



Congratulations to the New Class of MTPD Senior Police Youth Week Camp Graduates!



The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) wrapped up its annual Police Youth Week Camp program on Friday, August 1st! The Senior Police Youth Week Camp is designed to give adolescents between the ages of 12 and 13 a more in-depth, hands-on experience in policing.

Throughout the week, they received classroom lessons involving handcuffing, police radio use, talking to individuals, making plain view discoveries in motor vehicle stops, crisis situations, and many other day-to-day police interactions. Afternoons were filled with controlled scenarios, which provided campers with the opportunity to put their classroom learning to use. They also received a certification of completion for Stop the Bleed.

The Middletown Township Police Youth Week staff want to give a special thank you to the volunteers who acted as role players and assisted in the scenarios all week.

A special shoutout to Philip Jaronczyk, Alex Rowland, Natalie Pizzuto, Rylee Higgins, Samantha Barrows, Noah Fleming, and Kylie Heffernan! The staff would

also like to thank the Middletown EMS volunteers who certified the campers in Stop the Bleed.

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony at Brookdale Community College's Warner Student Life Center. Each graduate received a certificate and well-earned Challenge Coin. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Chief John Werner, Detective Sergeant Ric Cruz, and many officers were present to congratulate each child.

At the graduation, Corporal Larry Seymour #281 was honored with a tribute video and plaque for retiring after 28 years. He had been part of the Police Youth Week Camp program since 2015.

Kudos to our newest Senior Police Youth Week graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program – D/Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Carr, Sgt. Mahon, Cpl. Buhowski, Cpl. Reuter, Ptl. Lanfranco, and Ptl. Ruane!

Camp photos courtesy of D/Sgt. Cruz

Join MTPD at Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/5 from 5-8 PM



The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) will be hosting this year's National Night Out at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road)! If the weather is nice, the event will be held on the field. If it is raining, it will be held in the gym. Attendees will be able to park in the lot off Swartzel Drive.

National Night Out is an annual police-community building campaign that is celebrated across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide to promote neighborhood safety and unity. This is the MTPD's 8th year hosting it.

The MTPD will be on site to meet the public, give demonstrations, and have fun. Activities include fingerprinting, K-9 demonstrations, police equipment displays, impaired driving simulator, inflatables, giveaways, food, and more!

We hope to see all our residents at this FREE, family-friendly event!

OrthoCenter Celebrates Grand Re-Opening



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell and his daughter join the staff of OrthoCenter and members of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce for the official ribbon cutting!

On Wednesday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell had the honor of attending OrthoCenter's (80 Oak Hill Road) grand re-opening! He presented the owner and employees with a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

With a team of board-certified physicians and skilled specialists, the practice continues to lead the way in comprehensive and compassionate orthopedic care in four locations across Monmouth County.

Visit orthocenter.com for more information about OrthoCenter's services.



Submit Photos to Middletown America 250's Weekly Photo Contest: This Week's Winners to be Announced on Friday, 8/8



As part of Middletown's America 250 initiative, the Township launched a weekly photo contest! Capture a unique photo in Middletown inspired by the weekly theme, which will be shared via Middletown Township's and the Middletown America 250 Committee's social media channels and in *Middletown Minutes*.

This week's theme is "Lookout Points". Take a photo of Middletown from above via hilltops, buildings, and other vantage points used by patriots during the Revolutionary War! Patriots relied on the area's natural hills — like Beacon Hill and Chapel Hill — as strategic lookout sites to monitor British troop movements, ships in the bay, and activity along key roads. These elevated points provided sweeping views of the Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook, and surrounding terrain, making them ideal for early warnings and signal fires.

Upload your photo to [middletownnj.org/250photocontest](https://www.middletownnj.org/250photocontest), along with your name, social media 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 noon on Thursday of that week.

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's photo contest with the theme "Written in Stone". Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry!

Brittany Somers submitted this beautiful photo of the Historic Presbyterian Cemetery sign, accompanied by two American flags.

Several Revolutionary War patriots are buried at this cemetery, which dates back to 1684. It is also the original final resting place of President Abraham Lincoln's great-great-great-great grandfather, whose remains were moved to Fair View Cemetery in 1917.



Photo courtesy of Brittany Somers

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



**TOWNSHIP
TRIVIA**



THE ANSWER IS...

B HIGH POINT



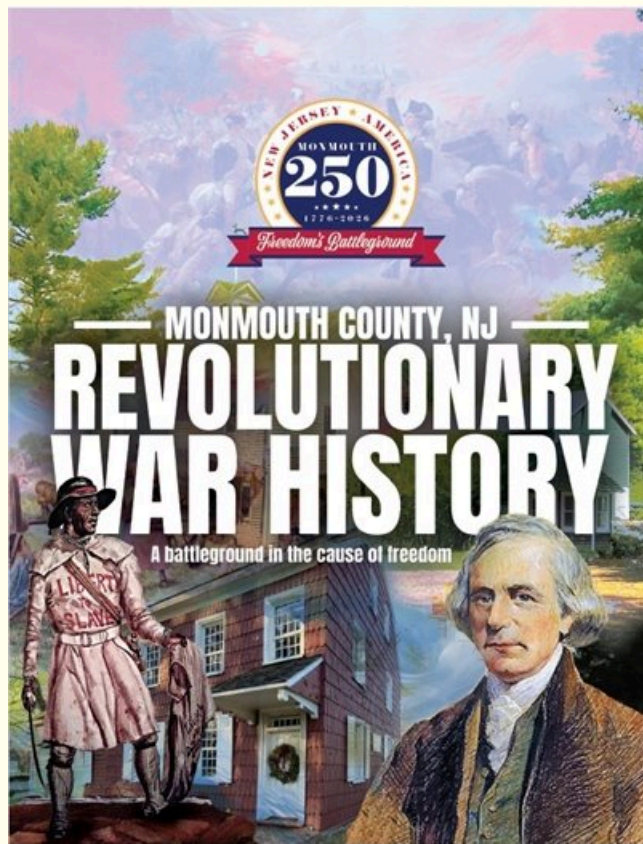
Photo courtesy of Middletown Landmarks Commission

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 and the Township's [YouTube channel](#).

The next trivia question will be featured via the Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram story on Thursday, August 14th. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, August 15th 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 250th Anniversary



The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently released a free educational resource for Monmouth County students in recognition of America's 250th 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.

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



Monmouth County to Conduct Mosquito Control Operation in Middletown on Monday, 8/4

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has announced that the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division will conduct a community-wide adult mosquito control operation in sections of Middletown Township on Monday, August 4th between 4:00-6:00 AM due to locally collected mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile virus.

The treatment area includes residential neighborhoods west of Naval Weapons Station Earle Waterfront east of East Road, north of Sunrise Road, south of Leonardville Road, and east of 11th Street and south of NJ-36.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a map of the treatment area.

Learn More About Middletown Wellness Wheels



The Middletown Township Health Department is proud to officially launch Middletown Wellness Wheels in partnership with Uber Health! The program was announced in February when the Middletown Township Committee unanimously passed a resolution to award Uber Health the contract.

Middletown Wellness Wheels, which is funded through a portion of the Opioid Settlement Funds awarded by the state, provides free local transportation for residents with substance use disorders, at risk of substance use disorders, or those who need access to mental health services. Middletown Township is the first municipality in Monmouth County to utilize the settlement funds in this manner.

Click [HERE](#) to watch our Public Service Announcement about the program.

MTPD Educates Residents about How to Legally and Safely Ride E-Bikes, Scooters & Skateboards

E-BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS
What to Know

CLASS 1
Class 1 e-bikes provide pedal assist only, meaning the motor only kicks in when you pedal, and shuts off at 20 mph.

CLASS 2
Class 2 e-bikes have both pedal assist and a throttle, which means they can run without pedaling - but still max out at 20 mph.

CLASS 3
Class 3 e-bikes only use pedal assist but go up to 28 mph. They are often treated like mopeds and may require registration, insurance, and a license if you're under 17.

Watts measure electric motor power. 750 watts equals about 1 horsepower.

If your e-bike exceeds **750 watts**, **50cc**, or **20 mph** on flat ground, it's considered a motorized bicycle and must be registered, insured, and may require a moped license if you're under 18.

Vehicles without pedals are no longer considered bikes and must also be registered and insured.

E-SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

E-scooters can go up to 19 mph and don't require registration, but riders under 17 must wear a helmet. They're allowed on roads and bike lanes, but sidewalk use varies by town. **E-skateboards** are limited to 10 mph, for ages 16 and up, and must stay off sidewalks.

Wear your helmet, follow traffic laws, and ride responsibly. For more information, visit nj.gov/rmc or contact the Middletown Township Police Department at 732-615-2100.

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ROAD CLOSURE

Bamm Hollow Road will be closed from Tuesday, July 29th through Friday, August 29th between Middletown-Lincroft Road and Blue Jay Court.

The roadway will be closed 24/7 for the duration.

Sign Up for a Free Home Smoke Alarm Installation with the MTFD and American Red Cross



FREE HOME SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



The Middletown Township Fire Department and Middletown Fire Prevention Office are partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for free throughout Middletown. If you are interested in this service, please schedule an appointment at middletownnj.org/smokealarm.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a Public Service Announcement for more information.



It's Beach Season: How to Check Water Quality



Before you hit the beach, visit njbeaches.org to find information from the NJDEP on beach statuses, water quality sample results, and advisories.

Put the name of the beach you're heading to in the map's search bar and look for the Beach Monitoring Station Status in the legend. If there's an advisory, you'll see a yellow symbol. You can click on the symbol to see the latest test results. If the number is above 104, it indicates that the water is not safe to swim in.

Visit njbeaches.org/faqs for more information.

Visit njbeaches.org for more information. You can also check the [Monmouth County Beach Safety Dashboard](#) for specific beach conditions.

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



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!



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

Middletown Alliance Provides Tips for Swimmers on Practicing Alcohol Safety



MIDDLETOWN ALLIANCE
NIH National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

SWIMMERS AND ALCOHOL

What to Know:

 More drownings occur in July than any other month. The CDC estimates that 31% of all drownings involve blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of 0.10% or higher.

Even in a controlled setting like a pool, alcohol can have tragic consequences. Inebriated divers may collide with the diving board or dive where the water is too shallow. 

Alcohol impairs judgment and increases risk-taking. Experienced swimmers may venture out farther than they should and not be able to make it back to shore. They also may not notice how cold they're getting and develop hypothermia. 

 Surfers could become overconfident and try to ride a wave beyond their abilities.

Visit middletownnj.org/middletownalliance for more information on alcohol safety.

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Register Now for Blood Drive Hosted at Town Hall on Thursday, 8/28 from 12:30-6:30 PM


Blood Drive

Middletown Township

Thursday, August 28th from 12:30-6:30 PM





Town Hall Training Room

1 Kings Highway

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

 **New York Blood Center**

How to Prepare:

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Meet weight requirements
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Be 17+ or 16 with parental consent

To make an appointment, visit nybc.org/drive and use the sponsor code **72770**.



nybc.org

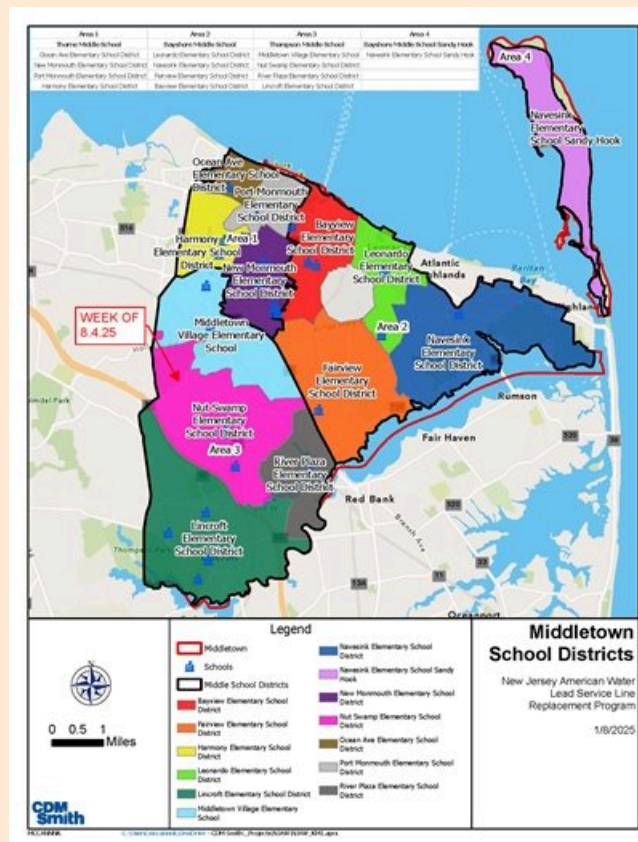
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The Middletown Township Health Department is once again partnering with the New Jersey Blood Services/New York Blood Center to host a blood drive at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) on Thursday, August 28th.

According to New York Blood Center, someone needs blood every two seconds. It is important to have blood available 24/7 for emergencies as well as ongoing, life-sustaining needs for patients battling chronic diseases. Since blood cannot be synthetically made, there is no substitute – only volunteer donors can give the gift of life.

Help make a difference by making an appointment today at nybc.org/drive. Please use the sponsor code 72770.

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 Nut Swamp Elementary School District in Area 3 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.



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 28th 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.

Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Thursday, 8/21 by 3:45 PM

THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 1, 2025.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE AUGUST QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST BY 3:45 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.

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



Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay taxes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Celebrate Summerween with Middletown Parks & Recreation on Thursday, 8/7



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 (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.

This fun and frightful festivity was originally scheduled for Thursday, July 31st but was postponed due to spooky, stormy weather.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Register for MTPL's Mosquitoes & Ticks Program
Happening on Thursday, 8/7 at 1 PM and Tuesday, 8/12 at**

6:30 PM

Mosquitoes & Ticks: Tiny Threats, Big Impact

Presented by

MARISSA MASCARO

MONMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION



AUGUST 7 AT 1 PM

HYBRID: ZOOM & COMMUNITY ROOM

AUGUST 12 AT 6:30 PM

IN PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

See mtpl.org for details & registration



**MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WWW.MTPL.ORG




Learn how to protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes and ticks with Marissa Mascaro from the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division!

Join via Zoom or watch the live broadcast in the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Lobby Conference Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Thursday, August 7th. Please note that the program on Tuesday, August 12th will only be in person. Registration is required for both sessions.

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


**Sign Up for MTPL's Art Odyssey Program Happening on
Thursday, 8/7 at 3 PM**

**Read in Color at MTPL!**
SUMMER READING 2025

**COLOR
OUR
WORLD**

ART ODYSSEY

Calling all artists to come craft and create!



Thursday, 8/7 at 3pm
Ages 3 & up

Register at mtpl.org

Calling all young artists! Stop by the MTPL for a fun-filled afternoon of creativity, with multiple art stations featuring different hands-on projects. MTPL staff and teen volunteers will be there to help your family craft and create together.

This program, which will be taking place in the MTPL's Children's Quiet Reading Area, is best for children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

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

Attend the Third Concert of MAC's Summer Concert Series on Tuesday, 8/12 at 7 PM



The Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) annual free summer concert series has officially returned! Guns 4 Hire will perform at the MAC (36 Church Street) on Tuesday, August 12th. The concert will take place on the lawn, but will be moved indoors in the case of inclement weather. Alcohol is not permitted. Please grab your beach chairs and blankets to listen to this band perform!

Guns 4 Hire is a high-energy classic rock cover band from Monmouth County. Known for their electrifying performances and spot-on renditions of rock anthems from the '70s to today, they bring the house down at every venue they play. The band features Sal on guitar and vocals, John on guitar and vocals, Gene on vocals, Eric on keys, and Dave on drums. Their setlist includes all the hits you love, plus some forgotten gems and even a few country and jam band favorites!

The final concert of the series will be the Moroccan Shepherders on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 PM.

Attention Veterans: Attend Monmouth County Veterans Resource Fair on Wednesday, 8/13 from 3-6 PM



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Fort Athletic Club
114 Saltzman Avenue, Oceanport, NJ 07757

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Join the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners and County Constitutional Officers in honoring our veterans

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard will present the colors in a special opening ceremony

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Connect with 50 service providers offering valuable resources including:

- Education • Legal • Employment • Social Activities • Healthcare • Support Services
- Veteran ID Cards *documents needed, view requirements at www.monmouthcountyclerk.com*

For a complete list of participating agencies, visit www.monmouthadv.com

Limited seating available for the Veterans Benefits presentation by the VA New Jersey Healthcare System

Refreshments will be provided

Call to preregister
732-431-7450

Presented by the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services

Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners
Thomas A. Arnone, Director
Susan M. Kiley, Deputy Director
Dominick "Jack" DiBacco
Ross F. Licitra
Erik Anderson

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Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Skateboarding Camp



A poster for a skateboarding camp. At the top, there are three logos: a circular logo for 'Coach Dave's Skateboarding', a logo for 'SK8 Park KUNKEL PARK', and a logo for 'MIDDLETOWN Parks & Recreation'. The main title 'SKATEBOARDING CAMP' is in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. The word 'CAMP' is significantly larger than 'SKATEBOARDING'. Two checkered flags are positioned on either side of the word 'CAMP'. Below the title, the text reads: 'AGES 5-14 | KUNKEL PARK SKATE PARK, LEONARDO', '\$145/WEEK (R) | WEEK OF 6/23 & 8/25'. Then, it lists two sessions: 'BEGINNERS: 9AM-10AM' with the description 'LEARN SKATEBOARDING - PUSHING, RIDING, TURNING, GOING UP AND DOWN SMALLER RAMPS!', and 'INTERMEDIATES: 10AM-11AM' with the description 'EXPAND SKILLS - BIGGER RAMPS, OLLIES, DROP-INS, FREESTYLE TRICKS!'. Below the text is a high-quality image of a skateboard. At the bottom, a black rounded rectangle contains the text 'REGISTER: [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](https://www.middletownnj.org/camp)' in white.

SKATEBOARDING CAMP

AGES 5-14 | KUNKEL PARK SKATE PARK, LEONARDO
\$145/WEEK (R) | WEEK OF 6/23 & 8/25

BEGINNERS: 9AM-10AM
LEARN SKATEBOARDING - PUSHING, RIDING,
TURNING, GOING UP AND DOWN SMALLER RAMPS!

INTERMEDIATES: 10AM-11AM
EXPAND SKILLS - BIGGER RAMPS, OLLIES, DROP-INS,
FREESTYLE TRICKS!

REGISTER: [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP](https://www.middletownnj.org/camp)

Shred with Middletown Parks & Recreation this summer! Learn how to skateboard or expand your skills with Coach Dave at Kunkel Park Skatepark (11 Vanderbilt Avenue, Leonardo). Camp will take place the week of Monday, August 25th through Friday, August 29th.

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/camp) for more information and to register.

**Vendor and Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available for
Middletown Day 2025**



**MIDDLETOWN
DAY 2025**

**YOUR BUSINESS
HERE!**

Have your business viewed
by over 12,000 people!
Sponsorship and vendor
opportunities available.

Sunday, October 19th
Croydon Hall 1pm-5pm
middletownnj.org/middletownday

SAVE THE DATE! Middletown Day will be returning to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) on Sunday, October 19th from 1:00-5:00 PM!

Interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor? Visit
middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information.

**Raise Money for Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
Fund and Participate in Annual Mayor's Challenge
Happening on Saturday, 10/25**



Mayor's CHALLENGE

5K + 1 MILE

FUN RUN

PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

JOIN US FOR A TRAIL RUN WITH AWESOME PRIZES!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

MIDDLETOWN'S
WORLD TRADE CENTER
MEMORIAL GARDENS
FUND

Get out your sneakers and run the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) for a good cause!

Middletown Parks & Recreation is raising money for the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens Fund through this year's Mayor's Challenge. Register now for early-bird pricing!

The Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens are located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) and pay tribute to the 37 residents who lost their lives on 9/11, as well as the first responders and individuals who have lost their lives as a result of that fateful day.

Visit middletownnj.org/5K for more information and to register.



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- Bamm Hollow Road will be closed from Tuesday, July 29th through Friday, August 29th between Middletown-Lincroft Road and Blue Jay Court. The roadway will be closed 24/7 for the duration. The Monmouth County Bridge Division will be performing repairs in the area. Please follow the posted detour.

- Monmouth County, in cooperation with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration celebrated the opening of the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge (S-32) with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, July 31st.
- 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 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 two 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



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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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
 for more disposal locations in
 New Jersey and guidance on
 sharps disposal.



SafeNeedleDisposal.org
 Be sharp about sharps.

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

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES



- 1

Food/Water - Get supplies well in advance, enough for each person for at least one week.


- 2

Medicine/First-aid - Have 30 days worth of medicines and medical supplies. Fill prescriptions before the storm.


- 3

Communications - Have extra batteries or portable chargers for your cell phones and batteries for your radios.


- 4

Gas - Fill up your car or a gas can beforehand. If the power goes out, you will be unable to pump gas.


- 5

Money - Have cash on hand. With no electricity, ATMs and credit cards will not work.





For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

[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](https://www.weather.gov/hurricanesafety) for safety tips and resources.

Prepare for Hurricane Season by Purchasing or Renewing Flood Insurance

THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1ST!

KNOW YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK.



There are areas in Middletown that are more at risk to flood than others. Visit 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.



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



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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

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.

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 to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizens Portal.

Visit 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 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 Amy H. Citrano, PP, AICP from the Planning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2209 or acitrano@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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