

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



### Two Middletown Township Fire Company #1 Volunteers Commemorate 50 Years of Service to the MTFD



*Stanley A. Midose proudly showcases his Key to the Township alongside the MTFD chiefs and Township Committee.*

At the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Township Committee recognized volunteer firefighters Stanley A. Midose and D. Michael Riordan for reaching an extraordinary milestone — 50 years of service with the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD)! As a token of appreciation for their commitment to Middletown Township Fire Company #1 and our community, the Township Committee presented each of them with a Key to the Township.

Stanley is a third generation Middletown firefighter and has held several prominent positions, including company captain and chief of the entire department. He was also instrumental in developing the state's first firefighter 1 training manual, was a founding member and first captain of our fire department's Special Service Unit, and has been decorated twice for lifesaving.

Michael has been the corresponding secretary for 17 years and has also served as the financial secretary. A dedicated first responder, he was also recognized last year for 50 years of service to our Emergency Medical Services Department.

Thank you to these courageous men for selflessly volunteering their time to protect our residents!



*Michael Riordan proudly showcases his Key to the Township alongside the MTFD chiefs and Township Committee.*

### **Township Committee Recognizes Mule Barn Tavern for Generous Donation to Veterans Village**



At Monday's meeting, Mayor Tony Perry presented Mule Barn Tavern (36 Kearney Road on Sandy Hook) owner Dan Ferrise with the Exceptional Community Support Award to thank him for his restaurant's generosity. On Veterans Day, Mule Barn Tavern dedicated 100% of the proceeds made that day to Veterans Village, Middletown Township's new affordable housing complex for those who have honorably served our nation. Veterans Village, located in Belford, officially celebrated its grand opening on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In addition to raising almost \$12,000, Mule Barn Tavern also donated stools from their restaurant for the complex. The Township will use the money to build an outdoor gathering space in the back of the building, including grills, a fire pit, and outdoor seating.

During the presentation, Dan surprised Mayor Perry with a book of letters that patrons wrote for the future Veterans Village residents. This keepsake will be featured at the complex so our veterans can always be reminded of how grateful we are.

Thank you to Mule Barn Tavern for embodying the enduring spirit of patriotism and community by giving back to our heroes!

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, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Check Out Latest Episode of *Minute with the Mayor*



# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

## Episode 27



In this episode of *Minute with the Mayor*, Mayor Tony Perry discusses the presentations at the recent Township Committee Meeting and encourages people to nominate a Middletown veteran for the 2025 Veteran of the Year Award.

Mayor Perry also talks about the different ways Middletown is celebrating the holidays, promotes the Middletown America 250 Merch Store, and reminds community members that they can give back through our Holiday Helpers Program.

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

## Middletown Achieves Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification and Earns Highest Amount of Points in Township's History



*Photo courtesy of Sustainable Jersey*

Middletown Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification at the silver-level. Certified towns were announced at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Atlantic City during the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference.



"Middletown first earned its Silver-level certification in 2019, and I'm proud that we've been re-certified twice since then," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Achieving this recognition for a third time reflects our long-term commitment to protecting natural resources, planning responsibly, and investing in a stronger future for every generation. I'm grateful to our employees, volunteers, and partners whose dedication helps make Middletown a model of sustainability in New Jersey."

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

## Middletown Hosts Annual Holiday Tree Lighting



*The Township Committee and Santa pose for a group photo in front of our merry and bright tree!*

On Sunday evening, Santa brought some Christmas cheer to our annual Holiday Tree Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center! After arriving in style with Old Village Fire Company, he helped the Township Committee light the tree.

Community members enjoyed crafts, holiday cartoons, a beautiful light display, an inflatable gingerbread house, food trucks, and a festive train ride. Families were also able to take photos with special guests Santa, Elsa, and the Grinch. We had a festive and fun time getting into the holiday spirit and ho-ho-hope you did too!

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

## Community Comes Together for Annual Middletown North vs. South Thanksgiving Football Game



*Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Middletown Township Public School District's Administration and Board of Education cheer on the teams together! (Photo courtesy of JerseyPics)*

Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke were pumped to attend the annual High School North vs. South Thanksgiving Day football game. Congratulations to North on their victory!



### Monmouth County Showcases Middletown Township's Success in Shared Services Agreements

As part of its ongoing series highlighting successful shared services partnerships, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners recently showcased the shared services agreements between Monmouth County and Middletown Township.

"Shared services strengthen our ability to protect and support Middletown without adding unnecessary costs for residents," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Middletown's partnerships with Monmouth County on programs ranging from public health to emergency communications to the Community Rating System enable us to expand services while reducing administrative costs and avoiding duplication. One of our biggest successes has been the Community Rating System partnership, which helps lower flood-insurance premiums for residents through coordinated planning and compliance. These agreements ensure we deliver exceptional service in the most efficient, fiscally responsible way possible."

Click [HERE](#) to read Monmouth County's press release.

**Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2025 Veteran of the Year Award by Friday, 12/26**

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee  
is now accepting nominations for the

## 2025 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be received no later than  
Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Please visit  
[middletownnj.org/voty](http://middletownnj.org/voty) for more information.

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### Seasonal Tip: Pile Snow Downhill When Shoveling



Rain and snowmelt cannot easily  
infiltrate frozen ground, which  
inevitably causes flooding.

When shoveling, please pile snow  
downhill from your home where  
rainwater naturally flows. Keep your  
gutters unobstructed and directed  
away from your foundation.



[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SEASONALTIPS](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SEASONALTIPS)

### Fall 2025 Leaf Collection Began on 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.



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



## Help Keep Our Storm Drains Clear This Season

As heavy rain and freezing temperatures approach, please take a quick look at any storm drains in the street near your property. Leaves are falling fast, and when they pile up on top of a storm drain, they can block water flow and contribute to street flooding and icy conditions.

### How You Can Help

- ✿ If you see a storm drain covered with leaves, please sweep or rake the debris away from the grate to keep water moving safely. Move leaves and other debris out of the roadway so they don't wash back onto the grate when it rains.
- ✿ If the drain is completely blocked or unsafe to access, please report it by calling Public Works at 732-615-2090 or by visiting [middletownnj.org/connectcorrectcategories](https://middletownnj.org/connectcorrectcategories) and submitting a request under "Roads".

DPW crews are out clearing drains across town, but with over 6,000 catch basins in our neighborhood streets, every bit of community help goes a long way.

Thank you for helping keep Middletown safe and prepared for fall and winter weather!



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





# TOWNSHIP TRIVIA



THE ANSWER IS...

**C LANTERNS**



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](http://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, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The answer will be revealed in the Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> issue of *Middletown Minutes* and on our Township Trivia page.

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

## Browse Our New Middletown America 250 Merch Store!



### Introducing the Middletown America 250 Store!

#### Items for Sale

- Sandy Hook Lighthouse Ornament
- Middletown America 250 Challenge Coin
- Citizen Soldier Challenge Coin
- Middletown America 250 Mason Jar
- Seabrook-Wilson House Tote Bag
- Sandy Hook Lighthouse Tote Bag
- Murray Farmhouse Tote Bag

#### Payment

Payments will be processed directly via [middletownnj.org/america250store](http://middletownnj.org/america250store). Credit and debit cards are the only accepted forms of payment.

#### Order Pickup

All items will be available for pickup at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748) at the Clerk's Office window on the Ground Floor. Visit [middletownnj.org/250pickup](http://middletownnj.org/250pickup) to schedule a pickup time.

Join us in commemorating Middletown's pivotal role in the Revolutionary era by purchasing a keepsake from the Middletown America 250 Merch Store!

Visit [middletownnj.org/america250store](http://middletownnj.org/america250store) to explore all items, including our limited-edition Sandy Hook Lighthouse ornament. Crafted by the same renowned company that produces the official White House ornaments, this piece offers a beautifully-made tribute to one of the nation's oldest and most treasured landmarks. You can

also browse other Middletown favorites that make thoughtful gifts and meaningful mementos this holiday season.

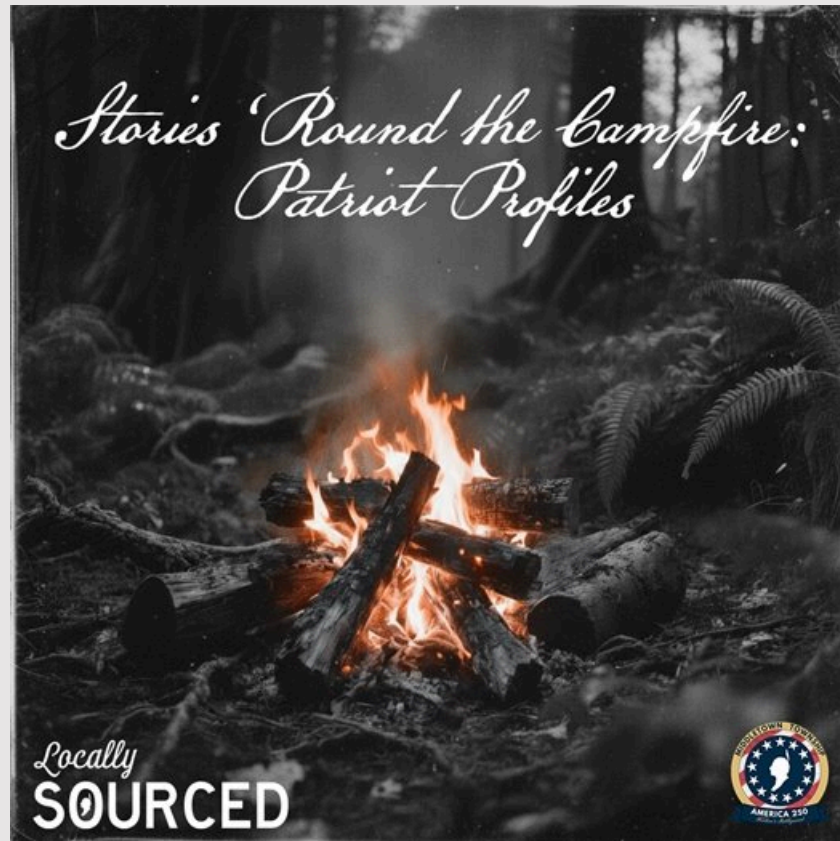
Each purchase will directly support upcoming events and initiatives that honor our community's rich heritage as we approach our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.



Once you decide on your item(s), please click "Participate Now" on the online store to place your order! Credit and debit cards are the only accepted forms of payment. All payments must be made through the online store. Items are available for pickup at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Visit [middletownnj.org/250pickup](https://middletownnj.org/250pickup) to schedule your pickup.

### Learn about Revolutionary War Patriot James Patterson in the latest *Locally Sourced* Middletown America 250 Series Podcast



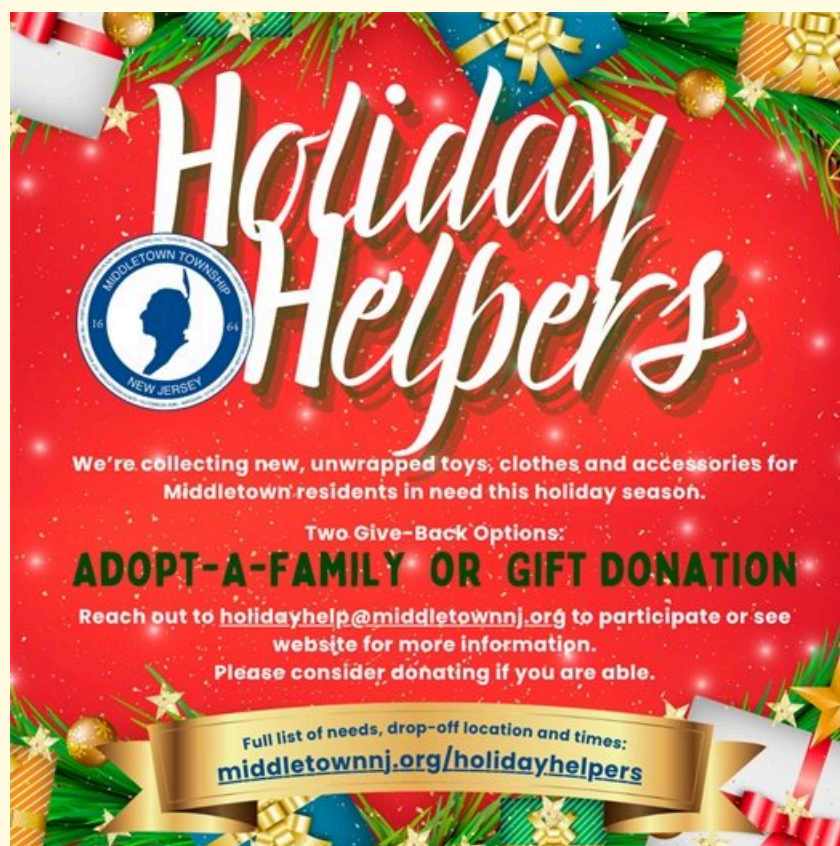
In the third episode of our Middletown America 250 series *Patriot Profiles* — a special edition of Mayor Tony Perry's *Locally Sourced* podcast — we focus on the life of James Patterson and the hardships his family endured during his military service.

You can listen to the podcast on [middletownnj.org/locallysourced](https://middletownnj.org/locallysourced), Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify.

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



**Give Back through Township's Holiday Helpers Program:  
Donations Will Be Accepted Until Friday, 12/12**



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](mailto:holidayhelp@middletownnj.org) or drop off gift donations at the location and times found on [middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers](http://middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers).



Thank you for your generosity!

## Pay Off Late MTPL Fees with Food Bank Donations Through Wednesday, 12/31

# Food for Fines

**PAY OFF LIBRARY LATE FEES  
WITH FOOD BANK DONATIONS!**

Each item donated will eliminate \$1.00 in late fines, up  
to \$10.00 maximum per card.

**Nov. 24 to Dec. 31**



**ALL DONATIONS  
WILL GO TO AREA  
FOOD BANKS**



Food for Fines has officially returned to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) and will run through the end of December! During this time, patrons can pay off library late fees with donations of nonperishable food items. Each item donated will reduce late fees by \$1.00. Patrons can donate up to a total of \$10.00 per library card. Donations may be dropped off at the Circulation Desk.

Please note that donations cannot be applied toward lost or damaged items. Expired food also cannot be accepted. All collected items will be donated to local food banks.

**MTPD to Host Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on  
Wednesday, 12/10 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 Corporal 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.

**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](http://middletownnj.org/smokealarm).

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

## Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Adult Yoga Program: Classes Begin Tuesday, 12/9



*tuesdays*  
**ADULT YOGA**  
AGES 18+

Tuesdays | 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Dec 30<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks)  
Croydon Hall Gym  
Full session \$43 (R), Weekly drop-in \$12 (R)

FIND YOUR ZEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Find your Zen this holiday season with adult yoga! Local business Hot & Soul Yoga is partnering with Middletown Parks & Recreation to offer four weeks of an exercise program that awakens and restores your body while targeting and toning muscles and elevating your heart rate. Classes take place throughout December and are open to experienced yoga students, beginners, and everyone in between!

Please bring props, such as yoga straps, bolsters or pillows, eye pillows, and a yoga mat. Registration is taking place via RecDesk.

Visit [mtownrec.recdesk.com](https://mtownrec.recdesk.com) for more information and to sign up.

### Sign Up for Middletown Parks & Recreation's After-School Science Club: Program Begins Monday, 1/5



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 January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>).

This winter's theme is The Power of Magnets — sign up via RecDesk for some hands-on learning fun!

Visit [mtownrec.recdesk.com](https://mtownrec.recdesk.com) for more information and to register.

**Register for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Winter Skateboarding Classes: First Class is on Tuesday, 1/13**



Does your child want to learn how to skateboard or expand their existing skillset? Regardless of their experience, Middletown Parks & Recreation's winter 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](https://mtownrec.recdesk.com) to sign up.

**New Year, New Hobby: Make an Artistic Resolution and Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!**



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) winter classes has officially opened! Pick up a hobby and sign up for a class in theater, dance, visual art, music, yoga, and more. Classes begin in January.

Click [HERE](#) to view the youth classes and click [HERE](#) to view the adult classes.

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



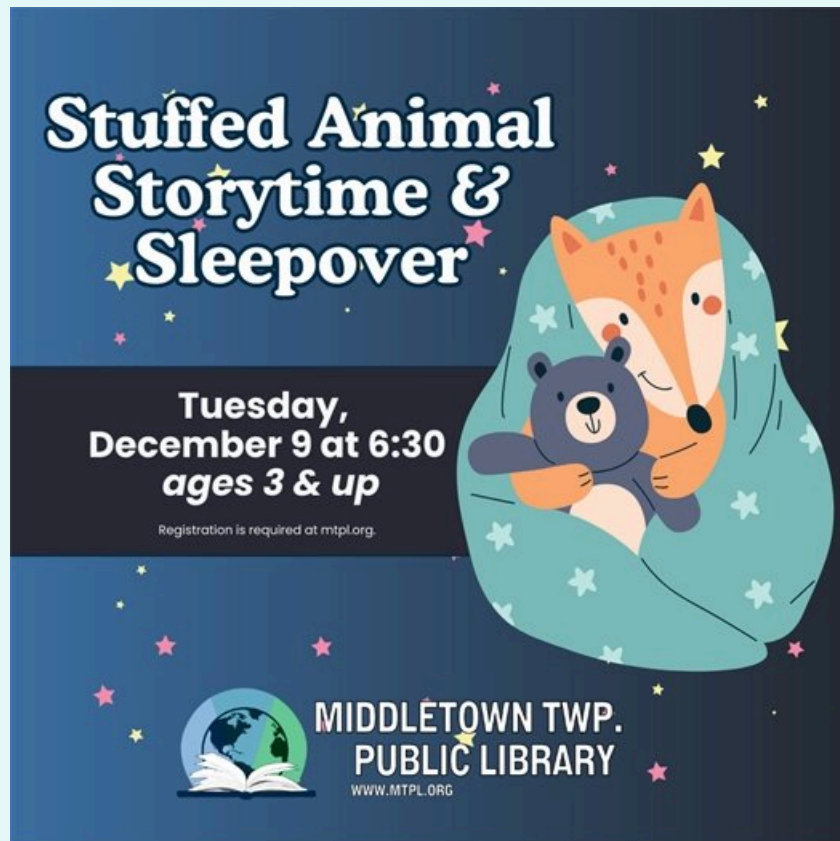


The Middletown Township Police Department is aware of the canvassing. If you have any questions about LSLRP, please email [njawlead@cdmsmith.com](mailto:njawlead@cdmsmith.com) and [LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com](mailto:LeadFreeNJ@amwater.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Drop Off Your Stuffed Animal for a Storytime & Sleepover  
at the MTPL on Tuesday, 12/9 at 6:30 PM**



Bring your stuffed pal to the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL, 55 New Monmouth Road) for a bedtime story and a cozy sleepover! Hear about their overnight adventures when you pick them up the next day.

Please bring a stuffed pal that's comfortable spending the night. PJs are encouraged but not required.

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

**Celebrate Jane Austen's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the MTPL on  
Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM**

# JANE AUSTEN'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Come to the MTPL's Community Room to celebrate Jane Austen's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with a film adaptation of one of her books. There will also be fun mini-trivia so patrons can win Austenian prizes!

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

**Attend Our Annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting at the  
MAC on Wednesday, 12/17 at 5:30 PM**





Please join us at our annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting with the Chabad Jewish Center at the Middletown Arts Center (MAC, 36 Church Street)! There will be crafts, food, and more at this free event.

### Reorganization Meeting Set for Sunday, 1/4 at 10 AM





# TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP



- 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 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.

# RES OURCES



## 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**

## RENTAL UNIT OWNERS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REGISTRATION IN MIDDLETOWN

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-3369, all owners of a business or the owner of a rental unit(s) located within the Township are required to maintain liability insurance for negligent acts or omissions.

**Annual Registration:** Prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, the owner of a rental unit(s) located within Middletown must register their Certificate of Insurance (COI) with the municipality. To complete the registration form, visit [middletownnj.org/rentalregistration](https://middletownnj.org/rentalregistration).

**Minimum Coverage:** The law mandates a minimum level of liability insurance as follows:

- \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury for most rental properties
- \$300,000 for multi-family homes with four or fewer units if one is owner-occupied

**Proof of Insurance:** Landlords must submit a copy of their insurance certificate to the Township.

**Administrative Fees:** The annual registration fee is due and payable at the time of registration. The fees are based on the number of units owned.

**Penalties for Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with the registration program can result in fines of \$500.

### How to Comply with a COI Registration Program:

1. Obtain a COI.
2. Submit your annual registration form and the COI to Laura Russo-Kay in the Planning, Zoning & Community Development Department. Contact Laura at 732-615-2000 ext.2283 or [lruusakay@middletownnj.org](mailto:lruusakay@middletownnj.org) if you have any additional questions.
3. Pay any required administrative fees.



## VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY



### POLICIES IN MIDDLETOWN



In accordance with Ordinance No. 2022-333, all business owners and owners of vacant or abandoned properties are required to register their property with the Township within 30 days of it becoming vacant.

1. Register your vacant and abandoned property within 30 days of vacancy by visiting [middletownnj.org/abandonedpropertyform](http://middletownnj.org/abandonedpropertyform). Property owners or creditors should be required to renew the registration each year as long as the property remains vacant and/or abandoned and will pay a registration or renewal fee for each property registered.
2. Property owners or creditors must post a sign affixed to the building indicating name, address, and telephone number of the owner or the owner's authorized agent. The sign should be placed in a location that is legible from the nearest public street or sidewalk, whichever is nearer, but should not be less than eight inches by ten inches.
3. Property must be kept in good condition to prevent hazards, blight, or other code violations.
4. Secure the building from unauthorized entry.
5. Continue to maintain the structure in a secure and closed condition and keep the grounds in a clean and well-maintained condition.
6. Provide proof of property and casualty liability insurance in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

**Compliance is mandatory. Failure to register may result in fines or other enforcement actions.**

If you have any questions, please 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). Thank you for helping keep Middletown clean, safe, and thriving!

## Prepare Your Home for Winter Weather



The Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages residents to winterize their home ahead of the winter season. Follow the tips above and visit [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) for additional information. Stay safe and warm!

## Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

## REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

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

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



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

## Need Assistance? Utilize the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

### Monmouth ACTS Navigation System

Warm Line: 732-683-8959



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

**This tool provides easier access to services including :**

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



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

Call the Warm Line at 732-683-8959 to reach countless service providers and visit [monmouthacts.org](http://monmouthacts.org) for more information.

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

### CONNECT WITH MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP'S Building & Inspection Department

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



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



**Visit [sdlportal.com](https://sdlportal.com) to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizen 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.



**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](https://middletownnj.org/oem).

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