



Middletown Celebrates Grand Opening of Veterans Village and 68th Annual Veterans Day Parade



On Sunday, November 2nd, the Veterans Village grand opening marked a landmark achievement for the Township of Middletown and its commitment to serving those who have served our nation. The new 100% affordable housing complex, located at 45 Leonardville Road in the Belford/Campbell's Junction area, officially opened its doors with remarks from dignitaries, a flag-raising ceremony, Global War on Terror memorial unveiling, a ribbon cutting, a brunch, and public tours.



This year's Grand Marshall was Dan Butler, who is also the owner of Veteran Auto Repair and LLC (412 NJ-36, Port Monmouth)!

“Our veterans have given everything to protect our freedoms, and this project is one small way we can give back. Veterans Village stands as a symbol of Middletown’s gratitude and our promise to care for those who have sacrificed so much,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “I want to thank every organization and individual who helped make this possible — from our housing partners to our community volunteers — because together, we’ve built more than housing; we’ve built a home for heroes.”

The opening was also held in conjunction with the Township’s 68th Annual Veterans Day Parade — a day full of patriotism and pride. Hundreds of community members gathered along the route and at the post-parade party to cheer on our veterans!

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information. Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the grand opening. Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the parade.



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



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.

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!

Middletown Alliance Hosts Free Narcan/Naloxone Administration Training for Community



On Thursday, Jersey Shore Addiction Services (JSAS) HealthCare, Inc. partnered with the Middletown Alliance to train community members on Narcan/naloxone administration. This event was part of JSAS's Opioid Overdose Prevention Project.

During the training, attendees learned what a substance and opioid use disorder looks like, signs of an overdose, the action steps to take during an overdose, and how to administer Narcan and rescue breaths. Those who attended received an overdose response kit and information.

There are free boxes of Narcan available at the Middletown Township Health Department, located at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Members of the public are encouraged to stop by and ask for one. The Middletown Alliance will also be hosting future Narcan/naloxone administration trainings in the future, so keep an eye out!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 11/10 at 7 PM

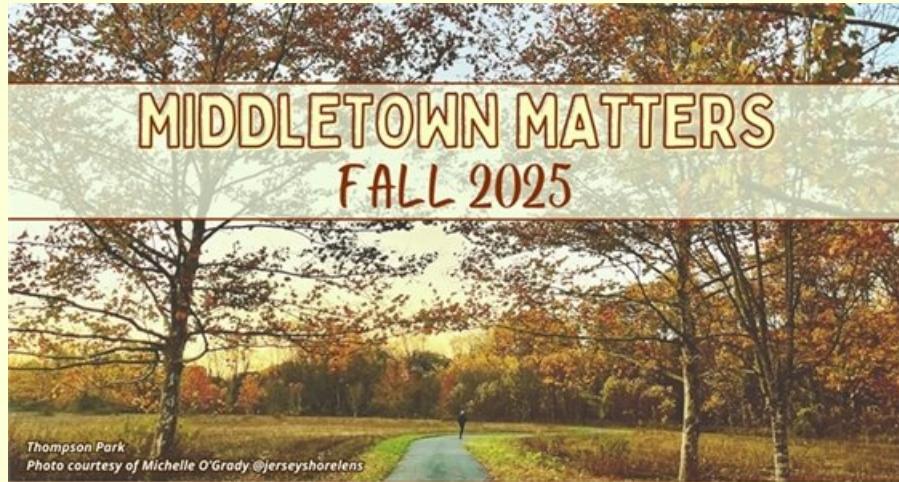
The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting middletownnj.portal.civicclerk.com. Once you visit the link, please scroll to the information for the Monday, November 10th 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.

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



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:

[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS](http://middletownnj.org/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.



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



TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

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The two signs are in honor and remembrance of Revolutionary War Patriots Joseph Murray and Obadiah Stillwell.

The Middletown America 250 Committee and Middletown Township Historical Society are partnering to present *Township Trivia Thursdays* every other week.

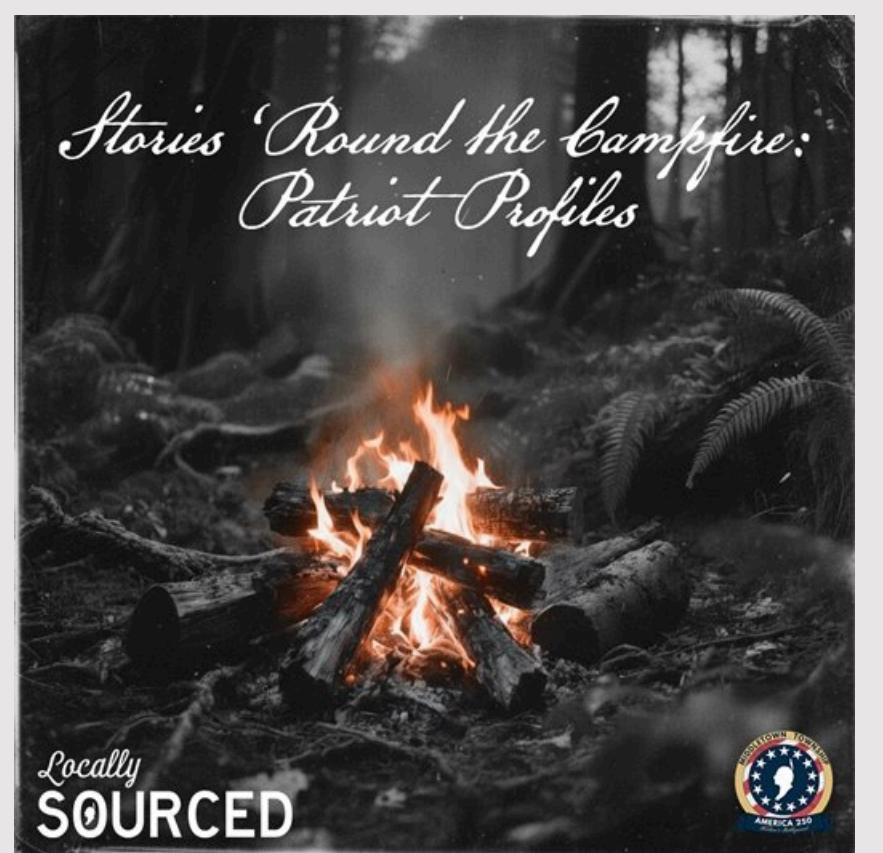
Test your trivia skills while learning more about our town and its rich history. This week's question can be found on middletownnj.org/trivia and the Township's [YouTube channel](#).

To learn more about Revolutionary War Patriots Joseph Murray and Obadiah Stillwell from this week's trivia, visit middletownnj.org/250patriots.

The next trivia question will be featured via the Middletown America 250 Committee's Instagram story on Thursday, November 20th. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, November 21st issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page.

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

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.

Our second episode will premiere on Wednesday, November 12th, so stay tuned!



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](#) 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!

**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. 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.

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!

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




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 tobaccofreerj.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



<p>The following roads will be paved from Wednesday, 11/5 through Friday, 11/14:</p> <p>Sherman Ave. (Sunrise Ave. to cul-de-sac) Macky Ave. (Linda St. to Sunrise Rd.) Linda St. (Macky Ave. to Sherman Ave.) Neil Ave. (Macky Ave. to Sherman Ave.) Richard St. (Macky Ave. to Sherman Ave.) Hockin St. (Macky Ave. to Sherman Ave.)</p>	<p>The following roads will be paved from Tuesday, 11/11 through Friday, 11/14:</p> <p>Concord Ave. (Walden Ave. to Leonardville Rd.) Walden Ave. (Concord Ave. to dead end)</p>
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Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance. Visit middletownnj.org/roads for information about the contractors and areas of work.

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.

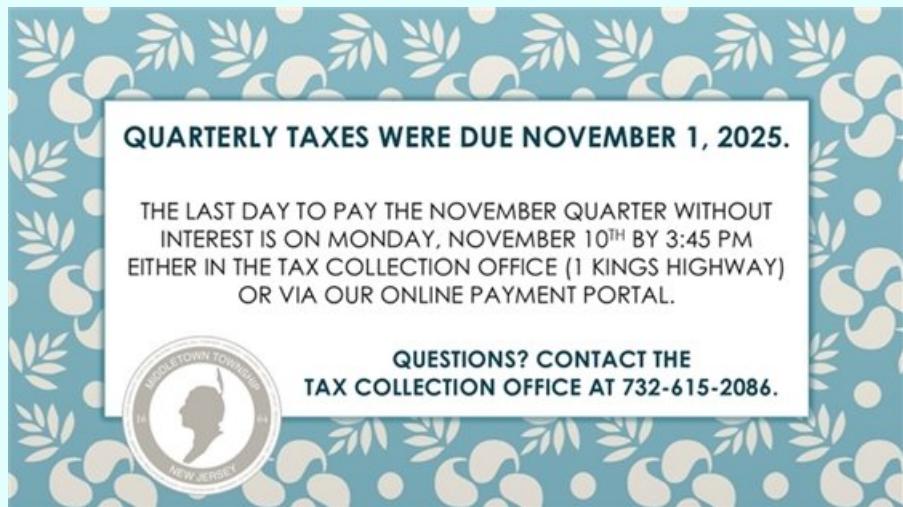
Click [HERE](#) to complete the short survey.

Fall 2025 Leaf Collection to Begin Monday, 12/1



Visit middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

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



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

E-BIKE SAFETY

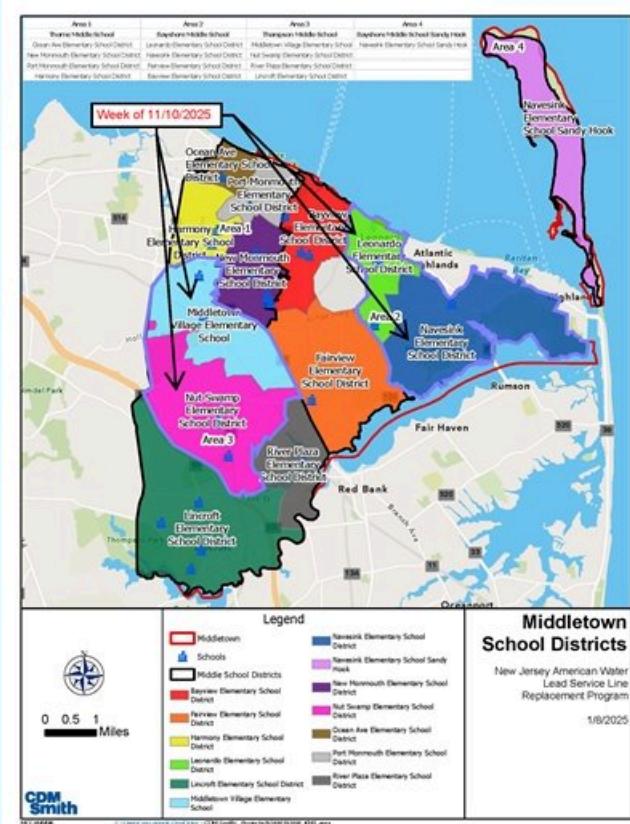
A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.

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



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

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

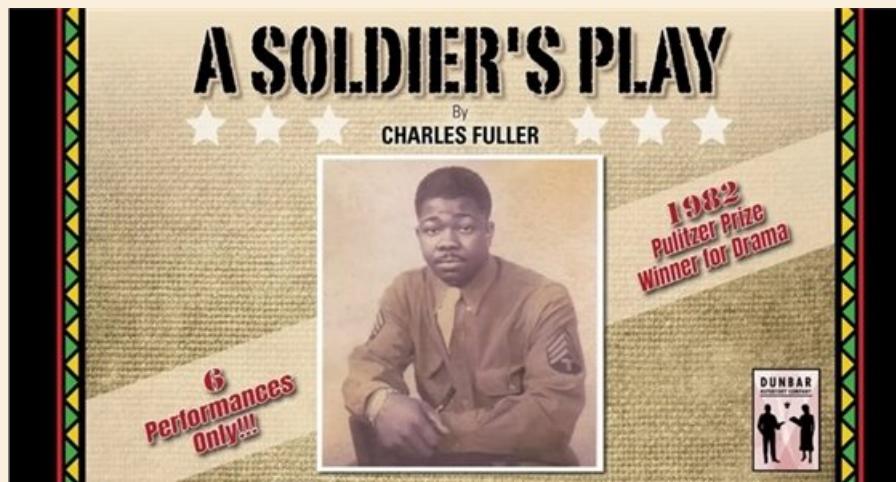
All CDM Smith inspectors will wear co-branded (NJAW and CDM Smith) high visibility logo vests and will have NJAW-issued Contractor ID badges. Inspectors will introduce themselves and the program to property owners and will then ask to enter the home to inspect the water service where it enters into the home (typically in a basement or crawl space).

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

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



**Purchase Tickets for A Soldier's Play at the MAC:
Opening Day is Tomorrow (Saturday, 11/8)**



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.

Craft and Create at MTPL's Makerspace Drop-In Sessions



MAKERSPACE

CRAFT & CREATE

GET DESIGN READY

- **11/10 10AM-12PM**
- **11/11 6:30-8:30PM**
- **11/12 10AM-12PM**
- **11/14 2-4PM**

*Drop into the **MTPL Makerspace** to learn how to get started on your next project!*

Thinking about trying the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Makerspace but not sure where to begin? The MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) is offering drop-in sessions to help you get started! Drop in for a tour, meet the staff, start a training, or jump right into designing your next project on the available machines. Hands-on creativity awaits, so come see what you can make!

All are welcome, but children ages 9-15 must be accompanied by a parent.

Sign Up for MTPL's Beach Badge Storytelling Workshop & Open Mic Happening on Saturday, 11/15 from 1-4 PM



Join writer and publisher William Patrick Tandy at the MTPL to explore personal storytelling, style, and voice while crafting your own shore-inspired story! After the workshop, stick around for an open mic hour to share or just listen to others.

Attendance at the workshop isn't required for the open mic. Part of the MTPL's Community History Project, this program was made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

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

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.

Exercise at Middletown Parks & Recreation's Turkey Trot Hike on Wednesday, 11/26 at 2:30 PM



Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Join Middletown Parks & Recreation to hike the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) with a guide, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife.

Visit mtownrec.recdesk.com to register on RecDesk.

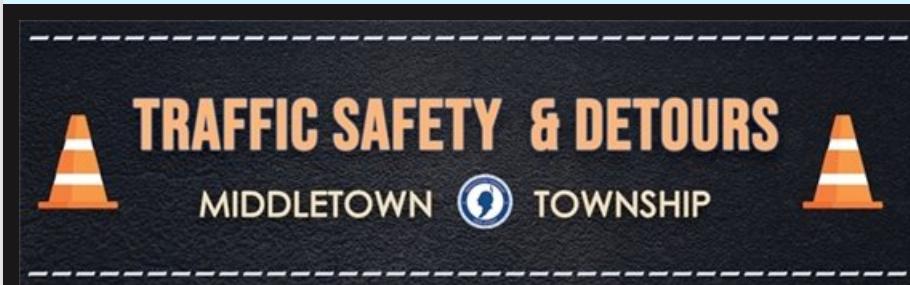
Purchase Tickets for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Annual Santa Ferry Happening on Saturday, 12/6



Middletown Parks & Recreation is back on the bay to celebrate Christmas! The annual yuletide ride features Santa and friends, presents, entertainment, and a scenic ride around the Statue of Liberty. All children and infants will receive a holiday present!

Tickets are only sold in person at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road) on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Only a limited amount remain, so buy yours today!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



- 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	Information for Homebuyers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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