



Township Officials Show Support at Monmouth County's Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony



Photo courtesy of Monmouth County Government

Last week, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Middletown Police Chief R. Craig Weber attended the County's annual 9/11 memorial ceremony at Mount Mitchell Scenic Overlook (460 Ocean Boulevard, Atlantic Highlands). The service honored the 147 Monmouth County residents who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the 37 Middletown residents.

Middletown PBA Local 124 Honors 24th Anniversary of 9/11 with Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K and Kids' Run



Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were proud to support our police officers and community at this wonderful event.

On Saturday, Middletown PBA Local 124 held its 4th annual 9/11 Memorial 5K and Kids' Run. Proceeds raised will be donated to a scholarship that the PBA is creating in honor of Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti and to local nonprofit [The P.O. Ken Tietjen Memorial Foundation](#), which was created in memory of late Middletown resident, police officer, and volunteer firefighter Kenneth Tietjen who gave his life in the line of duty on September 11, 2001.

Gary Ruhman Bike Tour Donates to Middletown's Veterans Affordable Housing Project



On Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke accepted a check donation from the Gary Ruhman Bike Tour at VFW Post 4303 in Hazlet. The money will go toward our affordable housing building for veterans, formally known as Veterans Village, which is nearing completion and will be opening on Leonardville Road in November. We appreciate their generosity!



Watch the Monday, September 15th Township Committee Meeting

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, October 5th.

Check Out New Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



In the latest episode of *Minute with the Mayor*, Mayor Tony Perry highlights recent 9/11 events, including the first responders' 9/11 stair climb fundraiser at Life Time and the Township's annual silent memorial and wreath tribute. He also covers the honor of speaking at the USS New Jersey (SSN-796) official portrait and pennant presentation at the New Jersey State House. The submarine was commissioned at U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle last September and holds a special place in Middletown's history.

Other topics in this episode include the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated courts at Tindall Park, a special visit from the Savannah Bananas' Dancing Umpire at McMahon Park, and a generous check donation from the Gary Ruhman Bike Tour for Veterans to support our 100-percent affordable housing building for veterans. Mayor Perry also invites the community to attend the official grand opening for the Township's Veterans Village on Sunday, 11/2 at 11:00 AM, followed by our annual Veterans Day Parade at 1:00 PM.

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

New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Advanced Scheduling

A graphic for 'New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Registration'. It features a blue background with a white circular logo containing a silhouette of a person. The text 'NEW MANDATORY BULK PICKUP REGISTRATION' is in bold blue letters. Below it, a message reads: 'Beginning Monday, September 1st, residents **MUST** register to have bulk collected during their regular bulk week. Your bulk will be collected within 48 hours.' To the right is an illustration of a house with a calendar and a box.

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

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, 9/26



Middletown America 250 Weekly Photo Contest



This week's theme is:

Interiors of the Past

9/18~9/25

Capture a photo of colonial interior design features that were popular during the Revolutionary War, such as fireplaces and window shutters!

Upload your photo by Thursday, 9/25 with your name, social media handle, and a brief caption with the location at middletownnj.org/250photocntest.

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 "Interiors of the Past". Take a photo of colonial interior design features that were popular during the Revolutionary War, such as fireplaces and window shutters!

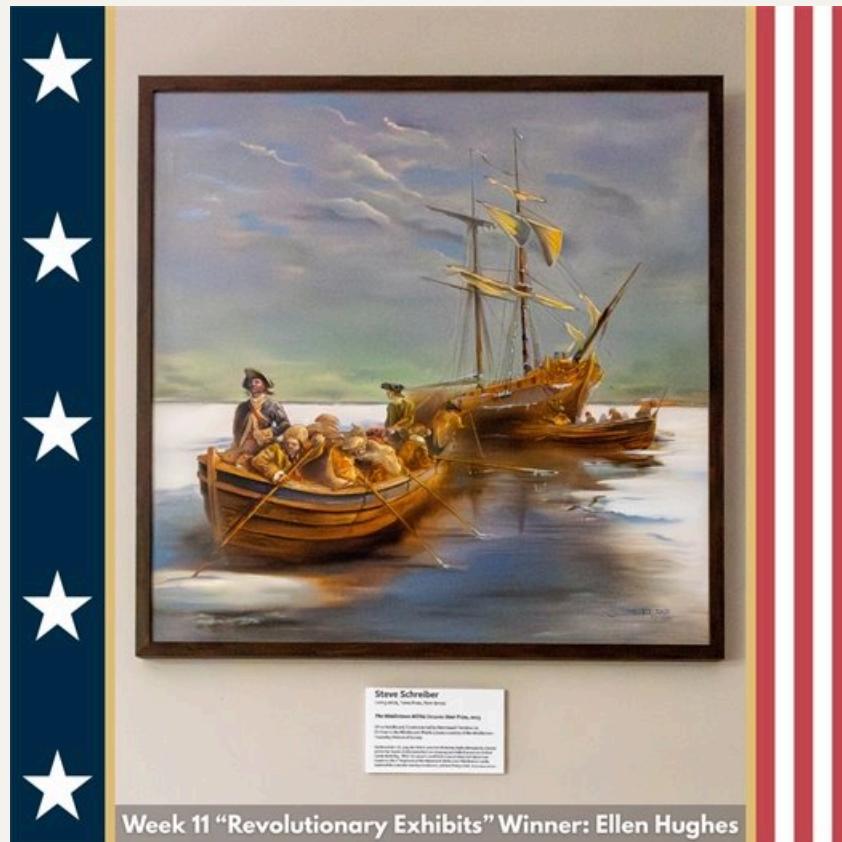
Upload your photo to middletownnj.org/250photocontest, along with your name, social media handle, and a short description of your image and its location. New themes will be announced every Thursday. The winners will be announced every Friday, so please submit your photo by noon on Thursday of that week.

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 "Revolutionary Exhibits"! Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry.

Ellen Hughes (@ellen.h.pics on Instagram) submitted this great photo of *The Middletown Militia Secures their Prize*, a painting by Steve Schreiber. This piece of artwork is currently on display at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) and on loan from the Middletown Township Historical Society.



Volunteers Give Hartshorne Cemetery Some TLC



Photos courtesy of Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson

On Friday, September 19th, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner Roseann Eteson and local volunteer Jamie DeRisi dedicated the morning to cleaning up downed tree limbs in Hartshorne Cemetery (57 Kings Highway).

This historic cemetery remains owned and maintained by the Hartshorne family. The land was originally owned by Richard Hartshorne, a Quaker from England, who arrived in America in 1669, and likely settled in Rhode Island before moving to Middletown around 1670. Hartshorne is recognized as one of the earliest European settlers to Middletown.

During his lifetime, Hartshorne became one of the largest landowners in the region, holding over 2,400 acres that encompassed Sandy Hook and the Navesink Highlands.

This cleanup was part of an ongoing effort to highlight our historic landmark cemeteries where Revolutionary War Patriots are buried as part of Middletown's America 250 initiative. Private Timothy Murphy who served in the Monmouth Militia is buried here. Murphy was married to Mary Garrison, Richard Hartshorne's great-granddaughter, and died in 1812.

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

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monmouth County New Jersey

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY

AMERICA 250

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.

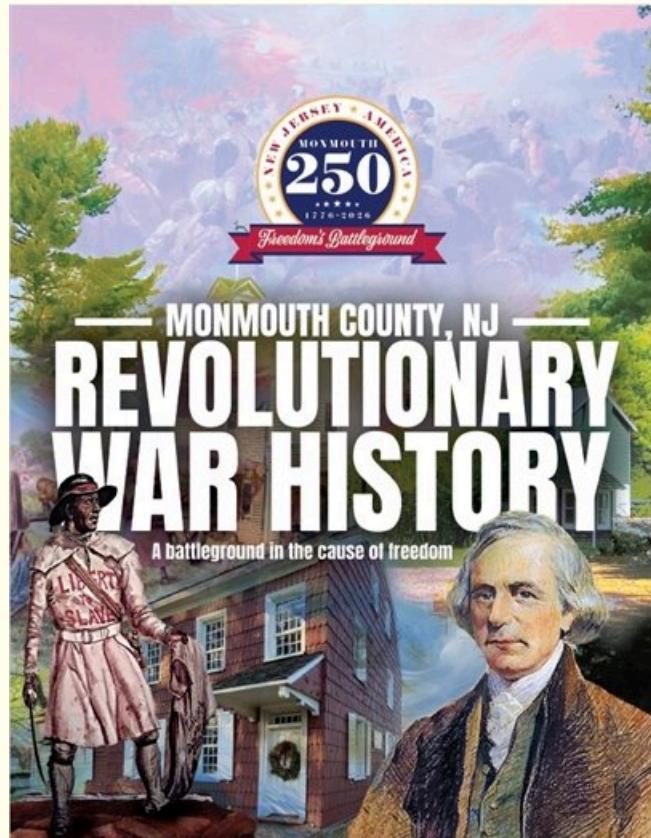
Part 1 will take place on Tuesday, September 30th and will focus on how to add yourself to Family Search and connect your family into the public tree. For the class, you’ll need to come prepared with the names on your family tree, date and

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



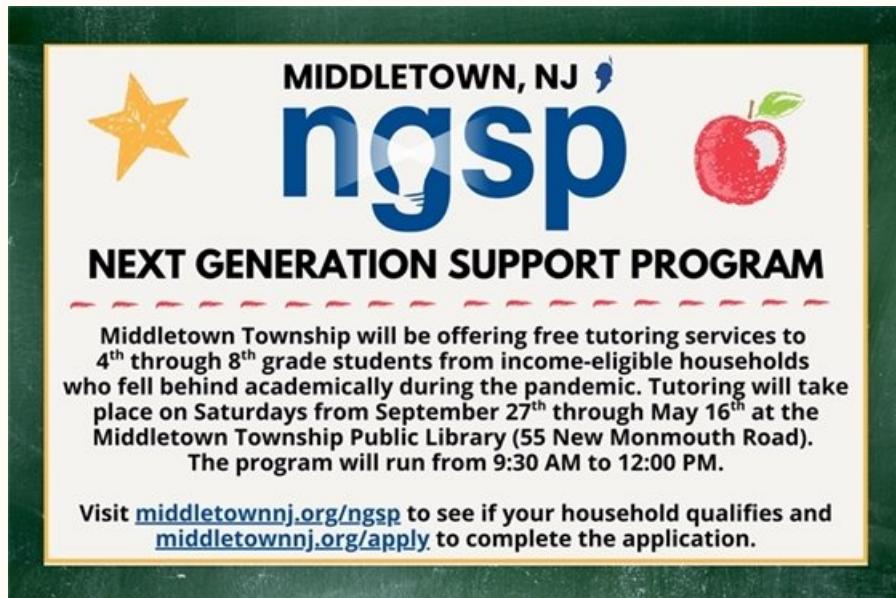
The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently released a free educational resource for Monmouth County students in recognition of America's 250th birthday. Schools are invited to implement this book about Monmouth County's Revolutionary era history into their curriculum.

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 Health Department Encourages Residents to Be Proactive About Cancer Screenings



CANCER SCREENINGS SAVE LIVES



Recommended Screening Schedule	Questions for your Doctor
<p>AGES 25-39</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Cancer <p>AGES 40-49</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer • Cervical Cancer • Colorectal Cancer • Prostate Cancer (for African Americans) <p>AGES 50+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer • Cervical Cancer • Colorectal Cancer • Lung Cancer (for current and former smokers) • Prostate Cancer 	<p>1 How often should I screen?</p> <p>2 Where can I get screened?</p> <p>3 Does my insurance cover this?</p>
<p>More Information</p> <p>The Middletown Township Health Department encourages you to visit cancer.org/getscreened for additional resources.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/HEALTH	

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

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HOW TO PREPARE IN MIDDLETOWN

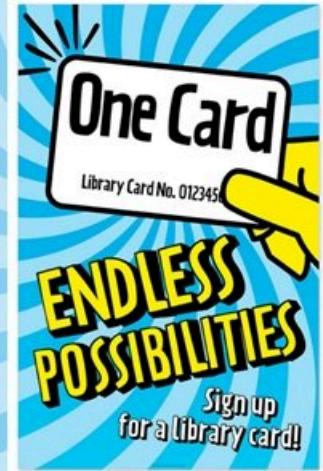
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTER FOR EVERBRIDGE NIXLE</p>	<p>Get up-to-date alerts via text message, phone call, and/or e-mail by registering for Everbridge Nixle. You can register by either texting your zip code to 888-777 or visiting middletownnj.org/nixle.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

<https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/271164>

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September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



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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

**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.

Monmouth County Virtual Public Information Notice for Improvements to South Laurel Avenue at the Railroad Bridge: Last Day to Submit Comments is Monday, 9/22

 **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 Sylko, 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



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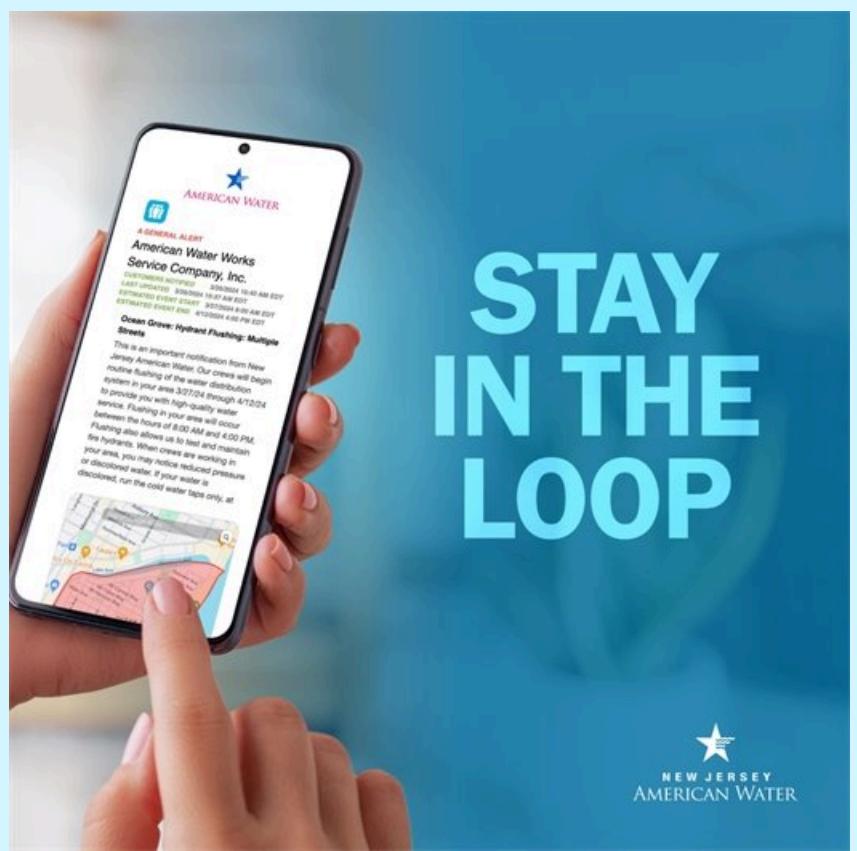
Monmouth County is currently advancing a Concept Development (CD) Study for improvements to South Laurel Avenue from Commons Way to AT&T Drive in the townships of Middletown and Holmdel. The purpose of the CD Study is to identify the Purpose and Need for the proposed improvements and then develop conceptual 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.](#)

Register for Alerts from New Jersey American Water



Visit login.amwater.com to log in to your MyWater account and sign up for alerts.

Middletown EMS Provides Vital Information About Narcan Administration



In a recent Public Service Announcement (PSA), Middletown EMS Public Information Officer Jimmy De Rugeriis 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 officially launched 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 crucial 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

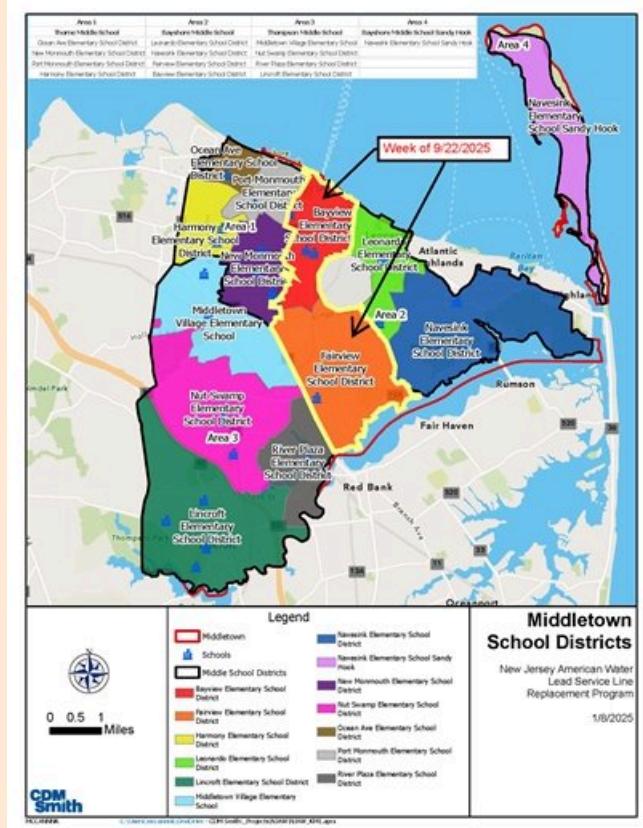
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH |  American Red Cross

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 Bayview Elementary School District and Fairview Elementary School District in Area 2 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).

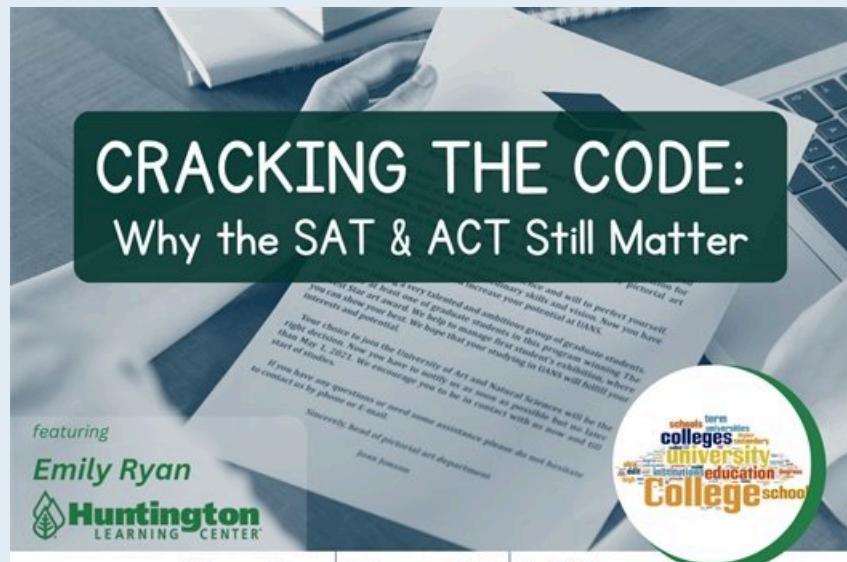
The inspector will take exterior photos of the property and interior photographs of the service material and record the pipe material identified. Inspections generally take 15 minutes or less. At no time will residents be asked for money. Any customer that prefers to not have an internal inspection completed 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Learn About the Importance of the SAT and ACT and How to Ace Them at the MTPL on Monday, 9/22 at 6:30 PM



Monday | Sep. 22 | 6:30pm
 Wednesday | Oct. 1 | 6:30pm

COMMUNITY ROOM

Registration is recommended, not required



High school students and families are invited to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) to learn how the SAT and ACT still impact scholarships, placement, and admissions. Huntington Learning Center will share insights, strategies, and prep tips to help you navigate testing and make the most of your college opportunities. This program will take place in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is recommended.

Can't make it? There will be another one on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 PM.

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

Attend the Waloo Park Playground Grand Opening on Tuesday, 9/23 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!

This grand opening was originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Listen to Piano Solo Compositions at the MTPL on Thursday, 9/25 at 6:30 PM

Piano Solo Compositions

Inspired by Literature



**Performance by
Max Anikushin**

Join us
on Thursday,
September 25
at 6:30 pm

Registration recommended



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Enjoy an evening of piano at the MTPL with Dr. Maxim Anikushin, featuring solo compositions inspired by literature, including works by Liszt, Chopin, Ravel, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven. An acclaimed concert pianist, Anikushin has performed at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, and with renowned conductors and ensembles worldwide. Registration is recommended, but not required. The program will take place in the MTPL's Community Room.

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

**Uncover Treasures at Middletown Parks & Recreation's
Guided Fossil Hunt on Sunday, 9/28 at 11 AM**



Guided Fossil Hunts

Sunday, September
28 11:00am-12:00pm

Discover Cretaceous-Era marine fossils in abundance!



\$5/Person (R) - Ages 5+
Poricy Park Fossil Beds
Middletown-Lincroft Road
Register on RecDesk
mtownrec.recdesk.com



Join Middletown Parks & Recreation for the last guided fossil hunt of the season!

Come dig up history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds where there are many Cretaceous-Era marine fossils waiting to be found. Middletown Parks & Recreation's guide will supply equipment for screening for fossils and identifying your treasures.

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

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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Participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/19: Last Day to Register is Wednesday, 10/8



Calling the most epically decorated Halloween trunks for the new Trunk-or-Treat feature at this year's Middletown Day! Trunk-or-Treat will take place from 2-4 PM.

Help spread treats (or tricks!) in addition to getting an awesome parking spot for the day! First place (\$200 Amazon gift card) and second place (\$100 Amazon gift card) winners will be voted on by attendees.

Pre-registration is required and costs \$15 per car. There is limited capacity available, so register today!

Click [HERE](#) to complete the registration form.

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



The poster for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run. It features the Middletown Township New Jersey seal on the left. The 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 is set at 'PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK'. The date 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH' is prominently displayed. A t-shirt with the event logo is shown on the left. To the right, there is a silhouette of a runner. Text at the bottom states 'JOIN US FOR A TRAIL RUN WITH AWESOME PRIZES!' and 'ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT: MIDDLETOWN'S WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND'.

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.



- On Friday, September 19th, Navesink River Road will be closed between NJ-35 and McClees Road from 6:00 PM - 6:00 AM for milling and paving.
- On Sunday, September 21st, there will be road closures on Tindall Road northbound, Park Avenue eastbound, East Road southbound, and Swartzel

Drive westbound due to the annual Love for Luca 5K Run/Walk. Please avoid the area.

- 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE".
- 3 Put the plastic container in the household trash. Sharps should never be recycled or thrown loosely into the trash or toilet.





LOCAL DISPOSAL OPTIONS

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

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

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

Still have questions?
Visit safeneedledisposal.org
for more disposal locations in
New Jersey and guidance on
sharps disposal.



SafeNeedleDisposal.org
Be sharp about sharps.

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

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

The Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reminds residents about the importance of being prepared, especially during hurricane season. 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.

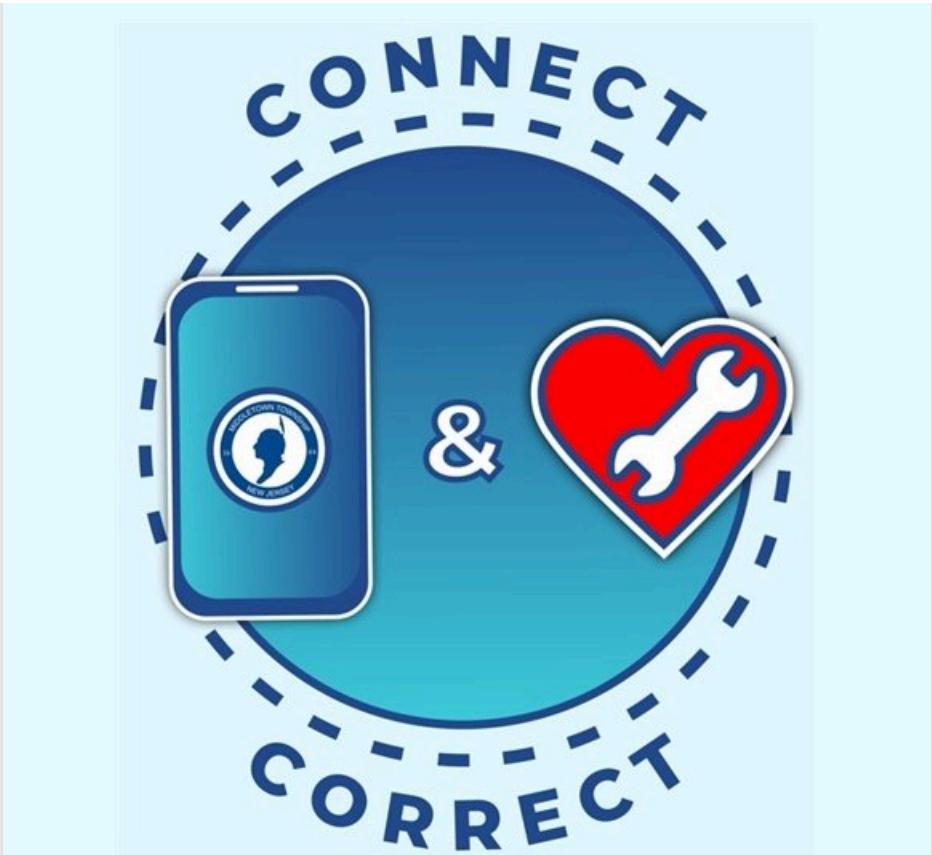


Visit sdlportal.com to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizens Portal.

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



The logo features a blue circle with a dashed border. Inside the circle, on the left, is a blue smartphone displaying the Middletown Township New Jersey logo. On the right is a red heart containing a white wrench. A white ampersand (&) is positioned between the phone and the heart. The word "CONNECT" is arched along the top dashed line, and "CORRECT" is arched along the bottom dashed line.

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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