



Middletown Remembers 24th Anniversary of 9/11



On Thursday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent memorial and wreath tribute at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (located next to the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street) to honor the 37 residents we lost 24 years ago and the individuals who have passed since from 9/11-related illnesses.

The evening started with a beautiful performance on the bagpipes by Mike Hannigan. The Middletown Township Police Department's Honor Guard and members of the Middletown Township Committee, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion Post 515 officially began the ceremony with a wreath tribute. After the wreaths were placed, Middletown Township Fire Chief Anthony Fulciniti rang a bell 37 times in memory of each resident whose life was taken on that tragic day.

After the bell tolled, hundreds of people, including 9/11 victims' loved ones, Township Committee members, local dignitaries, first responders, veterans, and community members, lit candles and walked through the Gardens which were illuminated by luminaries.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our poignant annual service. We promised to never forget 24 years ago, and our silent tribute was a testament to that vow.

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

Middletown Fire, Police, and EMS Come Together for First Annual Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens First Responders Stair Climb Fundraiser



Township Committee members, MTPD, EMS, and MTFD chiefs, Monmouth County elected officials, and Life Time General Manager Alex Armiento were proud to participate in this important fundraiser.

and never returned.

Several elected officials, including Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke, were also honored to step up to the challenge while wearing t-shirts that listed the 37 Middletown residents who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Other first responders and elected officials, including Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, were there to cheer everyone on. The event was also livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel and participants shared stories during interviews about their connections to 9/11.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the Gardens. Over \$16,000 has been raised so far. Donations will be collected at middletownnj.org/wtc through the end of September.

On Sunday morning, first responders from the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD), and Middletown Township Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) joined forces to raise funds for the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens.

Every 30 minutes, first responders from the various organizations took to the stair climbers at Life Time (230 Half Mile Road) and walked 110 floors, symbolizing the 110 floors of the Twin Towers.

Many of the first responders chose to wear their heavy gear while walking, in memory of the first responders who entered the Twin Towers in their gear

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event a success. This fundraiser could not have happened without the staff at Life Time, the volunteers who participated, the family and friends who came to support, and our community who generously donated to this important cause.

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

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



We hope you'll join us to 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. A special 25th anniversary improvement project is taking place and this event will help fund it. 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.

Middletown Helps Unveil the Official Portrait and Pennant of the USS New Jersey (SSN 796) at the NJ State House



On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry was honored to speak at the New Jersey State House for the unveiling of the official portrait and pennant of the USS New Jersey (SSN 796), which was commissioned at US Naval Weapons Station Earle on September 14, 2024. Several Township officials were proud to attend the presentation and show support. The two symbols are now a permanent fixture at the State House, highlighting the submarine's legacy in New Jersey and Middletown's pivotal role in its history.

Township Celebrates Tindall Courts' Renovations with Official Ribbon Cutting



Last week, the Township Committee alongside other Township officials commemorated the renovated courts at Tindall Park (located across from Middletown High School North, 63 Tindall Road) with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Community members stopped by to play some games, win some prizes, and purchase some delicious food!

Eight new dedicated pickleball courts, twelve refinished tennis courts, additional walkways to the courts, octagon building refurbishment, and tree maintenance round out the work complete at Tindall Park.

Thank you to our partners, Halecon and Colliers Engineering & Design, for helping this project come to life!

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

Middletown Welcomes Dancing Umpire Vincent Chapman from the Savannah Bananas



On Friday, September 12th Savannah Bananas Dancing Umpire Vincent Chapman danced his way to McMahon Park (380 Atlantic Avenue) for a meet & greet party hosted by Middletown Parks & Recreation! The Township Committee was ecstatic to meet him and present him with a home plate that has the Township's seal engraved on it.

During the event, community members were able to get free pizza courtesy of Cugini's Pizza (794 NJ-35), receive an autographed card from Vincent and take a photo with him, and get a special Township-branded stress ball that is designed to look like a baseball! They could also enjoy some tunes from a DJ, grab some food, and play some baseball.

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered — the event was a home run!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 9/15 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com. Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, September 15th meeting. Once the meeting begins, the event will say "LIVE" and a camera icon will appear. You can click on the camera icon to stream the meeting. After the meeting ends, a recording of it will be available.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to access the meeting agenda.

New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Advanced Scheduling



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**

As of Monday, September 1st, your bulk pickup day is now your bulk pickup week! The Township's contractor, IWS, now has 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.

Middletown Senior Center Programs Moved to Different Locations Due to Renovations

**STARTING ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**



MIDDLETOWN SENIOR CENTER CLOSED TO PUBLIC



Fitness classes and special events will be moved to the Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road).



All card and table games will be moved to the Yoga Room inside the Croydon Hall Gym.



Art class will be moved to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street).



Not sure where to go? Call the Middletown Senior Center at 732-615-2265. We are here to help during the renovation.

Thank you for your patience!

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



Submit Photos to Middletown America 250's Weekly Photo Contest: This Week's Winners to be Announced on Friday, 9/19

Photo courtesy of Middletown Township Historical Society



Middletown America 250 Weekly Photo Contest



This week's theme is:
Revolutionary Exhibits

9/11-9/18

**Capture a photo of your favorite local
museum or exhibit that highlights
Revolutionary War history!**

**Upload your photo by Thursday, 9/18
with your name, social media handle,
and a brief caption with the location at
middletownnj.org/250photocontest.**

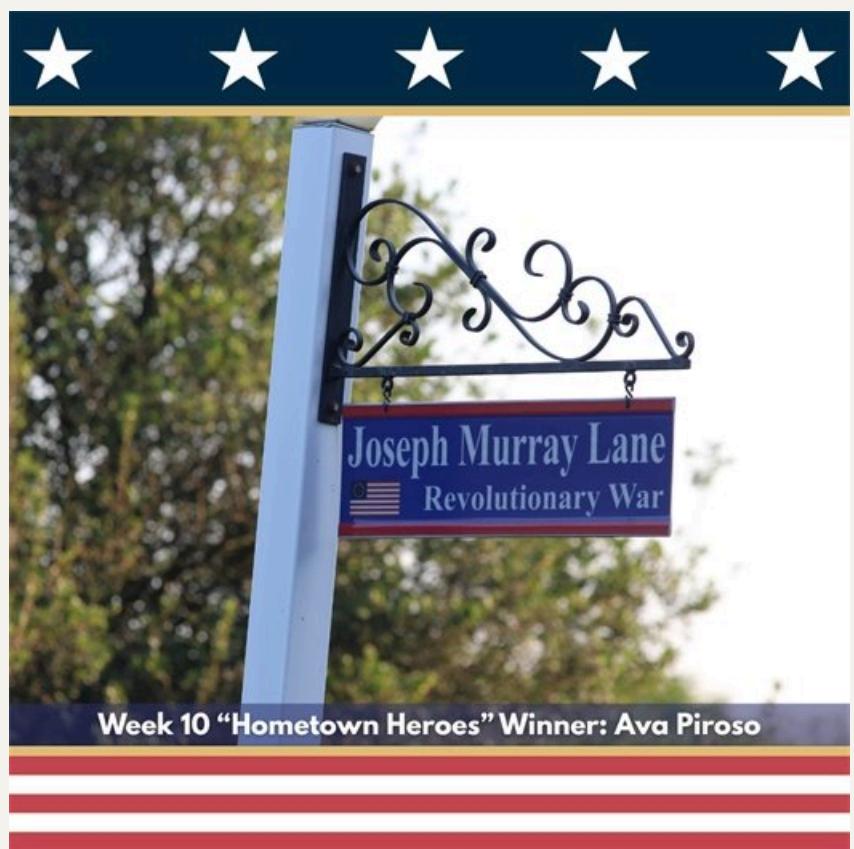
As part of Middletown's America 250 initiative, the Township launched a weekly photo contest! Capture a unique photo in Middletown inspired by the weekly theme, which will be shared via Middletown Township's and the Middletown America 250 Committee's social media channels and in *Middletown Minutes*.

This week's theme is "Revolutionary Exhibits". Take a photo of your favorite local museum or exhibit that highlights Revolutionary War history!

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](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 "Hometown Heroes"! Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry. Ava Piroso submitted this beautiful photo of the Joseph Murray Lane sign, located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). This sign is part of the [Township's Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program](#).



Week 10 "Hometown Heroes" Winner: Ava Piroso

Photo courtesy of Ava Piroso

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



TWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

D ALL OF THE ABOVE



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](https://www.youtube.com/@mtdtownship).

The next trivia question will be featured via the Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram story on Thursday, September 25th. The answer will be

revealed in the Friday, September 26th issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Make sure you follow the Middletown America 250 Committee on [Instagram](#)!

Uncover the History of the New Jersey Loyalists with the MTHS on Tuesday, 9/23 at 7 PM

**Patriots of a Different Name:
New Jersey Loyalists**

with Andrew Dauphinee

Tues, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm

**FREE at the Middletown Twp. Public Library
or Register to View Online at
MiddletownNJHistory.org**

**Presented by
Middletown Township
Historical Society**

This program is made possible in part by the Monmouth County Historical Commission, through funding by the New Jersey Historical Commission

The Middletown Township Historical Society (MTHS) will be launching its America 250 Speaker Series with "Patriots of a Different Name: New Jersey Loyalists" on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). This event is free and will also be available to watch via Zoom.

During the American Revolution, New Jersey saw more battles and skirmishes than any other colony, particularly due to the partisan forces on both sides. The citizenry of New Jersey were staunchly divided, and those supporting the British Crown were just as patriotic and zealous as their rebel counterparts.

Please join Andrew Dauphinee, Jerseyana Librarian at the New Jersey State Library, for a deep dive into one of the most important and effective provincial forces in the American Revolution: The New Jersey Volunteers. Andrew will discuss the history, military engagements, and notable figures, leaving you with a deeper appreciation for New Jersey's role in the American Revolution.

Click [HERE](#) to register via Zoom.

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

Middletown DAR to Host Genealogy Classes at MTPL: Register Now!

Researching Revolutionary War
Patriots in Your Family Tree-Part 1

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Free Genealogy Workshop
with *Daughters of the American Revolution*
Middletown Chapter



**Tuesday, September 30
11 AM-12:30 PM
NJ History Room**

Part 2: October 21

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT MTPL.ORG



The Middletown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be hosting a two-part workshop at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) called “Researching Revolutionary War Patriots in Your Family Tree”. Registration is required.

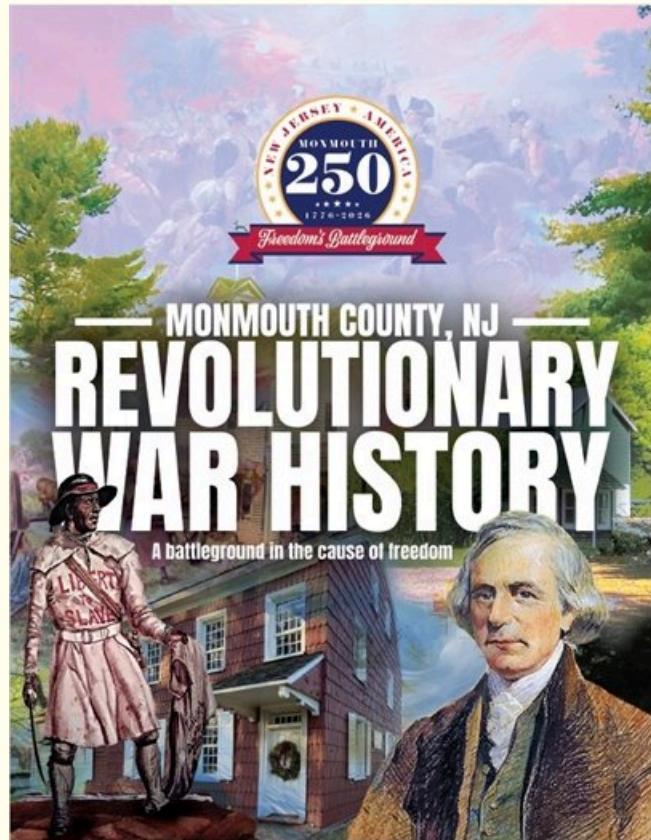
Part 1 will take place on Tuesday, September 30th and will focus on how to add yourself to Family Search and connect your family into the public tree. For the class, you’ll need to come prepared with the names on your family tree, date and

place of birth, and date and place of death for each one of your parents and your four grandparents.

Part 2 of the workshop will take place on Tuesday, October 21st. Once you are connected into the public tree, you will use that tree in conjunction with the DAR's Genealogical Research System to identify any potential Revolutionary War ancestors. This workshop will only help you identify a potential branch of the tree to explore further. Once a candidate ancestor is identified, traditional genealogy techniques will be required to prove that line.

Click [HERE](#) to register for Part 1 and click [HERE](#) to register for Part 2.

Monmouth County Officials Release Free Educational Resource for Monmouth County Students for America's Upcoming 250th Anniversary



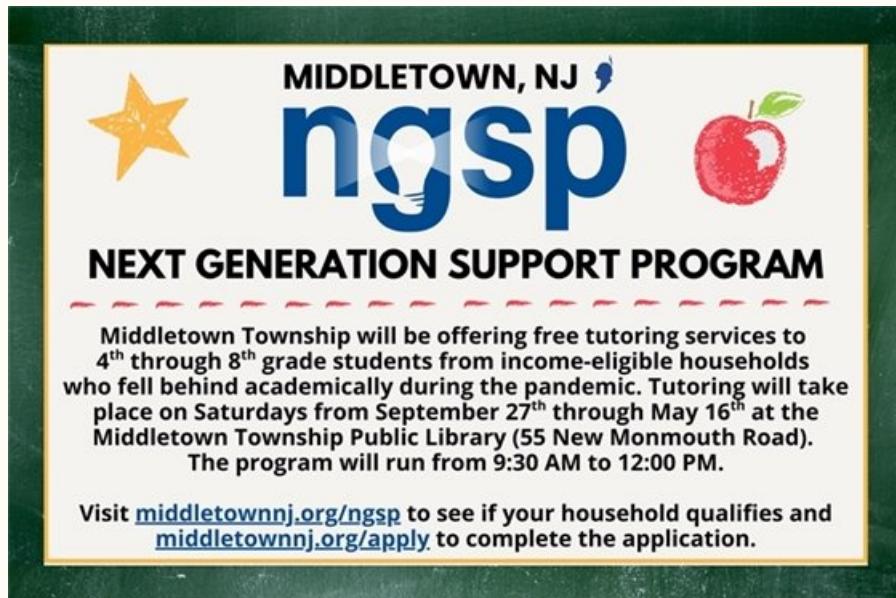
The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently released a free educational resource for Monmouth County students in recognition of America's 250th birthday. Schools are invited to implement this book about Monmouth County's Revolutionary era history into their curriculum.

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.

Township's Free Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Students Returns Saturday, 9/27: Apply Now!



The poster features a yellow star on the left, the text 'MIDDLETOWN, NJ' with a blue 'i' icon, and a red apple with a green leaf on the right. Below this, the acronym 'ngsp' is written in large blue letters with a white outline. Underneath, the text 'NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM' is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A dashed red line separates this from the following text: 'Middletown Township will be offering free tutoring services to 4th through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who fell behind academically during the pandemic. Tutoring will take place on Saturdays from September 27th through May 16th at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). The program will run from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.' Below this, another dashed red line separates the text: 'Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and middletownnj.org/apply to complete the application.'

If you have any questions, please contact Middletown Township Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano at jcammarosano@middletownnj.org or 732-615-2281.

Please visit middletownnj.org/ngsp for more information and middletownnj.org/apply to apply.

Register Now for MAC's Fall Classes



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) fall classes has officially opened! Pick up a hobby and sign up for a class in theater, dance, art, or more.

Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult classes.

Middletown Township Communications Department Shares Tips on How to Communicate During a Severe Weather Event at NJEMA Quarterly Meeting/Training



Photo courtesy of NJEMA

On Tuesday, Middletown Township Communications Director Tara Berson gave a presentation at the New Jersey Emergency Management Association's (NJEMA) quarterly meeting/training on the importance of clear, timely, and effective communication during severe weather events, such as hurricanes and winter storms.

Representatives from the New Jersey State Police and various Office of Emergency Management departments across the state were in attendance. The discussion reinforced that when it comes to emergencies strong communication isn't just about sharing information — it's about building trust, providing clarity, and keeping our communities safe.

Visit middletownnj.org/oem for emergency preparedness tips!

Middletown Township Floodplain Management Shares Preparedness Tips in Observance of National Preparedness Month

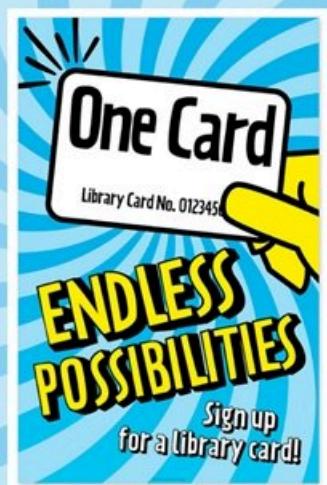
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HOW TO PREPARE IN MIDDLETOWN

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTER FOR EVERBRIDGE NIXLE</p>	<p>Get up-to-date alerts via text message, phone call, and/or e-mail by registering for Everbridge Nixle. You can register by either texting your zip code to 888-777 or visiting middletownnj.org/nixle.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTER WITH NJ REGISTER READY</p>	<p>Know someone with a disability? Make sure they register with NJ Register Ready at middletownnj.org/njregisterready.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KNOW EVACUATION ROUTES AND FLOOD-PRONE STREETS</p>	<p>Review coastal evacuation routes and flood-prone streets at middletownnj.org/oem.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE</p>	<p>Find an insurance provider at middletownnj.org/floodinsurance.</p>

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 through Monday, 9/22



The poster features a blue and white abstract background with the words 'TEEN Art Contest' in large, stylized brown letters. Below the title is the text 'CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!'. To the left, a yellow hand holds a white library card with the text 'One Card' and 'ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES'. To the right, there is a glass jar containing various art supplies like paintbrushes and pencils. A blue speech bubble contains the text: 'Entries will be accepted between September 1st and 22nd. Artwork and permission slips can be submitted digitally, in JPEG or PDF format, to mcecchani@mtpl.org'.

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!

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 mcecchani@mtpl.org.

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

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 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 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

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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.

Middletown EMS Provides Vital Information about Narcan Administration



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.

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.

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.

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



FREE HOME SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION

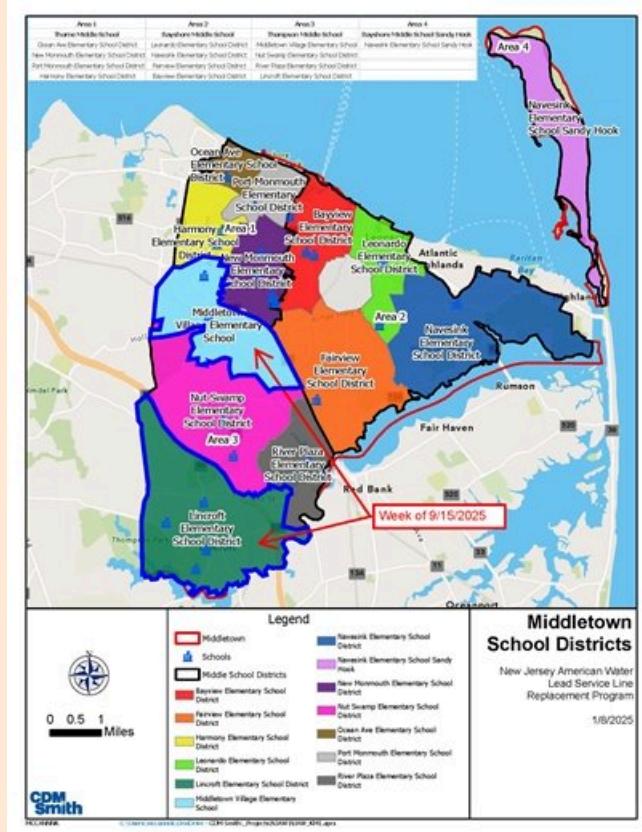
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH |  American Red Cross

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.

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 and Middletown Village Elementary School District in Area 3 on the map above.

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.



Attend the Waloo Park Playground Grand Opening on Wednesday, 9/17 from 5:00-6:30 PM



Come and celebrate the playground YOU voted on earlier this year! Join Middletown Parks & Recreation at Waloo Park (Main Street, Port Monmouth) as we cut the ribbon to unveil our brand new playground.

Super Bowl champions Ottis Anderson and Stephen Baker will also be there to help the Township celebrate this special occasion. In addition, you can enjoy free cotton candy and a face painter (while supplies last). You can also shoot some hoops on the park's newly resurfaced basketball courts too!

Sign Up to Craft with Bayshore Family Success Center at the MTPL on Wednesday, 9/17 at 3:30 PM

**MAKE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL
CRAFT WITH BAYSHORE
FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER**

**Wednesday,
September 17
at 3:30 pm
Ages 5 & Up**

Registration is required at mtpl.org.



**MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
WWW.MTPL.ORG

Get creative with the Bayshore Family Success Center and decorate your own notebook and folder to start the school year in style! This program will take place at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) and is geared for students in grades K-5. It will be held in the MTPL's Children's Program Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

Kick Off Autumn with Seasonal Activities at the MTPL's Fall Fest on Saturday, 9/20 from 10 AM - 3 PM



Celebrate the return of fall with a day full of fun at the MTPL! Enjoy live music, games, crafts, seasonal treats, raffles, and activities for all ages. With all the different programs being offered, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Click [HERE](#) to view the different programs part of Fall Fest.

**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.

**Middletown Township Floodplain Management
Encourages the Public to Learn About Flood Insurance
on Thursday, 10/2 at 6 PM**

FLOOD INSURANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday, 10/2 | 6:00-7:30 PM
Town Hall Training Room
(1 Kings Highway)

Presentation by:
Risk Reduction
Plus Group and
reThought Flood

Learn about:

- Floodproofing
- Property Risk Assessment
- Understanding Your Policy
- NFIP vs. Private Insurance

Contact: Stacy Krause
Floodplain Manager
732-615-2000 ext. 2167



Pre-Register for Middletown Township Animal Control's
Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinics Happening in October

Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinics



Thursday, October 2nd
from 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, October 25th
from 8:00-10:00 AM

**Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot
(900 Leonardville Road)**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
middletownnj.org/rabies

Both clinics will be divided into two one-hour time slots. The second slot will open once the first slot is full.

Call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions.



Visit middletownnj.org/rabies 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

- 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.
- When the container is ½ full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE".
- 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.

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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