



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



**Municipal offices will be closed
on Monday, September 1st
in observance of**

**LABOR
DAY**

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



**New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Advanced Scheduling 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 .
- 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 scheduled recycling week to have your bulk collected within 48 hours.

There can only be one bulk collection request per household during your recycling week. If you don't schedule in advance, your bulk will not be collected. You can conveniently do this 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.

Community Supports Blood Drive with NJ Blood Services/NY Blood Center at Town Hall



Mayor Tony Perry is all smiles as he donates blood!

On Thursday, Middletown Township partnered with New Jersey Blood Services/New York Blood Center to host a blood drive at Town Hall. We are proud to share that 26 donors were registered and 26 units of blood were collected. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to give back and help save lives!

Middletown Shows Support for the Monmouth County Recovery Diversion Program



On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry welcomed the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and RDP (Recovery Diversion Program) Cares team to Town Hall. RDP is a 12 week to 6 month diversion program that provides treatment support and resources to defendants with substance use and co-occurring disorders.

Middletown Township Recognizes Annual Overdose Awareness Day



Photo courtesy of Middletown Alliance

At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, August 11th, the Township Committee proclaimed August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in Middletown.

In honor of this observance, the Middletown Alliance proudly partnered with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to create a visually impactful display to raise awareness, end the stigma, remember those whose lives have been lost, and celebrate those in recovery.

Located in front of Town Hall (1 Kings Highway), this display consists of thirteen purple flags that each represent one life lost to overdose in Monmouth County from January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025 and two white flags that represent all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose in 2024.

To view upcoming events and a variety of substance use, mental health, and parent and family resources, visit [middletownnj.org/middletownalliance](https://www.middletownnj.org/middletownalliance).

Middletown EMS Provides Helpful Information about Narcan Administration



With Overdose Awareness Day right around the corner, the Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department would like to shine a light on the importance of Narcan and how to use it in the event of an opioid overdose.

Join Middletown EMS Public Information Officer Jimmy De Rugeriis in a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) as he describes the signs of an overdose, explains how to use Narcan, and shares information about where people can access Narcan.

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

St. Augustine's Monastery Hits Milestone Anniversary



Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Father Luigi Hargain of St. Augustine's Monastery, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen

Last weekend, St. Augustine's Monastery celebrated its 10th anniversary in Belford. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Middletown Township Police Chief R. Craig Weber were honored to attend a mass to commemorate the special occasion and personally thank Father Luigi Hargain and the brothers for their faithful service to our community.

MAC's 2025 Summer Concert Series Ends with a Rockin' Final Performance

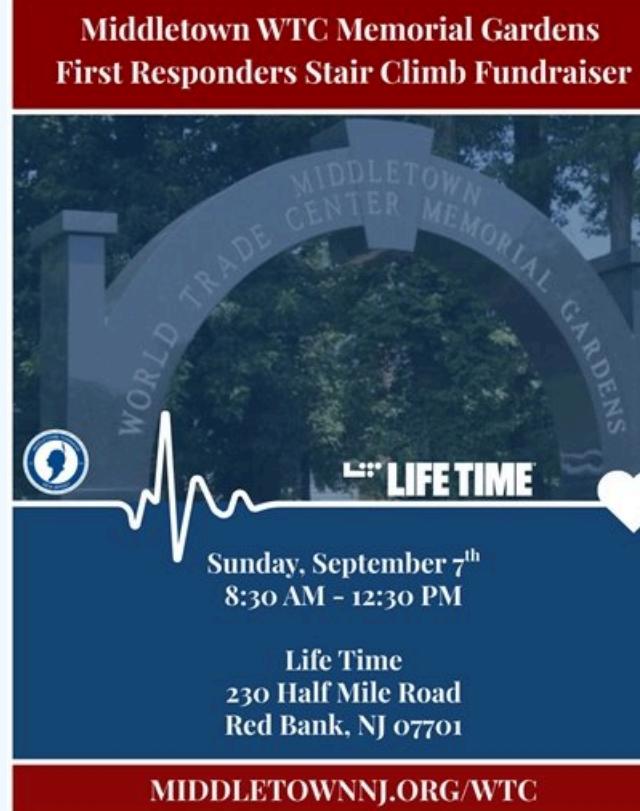


Photo courtesy of MAC

On Tuesday, the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) wrapped up its annual free summer concert series with a performance by the Moroccan Shepherds! Hundreds of community members came out for a night of good music and a fun time.

The other groups that performed this summer were 10 String, Goldenseal, and Guns 4 Hire. Thank you to everyone who supported the MAC and our local artists through this annual series!

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](https://www.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

Middletown  *Remembers*

24th Anniversary of the
World Trade Center Tragedy
Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM

Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748
(next to Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.
Tribute will be held rain or shine.



Submit Photos to Middletown America 250's Weekly Photo Contest: This Week's Winners to be Announced on Friday, 9/5

Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger



**Middletown America 250
Weekly Photo Contest**

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This week's theme is:
Revolutionary Design
8/28-9/4

Capture a photo of Georgian, Dutch, or any American colonial architectural influences around Middletown!

Upload your photo by Thursday, 9/4 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 "Revolutionary Design". Take a photo of Georgian, Dutch, or any American colonial architectural influences around Middletown!

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 "Maritime Middletown"! Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry. Jim Carney (@buddha07748 on Instagram) submitted this beautiful photo of some boats near Compton Creek in Belford.



Photo courtesy of Jim Carney

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



TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

B SHREWSBURY



Photo courtesy of Rick Ceffken

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, September 11th. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, September 12th issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Make sure you follow the Middletown America 250 Committee on [Instagram](#)!

Learn How to Clean Historic Cemetery Gravestones with Middletown America 250 on Saturday, 9/27 at 10 AM



Please join the Middletown America 250 Committee for a

HISTORIC CEMETERY GRAVESTONE CLEANING CLASS

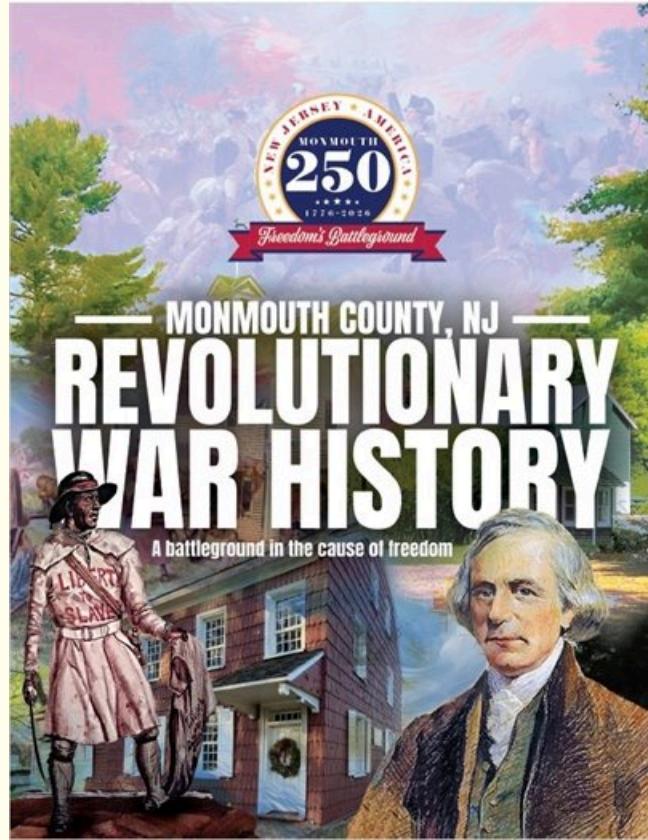
WHEN: Saturday, September 27th at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Old First Church Cemetery (69 Kings Highway)

RSVP: Email historic-cemeteries@middletownnj.org by Tuesday, September 23rd.

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 12:00 PM

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.

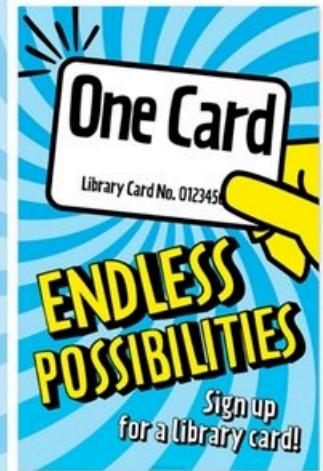
This free educational resource includes stories about influential people, significant places, and key events that have made an indelible impact on American and New Jersey history. It also includes interactive activities for students to learn from while having fun.

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.

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with the MTPL

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.mtpl.org



If you live, work, or go to school in Middletown, you're eligible for a free Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) card! Your card is the key to so much more than books — it unlocks access to the library's digital resources, research tools, Makerspace, private study rooms, and extensive collection of books, movies, TV series, music, and magazines for all ages.

This September, keep an eye out for library card sign-up pop-ups around town and enjoy special perks and giveaways when you sign up. There's no better time to get your library card and start exploring everything the MTPL has to offer!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Submit your Entries in the MTPL's Teen Art Contest from Monday, 9/1 through Monday, 9/22

TEEN Art Contest

CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!

We're looking for young artists to create a design that showcases the joys of reading, community, and discovery that comes with having a library card!

The winner will have their design printed on a t-shirt in the Makerspace!

Entries will be accepted between September 1st and 22nd. Artwork and permission slips can be submitted digitally, in JPEG or PDF format, to mceccchini@mtpl.org.




In celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month, the MTPL is looking for creative teen artists to design artwork that celebrates reading, community, and discovery!

Entries will be accepted from Monday, September 1st through Monday, September 22nd. The winning design will be printed on a t-shirt in the Makerspace!

Please submit your artwork in either a JPEG or PDF format, alongside a permission slip, to mceccchini@mtpl.org.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to read the contest guidelines.

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.

Visit middletownnj.org/roads for more information.

Monmouth County Virtual Public Information Notice for Improvements to 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 35, Suite 201, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.** You may also email them to asytko@stokescg.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 the Monmouth County Project Manager at Vince.Cardone@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732 431-7760.

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

Beware of Scams Demanding Bail Payment or Threatening Enforcement Action for Missed Court Appearances or Traffic Fines



DON'T BE FOOLED BY SCAMS DEMANDING BAIL PAYMENT OR THREATENING ENFORCEMENT ACTION FOR MISSED COURT APPEARANCES OR TRAFFIC FINES

The New Jersey Judiciary never initiates unsolicited texts or emails threatening enforcement actions or demanding payment.

No court or law enforcement agency will ever ask for bail via mobile payment apps such as Apple Pay, Zelle, or Cash App.

Verify: Hang up and call the official number of the court, police department, sheriff's office, or prosecutor's office to confirm any claims.

Bail payments for municipal court charges must be made in person—typically with cash, a certified bond, or through a licensed bail bondsman. Charges on the Superior Court level almost never involve bail.

Be alert for high-pressure tactics: Threats and urgency are hallmarks of a scam. Avoid clicking links or sharing personal information.

NJCOURTS.GOV



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
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.

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.

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



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



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.

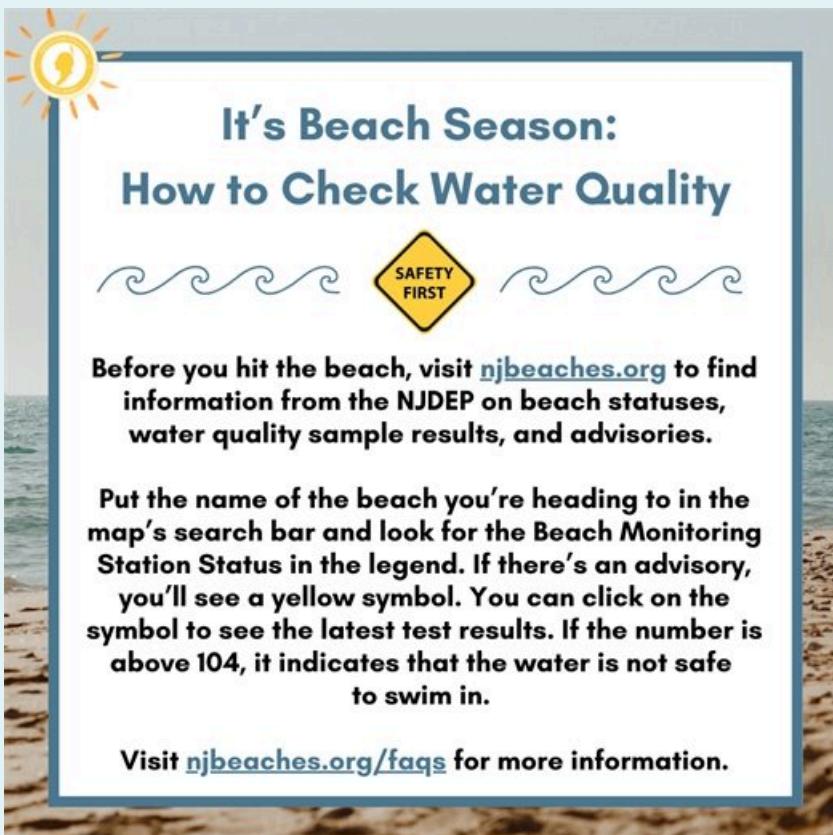
At-Home Care:

- 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.

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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



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!

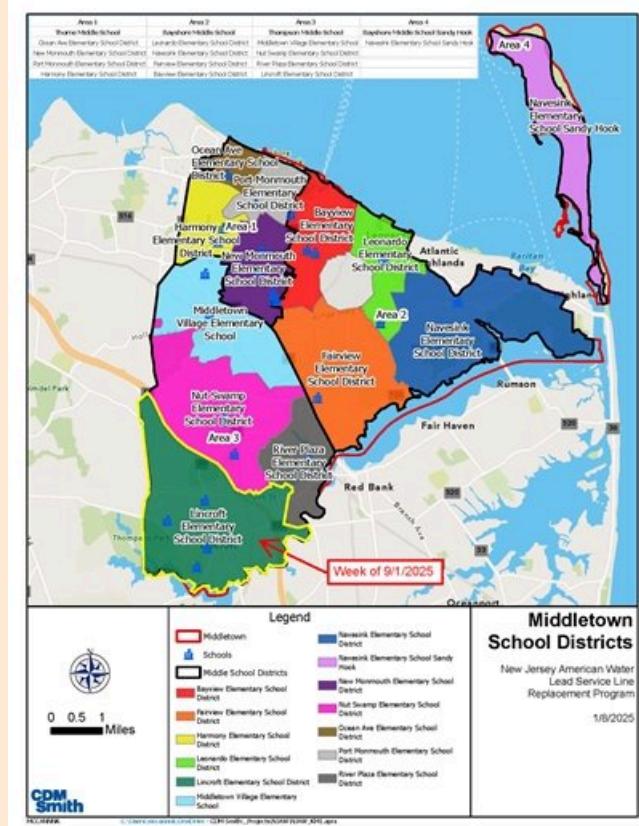


Middletown Alliance Provides Tips for Swimmers on Practicing Alcohol Safety



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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 Lincroft Elementary School District in Area 3 on the map above. There will not be any work conducted on Monday, September 1st due to Labor 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 and LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

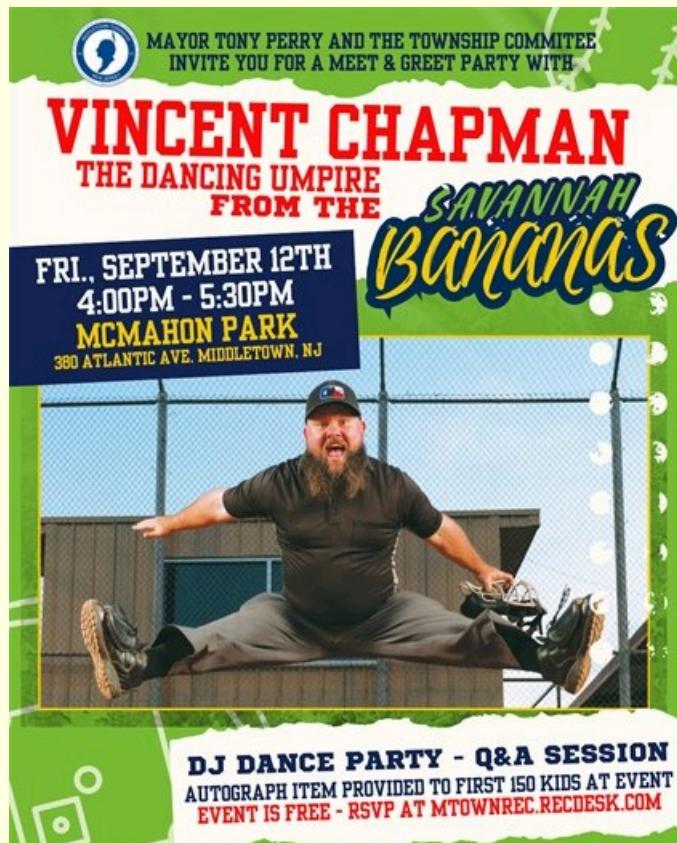
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Attend the Tindall Courts Grand Opening on Friday, 9/5 from 5-7 PM



Join Middletown Parks & Recreation at Tindall Park (63 Tindall Road) to celebrate the official opening of the new pickleball and tennis courts! Enjoy a DJ, giveaways, raffle prizes, and food trucks with delicious food to purchase. There will also be dedicated courts for kids. Swing on by!

Save the Date: Meet Vincent the Dancing Umpire from the Savannah Bananas on Friday, 9/12 from 4:00-5:30 PM



Visit mtownrec.recdesk.com to register for this **FREE** event!

Attend Middletown Parks & Recreation's Second Annual Skate Party on Friday, 9/12 from 6:00-8:30 PM



Shred with Middletown Parks & Recreation at its skate party at the Kunkel Park Skate Park in Leonardo! Please remember to bring your own equipment. This fun event is free for kids, teenagers, and adults of all ages!

Your favorite punk rock music will be pumping under the lights during the party. While there, enjoy a free video game truck and buy some delicious food from the food trucks onsite. There will also be free skateboarding lessons for beginners between ages 5-14 with Coach Dave!

**Sign Up for Free Flu Vaccine Clinic Happening on
Tuesday, 9/30 from 10 AM - 1 PM**

FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC



Hosted by the Middletown Township Health Department



WHEN:

**Tuesday, September 30th
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

WHERE:

**First Floor Training Room at Town Hall
(1 Kings Highway)**

WHAT:

**This free clinic is for Monmouth County residents.
Visit middletownnj.org/fluclinic to pre-register.**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

The Middletown Township Health Department will be holding a free flu shot clinic open to all Monmouth County residents in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Appointments are required.

Visit middletownnj.org/fluclinic for more information and to pre-register.

**Attend the Middletown Youth Wellness Event on
Thursday, 10/16 from 6:00-7:30 PM**

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH WELLNESS EVENT



The Middletown Township School District and the Middletown Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Prevention are partnering to host the Middletown Youth Wellness Event. Students, parents, and families are welcome to connect with representatives from local agencies that can support their child's well-being this school year.

Date: Thursday, October 16th

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Middletown High School North Media Room
(63 Tindall Road)

Some organizations attending include:

- Middletown Township Public Library
- Middletown Parks & Recreation
- Middletown Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- Preferred Behavioral Health Group
- Prevention First/NJ4S
- CPC Integrated Health Mobile Crisis Response
- Wellspring Center for Prevention
- Mental Health Association of Monmouth County
- A Partnership for Change
- Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide
- Friends Grow Friends Foundation, Inc.

..... and more!



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TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP



- 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

5 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

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

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

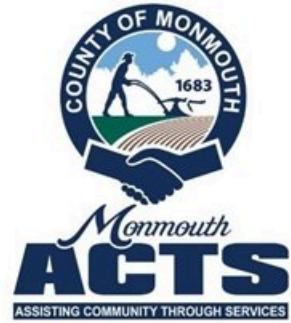
Warm Line: 732-683-8959



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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