



## Township Celebrates New Playground and Renovations at Waloo Park



*Middletown Township Committee members and Township officials are joined by Whirl Construction employees, Super Bowl champions Ottis Anderson and Stephen Baker, and county and state elected officials for the ribbon cutting!*

On Tuesday, Middletown Township was proud to unveil the new playground and newly resurfaced basketball courts at Waloo Park (Main Street, Port Monmouth)! Earlier this year, residents voted on the playground design they liked best. This week, our community came together to officially cut the ribbon and celebrate its grand opening!

Attendees were able to meet Giants Super Bowl champions Ottis Anderson and Stephen Baker, get autographs, and even take pictures with them and the famous Vince Lombardi Trophy! There was also free cotton candy, a face painter, and a DJ pumping tunes.

A huge thank you to Whirl Construction for bringing our shared vision to life and to everyone who made this event so special!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos.

## Sebastian's Hair-em Commemorates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, co-owners Sheri Gatanas, Donna Tactikos, Lynda Rohrmann, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino*

On Saturday, Sebastian's Hair-em (872 NJ-36, Leonardo) celebrated 50 years of providing exceptional beauty services to our community! Founded in 1975 by Anne Muratore, who opened a five-chair salon for her daughters Donna, Lynda, and Cheryl, Sebastian's Hair-em has blossomed into a thriving beauty destination that continues to be rooted in family tradition. The salon has also expanded its offerings beyond hair to include nail care, skin care, and waxing services.

After Anne passed away, ownership was given to her three daughters. When Cheryl passed away, her daughter Sheri stepped in to continue the family legacy. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino were thrilled to present the three co-owners a proclamation in recognition of this milestone.

Visit [sebhair.com](http://sebhair.com) for more information about the salon.

## Community Raises Funds for Pediatric Cancer Research at Annual Love for Luca 5K



*Pictured from left: Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Luca's parents Michele and Frank Iacono, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke*

Early Sunday morning, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino joined hundreds of community members to participate in the fourth annual Love for Luca 5K Walk/Run! Deputy Mayor Hibell was honored to welcome all the participants before the race kicked off at Middletown High School North.

The event was held in memory of Luca Iacono, a beloved 11-year-old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019. All proceeds will be donated to local nonprofit [Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer](#). Donations will be accepted until Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, so make a difference and donate today!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event and to donate.

## **Belford Engine Fire Company Hosts Successful Annual Classic Car Show**





*Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and Mayor's Choice winner Joe Toma take a picture together in front of the winning car!*

On Sunday, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke had fun selecting the Mayor's Choice winner at Belford Engine Fire Company's annual classic car show. Committeewoman Kim Kratz was especially excited to present Joe Toma with the trophy for his beautiful 1970 Ford Mustang. Congratulations!

## JOIN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> TO HONOR OUR VETERANS



### VETERANS VILLAGE GRAND OPENING

- ★ 11:00 AM
- ★ 37-45 Leonardville Road, Belford
- ★ Event includes a flag raising, monument unveiling, tours, and more!

### 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

- ★ 1:00 PM
- ★ Step Off: Bayview Elementary School (300 Leonardville Road)



### CORRECTION:

In our coverage of the Township's 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens in the [9/13/25 issue of Middletown Minutes](#), we inadvertently omitted that American Legion Post 338 also presented a wreath during the ceremony.

We sincerely apologize for this oversight and thank Post 338 for their meaningful participation in honoring the memory of the 37 residents we lost and those who have since passed from 9/11-related illnesses.

**Middletown Township Certified Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause Holds Educational Session for Local Realtors**



*Photo courtesy of CENTURY 21 Thomson & Co*

On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Middletown Township Certified Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause was the guest speaker at CENTURY 21 Thomson & Co (254 NJ-35).

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

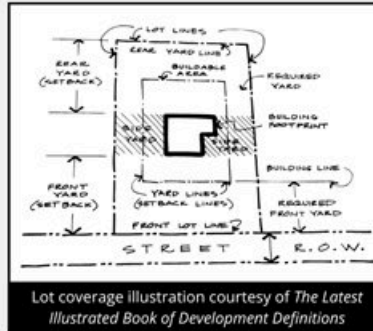
Agencies that are interested in providing educational sessions for their realtors can contact Stacy at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167.

## Making Improvements to Your Property? Get Approval and Permits First!



Middletown Township regulates lot coverage. Before starting outdoor projects on your property, check with Planning & Zoning to get approval and the necessary permits for the following:

- ✓ Additions
- ✓ Garages
- ✓ Sheds
- ✓ Pools
- ✓ Patios
- ✓ Fences
- ✓ Tree removal



For more information, please visit  
[middletownnj.org/zoning](http://middletownnj.org/zoning).



## Master Plan Public Hearing to be Held on Wednesday, 10/8 at 7:00 PM

The [Middletown Township Planning Board](#) will hold a hearing on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall to consider adoption of the 2025 Middletown Township Master Plan dated

September 2025.

The 2025 Master Plan represents the Township's continued effort to ensure that its planning policies and land use goals and objectives remain current, effectively respond to issues facing Middletown, and reflect the community's long-term vision for the future.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Board may take action by amending and/or adopting the 2025 Master Plan.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2025 Middletown Township Master Plan (September 2025). Click [HERE](#) to read the public notice for the Planning Board hearing.

## New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Advanced Scheduling





## NEW MANDATORY BULK PICKUP REGISTRATION

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



### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1** Download  recycle coach.
- 2** Send an email to [bulk@middletownnj.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 8<sup>TH</sup>



### 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, 10/3**



## Middletown America 250 Weekly Photo Contest



This week's theme is:

*One Final Hurrah*

9/25~10/2

In honor of our photo contest coming to an end,  
capture a photo of **a replica, historic site,  
figurine, or type of media that showcases an  
aspect of the Revolutionary War!**

**Upload your photo by Thursday, 10/2  
with your name, social media handle,  
and a brief caption with the location at  
[middletownnj.org/250photocontest](http://middletownnj.org/250photocontest).**

After three months and many incredible submissions, the Middletown America 250 Photo Contest officially wraps up next week. From highlighting historic landmarks to relics from the Revolutionary Era, your photos have helped bring our history to life.

Our last contest theme is "One Final Hurrah"! We encourage you to capture a photo of a replica, historic site, figurine, or type of media that showcases an aspect of the Revolutionary War. This could be a movie, book, model of Revolutionary War-era clothing or weapons, and more.

Upload your photo to [middletownnj.org/250photocontest](http://middletownnj.org/250photocontest), along with your name, social media handle, and a short description of your image and its location. The winner will be announced on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your photo will 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 "Interiors of the Past"! Below is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry. Danielle Adams submitted this charming photo of the hearth fireplace at the Murray Farmhouse, which is located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). The house was built circa 1770.



*Photo courtesy of Danielle Adams*

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



**TOWNSHIP Trivia**



**THE ANSWER IS...**

**A FIVE**

There are five locally designated historic districts in Middletown Township. They are Chapel Hill, Locust, Middletown Village, Monmouth Hills, and Navesink.

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](https://middletownnj.org/trivia) and the Township's [YouTube channel](#).

The next trivia question will be featured via the Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram story on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The answer will be revealed



in the Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page. Make sure you follow the Middletown America 250 Committee on [Instagram](#)!

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



Please join the Middletown America 250 Committee for a

### HISTORIC CEMETERY GRAVESTONE CLEANING CLASS

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**WHERE:** Old First Church Cemetery (69 Kings Highway)

**RSVP:** Email [historic-cemeteries@middletownnj.org](mailto:historic-cemeteries@middletownnj.org)  
by Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00 PM**

## Middletown DAR to Host Genealogy Classes at MTPL: Register Now for Part 1 Happening Tuesday, 9/30 at 11 AM

Researching Revolutionary War  
Patriots in Your Family Tree-Part 1



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](http://MTPL.ORG)



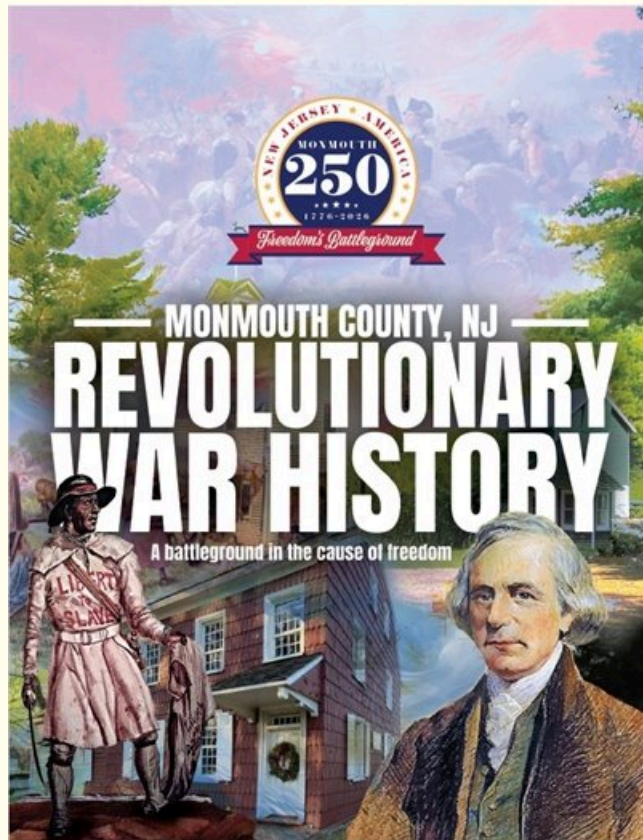
The Middletown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be hosting a two-part workshop at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) called “Researching Revolutionary War Patriots in Your Family Tree”. Registration is required.

Part 1 will take place on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary




The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently released a free educational resource for Monmouth County students in recognition of America's 250<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!



**MIDDLETOWN, NJ**

**ngsp**

**NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Middletown Township will be offering free tutoring services to 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from income-eligible households who fell behind academically during the pandemic. Tutoring will take place on Saturdays from September 27<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). The program will run from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Visit [middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://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](mailto:jcammarosano@middletownnj.org) or 732-615-2281.

Please visit [middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://middletownnj.org/apply) to apply.

**Register Now for MAC's Fall Classes**





2025  
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

#### AGES 25-39

- Cervical Cancer

#### AGES 40-49

- Breast Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Prostate Cancer (for African Americans)

#### AGES 50+

- Breast Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Lung Cancer (for current and former smokers)
- Prostate Cancer

### Questions for your Doctor

- 1 How often should I screen?
- 2 Where can I get screened?
- 3 Does my insurance cover this?

### More Information

The Middletown Township Health Department encourages you to visit [cancer.org/getscreened](https://cancer.org/getscreened) for additional resources.



[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/HEALTH](https://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



#### REGISTER FOR EVERBRIDGE NIXLE

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](https://middletownnj.org/nixle).



#### REGISTER WITH NJ REGISTER READY

Know someone with a disability? Make sure they register with NJ Register Ready at [middletownnj.org/njregisterready](https://middletownnj.org/njregisterready).



#### KNOW EVACUATION ROUTES AND FLOOD-PRONE STREETS

Review coastal evacuation routes and flood-prone streets at [middletownnj.org/oem](https://middletownnj.org/oem).

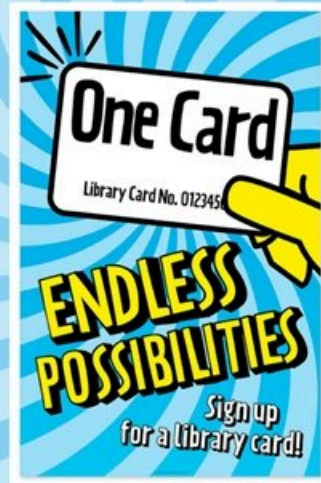


#### PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE

Find an insurance provider at [middletownnj.org/floodinsurance](https://middletownnj.org/floodinsurance).

**Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with the MTPL**

## September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



MIDDLETOWN TWP.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
[www.mtpl.org](http://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.

**Register for Alerts from New Jersey American Water**





The image features the EMS logo on the left, which is a yellow shield with a blue star and the text "EMS" and "TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN, N.J.". To the right of the logo is a stylized illustration of a Narcan administration device, which is a white plastic device with a red plunger and a red star on the side. The background is a solid dark blue.

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



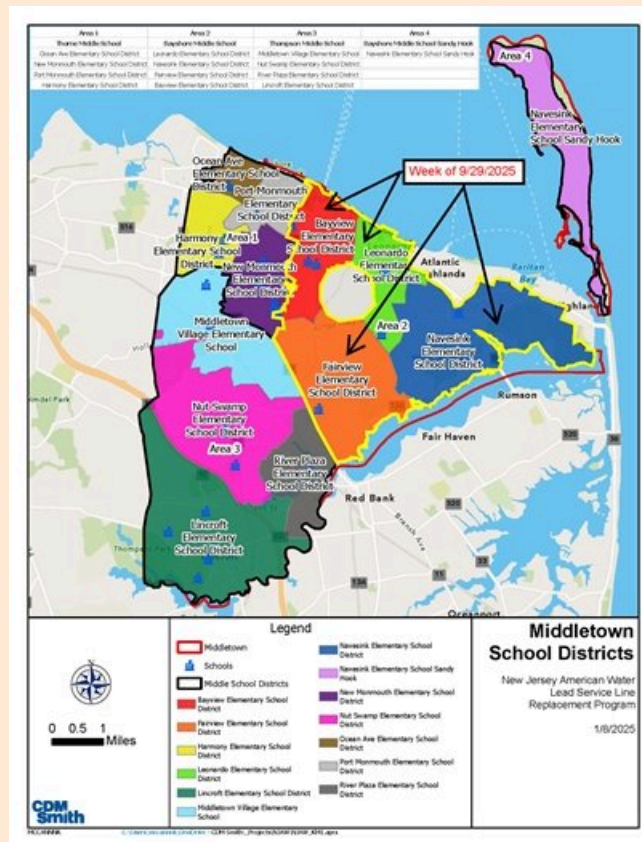
The Middletown Township Fire Department and Middletown Fire Prevention Office are partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for free throughout Middletown. If you are interested in this service, please schedule an appointment at [middletownnj.org/smokealarm](https://www.middletownnj.org/smokealarm).

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 3<sup>rd</sup>. The canvassing and internal inspections are currently taking place in the Bayview, Leonardo, Fairview, and Navesink elementary school districts 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](mailto:njawlead@cdmsmith.com) and [LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com](mailto:LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Support the Friends of MTPL and Register for The Wonders of Honey Program Happening on Monday, 9/29 at 5:30 PM**



Friends



**Monday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 pm  
Community Room**

**\$10 per person/All proceeds benefit the Friends of MTPL**

Discover the fascinating world of honey in an evening that blends history, science, and taste at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). Presented by Emily Walsh Arguedas of La Cegua Botanicals and the Neshanic Valley Beekeepers, this program is perfect for food lovers, herbal enthusiasts, and curious minds alike!

You will enjoy a guided honey tasting flight while supporting a good cause — a \$10 per person donation is requested, with proceeds benefiting the Friends of MTPL. All the money raised will go toward funding library programs and services.


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

**Learn About the Importance of the SAT and ACT and How to Ace Them at the MTPL on Wednesday, 10/1 at 6:30 PM**

**CRACKING THE CODE:**  
Why the SAT & ACT Still Matter

featuring  
**Emily Ryan**  
**Huntington**  
LEARNING CENTER


Wednesday | Oct. 1 | 6:30pm  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**  
Registration is recommended, not required

 **MIDDLETOWN TWP.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
www.mtpl.org

High school students and families are invited to the 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.

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](http://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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
from 8:00-10:00 AM



Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot  
(900 Leonardville Road)



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
[middletownnj.org/rabies](https://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](https://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



MIDDLETOWN  
ALLIANCE

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 16<sup>th</sup>

**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!



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

## 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](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/271413) 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**





**Mayor's CHALLENGE**

**5K + 1 MILE**

**FUN RUN**

PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

JOIN US FOR A TRAIL RUN WITH AWESOME PRIZES!

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**

MIDDLETOWN'S  
WORLD TRADE CENTER  
MEMORIAL GARDENS  
FUND

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](https://middletownnj.org/5K) for more information and to register.



**TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS**

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

- There will be paving on Newman Springs Road between Half Mile Road and Swimming River Road on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. The paving will continue to NJ-35 in Shrewsbury. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Expect delays in 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, providing an alternate detour route for the Broadway closure.

# RESOURCES

## Middletown Township Health Department Provides Information on How to Properly Dispose of Sharps

### WHAT TO DO WITH SHARPS?



#### DISPOSING AT HOME

- 1 Place sharps into a heavy-duty plastic container. The bottle should be sturdy, puncture-resistant, and should not leak. Do not use glass bottles or water bottles with flimsy lids.
- 2 When the container is ¾ full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE".
- 3 Put the plastic container in the household trash. Sharps should never be recycled or thrown loosely into the trash or toilet.



#### LOCAL DISPOSAL OPTIONS

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

##### Bayshore Medical Center

**Address:** 727 North Beers Street, Holmdel, NJ, 07733

**Phone number:** 732-739-5900

**Drop-off location:** Emergency Room, 24/7

##### Riverview Medical Center Container Exchange Program

**Address:** 1 Riverview Plaza, Red Bank, NJ, 07701

**Phone number:** 732-530-2402

**Drop-off location:** Basement-Sterilization Room, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*\*Sharps container provided by hospital*

Still have questions?  
Visit [safeneedledisposal.org](https://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



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

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

## Prepare for Hurricane Season by Purchasing or Renewing Flood Insurance

# THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!

## KNOW YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK.



There are areas in Middletown that are more at risk to flood than others. Visit [middletowntownshipnj.withforerunner.com](http://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](http://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](https://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](https://sdlportal.com) to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizens Portal.

Visit [sdlportal.com](https://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](http://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](http://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://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 [lruusakay@middletownnj.org](mailto:lruusakay@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://middletownnj.org/oem).

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