



## Township Hosts Flag Retirement Ceremony



*Photo courtesy of Middletown Fire Prevention*

On Tuesday, Middletown Township held a flag retirement ceremony to properly dispose of worn, faded, or damaged flags ahead of Independence Day. Community members were encouraged to drop off their tattered flags in the designated drop box located at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) prior to or at the ceremony.



Mayor Tony Perry kicked off the event by introducing Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch who led the Pledge of Allegiance. After, Mayor Perry shared patriotic remarks about the symbolism of our flag and the ideals for which it stands.

Once the speech was over, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman and Ex Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Dennis Beauregard, and chiefs and representatives from the Middletown Township Police Department, Middletown Township Fire Department, Middletown Fire Prevention Office, and Middletown Emergency Medical Services Department came together to salute the

flags as one of our firefighters set them ablaze. Bayshore Middle School student Sara Alexandre also played TAPS to commemorate the occasion.

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

## Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 7/4 in Observance of Independence Day



The Middletown Recycling Center, Middletown Township Public Library, and Middletown Arts Center will also be closed.

## South Zone Garbage and Bulk Collection Reminder



## MTPD Reminds Residents about Fireworks Regulations



**Fireworks Safety  
Tips & Guidelines**

The Middletown Township Police Department would like to remind residents about the dangers and consequences of using illegal fireworks, as well as how to safely use legal ones.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/fireworks](http://www.middletownnj.org/fireworks) for more information.

Visit [middletownnj.org/fireworks](http://www.middletownnj.org/fireworks) to read the Middletown Township Police Department's (MTPD) advisory.



**Submit Photos to Middletown America 250's Weekly Photo Contest: This Week's Winners to be Announced on Friday, 7/11**



## Middletown America 250 Weekly Photo Contest



This week's theme is:  
*Celebrating America*

7/3~7/10 2025

**Capture a photo of American flags, decorated yards, or other patriotic displays in Middletown!**

**Upload your photo with your name, Instagram handle, and a brief caption with the location at [middletownnj.org/250photocontest](http://middletownnj.org/250photocontest).**

The Middletown America 250 Committee is excited to launch its weekly photo contest! Capture a unique photo in Middletown inspired by the weekly theme, which will be shared via the Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram stories and in *Middletown Minutes*. This week's theme is "Celebrating America".

Upload your photo to [middletownnj.org/250photocontest](http://middletownnj.org/250photocontest), along with your name, Instagram handle, and a short description of your image and its location. New themes will be announced every Thursday. The winners will be announced every Friday, so please submit your photo by Thursday of that week.

Follow [@middletownamerica250](https://www.instagram.com/middletownamerica250) on Instagram to stay in the loop. Your photo could be featured on the Middletown America 250 Instagram, *Middletown Minutes*, and our municipal TV channel (Comcast Cable Channel 20/Verizon FiOS Channel 26), so we encourage you to participate!

### Local Organizations Clean Up Herbert-Cuttrell Family Burial Ground in Honor of Middletown America 250



*Photos courtesy of Middletown Community Affairs Council and Middletown Landmarks  
Commissioner Roseann Eteson*

On Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson hosted an abandoned cemetery clean-up project at the Herbert-Cuttrell Family Burial Ground (40 Old Country Road, Harmony). Correctional Police Officer Jonathan Smith from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Middletown Community Affairs Council members Mitch Gotesky and John Giordano, Middletown Landmarks Commissioners Peter VanNortwick and Roseann Eteson, and Township resident/volunteer Jaime DeRisi worked together to remove several fallen and dying trees from the cemetery grounds, including one recently downed tree that was so large that it damaged two sections of cemetery fence.

During the last few weeks, Middletown High School North student Isabella Caruso and her mother, Rosanna Caruso, worked as a mother-daughter team, clearing out the brush and weeds throughout the cemetery while helping retain and preserve the vinca low-ground cover planted in the cemetery.

These two teams cleaned the cemetery in honor of America's upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One of the initiatives of Middletown's America 250 Committee is to recognize our historic landmark cemeteries where Revolutionary War Patriots are buried. Restoring these cemeteries where these war heroes are buried is an important part of the committee's mission.

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!**



# TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

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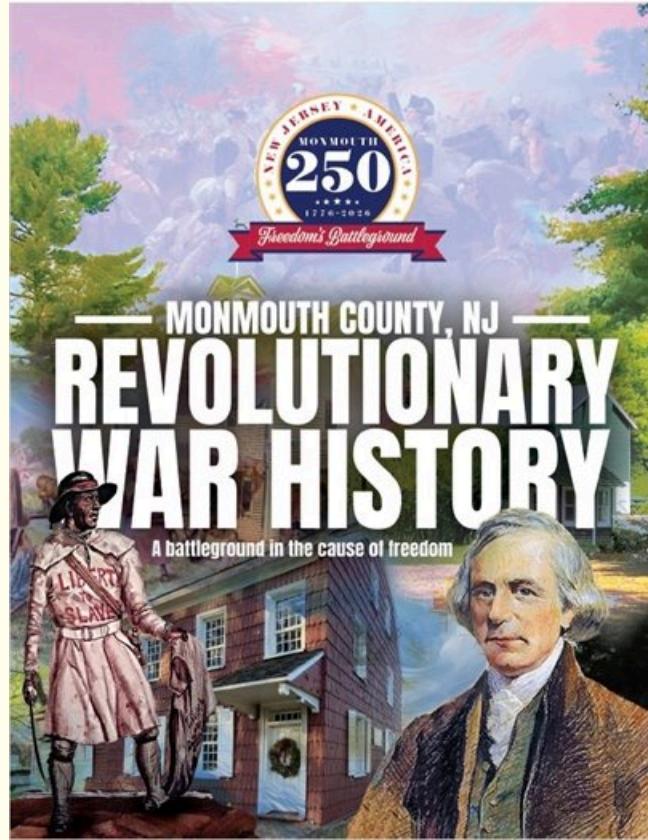


The Middletown America 250 Committee and Middletown Township Historical Society are partnering to present *Township Trivia Thursdays* every other week.

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 Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram story on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Make sure you follow the Middletown America 250 Committee on [Instagram](#)!

**Monmouth County Officials Release Free Educational Resource for Monmouth County Students for America's Upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee is proud to release a free educational resource for Monmouth County students in recognition of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Schools are invited to implement this book about Monmouth County's Revolutionary era history into their curriculum.

This free educational resource includes stories about influential people, significant places, and key events that have made an indelible impact on American and New Jersey history. It also includes interactive activities for students to learn from while having fun.

For questions or to request printed copies of this resource, please email [Ted.Maturo@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:Ted.Maturo@co.monmouth.nj.us).

Click [HERE](#) to read the book and click [HERE](#) to read the committee's press release.

**Middletown Township Fire Department Training Academy  
Celebrates Spring 2025 Firefighter I Graduation**



*The Middletown Township Fire Department Training Academy graduates pose together for a celebratory group photo!*



*Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz speaks to the audience and commends the graduates on this accomplishment.*

Last week, the Middletown Township Fire Department Training Academy held its Spring 2025 Firefighter I graduation ceremony, honoring 20 dedicated recruits from fire departments across Monmouth County.

Over the past five months, these recruits underwent rigorous training in the fundamentals of firefighting. Their curriculum included critical skills such as fire suppression, search and rescue operations, basic vehicle extrication, CPR, hazardous materials response, and other essential areas. In addition to hands-on training, all graduates successfully completed the required New Jersey state certifications to serve as professional firefighters.

The following graduates will be serving the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD): Declan Chenoweth, Ryan Eastmond, Robert Howarth, Robert Jarmolinski, Sheldon Leacock, Devin Patten, Justin Perkins, Michael Pastorek, Alex Ross, Dennis Stewart, and Ella Sutton.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

*Photos courtesy of MTFD Public Information Officer Laurie Kegley*

## Middletown EMS Encourages Residents to Follow Safety Measures at the Beach This Summer



# THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## Beach Safety Public Service Announcement

Join James De Rugeriis, Public Information Officer for the Middletown Township Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as he shares five crucial beach safety tips every family should know before heading to the shore. Whether you're swimming, sunbathing, or playing in the sand, these tips will help keep your summer outings safe, fun, and stress-free!



JAMES DE RUGERIS  
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

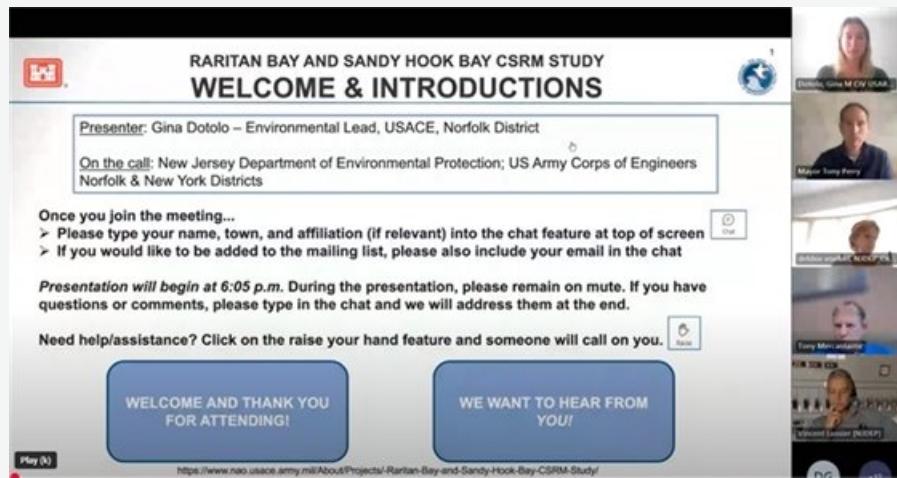
*Click [HERE](#) to watch the Public Service Announcement.*

## Middletown Alliance Provides Tips on Alcohol Safety

A graphic titled 'RISKY DRINKING CAN PUT A CHILL ON SUMMER FUN' from the Middletown Alliance. It features a large orange inner tube floating in a pool of water. The text 'What to Know:' is at the top. Below it are several tips: 1. 'Drivers can go off course' with a car icon; 2. 'Hot summer days cause you to lose fluid through sweat, while alcohol causes you to lose fluid through increased urination. Together, they can quickly lead to dehydration or heat stroke.' with a megaphone icon; 3. 'Hydration is key' with a hand holding a glass icon; 4. 'It's important to protect your skin' with a sunscreen bottle icon; 5. 'People who drink alcohol while in the sun are less likely to wear sunscreen. Research also suggests that alcohol reduces the amount of time you can spend in the sun before you get a sunburn.' with a megaphone icon; 6. 'Avoiding alcoholic beverages while piloting a boat or car, camping, swimming, or surfing can help keep you and your loved ones safe.' with a megaphone icon; and 7. 'Think before you drink' with a group of people icon. The bottom of the graphic says 'Visit [middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://middletownnj.org/middletownalliance) for more information on alcohol safety.'

*Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.*

## Submit Comments about Belford's Inclusion in the Raritan Bay & Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study by Thursday, 7/10



RARITAN BAY AND SANDY HOOK BAY CSRM STUDY  
**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Presenter: Gina Dotolo – Environmental Lead, USACE, Norfolk District

On the call: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; US Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk & New York Districts

Once you join the meeting...  
➤ Please type your name, town, and affiliation (if relevant) into the chat feature at top of screen  
➤ If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please also include your email in the chat

*Presentation will begin at 6:05 p.m. During the presentation, please remain on mute. If you have questions or comments, please type in the chat and we will address them at the end.*

Need help/assistance? Click on the raise your hand feature and someone will call on you.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

<https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Ap.../Raritan-Bay-and-Sandy-Hook-Bay-CSRM-Study/>

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) held a virtual public scoping meeting about the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study. The meeting focused on the inclusion of Belford and Keyport into the existing study.

Community members who live and work in the area were encouraged to attend and share their knowledge of Belford's flooding and storm risk challenges. If you live or work in the area and were unable to attend the meeting, you can watch the recording on YouTube. The public is also encouraged to submit comments on the proposed measures until Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Your input can inspire future storm risk management measures.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the presentation and how to submit your comments. Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on YouTube.*

**Register Now for Middletown Alliance's July Parent Presentations: First One is on Wednesday, 7/9**

**ALLIANCE JULY PARENT PRESENTATIONS**

With Prevention Specialist Nicki Francis from Wellspring Center for Prevention

The Middletown Alliance is excited to offer parent presentations this July on current drug trends and raising resilient kids! Both presentations will take place from 7-8 PM in the Training Room at Middletown Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

 Questions? Please email [middletownalliance@gmail.com](mailto:middletownalliance@gmail.com).

To register, please fill out our Google form by using this link: [middletownnj.org/presentation](http://middletownnj.org/presentation)

You can also scan this QR code:



**Current Drug Trends**

- Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

**Raising Resilient Kids**

- Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

- Receive up-to-date information
- Get your questions answered
- Learn best ways to address these topics with your child/teen



Connect with the Middletown Alliance!

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

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

 [middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](http://middletownnj.org/middletownalliance)

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

## Sign Up for Free Narcan/Naloxone Administration Training Happening on Thursday, 7/17 at 5 PM



Middletown Township and  
JSAS HealthCare, Inc. are partnering  
to offer the public...



## FREE NARCAN/NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

**When:** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 PM

**Location:** Town Hall Training Room (1 Kings Highway)

**You will receive:**

- ✓ Certificate for completed training
- ✓ Overdose prevention kit
- ✓ Overdose education materials

**Registration link:**

[middletownnj.org/narcan](http://middletownnj.org/narcan)

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REGISTER!

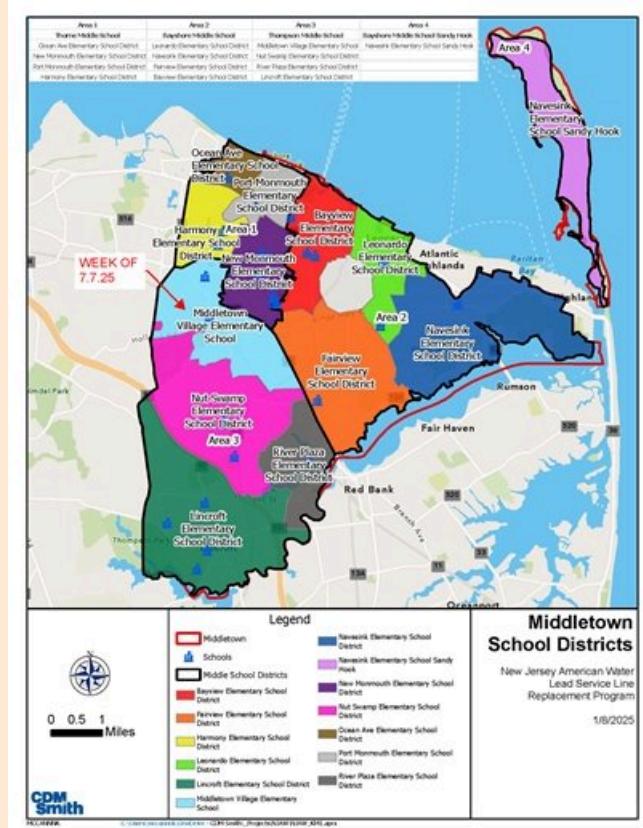


**Questions?**

Please call Erika McKee at (732) 615-2277  
or email [emckee@middletownnj.org](mailto:emckee@middletownnj.org).

Visit [middletownnj.org/narcan](http://middletownnj.org/narcan) to register.

## 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 Middletown Village Elementary School District in Area 3 on the map above. There will not be any work conducted on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to Independence 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).

**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.

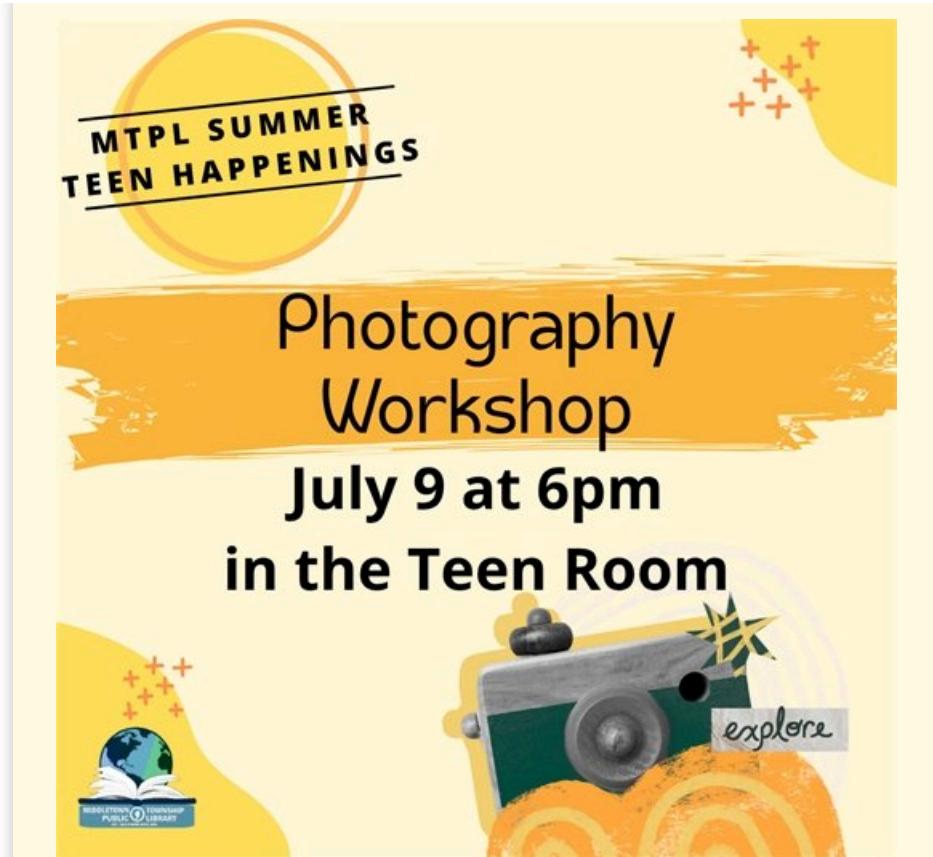
The third and final meeting will take place on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road). The first two meetings were held in May and June.

*Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to the meeting.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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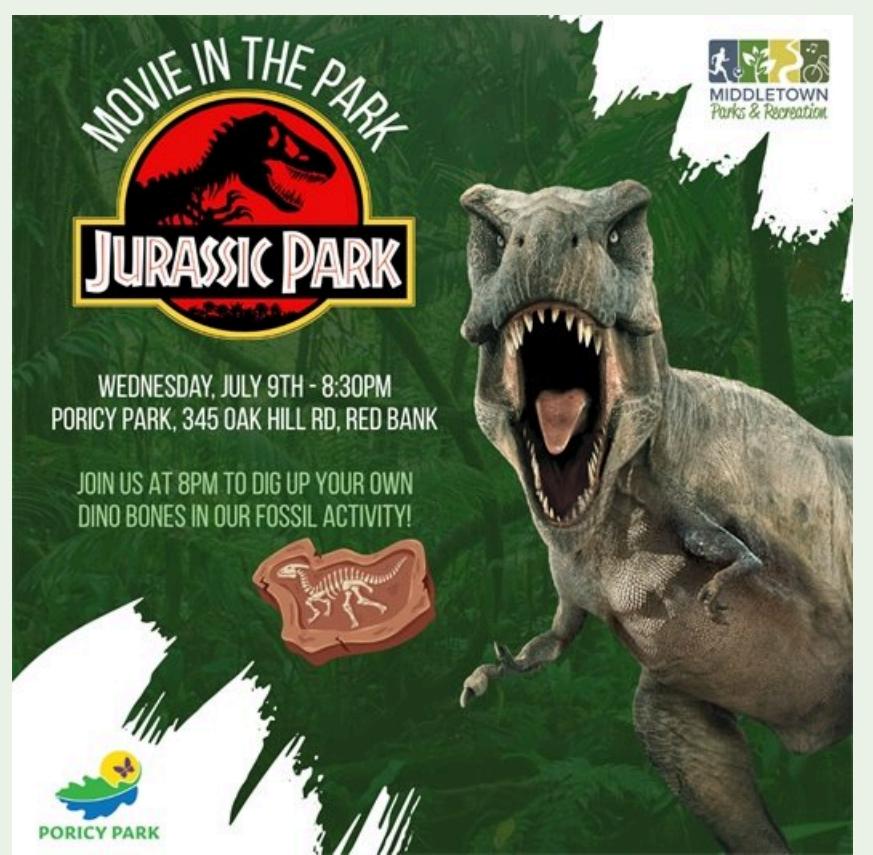
**Teens: Register for MTPL's Intro to Photography Workshop Happening on Wednesday, 7/9 at 6 PM**



Learn about photography basics with Opal + Jaye Photography, then go on a photo scavenger hunt with Polaroid cameras! This introductory workshop at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will take place in the library's Teen Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

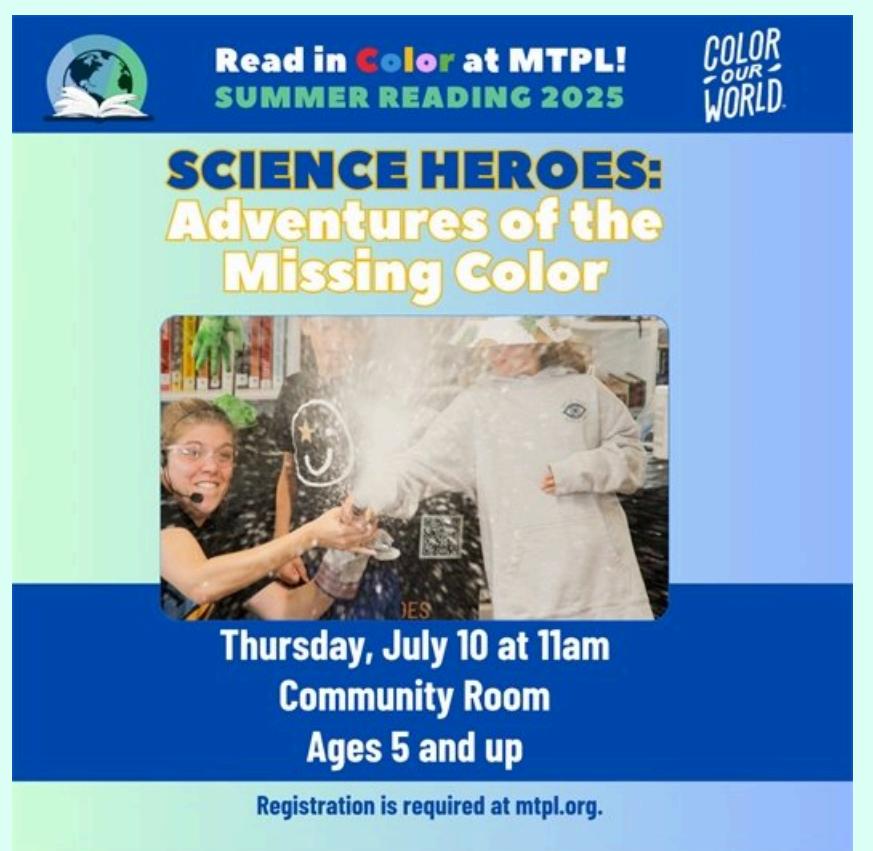
**Enjoy Middletown Parks & Recreation's Movie in the (Jurassic) Park on Wednesday, 7/9 at 8:30 PM**



Have a DINO-mite time at Middletown Parks & Recreation's summer screening of *Jurassic Park*! Get to Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) 30 minutes before the movie begins to discover your own dinosaur bones in a fun fossil activity. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, and snacks.

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

**Sign Up for MTPL's Science Heroes: Adventures of the Missing Color Program on Thursday, 7/10 at 11 AM**



Read in Color at MTPL!  
SUMMER READING 2025

COLOR  
OUR  
WORLD.

## SCIENCE HEROES: Adventures of the Missing Color



Thursday, July 10 at 11am  
Community Room  
Ages 5 and up

Registration is required at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org).

Science and stories collide at this interactive learning adventure featuring hands-on science experiments! Stop by the MTPL's Community Room for this fun program suited for patrons ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

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

Reserve Your Seats for The MAC Players' *Hairspray*:  
Opening Night is Friday, 7/11!



THE MAC PLAYERS



# hairspray

Presented by  
THE MAC PLAYERS

JULY 11-20

Get ready for big hair, big laughs, and an even bigger heart as *Hairspray* lights up the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) stage!

It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has only one desire – to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show". When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network... all without denting her 'do!

The MAC Players will be performing the musical the weekends of 7/11-7/13 and 7/18-7/20. Performances will take place on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

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

### Buy Tickets for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws Happening on Friday, 7/18 at 7 PM



Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws this month. Sit with our community as we cheer on New Jersey's team, watch fireworks, and enjoy a Star Wars-themed night! A \$20 ticket includes a hot dog, soda, ice cream, and boardwalk game ticket.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to get your tickets.*

**Join MTFD at Touch-a-Truck on Monday, 7/21 from 6-9 PM**

Middletown Township Fire Department's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Touch-A-Truck



**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**6 PM to 9 PM**

Mater Dei High School Parking Lot  
Cherry Tree Farm Road

Fire Trucks - Food Trucks - Games  
Fire Safety Demonstrations

11 Companies - 1 Department - All Volunteer

[www.MTFDNJ.org](http://www.MTFDNJ.org)



On Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, stop by the former Mater Dei High School parking lot for the Middletown Township Fire Department's (MTFD) third annual Touch-a-Truck to check out fire trucks, food trucks, games, and fire safety demonstrations!

Celebrate Summerween with Middletown Parks & Recreation on Thursday, 7/31



Enjoy a family-friendly night filled with a DJ, meet-and-greet with the Sanderson Sisters, haunted décor, and Halloween activities beginning at 6:30 PM at Ideal Beach (49 Bayside Parkway, North Middletown)! Stay after Middletown Parks & Recreation's free beach party to watch a Summerween classic, *Addams Family Values*, at 8:45 PM.

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



- Beginning Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Whippoorwill Valley Road at Chapel Hill Road will be closed 24/7 due to bridge construction. A detour will be set.
- Navesink River Road is currently closed between Club Way and McClees Road to all traffic for repairs. This work is anticipated to take several weeks. Please follow the posted detour.
- In June, Monmouth County began the construction of the replacement of Bridge S-14 on County Route 50 (Swimming River Road). The road will remain open throughout construction and two 11-foot-wide travel ways in each direction will be maintained. Construction is anticipated to take two years. Please follow all posted signs and stay alert while driving in the area,

as temporary changes to traffic patterns may occur. *Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release for more information.*

- 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 two 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.

# RESOURCES



## NJAW Begins Hydrant Flushing in Middletown, Belford, and Leonardo

New Jersey American Water (NJAW) crews are conducting routine flushing of the water distribution system in Middletown, Belford, and Leonardo from Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to provide high-quality water service. Flushing in these areas will occur between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

When crews are working in your area, you may notice reduced pressure or discolored water. If your water is discolored, run the cold water taps at the lowest level of the house for about 3 to 5 minutes until the water runs clear. If discolored water occurs please also refrain from doing laundry during that time.

*Click [HERE](#) to read NJAW's full alert.*



NJCCIC

## NJCCIC Warns about Texting Scam that Impersonates NJDOL

New Jersey Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) recently received reports regarding the impersonation of NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOL) personnel in SMS text phishing (SMiShing) schemes.

Cybercriminals are contacting claimants via text message, identifying themselves as "NJLWD Claim Department" and alleging they need clarification on a claim.

Middletown Township encourages residents to be aware of any unexpected and suspicious messages.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the NJCCIC's alert for full details.*

## MTPD Provides Safety Tips for Scam Text Messages and Online Threats



*Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.*

The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) has recently been contacted by residents who have received text messages stating that they have outstanding traffic violations. **THIS IS A SCAM.** Please review the information above for tips on how to stay safe from scam text messages and online threats. Always remember:  
NEVER CLICK ON A LINK YOU MAY BE UNSURE OF.

## Middletown Township Health Department Provides Information on How to Properly Dispose Sharps

**WHAT TO DO WITH SHARPS?**

**DISPOSING AT HOME**

- 1 Place sharps into a heavy-duty plastic container. The bottle should be sturdy, puncture-resistant, and should not leak. Do not use glass bottles or water bottles with flimsy lids.
- 2 When the container is ½ full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE".
- 3 Put the plastic container in the household trash. Sharps should never be recycled or thrown loosely into the trash or toilet.

**LOCAL DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

\*Call prior to going in case an appointment is required

**Bayshore Medical Center**  
**Address:** 727 North Beers Street, Holmdel, NJ, 07733  
**Phone number:** 732-739-5900  
**Drop-off location:** Emergency Room, 24/7

**Riverview Medical Center Container Exchange Program**  
**Address:** 1 Riverview Plaza, Red Bank, NJ, 07701  
**Phone number:** 732-530-2402  
**Drop-off location:** Basement-Sterilization Room, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
\*Sharps container provided by hospital

**Still have questions?**  
Visit [safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org) for more disposal locations in New Jersey and guidance on sharps disposal.

 **SafeNeedleDisposal.org**  
Be sharp about sharps.

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

## Middletown OEM Shares Information about How to Stock Up on Hurricane Supplies



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

With hurricane season officially here, the Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reminds residents about the importance of being prepared. Now is the time to review your emergency plans, stock up on essentials, and stay informed. Whether securing your home, checking your supplies, or signing up for emergency alerts, a little preparation goes a long way in keeping you and your loved ones safe.

Visit [weather.gov/hurricanesafety](http://weather.gov/hurricanesafety) for safety tips and resources.

## Prepare for Hurricane Season by Purchasing or Renewing Flood Insurance

# THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!

## KNOW YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK.



There are areas in Middletown that are more at risk to flood than others. Visit [middletowntownshipnj.withforerunner.com](http://middletowntownshipnj.withforerunner.com) and search the flood map using your address to find out if you live in a flood-prone area.

Middletown participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), so if you own a home in the floodzone and are interested in purchasing or renewing a flood insurance policy, you are eligible for a discount.

For more information, contact Floodplain Manager, Stacy Krause PP/AICP, CFM at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167 or visit [middletownnj.org/floodinsurance](http://middletownnj.org/floodinsurance).

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



### Middletown Township Fire Department Public Service Announcement

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.

Click [HERE](#) to watch their Public Service Announcement on YouTube.



### 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.

## Monmouth County Currently Offering Greener Blue Pump-out Boat on Fridays and Saturdays

**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**  
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The Greener Blue Pump-Out Boat, which is operated by the Monmouth County Department of Health and Human Services, is currently in service on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

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.

**Need Assistance? Utilize the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System**

# Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

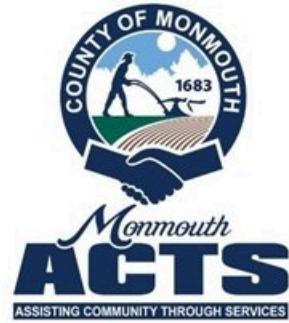
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**The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.**

**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.

## Middletown Township Building & Inspection Department Launches New SDL Online Permit Portal

## CONNECT WITH MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP'S Building & Inspection Department

- Request Building Inspections
- Search Town Data
- Access Town Maps



Middletown is on the **SDL Portal**, an online hub where residents and professionals can access information, check status updates, and submit requests 24/7.



Visit [sdlportal.com](https://sdlportal.com) to get started or scan the QR code above to access the **SDL Citizens Portal**.

Visit [sdlportal.com](https://sdlportal.com) to access the portal and create an account.

Need assistance? Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to create an account.

**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 **

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://www.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://www.middletownnj.org/oem).

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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