



MTPD Welcomes Five New Officers



Pictured from left: Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Officer Brandon Saghafi, Officer Jack Chenoweth, Mayor Tony Perry, Officer Shaun Sullivan, Officer Thomas Schrok, Officer Stanley Oseback, and Deputy Chief John Werner

At the Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 11th, Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of swearing in five new officers to the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD). We thank these officers for helping protect our community and wish each of them a safe and successful career!

Middletown Celebrates Lincroft Lightning 9u and 11u Baseball Teams' Recent Championships



Mayor Tony Perry proudly poses with the two victorious teams (9u pictured on top; 11u pictured on bottom)!

After the police swearings-in, the Township Committee recognized the Lincroft Lightning 9u and 11u baseball teams for winning two championships. The 9u team had an incredible playoff run and secured the 2025 USABL National East Division Championship, defeating two top-seeded teams along the way.

The 11u team delivered an astounding 4–0 victory and won the 2025 USABL National Shore Division Championship, showing resilience after an early-season loss by defeating the same team that had beaten them.

Congratulations to both teams for representing Middletown like true champions!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every day at 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 8:30 PM through Sunday, September 14th.

New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Registration to Begin Monday, 9/1: Bulk to be Collected Within 48 Hours

 **NEW MANDATORY BULK
PICKUP REGISTRATION**

Beginning Monday, September 1st, residents **MUST** register to have bulk collected during their regular bulk week. Your bulk will be collected within 48 hours.



3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1 Download  [recycle coach](#).
- 2 Send an email to bulk@middletownnj.org.
- 3 Leave a voicemail at 732-615-3278.

 [RECYCLE COACH
ON APP STORE](#)

 [RECYCLE COACH
ON GOOGLE PLAY](#)

Beginning in September, your bulk pickup day will now be your bulk pickup week! The Township's contractor, IWS, will have a dedicated truck and crew for this effort 5 days per week!

Simply register by 3:00 PM Sunday through Thursday of your bulk pickup week to have your bulk collected within 48 hours.

There can only be one registration per household during your bulk collection week. If you don't register, your bulk will not be collected. You can conveniently register by using the Recycle Coach app, emailing bulk@middletownnj.org, or leaving a voicemail at 732-615-3278.

Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach on the App Store and click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach on Google Play.

Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



**MINUTE WITH
THE MAYOR**

Episode 24



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he gives a warm welcome to the Middletown Township Police Department's five newest officers and congratulates the 9u and 11u Lincroft

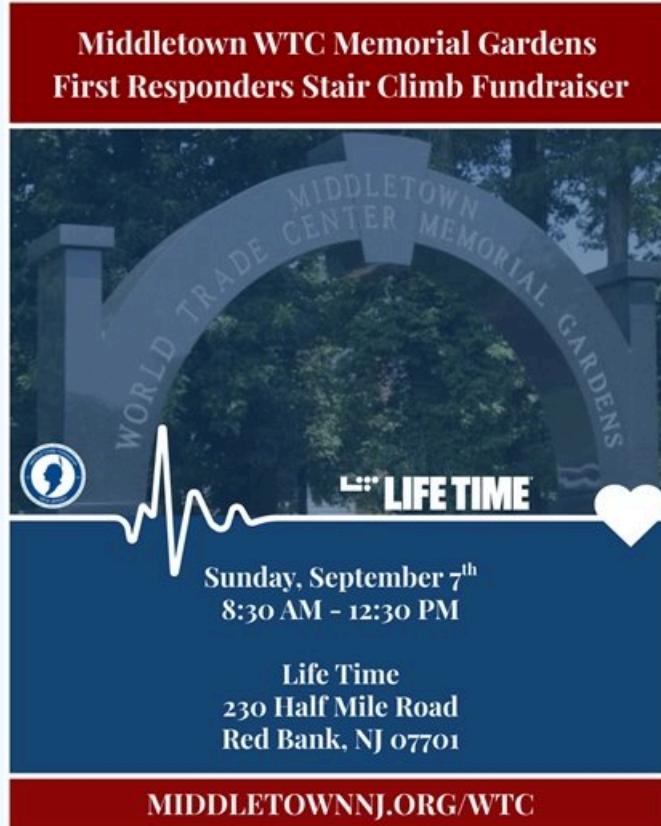
Lightning baseball teams on their recent championships.

With the 24th anniversary of 9/11 around the corner, he also shares that the Township will be dedicating \$1.4 million to renovations at the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens.

Mayor Perry also invites our community to support the upcoming First Responders Stair Climb Fundraiser, which is raising additional funds for the Gardens, and to attend the Township's annual 9/11 memorial service happening on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.

Donate to Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens First Responders Stair Climb Fundraiser



First responders in the Middletown Township Fire, Police, and EMS departments will be co-hosting the First Responders Stair Climb Fundraiser with local fitness center Life Time on Sunday, September 7th beginning at 8:30 AM and competing for the most donations.

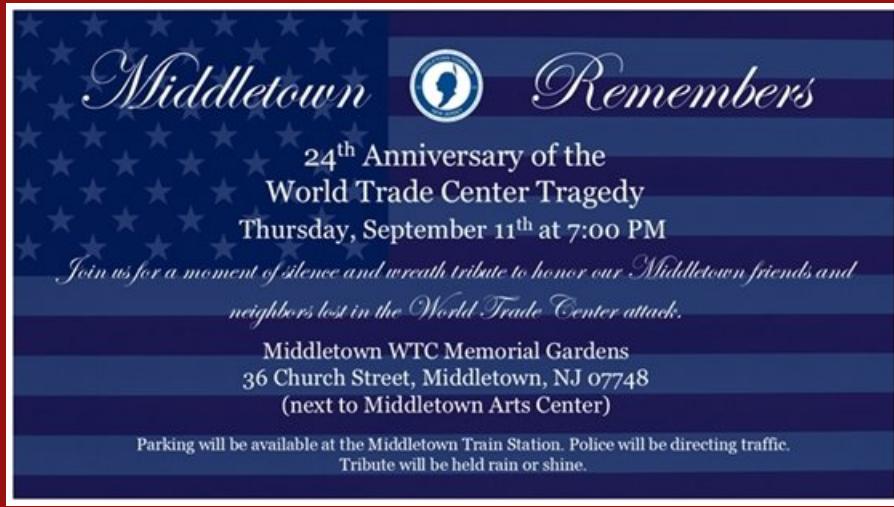
Every 30 minutes, nine first responders will climb 110 floors symbolizing the 110 floors of the World Trade Center (WTC).

The money raised through this campaign will go toward our Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to maintaining and enhancing a lasting memorial for the 37 residents who perished on September 11, 2001. The WTC Memorial Gardens also pay tribute to the first responders and individuals who lost their lives as a result of that fateful day.

Your donation will help support efforts to upgrade the memorial and ensure we never forget.

Visit middletownnj.org/wtc to donate. Please note in your donation description which first responder company you're supporting.

Middletown Remembers: 24th Anniversary Memorial Service on Thursday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM



Submit Photos to Middletown America 250's Weekly Photo Contest: This Week's Winners to be Announced on Friday, 8/22

Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Historical Association



Middletown America 250 Weekly Photo Contest



This week's theme is:
Then and Now

8/14-8/21

**Recreate any photo of a historic site in
Middletown that was around during the
Revolutionary War! Provide the original image
for a side-by-side.**

**Upload your photo by Thursday, 8/21
with your name, social media handle,
and a brief caption with the location at
middletownnj.org/250photocontest.**

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 "Then and Now". Recreate any photo of a historic site in Middletown that was around during the Revolutionary War! Provide the original image for a side-by-side.

Upload your photo to 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](#) 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 "Trades of the Times". Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry! Emilee Carton (@jerseyshorewildlife on Instagram) submitted this incredible photo of a young fisherman trying his luck for stripers near the Oceanic Bridge, which connects Middletown and Rumson.



Week 6 “Trades of the Times” Winner: Emilee Carton

Photo courtesy of Emilee Carton

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



TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

C BOTH LOYALISTS AND PATRIOTS



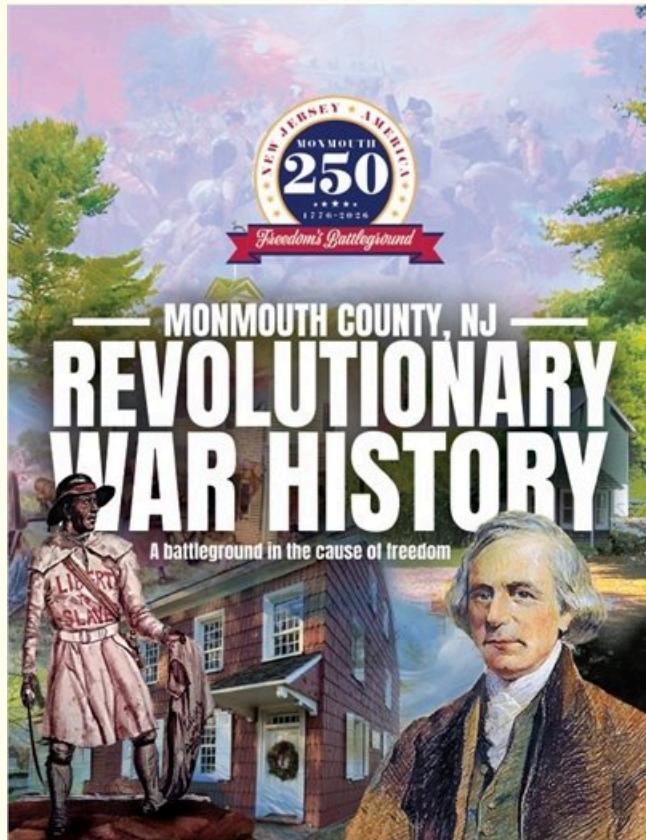
HISTORICAL NOTE: Middletown was a divided community during the Revolutionary War. Many residents supported independence as Patriots, while others, known as Loyalists, remained loyal to the British crown. Its location between New York City (a British stronghold) and the interior of New Jersey made it a hotspot for skirmishes, raids, and shifting control throughout the war.

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 28th. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, August 29th 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.

Middletown Township Certified Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause Educates Realtors on Floor Insurance and Building Requirements



Middletown Township Certified Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause speaks to the realtors in attendance. (Photo courtesy of MORR)

On Tuesday, July 29th, Middletown Township Certified Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause was the guest speaker at the Monmouth Ocean Regional Realtors' (MORR) headquarters in Tinton Falls.

The session focused on educating local realtors on flood insurance and building requirements for both sellers and buyers. It also highlighted the partnership between the real estate industry and local government in ensuring all FEMA and NJDEP regulations, as well as local codes, are followed.

The event was so successful that Stacy has been asked to speak to various real estate agencies throughout Monmouth County that have listings in Middletown's floodzone. Agencies that are interested in providing educational sessions for their realtors can contact Stacy at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167.

Check Out DPW's Schedule for Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration Projects

UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION

The following roads will be paved from Monday, 8/25 through Monday, 9/1:

Day Ave. (Thompson Ave. - South End Ave.)
South End Ave. (Bray Ave. - Carter Ave.)
Bray Ave. (Raynor Ave. - Bergen Ave.)
Shore Acres Ave. (Bray Ave. - Weehawken Ave.)
Sycamore Ave. (Bray Ave. - Hudson Ave.)
South End Ave. (Bray Ave. - Clinton St.)
Clinton St. (Dead end - Center Ave.)
Clinton St. (Raynor Ave. - Laurel Pl.)
Laurel Pl. (Clinton St. - Bray Ave.)
Prospect Ave. (Clinton St. - Bray Ave.)
Carter Ave. (Dead end - Thompson Ave.)
Center Ave. (Carter Ave. - Day Ave.)

Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance.
Visit middletownnj.org/roads for more specific dates and information.

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Bamm Hollow Road Now Officially Re-Open



ROAD RE-OPENING

Bamm Hollow Road, which was originally scheduled to be closed through Friday, August 29th between Middletown-Lincroft Road and Blue Jay Court, has officially re-opened as of Friday, August 15th.

Monmouth County Virtual Public Information Notice for South Laurel Avenue at the Railroad Bridge



**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER
MEETING NOTICE**

**Concept Development Study for Operational Safety Improvements to
South Laurel Avenue (CR 52) at the Railroad Bridge**

Townships of Holmdel and Middletown, Monmouth County

Monmouth County, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, will be hosting a virtual Public Information Center (PIC) meeting to update residents, officials, businesses and the public about the Concept Development Study for the Operational Safety Improvements to South Laurel Avenue (CR 52) at the Railroad Bridge, located in the Townships of Holmdel and Middletown.

The purpose of the PIC is to update the public about the development of alternatives and potential options for the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) to satisfy the Study's Purpose and Need Statement.

The PIC will be held virtually on the County's website via a prerecorded presentation. The presentation will review existing conditions, deficiencies, and constraints at the Railroad Bridge and within the project limits, and explain the proposed alternatives developed by the Study Team. This meeting is being conducted in conformance with Federal and State regulations. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to comment on the Study.

Beginning on August 11, 2025, all interested parties may access the virtual PIC and learn more about the Study by visiting the County's website at <https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?id=5324> or by scanning the QR code on this page. PIC materials will be available on the County website for review and public comment for 6 weeks. Written comments will be accepted through September 22, 2025.

Comments may be mailed to: **Anthony Sytko, Community Involvement Facilitator, Stokes Creative Group at 3223 Route 38, Suite 201, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.** You may also email them to asytko@stokesgrp.com

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact: **Vince Cardone, Monmouth County Project Manager, Vince.Cardone@co.monmouth.nj.us, (732) 431-7760.**



Monmouth County: South Laurel Avenue Operational Safety Improvements, Concept Development Study – Public Information Center #2

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

Monmouth County is currently advancing a Concept Development (CD) Study for improvements to South Laurel Avenue from Commons Way to AT&T Drive in the townships of Middletown and Holmdel. The purpose of the CD Study is to identify the Purpose and Need for the proposed improvements and then develop conceptual alternatives that can be compared in order to determine which one may be recommended to advance as a Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA).

The first Public Information Session was held on June 27, 2023. As of Monday, August 11th, Monmouth County, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, is hosting a virtual Public Information Center (PIC) meeting to update the public on the status of the study.

Written comments from the public will be accepted through Monday, September 22nd. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Monmouth County Project Manager at Vince.Cardone@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732 431-7760.

[Click HERE for more information.](#)

MTPD Promotes E-Bike Safety in PSA

E-BIKE SAFETY

A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Across the country, and right here in Middletown, we're seeing a surge in injuries involving electric bikes and scooters, especially among young riders.

Deputy Chief Paul Bailey of the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) shares some vital information in this Public Service Announcement (PSA) about the different types of micromobility devices and the regulations that riders should follow when using them. Please tune in and stay safe!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the PSA on YouTube.

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.

E-SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

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 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/mvc or contact the Middletown Township Police Department at 732-615-2100.

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

Middletown Preschool Announces New Location and Opens Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year



The same caring, friendly, and educational Middletown Preschool is moving to the Croydon Hall campus on Leonardville Road! There will be a bigger playground and gymnasium as well as access to new facilities including endless fields and outdoor spaces, a yoga room, and more!

Join in on the fun and love for learning in the preschool's small teacher-to-student ratios. Register for the 2025-2026 school year today!

Visit middletownnj.org/preschool for more information.

Learn More About Middletown Wellness Wheels



Introducing Middletown Wellness Wheels

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **Uber Health**

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.



Complete the Monmouth County Opioid Settlement Survey

The Monmouth County Opioid Settlement Survey is officially open for public input!

The goal of the survey is to find out what Monmouth County residents see as priorities for the opioid settlement funds so the Monmouth County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council can make informed decisions that are inclusive of the community's feedback.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

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



FREE HOME SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



American
Red Cross

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.

Middletown Township Health Department Shares Tips on How to Prevent and Treat "Sea Lice"

**Seabather's Eruption
aka "Sea Lice"**

Prevention:

- Avoid beaches where larvae have been reported. You can find advisories on njbeaches.org.
- Don't wear loose or two-piece bathing suits and avoid wearing shirts in the water. These garments trap larvae more easily.
- Rinse with salt water first, then gently shower. Freshwater can trigger larval toxins.
- Wash swimwear in hot water, then machine dry.

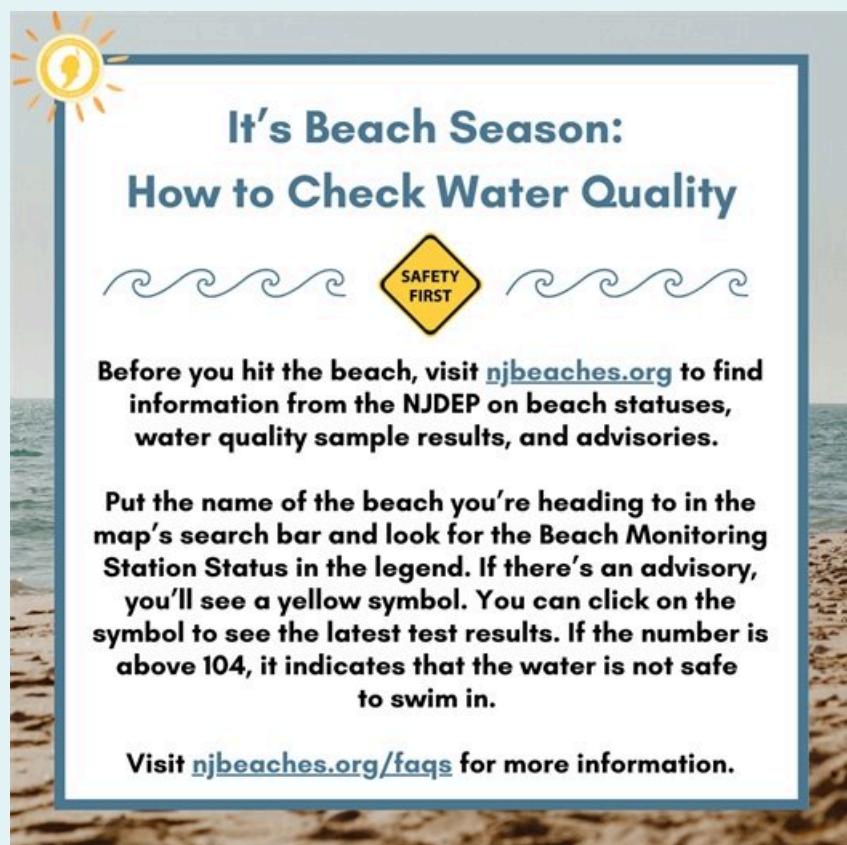
At-Home Care:

- Use antihistamines, hydrocortisone cream, or calamine lotion for relief.
- Apply vinegar with 5% acetic acid to the rash to help deactivate toxins.
- Put ice packs on the rash to lessen inflammation and itching.
- Avoid scratching to reduce risk of infection. If you really need to scratch, use soft gloves.
- If an infection occurs and worsens, seek medical attention.

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

Seabather's eruption, commonly known as "sea lice," is a rash caused when tiny jellyfish or sea anemone larvae get trapped under swimwear and release venom. Don't be fooled by the name — they're unrelated to lice. More common in Florida and the Caribbean, they've also been reported along the Jersey Shore, drifting unpredictably with currents.

Symptoms include tingling under your swimsuit as well as persistent, intensely itchy red or pink bumps under your swimsuit, which are often mistaken for pimples or welts. Children may experience systemic issues like nausea, fever, or abdominal pain. Symptoms typically appear within minutes to hours of leaving the water and can last up to two weeks.



**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



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!



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

Middletown Alliance Provides Tips for Swimmers on Practicing Alcohol Safety

An infographic titled 'SWIMMERS AND ALCOHOL' from the Middletown Alliance. It includes a logo for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIH). The infographic is divided into sections: 'What to Know:' with a drowning statistic, 'Even in a controlled setting like a pool, alcohol can have tragic consequences.' with an illustration of a diver, 'Alcohol impairs judgment and increases risk-taking.' with an illustration of a swimmer, and 'Surfers could become overconfident and try to ride a wave beyond their abilities.' with an illustration of a surfer. A call to action at the bottom encourages visiting middletownnj.org/middletownalliance for more information on alcohol safety.

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

**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

How to Prepare:

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

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



nybc.org

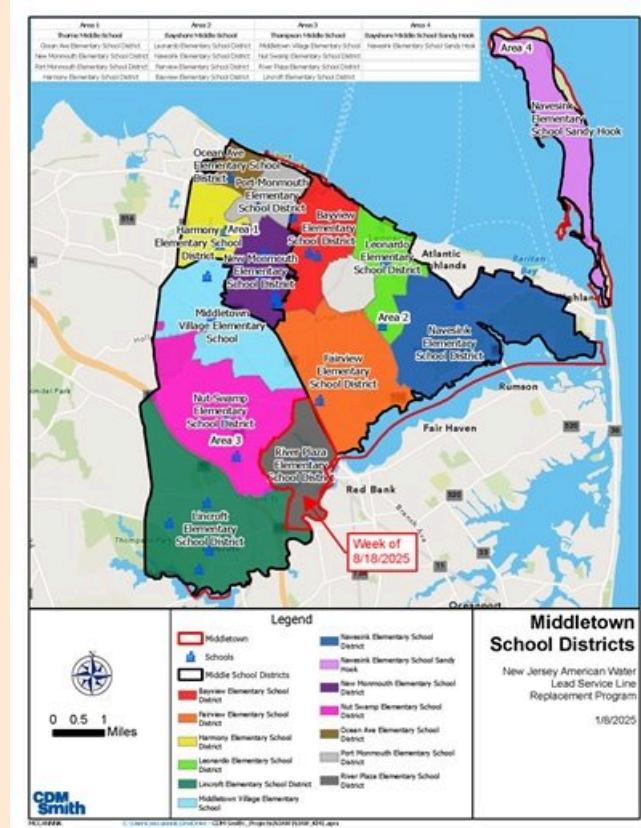
1-800-688-0900

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 River Plaza 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.

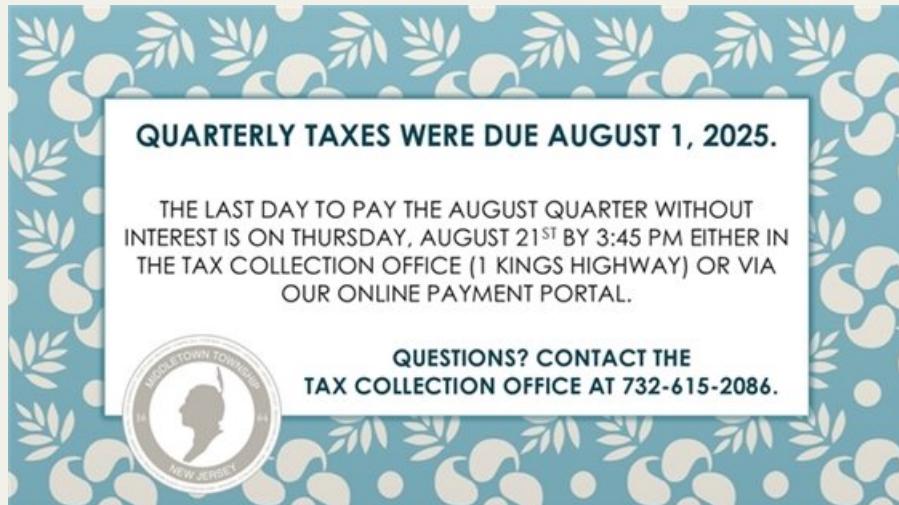


Realty Data Systems to Inspect Designated Properties for Annual Reassessments

The Township of Middletown is under contract with Realty Data Systems (RDS) to inspect a designated portion of all properties located in Middletown each year. These inspections enable the Township to maintain accurate property records used to complete annual reassessments, which are a critical component in the fair distribution of taxes. RDS notified all property owners subject to an inspection.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

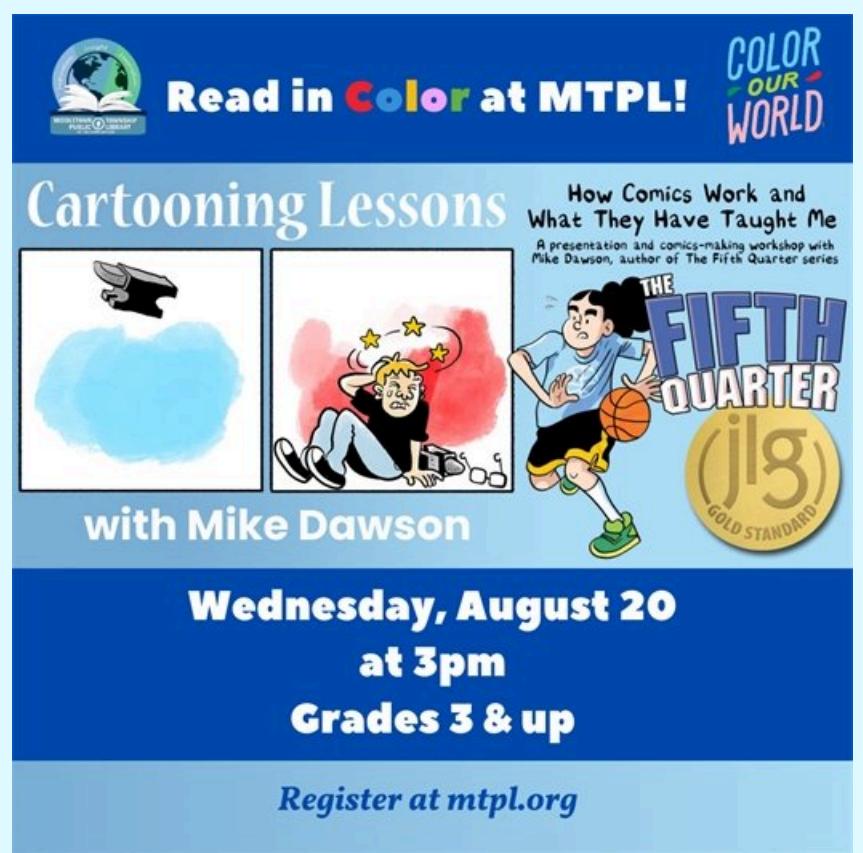
Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

Shop at the MAC's Antique, Vintage, & Collectibles Marketplace on Saturday, 8/16 from 9 AM - 3 PM



Explore a treasure trove of one-of-a-kind antiques, from vinyl records and costume jewelry to vintage clothing and more, at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC)! The MAC's Antique, Vintage, & Collectibles Marketplace will feature over four dozen vendors offering a huge selection of unique items. Admission is \$5.

Spark Your Creativity with Cartooning Lessons at the MTPL on Wednesday, 8/20 at 3 PM



Read in Color at MTPL! **COLOR OUR WORLD**

Cartooning Lessons

How Comics Work and What They Have Taught Me
A presentation and comics-making workshop with Mike Dawson, author of *The Fifth Quarter* series

with Mike Dawson

Wednesday, August 20
at 3pm
Grades 3 & up

Register at mtpl.org

The poster features the MTPL logo at the top left, followed by the text "Read in Color at MTPL!" and "COLOR OUR WORLD". Below this is the title "Cartooning Lessons". To the right is a small image of a cartoon character with a speech bubble. To the left is a large blue cloud-like shape with a small black bird flying over it. To the right is a cartoon character sitting on the floor with a red background, and another character running with a basketball. The text "How Comics Work and What They Have Taught Me" is above the "FIFTH QUARTER" logo, which includes the text "A presentation and comics-making workshop with Mike Dawson, author of The Fifth Quarter series". The logo also features the text "THE FIFTH QUARTER (jig) GOLD STANDARD". The bottom section has a blue background with the text "with Mike Dawson", "Wednesday, August 20", "at 3pm", and "Grades 3 & up". The bottom right corner has the text "Register at mtpl.org".

Join Mike Dawson, a Monmouth County native and the creator of *The Fifth Quarter* graphic novel series, for a fun cartooning workshop at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! This free program is designed for children in grades 3 and up. It will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

Space is limited and registration is required, so sign up today!

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

Attend Tie-Dye Party & Movie Night on Thursday, 8/21



Tie-dye with Middletown Parks & Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) for free at the MAC (36 Church Street) this summer! Bring your own item to craft — the MAC will supply the rest! The tie-dye activity will take place from 6:30-8:00 PM.

After, stay to watch *Inside Out 2* on the big screen at 8:00 PM. Bring your own chairs, blankets, and snacks!

Celebrate the End of Summer Break with Your Child and "Just Chill" at the MTPL on Friday, 8/22



Just Chill

Friday, Aug. 22
2 - 4 pm
For Ages 3 and Up

RELAX AND CHILL OUT AT THE LIBRARY WITH GAMES & CRAFTS!

Registration is required at mtpl.org.

 MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.mtpl.org

Before going back to school, come chill in the MTPL's Children's Program Room on Friday, August 22nd from 2-4 PM! Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children for a fun afternoon of games, crafts, and more! Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) 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



The poster features the Middletown Township New Jersey seal in the top left corner. The main title "Mayor's CHALLENGE" is in a large, stylized font. Below it, "5K + 1 MILE" is in a red box, and "FUN RUN" is in a larger white box. The event location is "PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK" and the date is "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH". A maroon t-shirt with the event logo is shown on the left. To the right, there is a silhouette of a runner and text about proceeds benefiting the "MIDDLETOWN'S WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND". The poster also includes the text "JOIN US FOR A TRAIL RUN WITH AWESOME PRIZES!"

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](https://www.middletownnj.org/5K) for more information and to register.



The sign has a dark background with dashed white lines at the top and bottom. It features two orange and white traffic cones on either side of the text. The main text reads "TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS" in large, bold, orange letters. Below that, "MIDDLETOWN" is on the left and "TOWNSHIP" is on the right, separated by a blue circular logo with a white design. The entire sign is framed by a thin white border.

- Bamm Hollow Road, which was originally scheduled to be closed through Friday, August 29th between Middletown-Lincroft Road and Blue Jay Court, has officially re-opened as of Friday, August 15th.
- 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

Middletown Township Health Department Provides Information on How to Properly Dispose of 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 ¾ 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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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 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.

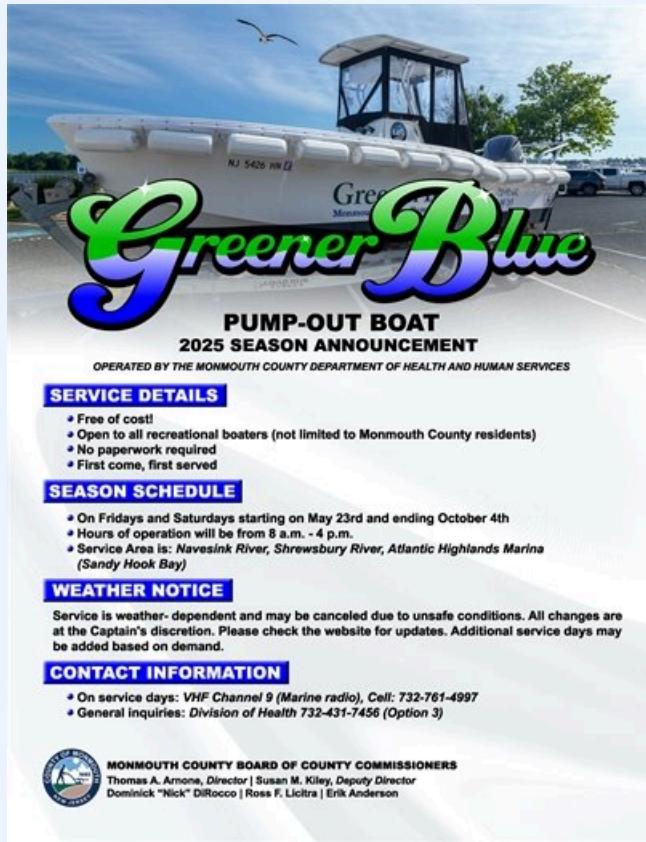


Middletown Township Health Department Shares Information about Ticks and Mosquitoes

'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



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, 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty) to either register your vacant/abandoned property or report a vacant/abandoned property.

You can also contact Laura Russo-Kay from the Planning, Zoning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2283 or lrussokay@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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