



## Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

### REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH NIXLE

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.

A strong Nor'easter is forecast to bring heavy rain, winds out of the northeast up to 60 mph, and coastal flooding to our area on Sunday morning through Monday evening. Low-lying and waterfront roads may become impassable, and power outages are possible due to wind, downed trees, and storm stress.

Township officials met earlier this afternoon to prepare in advance of the storm. First responders — Police, Fire, EMS, and OEM — will be fully staffed and on standby throughout the event. All critical equipment, vehicles, pumps, and generators have been inspected, fueled, and are ready for deployment.

Click [HERE](#) to read our weather advisory for more information about the storm and tips on how to stay safe.



## GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

Middletown Township would like to remind residents of the following rules when using a generator:

- 10 feet of clearance is required from any structure
- Use UL approved extension cords
- Ensure carbon monoxide alarms are functioning in all businesses/homes while using a generator

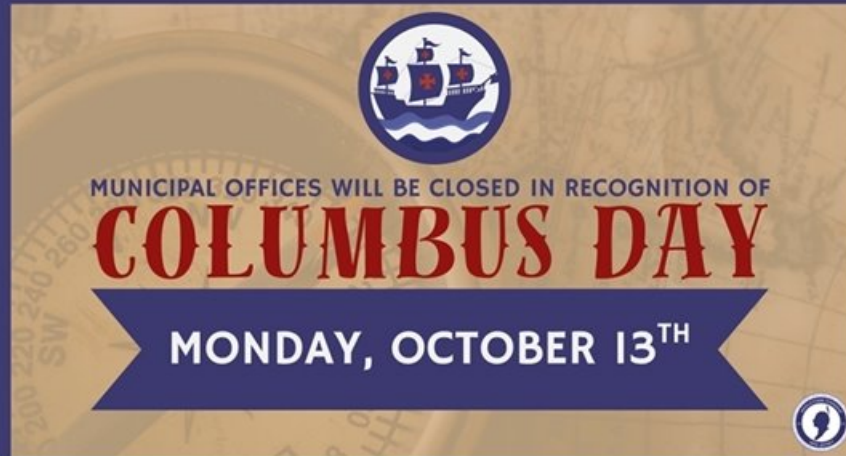
For more information about emergency preparedness, visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem).



## NJDEP to Place Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Elevated Tides

Due to the impending storm and elevated tides reaching our area beginning Sunday, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will place the Pews Creek Tide Gate in "Operational Mode" on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 AM.

Click [HERE](#) to read our advisory for more information.



## Lincroft Fire Company Volunteer Dennis W. Fowler Commemorates 50 Years of Service



*Pictured from left: Committeeman and Ex Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Key to the Township recipient Dennis W. Fowler, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor and Ex Fire Chief Rick Hibell, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger*

Last weekend, Lincroft Fire Company (LFC) hosted a celebration to recognize Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) firefighter Dennis W. Fowler for his 50 years of volunteerism. During the event, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke presented him with a certificate and Key to the Township.

Over the course of the past five decades, Dennis has served with distinction as Captain, Line Officer Lieutenant, and President of the LFC. He was also the chief of the MTFD in 1996 and served as the department's public information officer.

Dennis's volunteerism has also extended beyond the firehouse to other emergency response units. His legacy of service is a remarkable example for generations of volunteer firefighters who will follow in his footsteps. We sincerely thank Dennis for his unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our community!

### Township Committee Recognizes Local Organizations for Donations to Veterans Village



*Members of Gary Ruhman Bike Tour for Veterans proudly stand with their plaque, photos of Gary, and the Township Committee.*

At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee presented plaques to Gary Ruhman Bike Tour for Veterans, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion Post 515 for their various donations to Veterans Village, the Township's affordable housing project for veterans.

The building, which is located in Campbell's Junction, has been years in the making and will offer 12 units to tenants who qualify and have honorably served our nation. There will be a grand opening for the community on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM. Members of the public are encouraged to attend as we celebrate the completion of this project and officially open the doors to this beautiful new place that some veterans will soon call home.

Thank you to Gary Ruhman Bike Tour for Veterans, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion Post 515 for your generosity!



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 19<sup>th</sup>.



*Members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, VFW Post 2179, and American Legion Post 515 pose with their plaques and the Township Committee.*

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

**MIDDLETOWN DAY 2025**

Presented by: **RVE 1900** **REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS** **E&C** AIR - HEAT - PLUMBING - ELECTRIC

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Petting Zoo
- Inflatables & Games
- First Responder Vehicles
- Doodle Dude & Miss Fish & More!

**6:30pm FIREWORKS!**

**Sunday, October 19th**  
**Croydon Hall 1pm-5pm**  
**Moroccan Shepherders 5pm**  
[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)

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, followed by fireworks. Please remember to bring your own chairs and blankets.

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

## Participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Middletown Day on Sunday, 10/19: Car Fee Waived!



A colorful poster for the Trunk-or-Treat event. At the top, it says "MIDDLETOWN DAY COMMITTEE PRESENTS". The central image is a blue car trunk filled with Halloween treats like pumpkins, candy, and baskets. The words "TRUNK OR TREAT" are written in large, stylized orange letters across the trunk. The background features a purple night sky with a full moon, bats, and a haunted house. A yellow starburst on the right says "1st Place Prize \$200 Amazon gift card!". On the left, "19TH OCT" is written in large white letters. To the right of this, it says "CALLING THE MOST EPICALLY DECORATED HALLOWEEN TRUNKS!", "CAR FEE WAIVED - JOIN US!", and "TRUNK-OR-TREAT TAKES PLACE AT MIDDLETOWN DAY 2PM-4PM". At the bottom, a yellow banner says "APPLY AT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNDAY](https://middletownnj.org/middletownday)".

MIDDLETOWN DAY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize  
**\$200 Amazon gift card!**

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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.

Middletown Parks & Recreation is happy to share that the car fee is now waived. The last day to register is Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. There is limited capacity available, so sign up today!

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

### October is Fire Prevention Month: 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 Township Fire Prevention Office are partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for free throughout Middletown. In light of October being Fire Prevention Month, we encourage all residents to check if their smoke alarms are working.

If you are interested in this free service, please schedule an appointment at [middletownnj.org/smokealarm](https://middletownnj.org/smokealarm).

Click [HERE](#) to watch a Public Service Announcement for more information.

### MTFD Battles Second Alarm Structure Fire



*Photo courtesy of MTFD Photographer Laurie Kegley*

At approximately 4:39 AM on Thursday, the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) was dispatched to the 200 block of Everett Road in the Lincroft section of Middletown for a reported structure fire.

The resident reported being awakened by smoke alarms sounding and was able to alert her family and safely evacuate the home. Middletown Township police officers arrived shortly thereafter, confirmed an active fire, and verified that all occupants were out of the residence. Firefighters from the Lincroft Fire Company and River Plaza Fire Company responded, along with Chief of Department Anthony Fulciniti, Deputy Chief Daniel Kelly, and Assistant Chiefs Kevin Morrissey, Jacob Lawrence, and James Abbes.

Upon arrival, crews encountered heavy fire showing from the residence and immediately initiated an aggressive interior attack using hose lines. Chief Fulciniti requested a box and second-alarm assignment, which brought additional resources from Middletown Fire Company No. 1, Navesink Hook and Ladder Company, Belford Engine Company, and Old Village Fire Company. Due to deteriorating interior conditions and the volume of fire, operations transitioned to a defensive strategy utilizing a tower ladder to apply large volumes of water and bring the fire under control.

The Middletown Township Fire Department's Air Unit, Fire Police, and Safety Unit responded to support operations. The Holmdel Fire Department provided additional manpower at the scene.

Emergency medical support was provided by Middletown Emergency Medical Services (MEMS), Colts Neck EMS, Port Monmouth First Aid Squad, Lincroft First Aid Squad, and Monmouth County's Medical Ambulance Bus (MAB-6). No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Middletown Township Fire Prevention Office under the direction of Edward "Buddy" Skelly.



## Middletown Township Health Department Participates in Continuing Education About How to Respond to Potential Public Health Threats






*Photo courtesy of Texas A&M*

Middletown Senior Health Planner and Certified Health Educator Stacy Krause attended training on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> led by staff from Texas A&M on "Medical Countermeasures Planning and Response". Participants worked in teams to plan various points of medication dispensing in response to a hypothetical anthrax attack.




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

**THE ANSWER IS...**

**B COLONEL ASHER HOLMES**



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://www.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 23<sup>rd</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page.

Make sure you follow the Middletown America 250 Committee on [Instagram](#)!

### Where to Drop Off Your Mail-In Ballot



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

- ☒ **MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**
- ☒ **CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**

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 Rd., 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 Rd.)
- ★ Post Parade: Mater Dei Park parking lot (538 Church St.) until 3:00 PM

Participate in Our Annual Veterans Day Parade on  
Sunday, 11/2 at 1 PM

*Honor those who served at the Middletown*

# VETERANS DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
1PM STEP-OFF

**START:** BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY, 300 LEONARDVILLE RD, BELFORD  
**END:** MATER DEI PARKING LOT, CHERRY TREE FARM RD, MIDDLETOWN

**WE WANT YOU!**

**Calling All:**

- Veterans
- Community Groups
- Scout Groups
- Businesses
- Floats
- Vintage/Cool Cars

BE PART OF THE PARADE!  
COMPLETE THE FORM TO SAVE YOUR SPOT.  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL [RECREATION@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG](mailto:RECREATION@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG)

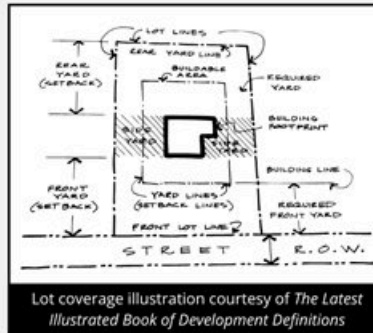
Honor those who have served our nation at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Veterans Day Parade! All veterans, community groups, scout groups, cool/vintage cars, businesses, floats, and others who are interested in being part of the parade can click [HERE](#) to complete this form.

## 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).

## 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  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.

## 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](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://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](http://middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information and [middletownnj.org/apply](http://middletownnj.org/apply) to apply.

## Register Now for MAC's Fall Classes



Although the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) fall classes have officially begun, it's not too late to join one! Most of the classes can be pro-rated, so 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](https://www.middletownnj.org/breastcancer) to see screening locations throughout NJ or call 1-800-328-3838 for additional resources.

Visit [middletownnj.org/breastcancer](https://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

##### 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)

## MTPD Promotes E-Bike Safety in PSA

# E-BIKE SAFETY

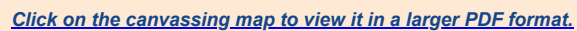
A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLETOWN  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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!



## NJAW Lead Service Line Replacement Program Door-to-Door Canvassing Continues



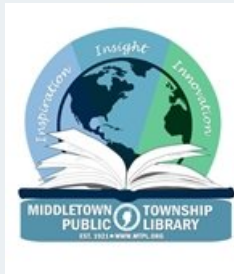
CDM Smith, on behalf of New Jersey American Water (NJAW), started a door-to-door canvassing effort related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP) in Middletown on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team will be working in the Leonardo Elementary School District and Navesink Elementary School District in Area 2.

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



### Join the MTPL's New Book Clubs

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is excited to kick off some new book clubs this fall! Check out the list below for more information about the four clubs beginning next week.

- [New Jersey Book Club on Monday, 10/13](#): Members will talk about *New Jersey Fan Club: Artists and Writers Celebrate the Garden State* edited by Kerri Sullivan. Attend in person in the NJ History Room or join via Zoom. Register now for your seat or Zoom link!
- [Tween Book Club on Tuesday, 10/14](#): Discuss *The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide*, enjoy a themed activity, and then relax with lo-fi music, reading, or homework time. For tweens ages 9-12. New members welcome! Copies are available at the Children's Reference Desk.
- [Sorcery & Starlight Book Club on Wednesday, 10/15](#): Cozy up with a little dark fantasy! Come chat about *Isabella Nagg and the Pot of Basil* by Oliver Darkshire — a perfect read as the weather turns cooler. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.
- [Teen Anime Club on Thursday, 10/16](#): Dress up as your favorite anime character, learn how to make an origami cat, and jam out to your favorite anime openings! This club is open to ages 10+.

## 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.](#)*

**Northern Monmouth Watershed Alliance Partners with  
Middletown Environmental Commission for “Know Your  
Stream” Day on Saturday, 10/25 from 1-4 PM**  
***Keansburg Floodgate Walk begins at 12 PM***





The Middletown Environmental Commission invites residents to take part in the first-ever “Know Your Stream” Day on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 PM, hosted by the Northern Monmouth Watershed Alliance. This will be a fun, educational afternoon exploring the Mahoras/Waackaack and Flat Creek watersheds that flow through our Bayshore communities.

Participants will receive a map of seven viewing sites and a stream observation sheet. At each location you’ll be guided by a knowledgeable Stream Captain who will share insights about water quality, flood protection, and the natural features that connect our towns.

Here is a list of the stream locations: Neil Waackaack Preserve, Tatum Park (Lower Level), Keansburg Flat Creek, Hazlet Library, K-Mart Plaza, Holmdel Pool Club, and Union Beach - Grant Park (Firefighters Park).

**Special Feature:** The Keansburg Floodgate viewing area (Bay Walk West boardwalk entrance) includes a one-mile beach walk beginning at 12:00 PM, featuring a live NJDEP demonstration.

Whether you’re a family, student, or outdoor enthusiast, this is a meaningful way to learn how our local waterways impact daily life — and how we can all help protect them.

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

**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 cat and dog drive-thru rabies clinic on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 AM. The clinic 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.

**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



## THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM HAS LAPSED: WHAT TO KNOW



### What You Need to Know

- The NFIP cannot issue new or renew existing flood insurance policies until the program is reauthorized.
- Consumers who had a pending policy application or renewal should confirm with their agent that they have coverage.
- Homeowners with active NFIP policies will still be covered until their expiration date, including a 30-day grace period.
- NFIP will continue to adjust and pay claims as funds are available. If funds are depleted, claims payments will be delayed until additional funds become available.
- If you have private flood insurance, you are NOT affected.

### Information for Homebuyers

- In some cases, homebuyers may be able to assume the seller's existing NFIP policy.
- Lenders may continue making loans during a lapse, but must still conduct flood determinations, provide accurate borrower notices, and follow all other flood insurance regulations. They are also expected to manage safety, soundness, and legal risks, and consider private flood insurance options.
- Private flood insurance remains an option and should be strongly considered.

### Are Floodplain Regulations on Hold?

No, Middletown Township must continue to enforce local, state, and federal regulations during the lapse.

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

**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.

## 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 [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://middletownnj.org/oem).

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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