



Middletown Preschoolers & Seniors Celebrate Halloween



Photo courtesy of Middletown Preschool

Middletown Township is having a spooktacular Halloween! To celebrate, Middletown Preschool held its annual costume parade and the Middletown Senior Center hosted a festive party for members to eat, dance, and compete in a costume contest!

**Click [HERE](#) to view photos from Middletown Preschool's costume parade.
Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the Middletown Senior Center's Halloween party.**



Photo courtesy of Middletown Senior Center

**Show Your Support for Veterans at Veterans Village
Grand Opening and Annual Parade on Sunday, 11/2**

**JOIN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 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!**

**68TH 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**

We invite you to join us in honoring our veterans this Sunday, November 2nd! The patriotic day will begin with the grand opening of Veterans Village, our 100% affordable housing complex for veterans, at 11:00 AM. This event, open to all, will include a flag raising, monument unveiling, tours, and more!

Our 68th Annual Veterans Day Parade will begin at Bayview Elementary School at 1:00 PM, travel down Leonardville Road through historic Campbell's Junction, and end at the Mater Dei Park parking lot. There will be a post parade party there until 3:00 PM!

If your home or business is on the route, we encourage you to show your support by decorating it with a patriotic theme, whether that is with red, white, and blue balloons or a U.S. flag. Campbell's Junction is the best viewing spot, so we recommend gathering there.

Whether you're a veteran or community supporter, your presence will make the day even more special. We hope to see you on Sunday!

Visit middletownnj.org/parade to view a map of the route.

Early Voting Continues through Sunday, 11/2

Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2025 General Election

★ WHEN ★	★ WHERE ★	★ TIME ★
Saturday, 10/25 through Sunday, 11/2	Senior Center East Wing (900 Leonardville Road)	10 AM - 8 PM, Monday through Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountyvotes.com.

Where to Drop Off Your Mail-In Ballot



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) or 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.

Middletown Parks & Recreation Hosts 7th Annual Mayor's Challenge to Support the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kim Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Police Chief John Werner, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino catch their breath at the finish line and continue cheering on runners!

On Saturday, Middletown Parks & Recreation held the 7th annual Mayor's Challenge at Poricy Park! All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the Middletown World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial Gardens Fund. A special 25th anniversary improvement project is taking place and this event will help fund it.

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.

The entire Township Committee was proud to be in attendance and support the over 100 individuals who signed up for the 5K run, 5K walk, and 1 Mile Fun Run. Thank you to Alliance Orthopedics for the run prep stretching and cool down, as well as the businesses and organizations that sponsored the event, our volunteers, and everyone who showed up for this important cause!

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

Local Business Owners: Invest Directly in Community Improvements to Benefit North Middletown-Port Monmouth Neighborhood Through Tax Credit Program



On Thursday, Middletown hosted a breakfast at Town Hall to spotlight the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program, a no-cost way for businesses to invest directly in community improvements while earning a 100% state tax credit. The Township partnered with the Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) to apply for the grant program that is administered through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. This program will specifically benefit the North Middletown-Port Monmouth neighborhood.

Mayor Tony Perry welcomed local business owners, community partners, and Township officials – thanking those who helped make the initiative possible. He highlighted how this program is a great way for businesses to invest directly into our community and have your company’s name stamped on a meaningful project that highlights your philanthropic efforts.

Randi Moore of the AHA shared the organization’s vision to “elevate homes, youth, and community” through projects such as helping homeowners afford home elevation and repairs as well as expanding youth programming through the YMCA’s Bayshore Family Success Center in Leonardo and the Ideal Beach Community Association. The initiative will also create internships and job-training opportunities for local youth. Township Administrator Tony Mercantante also shared information about the need to replace the Tony Keller Community Center and the importance of having a facility in the area that caters to our youth and families.

Local business owners in the real estate, banking, and food industries, and members of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, attended to learn how to participate. Jason Rowe of Strategic Communities, LLC explained how the program allows companies to choose which projects they want to support while using it as an alternative way to pay state taxes. Any New Jersey business with a state tax obligation of at least \$25,000 in the current year is eligible to participate through the Corporation Business Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, or State Gross Income Tax (for LLCs, S-Corps, and partnerships).

For more information, visit the [NRTC Program website](#) and [AHA Neighborhood Revitalization website](#).

Bow Wow Bed & Bath Celebrates 27th Anniversary with Bow Wow Day



Committeewoman Kratz was delighted to meet Bow Wow Bed & Bath Founder/CEO Adrienne Agresti and Bow Wow Fit Club Founder/CEO, Vet Assistant, and Dog Runner Maddy Agresti!

Last Sunday, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz had a paw-some time at Bow Wow Day! Hosted by local business Bow Wow Bed & Bath (146 Magnolia Lane), this free event included an adoption market, pet-friendly games and activities, a dog costume contest, and more. In addition to celebrating Halloween, this event was also held in honor of the pet grooming and daycare's 27th anniversary.

Visit bowwowbedandbath.com for more information about Bow Wow Bed & Bath and its mobile dog gym, Bow Wow Fit Club.

Battle Ball Pickleball Hosts Fun and Fit Networking Event



Photo courtesy of Battle Ball Pickleball

On Sunday, October 19th, Mayor Tony Perry was pumped to attend Battle Ball Pickleball's event at Life Time (230 Half Mile Road, Red Bank). At this pickleball social, local businesses and entrepreneurs were able to network with each other by competing on the courts and eating some delicious food!

Click [HERE](#) to follow Battle Ball Pickleball on Facebook and [HERE](#) to follow Battle Ball Pickleball on Instagram to stay in the loop about future events!



MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH FOR

ELECTION DAY!

VISIT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ELECTION](https://middletownnj.org/election) FOR VOTING RESOURCES.



Check Out the Fall 2025 Edition of *Middletown Matters*!



Our bi-annual newsletter, *Middletown Matters*, will be arriving in residents' mailboxes soon! In the meantime, feel free to read the digital version at middletownnj.org/matters.



Mayor Perry Launches Special Edition of *Locally Sourced* Podcast to Share Stories about Revolutionary War Heroes



In the first episode of our Middletown America 250 series *Patriot Profiles* — a special edition of Mayor Tony Perry's *Locally Sourced* podcast — we uncover the powerful story of Joseph Murray, a Revolutionary War hero whose courage and conviction helped shape the spirit of Middletown during that era. From his life as a humble stonemason along Kings Highway to his military service in the Monmouth County militia, Murray's journey is one of bravery and sacrifice.

You can listen to the podcast on middletownnj.org/locallysourced, Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify.

Volunteers Clean Gravestones at Throckmorton-Lippit-Taylor Burying Ground: Additional Cemetery Cleaning Class TOMORROW, 11/1



Keryn Thompson, Roseann Eteson, and Jaime DeRisi stand in between the two rows of gravestones they cleaned!

Last Saturday, Middletown America 250 Cemetery Subcommittee Chairperson and Middletown Landmarks Commissioner, Roseann Eteson, led a gravestone cleaning class at the Throckmorton-Lippit-Taylor Burying Ground (Penelope Lane). Volunteers were all Middletown residents – Jaime DeRisi, Frank Godlewski (not pictured), and Keryn Thompson.

There will be another gravestone cleaning class held at the same cemetery on Saturday, November 1st at 10:30 AM. We would greatly appreciate help with cleaning the stones that were sprayed last weekend, as well as tending to additional ones.



Deadline to Participate in MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's Second Round of Student Contests is Friday, 11/14

The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee recently announced that entries are being accepted for two contests for Monmouth County students as part of the County's commemoration of America's upcoming 250th birthday on July 4, 2026.

A Semiquincentennial Poetry Contest for grades three through five invites students to write a poem in response to the prompt "What is America to me?". The Semiquincentennial Essay Contest for grades six through eight invites students to write an essay answering the prompt "What does patriotism mean to me?". This is the second round of student contests – the first round was held this past spring.

Contests are open to students who reside in and/or attend school in Monmouth County. Prizes will be awarded for each grade level. The winning poems and essays will be showcased on the [MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's website](https://monmouthnj250.co.monmouth.nj.us) and social media channels and will be highlighted throughout the Semiquincentennial celebration.

Submissions must be sent via email to monmouthnj250@co.monmouth.nj.us by Friday, November 14th. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 5th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the poetry contest. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the essay contest.

MonmouthNJ 250 Committee's Parade to Take Place in Middletown on Sunday, 6/28 Beginning at 12:30 PM



Township Committee Tests Out New Tindall Park Courts by Competing in Exciting Pickleball Game



Pickleball is taking off and Middletown is ready to play! With eight brand new dedicated pickleball courts and 12 refurbished tennis courts at Tindall Park, we're serving up more ways to stay active and connected.

Click [HERE](#) to watch as the Township Committee gives the game a try and see how we're keeping our "parks in play" for everyone!

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 (MTFD) 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.

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

**Celebrate Veterans Day at MTPL's Community Leader
Storytime with Veteran Bob Siemer on Saturday, 11/8 at
10 AM**

COMMUNITY LEADER STORYTIME WITH VETERAN BOB SEIMER



Saturday, November 8th at 10am
Children's Quiet Reading Area
for all ages

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
MORE INFORMATION AT MTPL.ORG



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

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for a special Veterans Day edition of its Community Leader Storytime! Led by Vietnam War veteran and Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee member Bob Siemer, kids will enjoy stories and learn about his experiences in the military. This event is open to patrons of all ages. Registration is required.

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

**Support Veterans Village by Enjoying a Meal at Mule Barn
Tavern on Tuesday, 11/11**



On Tuesday, November 11th, celebrate Veterans Day by enjoying a meal at Mule Barn Tavern (36 Kearney Road, Highlands). From 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, the restaurant will generously donate 100% of its sales to Veterans Village, Middletown Township's new affordable housing project for veterans.

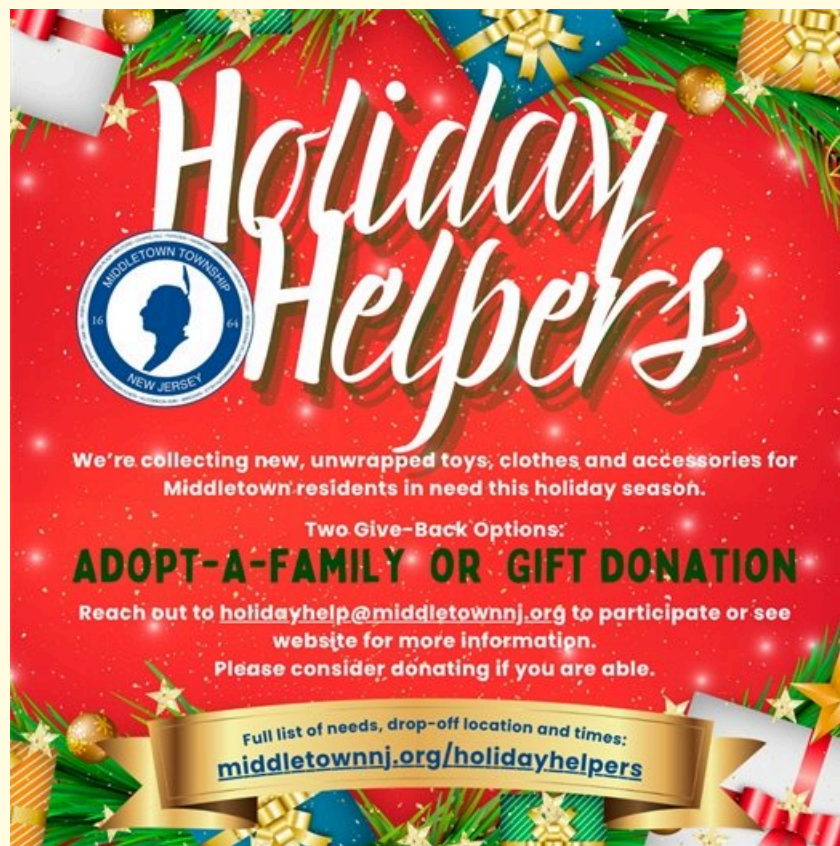
Located in Campbell's Junction, Veterans Village will provide 12 affordable units for those who have honorably served our country. The Township will be hosting a grand opening celebration on Sunday, November 2nd at 11:00 AM, prior to the 68th Annual Veterans Day Parade.

In addition to donating its sales, Mule Barn Tavern will also raffle off four gift baskets featuring gift cards, merchandise, and items from local businesses. Raffle tickets are \$5 (cash only), with all proceeds benefiting Veterans Village.

Local businesses interested in contributing raffle items may email christina.mulebarntavern@gmail.com.

View the menu at mulebarntavern.com and show your support for our veterans – and a local business – this Veterans Day!

Give Back through Township's Holiday Helpers Program



Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Middletown Township is pleased to announce the return of our Holiday Helpers program! Support a Middletown family in need this season by either "adopting a family" or donating a gift. We kindly ask our community to give back if they are able.

To participate, please email holidayhelp@middletownnj.org or drop off gift donations at the location and times found on middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Sign Up for Free Narcan/Naloxone Administration
Training Happening on Thursday, 11/6 at 5 PM**



Middletown Township and
JSAS HealthCare, Inc. are partnering
to offer the public...



FREE NARCAN/NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

When: Thursday, November 6th from 5–6 PM

Location: Town Hall Training Room (1 Kings Highway)

You will receive:

- ✓ Certificate for completed training
- ✓ Overdose prevention kit
- ✓ Overdose education materials

Registration link:

 middletownnj.org/narcantraining

**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



Questions?

Please call Erika McKee at 732-615-2277
or email emckee@middletownnj.org.

Visit middletownnj.org/narcantraining to register.

**Middletown Township Health Department and Middletown
Alliance to Provide Free Quit Kits to Community on
Thursday, 11/20 at Town Hall**



The poster features a red prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal line) over a lit cigarette. The background is crumpled white paper. At the top, there are two logos: the Middletown Township Health Department logo on the left and the Middletown Alliance logo on the right. The title "Great American Smokeout 2025" is in large red letters.

**Great American Smokeout
2025**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TO QUIT SMOKING!**

The Great American Smokeout 2025
is **Thursday, November 20th**!

Stop by Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) from
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a free quit kit.

Thursday, November 20th is the Great American Smokeout, an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. People are challenged to stop smoking for at least 24 hours, with the hope that their decision not to smoke will last longer.

If you're having trouble quitting smoking or vaping, the Middletown Township Health Department and Middletown Alliance encourage you to visit tobaccofreenj.com/gaso for helpful resources. The departments will also be handing out free quit kits in the lobby at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) on Thursday, November 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION

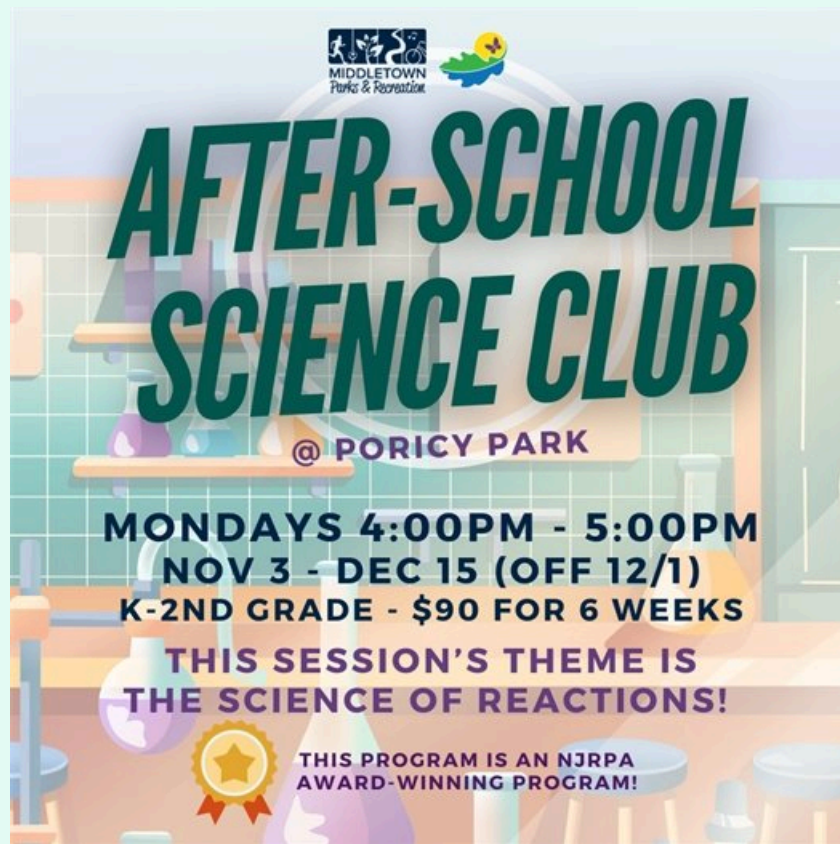


The following roads will be paved from Tuesday, 10/28 through Friday, 11/7:

King Fisher Dr. (from Bamm Hollow Rd. to Pelican Rd.)
 Heron Rd. (from Bamm Hollow Rd. to King Fisher Dr.)
 Mallard Rd. (from Bamm Hollow Rd. to King Fisher Dr.)
 Quail Dr. (from King Fisher Dr. to Heron Rd.)
 Stork Ct. (from Bamm Hollow Rd. to Bamm Hollow Rd.)

Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance. Visit middletownnj.org/roads for information about the contractors and areas of work.

Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's After-School Science Club: Program Begins Monday, 11/3

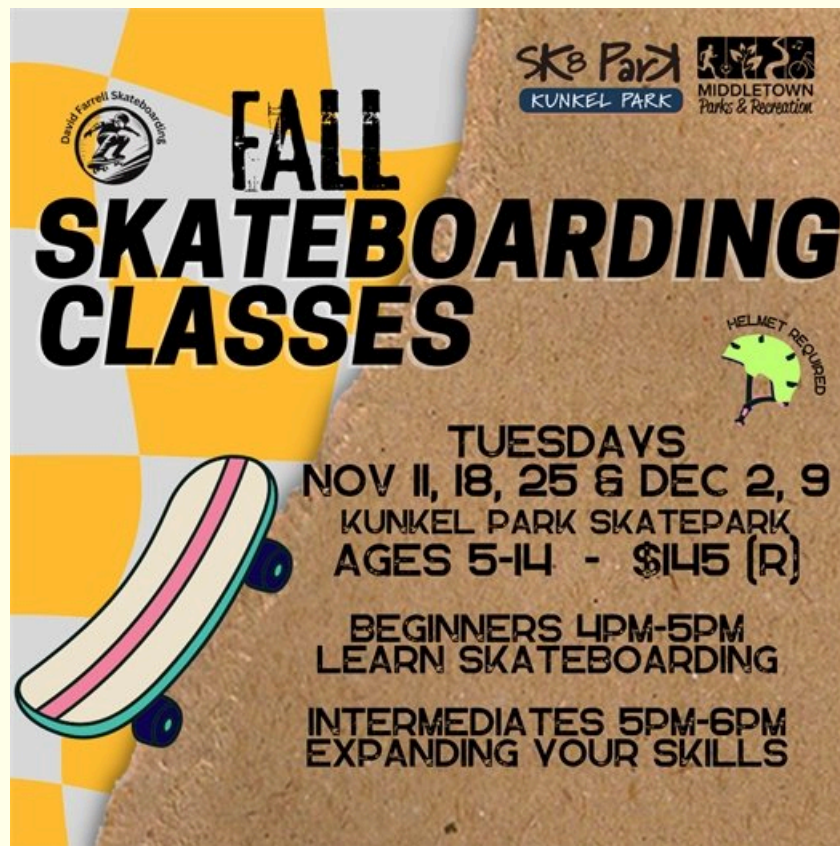


Join Middletown Parks & Recreation at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) for the award-winning After-School Science Club! Over the course of several weeks, there will be themed activities, experiments, and hikes in an adventure-packed hour every Monday (except for Monday, December 1st).

This fall's theme is the Science of Reactions — sign up via RecDesk today for some hands-on learning fun!

Visit mtdownrec.recdesk.com for more information and to register.

Register for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Fall Skateboarding Classes: First Class is on Tuesday, 11/11



Does your child want to learn how to skateboard or expand their existing skillset? Regardless of their experience, Middletown Parks & Recreation's fall classes will teach them the fundamentals of skateboarding in a safe, courteous manner and at a skill level appropriate to everyone. Beginners and intermediates will be broken into two classes.

Visit mtownrec.recdesk.com to register.

**Participate in the MTPL's Strategic Planning Survey by
Sunday, 11/30**



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is planning for the future — and your voice matters!

The MTPL is working on its next Strategic Plan, which will help guide the library's goals and priorities for the coming years. Your input ensures the library reflects the needs, ideas, and dreams of our community.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the short survey.

Fall 2025 Leaf Collection to Begin Monday, 12/1



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING
52 KANES LANE
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
RED BANK, NJ
PERMIT NO. 652
ECRWSS

POSTAL CUSTOMER

FALL 2025 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
All Zones	Monday, 12/1

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE. COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY – NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED – Violators will be charged up to \$1,500 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kaness Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

Visit middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

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 to see screening locations throughout NJ or call 1-800-328-3838 for additional resources.

Visit middletownnj.org/breastcancer to view a list of breast cancer screening locations throughout New Jersey.

Last Day to Pay Quarterly Taxes Without Interest is Monday, 11/10 by 3:45 PM

THE NEXT QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2025.

THE LAST DAY TO PAY THE NOVEMBER QUARTER WITHOUT INTEREST IS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH BY 3:45 PM EITHER IN THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE (1 KINGS HIGHWAY) OR VIA OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE
TAX COLLECTION OFFICE AT 732-615-2086.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay taxes.

**MTPD to Host Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on
Wednesday, 11/12 from 2-6 PM**



Residents are invited to a **FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint** hosted by the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) at Station 11 Old Village Fire Company (1340 NJ-35) to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. The checkpoint will be open from 2-6 PM.

Car seat safety checkpoints are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Officer Michael Reuter at 732-615-2046 if you have any questions or concerns.

MTPD Promotes E-Bike Safety in PSA



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.

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



The Middletown Township Police Department is aware of the canvassing. If you have any questions about LSLRP, please email njawlead@cdmsmith.com and LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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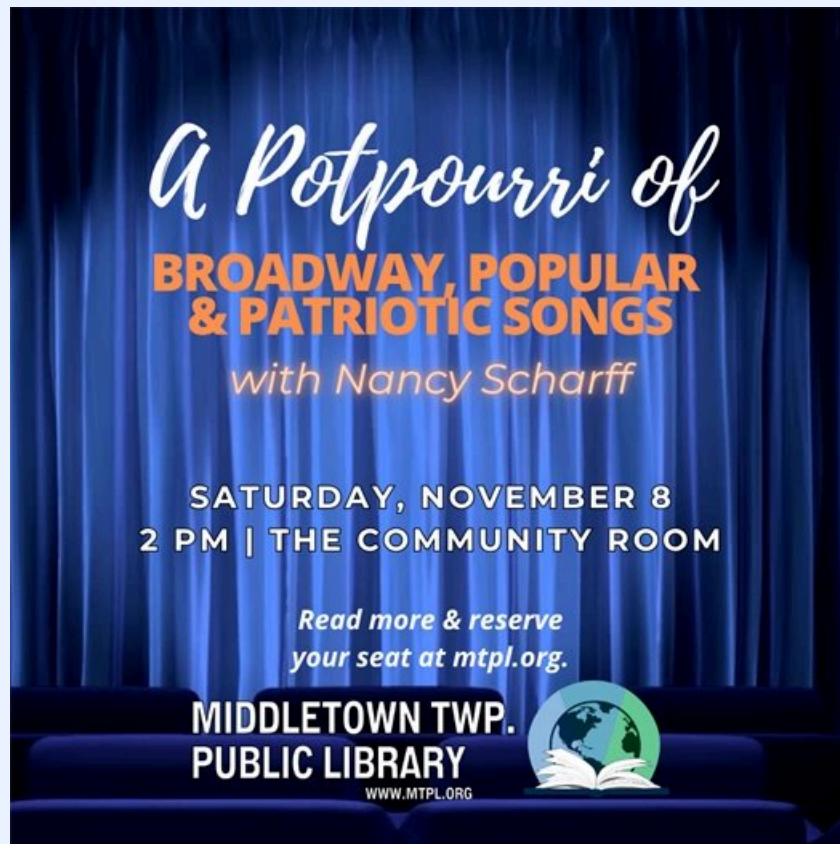
Shop at the MAC's Holiday Antique, Vintage & Collectibles Marketplace TOMORROW (Saturday, 11/1)



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC, 36 Church Street) will be hosting a special Holiday Antique, Vintage & Collectibles Marketplace on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM!

The event will feature over four dozen vendors offering a huge selection of unique and one-of-a-kind antiques including vinyl records, costume jewelry, vintage clothing, collectibles, postcards, toys, dolls, and so much more. Admission is \$5.

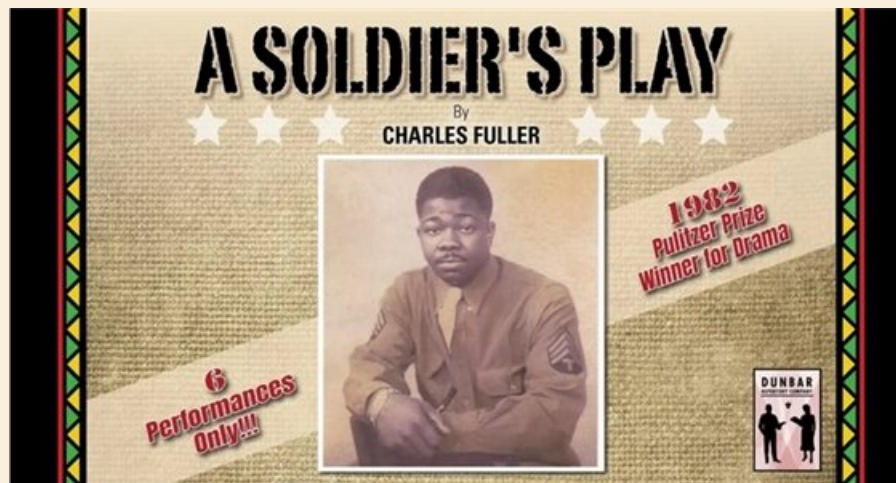
Enjoy a Potpourri of Broadway, Popular & Patriotic Songs at the MTPL on Saturday, 11/8 at 2 PM



Enjoy a family-friendly performance by local musician Nancy Scharff at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL, 55 New Monmouth Road)! The concert will feature a lively mix of Broadway hits, popular favorites, and patriotic tunes, sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to reserve your seat.

Purchase Tickets for *A Soldier's Play* at the MAC

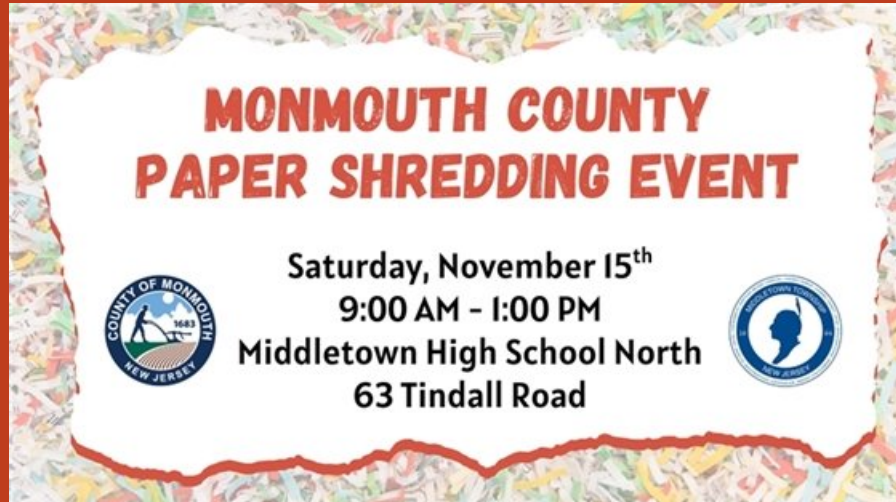


Dunbar Repertory Company will be presenting the 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *A Soldier's Play*, at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) the weekends of 11/8-9 and 11/15-16. *A Soldier's Play* is a gripping and powerful story about race, justice, and

identity within a segregated U.S. Army base in 1944. Performances will take place on the Saturdays at 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM and the Sundays at 4:00 PM.

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

Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School North on Saturday, 11/15 from 9 AM - 1 PM



Middletown Township is partnering with the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners to host a free paper shredding event. Residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large-sized trash bags. All papers will be shredded on location in the mobile trucks and the event will end either once the mobile trucks are full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents; staples and paper clips can remain.



- On Sunday, November 2nd from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Leonardville Road will be closed between Main Street and Cherry Tree Farm Road for the Veterans Village grand opening. Please follow the set detour. From 1:00-3:00 PM that same day, there will be road closures of Leonardville Road (Campbell's Junction) and Cherry Tree Farm Road near Mater Dei Park for the Veterans Day Parade. Please avoid the area.
- In June, Monmouth County began the construction of the replacement of Bridge S-14 on County Route 50 (Swimming River Road). The road will remain open throughout construction and two 11-foot-wide travel ways in each direction will be maintained. Construction is anticipated to take two years. Please follow all posted signs and stay alert while driving in the area, as temporary changes to traffic patterns may occur. Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release for more information.

- Church Street in Belford (near Saint Mary's School) between Leonardville Road and Drift Road is currently closed to replace Bridge MT-10. It will most likely be closed 24/7 to vehicular traffic for the remainder of 2025. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the course of the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.
- As of Monday, January 13th, Broadway is closed between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) due to construction of the final phase of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project. Broadway will be closed for approximately two years. Detours were posted. Port Monmouth Road between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) reopened on Monday, January 13th, providing an alternate detour route for the Broadway closure.

RESOURCES



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.

MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/FLOODPLAINMANAGEMENT

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Need Assistance? Utilize the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Warm Line: 732-683-8959



The Navigation System offers residents a comprehensive and accessible way to connect with resources in the Monmouth County area.

This tool provides easier access to services including :

-  Mental Health
-  Food
-  Housing
-  Substance Use
-  More



Monmouth County proudly offers the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System – an easy way for residents to find and access appropriate services in Monmouth County to meet their needs. Created as part of Monmouth County's Department of Human Services, the Navigation System serves as one point of entry for residents to be connected to any human service provider in the County without needing to make multiple calls.

Call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959 to reach countless service providers and visit monmouthacts.org for more information.

Middletown Township Building & Inspection Department Launches New SDL Online Permit Portal

CONNECT WITH MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP'S
Building & Inspection Department

- ✓ Request Building Inspections
- ✓ Search Town Data
- ✓ Access Town Maps



Middletown is on the SDL Portal, an online hub where residents and professionals can access information, check status updates, and submit requests 24/7.



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

Visit sdlportal.com to access the portal and create an account.

Need assistance? Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to create an account.

Connect with the Township to Help Correct Concerns



Middletown Township is now utilizing the “See-Click-Fix” platform so residents can easily contact the Township to report any concerns. The Township is branding this reporting tool as *Connect & Correct* since you can submit your request via the website and track its progress through completion.

Visit middletownnj.org and click on the *Connect & Correct* button. This link will direct you to a page of categories you can choose from to report your concern.

Simply choose the relevant category from the list such as lost pet, pothole, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. and add a brief description of the issue. You will be able to enter an address or pinpoint the location of the issue on the map. You will also have the option to attach a photo if you would like, and then you can click to submit the report.

You will then be able to track the status of the issue through updates on the platform or via email notifications.

Exciting news — the *Connect & Correct* app is now officially available on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)! The goal of the app is to make it even easier to report your concerns on-the-go as well as streamline communications regarding any concerns you may have.

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 to either register your vacant/abandoned property or report a vacant/abandoned property.

You can also contact Laura Russo-Kay from the Planning, Zoning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2283 or lrussokay@middletownnj.org if you have any additional questions.



**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit middletownnj.org/oem.

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