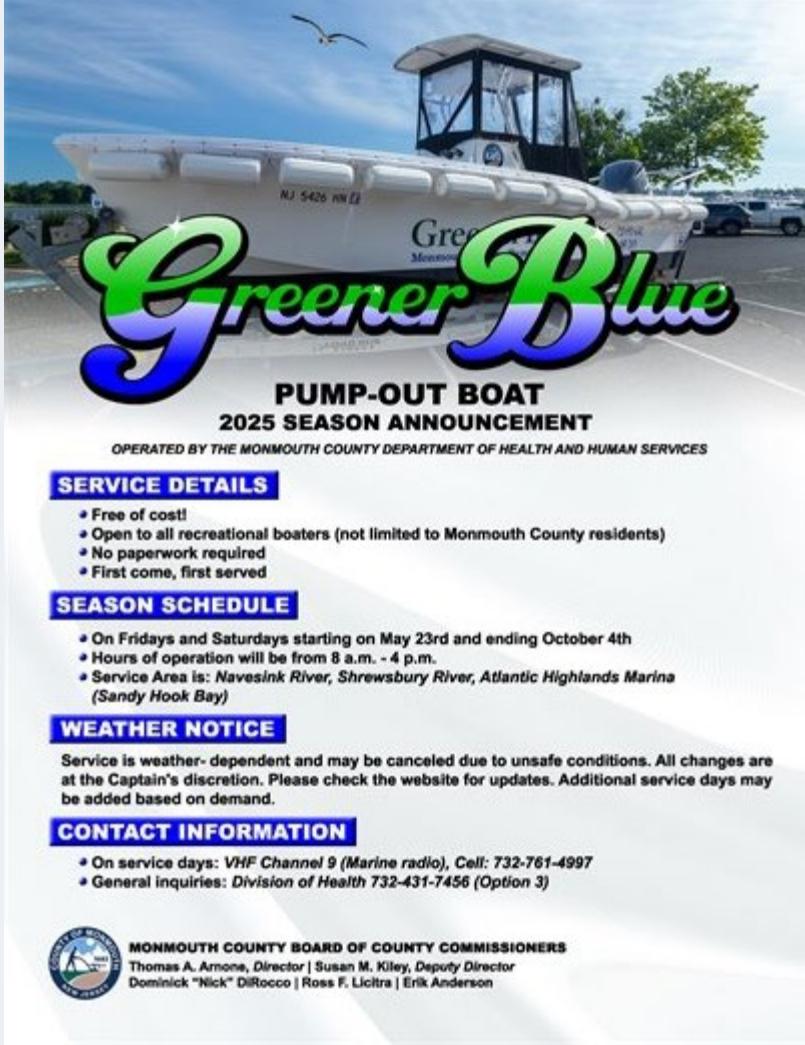


Earlier today, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners shared channel information for the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge that will be observed for the summer season. The 75-foot navigational channel was scheduled to open for marine travel on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bridge openings will follow the normal summer schedule of Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 9 AM to 7 PM. The bridge opens on the hour during those times. From Monday through Thursday, the bridge opens on signal.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release. Visit [rumsonseabrightbridge.com](http://rumsonseabrightbridge.com) for more information.*

## **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)

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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 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**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.**

**It's World Turtle Day!**

## Middletown Township Animal Control Provides Information About Snapping Turtles' Nesting Season

### World Turtle Day -MAY 23, 2025-



Snapping turtle nesting season is between April and August. Please be aware that snapping turtles lay their eggs far from the water and return after their eggs have been laid. They may even lay eggs in your yard. It is a natural process that is NOT to be disturbed.

During this process you may see snapping turtles crossing the road very slowly, so please have patience for our wildlife friends. When laying eggs, their instinct guides them to where they want to go, so please allow them to continue walking in the same direction they were going. If you choose to move them, they will only go back to where they originally were which makes their journey longer and puts them in more danger.

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](http://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

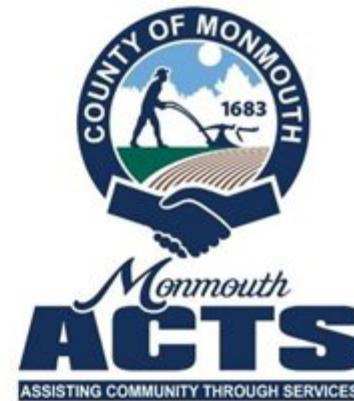
Warm Line: 732-683-8959



**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

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



The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section is white with a green circular icon containing a white house with a grid pattern. Below the icon is the word "Ready." followed by a green checkmark icon. The right section is green with white text. The title "SECURE YOUR HOME" is at the top. Below it, the text "Make sure your house is shake proof." is followed by a list of three steps: 1. Bolt tall furniture. 2. Secure loose objects. 3. Know how to turn off utilities.

**SECURE YOUR HOME**

Make sure your house is shake proof.

1. Bolt tall furniture.
2. Secure loose objects.
3. Know how to turn off utilities.

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](http://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](http://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 NIXLE

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).

Click **HERE** to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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