



## Monmouth County Promotes Know Your Zone Program to Help Promote Public Awareness and Preparedness About Coastal Evacuation Routes



*Pictured from left: Middletown OEM Coordinator Charlie Rogers, Monmouth County OEM Coordinator Scott Nielson, Monmouth County Commissioner Deputy Director Sue Kiley, Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, Monmouth County Commissioner Erik Anderson, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, and Middletown OEM Operations Chief Charlie Ehret*

As National Preparedness Month comes to a close, Monmouth County OEM Coordinator Scott Nielson, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, and members of the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners proudly unveiled 18 new "Know Your Zone" signs to Mayor Tony Perry and [Middletown's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\) Department](#). The signs will be placed throughout the township to help educate the public on their specific level of risk from storm surge and coastal flooding.

Monmouth County's Know Your Zone initiative is a public awareness campaign, overseen by the [Monmouth County Sheriff's Office's OEM](#), to inform residents, businesses, and visitors about their location within the county's four coastal evacuation zones (A, B, C, and D) and enables more targeted and effective evacuation orders during emergencies. Residents can find their zone and information on preparedness by visiting the Sheriff's Office website, [mcsonj.org/knowyourzone](http://mcsonj.org/knowyourzone).

## Mayor Tony Perry Kicks Off Community Leader Storytime Series at MTPL



On Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry kicked off the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Community Leader Storytime series.

He read a book called *The Cat Who Ruled the Town* by May Nakamura. It's a true story about Stubbs, an orange tabby cat who became the honorary mayor of a small town in Alaska. He was friendly, well respected by the townspeople, and helped rule the town for 20 years while charming tourists and leaving his paw print on history. After reading the story, Mayor Perry engaged with the kids, and they talked about leadership and what you do as a mayor.

Once a month, the MTPL will be having community leaders such as police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, local farmers, veterans, and more reading to the children. Visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) for information about upcoming events!



*Mayor Perry was happy to have his kids Reagan, Grant, and Kennedy be part of the event!*

## Mayor Tony Perry takes *Locally Sourced* Podcast on the Road to Taliercio's



**Mayor Tony Perry takes his podcast *Locally Sourced* out of the studio and behind the counter at one of Middletown's most beloved spots - Taliercio's Ultimate Gourmet.**

Watch as Eric Taliercio gives Mayor Perry a crash course in deli work as he tries his hand at slicing, stacking, and serving up his namesake sandwich, "The Mayor". Make sure you stick around until the end of the episode for a special announcement about this year's Middletown Day!

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

*For past episodes of Locally Sourced, you can listen on [middletownnj.org/locallysourced](#), Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify.*

**Save the Date: Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/19 from 1-5 PM with Special Performance from Moroccan Sheepherders at 5 PM**



Join us at Middletown Day as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional!

The 2025 fall festival will feature the Business and Community Showcase as well as many familiar favorites including a food court, first responder touch-a-trucks, live music, children's inflatables and games, Trunk-or-Treat, and more!

After the event, the Moroccan Shepherders will end the day on a high note with a groovy performance on the Main Stage from 5:00-6:30 PM. Please remember to bring your own chairs and blankets.

Visit [middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday) for more information.



Middletown America 250 Photo Contest's Last Hurrah!



**Week 13 "One Final Hurrah" Winner: Robert Talmage**

*Photo courtesy of Robert Talmage*

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's photo contest with the theme "One Final Hurrah"! Above is the winning photo chosen by Mayor Tony Perry. Robert Talmage submitted this patriotic reenactment photo he titled, "Monmouth — The Turning Point," that he captured at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. The original battle occurred on June 28, 1778.

All the winning photos were 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). They can also be found on [middletownnj.org/250photocontest](http://middletownnj.org/250photocontest).

Thank you again to everyone who participated — and be on the lookout for new Middletown America 250 initiatives!

### **Middletown America 250 Spotlight: Volunteers Learn How to Clean Historic Gravestones**



*The gravestones before the class took place.*

On Saturday morning, Middletown Landmarks Commissioner and Middletown America 250 Cemetery Subcommittee Chairperson, Roseann Eteson, led a gravestone cleaning class at Old First Church Cemetery (69 Kings Highway), located in the Middletown Village Historic District. Several volunteers participated in the class, including the President of Old First Church, Dominick Green, and local volunteers Susan Halle, Mary Kehoe, Kaitlyn Mulhern and Jamie DeRisi. Also present and checking

in on the class was the church's pastor Reverend Dr. Joyce Antila Phipps. All the students did a wonderful job bringing these gravestones back to life!

This effort is part of Middletown's local 250 initiative to preserve landmark cemeteries where Revolutionary War Patriots are buried, including Private Joseph Murray, who died in 1780 and was reinterred here from his family farm by his grandson, William, in 1855. Although the burial site of Private Joseph Murray's wife, Rebecca, is unknown, we celebrate her during America 250 as well for her support to her husband as he bravely served in the war, and because Rebecca was a Patriot in her own right as a Supporter of the Cause since she paid the Middletown Supply Tax that helped the war's mission after her husband died.



*The gravestones after the volunteers' hard work.*

This churchyard is also the final resting place of Revolutionary War Patriot Reverend Abel Morgan, Jr., whose remains were reinterred here in 1888 from the Presbyterian Burial Ground on Kings Highway. As pastor of what was then called First Baptist Church of Middletown, Reverend Morgan ministered to the townspeople and the Patriots during the Revolutionary War, boldly supporting the Cause for Independence in his sermons. Six additional Patriots interred in this burial ground include: Private Job Compton, Private Matthias W. Covenhoven,

Quartermaster John Stillwell, Corporal Obadiah Stillwell, Private John Taylor, and Private Jehu Paterson, who later became a well-respected Judge in Monmouth County. Second Major James Mott, Sr.'s burial site is not known, but he is associated with this burial ground as it was very likely he was originally buried nearby to this church where he worshipped.

*The next gravestone cleaning class is scheduled for Saturday, 10/25 (rain date Sunday, 10/26) at the Throckmorton-Lippit-Taylor Burying Ground, Penelope Lane, Middletown. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Roseann Eteson at [historic-cemeteries@middletownnj.org](mailto:historic-cemeteries@middletownnj.org) by Wednesday, 10/22.*



## Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 10/6 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com). Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Where to Drop Off Your Mail-In Ballot

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**ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)

CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

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By now you should have received your November General Election mail-in ballot. If you choose to vote by mail, please feel free to drop it off at one of Middletown's two ballot box locations: Croydon Hall Municipal Complex (900 Leonardville Road) and the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road).

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to vote by mail. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's election services.

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



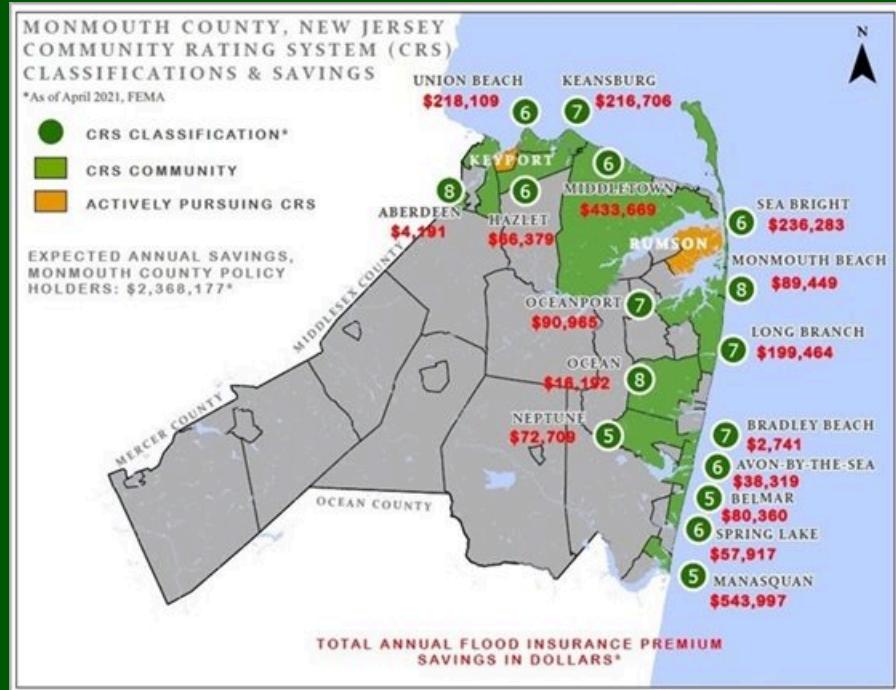
**VETERANS VILLAGE  
GRAND OPENING**

- ★ 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)

## Township's Involvement in FEMA's CRS Program Saves Residents Over \$400,000 on Insurance Premiums



*Photo courtesy of New Jersey Coastal Coalition*

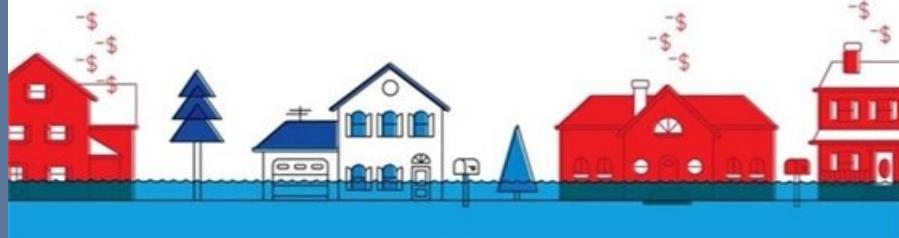
We are proud to share that by participating in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program, Middletown residents are saving over \$400,000 on their insurance premiums — and we aren't stopping there! Staff at Middletown continue to deploy public outreach campaigns and land use efforts throughout various departments for which FEMA certifies for additional flood insurance discounts.

The program is led by Middletown Township Floodplain Manager Stacy Krause in collaboration with the Building Department, Emergency Management, Engineering, Health, Planning, Communications, and Zoning.

### Middletown Floodplain Management and Office of Emergency Management Hold Free Flood Insurance Workshop

## Floodproofing and Insurance Outreach

Helping People in the Floodplain



On Thursday, Middletown Floodplain Management, in partnership with the Middletown Office of Emergency Management (OEM), hosted a Flood Insurance Open House in the Town Hall training room. The event offered residents an opportunity to learn about flood insurance options, risk reduction strategies, and ways to better protect their homes and businesses.

Kevin Thomas of Rethought Flood discussed innovative flood insurance solutions tailored for older homes with existing basements. Tyler Ardron of Risk Reduction Plus provided updates on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and shared dry-floodproofing techniques for non-residential buildings in flood-prone areas.

Residents interested in connecting with either speaker can find their contact information on the Floodplain Management website: <https://www.middletownnj.org/857/Flood-Insurance>

For additional information, please contact Floodplain Manager, Stacy Krause, at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167.

## Middletown Township Health Department Hosts Flu Clinic

On Tuesday, the Middletown Township Health Department held a flu clinic. With the help of Monmouth County Health Department nurses, a total of 51 vaccines were given to both staff and residents.

Stay on the lookout for future clinics!



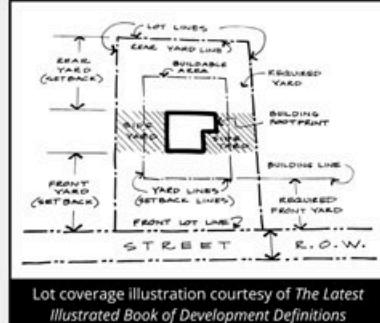
*Munchkins were given to everyone who got their flu shot as a "sweet" way to make them feel better!*

## 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



Lot coverage illustration courtesy of *The Latest Illustrated Book of Development Definitions*

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

## New Mandatory Bulk Pickup Advanced Scheduling



### NEW MANDATORY BULK PICKUP SCHEDULING PROCESS

As of September 1, 2025, it is mandatory to schedule your bulk collection to have items picked up during your scheduled recycling week. Your bulk will be collected within 48 hours.

Visit [middletownnj.org/bulk](http://middletownnj.org/bulk) for more information.



### 3 WAYS TO SCHEDULE:

- 1 Download  [recyclecoach.com](#)
- 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.](#)*

## Apply Now for Township's Free Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Students

**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](https://middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and [middletownnj.org/apply](https://middletownnj.org/apply) to complete the application.

The program began on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> but is still accepting applications.

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](https://middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information and [middletownnj.org/apply](https://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.*

## OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



The Middletown Township Health Department would like to remind our community that the NJ Department of Health's Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) Program provides screenings and services to underinsured and uninsured individuals.

Visit [middletownnj.org/breastcancer](http://middletownnj.org/breastcancer) to see screening locations throughout NJ or call 1-800-328-3838 for additional resources.

Visit [middletownnj.org/breastcancer](http://middletownnj.org/breastcancer) to view a list of breast cancer screening locations throughout New Jersey.

### Middletown Township Health Department Encourages Residents to Be Proactive About Cancer Screenings



## CANCER SCREENINGS SAVE LIVES

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

### Middletown EMS Provides Vital Information About Narcan Administration



In a recent Public Service Announcement (PSA), Middletown EMS Public Information Officer Jimmy De Rugeris 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

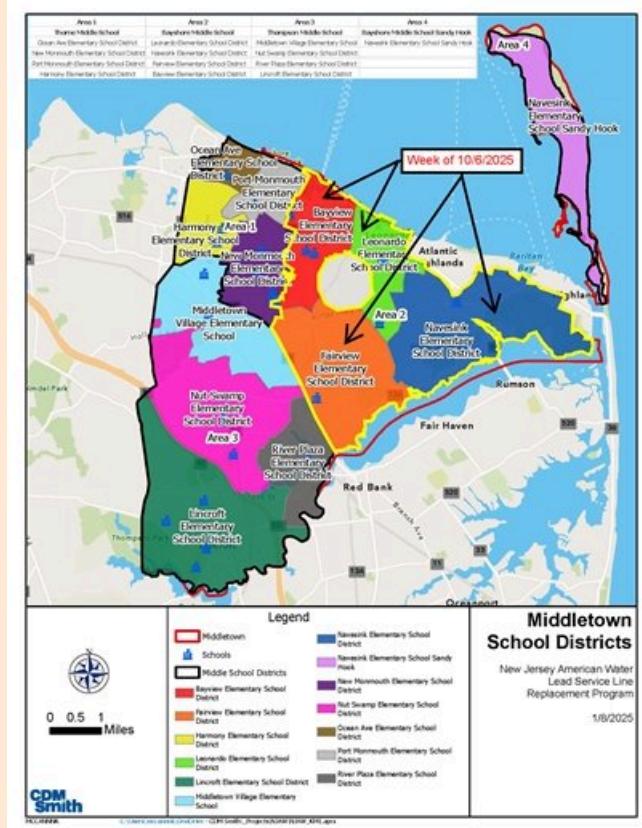
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH |  American Red Cross

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](http://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 team will be working in Area 2; Bayview Elementary School District, Leonardo Elementary School District, Fairview Elementary School District, and Navesink Elementary School District.**

**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.
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**Register for MTPL's Virtual College Funding Workshop  
Happening on Thursday, 10/9 at 7 PM**

# COLLEGE FUNDING WORKSHOP

*= Parents & Students...*

 via Zoom!



featuring  
**CORNERSTONE**  
COLLEGE & WEALTH SOLUTIONS



**Thursday 10/9 @ 7 pm**

registration required

Visit the calendar page at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)

Parents and guardians, want to tackle college costs with confidence? Join Cornerstone College Solutions for a college funding workshop co-hosted by the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). This free virtual workshop will cover 529 Plans, FAFSA, financial and merit aid, alternative savings options, and strategies to maximize college discounts. All attendees will receive the Zoom link once they register.

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

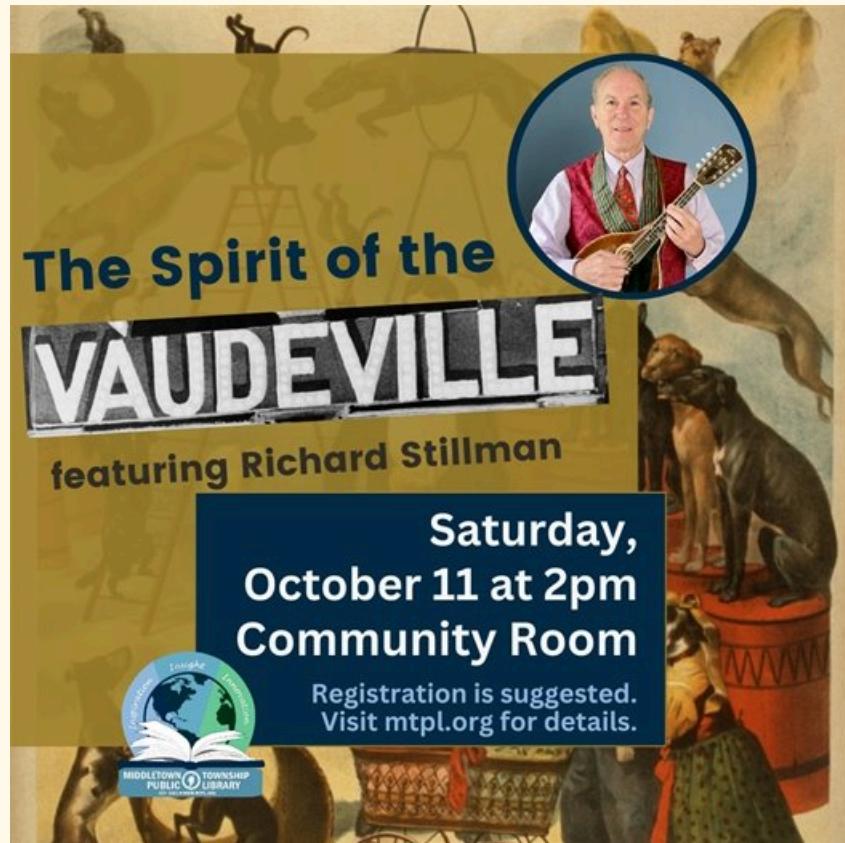
**Buy Tickets for MAC's Halloween Handbags & Bingo  
Happening on Thursday, 10/9 from 6:00-10:00 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) for a hauntingly fun night of Halloween Handbags & Bingo featuring cash prizes and designer handbag raffles! The event will include a cash bar cocktail reception beginning at 6:00 PM with a spooktacular merchandise raffle featuring new designer handbags. Bingo starts at 7:30 PM and will include eight bingo games with cash prizes.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event and how to purchase tickets.*

### Sign Up for the MTPL's Spirit of the Vaudeville Program Happening on Saturday, 10/11 at 2 PM



Step back into the Jazz Age with The Spirit of the Vaudeville! Join Richard Stillman in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) for a lively mix of music, dance, and comedy from banjo and tap dancing to juggling, bagpipes, and the Charleston. Registration is recommended. Some characters are real vaudevillians, some are made up — either way, you'll leave smiling and tapping your feet!

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

## Pre-Register for Middletown Township Animal Control's Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic Happening on Saturday, 10/25 from 8-10 AM

# Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinics



**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 5:00-6:00 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](http://middletownnj.org/rabies)**

**Please call Animal Control  
at 732-615-2097 if you  
have any questions.**



The Middletown Township Health Department's Animal Control Division is holding a cats and dogs drive-thru rabies clinic on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:00 PM and Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 AM.

Pre-registration for the first clinic has already closed. Both clinics will be held at the Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot (900 Leonardville Road).

*Visit [middletownnj.org/rabies](http://middletownnj.org/rabies) for more information and to pre-register for the second clinic.*

**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**



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



- 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 ½ 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

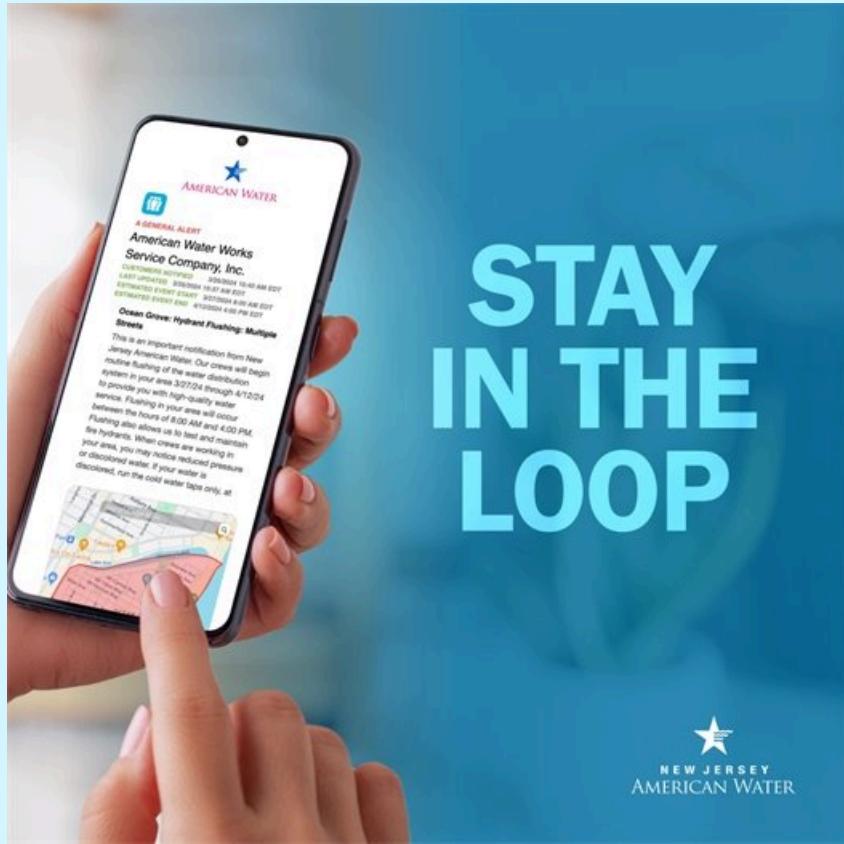
**Riverview Medical Center Container Exchange Program**  
**Address:** 1 Riverview Plaza, Red Bank, NJ, 07701  
**Phone number:** 732-530-2402  
**Drop-off location:** Basement-Sterilization Room, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
\*Sharps container provided by hospital

**Still have questions?**  
Visit [safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org) for more disposal locations in New Jersey and guidance on sharps disposal.

 **SafeNeedleDisposal.org**  
Be sharp about sharps.

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## Register for Alerts from New Jersey American Water



Visit [login.amwater.com](https://login.amwater.com) to log in to your MyWater account and sign up for alerts.

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



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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](http://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](http://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](http://sdlportal.com) to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizens Portal.

Visit [sdlportal.com](http://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](https://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://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](mailto: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).

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