



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



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Reminder: Double Garbage Collection Scheduled for North Zone on Monday, 1/5



Christmas Tree Collection Dates: South Zone on Saturday, 1/10 & North Zone on Saturday, 1/17





MTFD Shares Live Christmas Tree Safety Tips

This holiday season, the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) and Middletown Township Fire Prevention Office would like to provide residents with tips on how to take care of real Christmas trees.

Click [HERE](#) to watch their Public Service Announcement on YouTube.

Holiday Safety Tips from Middletown Fire Prevention

Use only UL-approved holiday lights.
UL-approved lights are tested for safety and help reduce the risk of overheating, sparks, electrical shocks, and fires. Look for the UL label on the packaging or the tag on the cord before using them.

Water your live Christmas tree daily.
A dry tree can become a serious fire hazard. Keeping it well-watered helps prevent needles from drying out and reduces the risk of a fast-spreading fire.

Fall 2025 Leaf Collection Now Complete



Visit middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

Online Parking Permit System Now Open

**RENEW YOUR 2026
PARKING PERMIT TODAY!**



Parking permit renewal for the 2026 calendar year was originally expected to begin in February, but was able to begin on Friday, January 2nd!

Visit middletownnj.org/parkingpermits for information about how to renew or purchase a parking permit either online or in person.

Please call 732-615-2015 or email townclerk@middletownnj.org if you have any questions.

**TO RENEW, PLEASE VISIT:
MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PARKINGPERMITS**

Parking permit renewal for the 2026 calendar year was originally expected to begin in February due to a system upgrade, but was able to begin earlier.

Visit middletownnj.org/parkingpermits for more information about how to renew or purchase a parking permit.

Renew Your Dog License Before Sunday, 2/1 to Avoid Late Fees

Attention All Dog Owners: 2026 Dog License Renewals Beginning 1/1/2026

Dog license renewal paperwork was recently mailed and will soon be emailed to you (if you have an email address on file).

Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1st and January 31st.

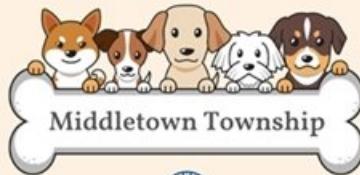
Late fees begin February 1st.



**Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097
or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.**

Visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing for more information.

BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control
732-615-2097
middletownnj.org/petlicensing

Your lost pet will have a better chance of reuniting with you quickly.

The fastest way to access important owner information is with a license tag. Most pets wearing a tag are returned to owners within minutes of our Health Department's Animal Control Division arriving on scene.

With dog license renewals currently taking place, Middletown Animal Control would like to remind residents about the benefits of licensing your dog! Throughout the month of January, we will be sharing these advantages via our communications channels. Be sure to follow Middletown Township on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#)!

Deadline to Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2025 Veteran of the Year Award Extended to Monday, 1/5



The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2025 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be received no later than Monday, January 5th. Please visit middletownnj.org/voty for more information.

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In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

Unanimous Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies

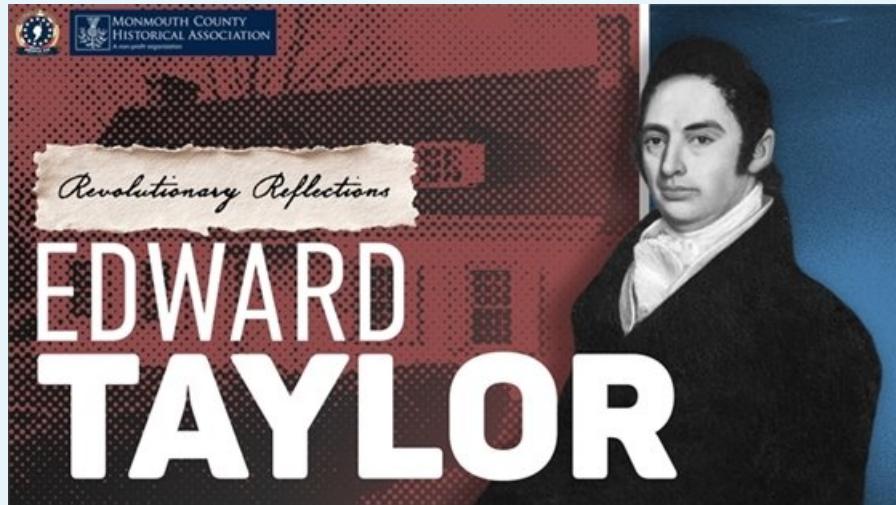
Celebrating America 250

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP

AMERICA 250

Introducing Our New Revolutionary Reflections Video Series: Watch First Episode to Learn About Edward Taylor's Unique Role in the Revolutionary War



To commemorate our nation's upcoming 250th anniversary, the Middletown America 250 Committee is launching *Revolutionary Reflections* — a mini-docuseries exploring the real lives, struggles, and choices of Middletown's residents during the Revolutionary War.

Learn about the families, conflicts, and untold stories that defined Middletown's role in America's fight for independence.

Our first episode begins with Edward Taylor, a suspected spy, Loyalist sympathizer, and prisoner under house arrest at Marlpit Hall (137 Kings Highway).

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

Browse Our 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. 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 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 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.

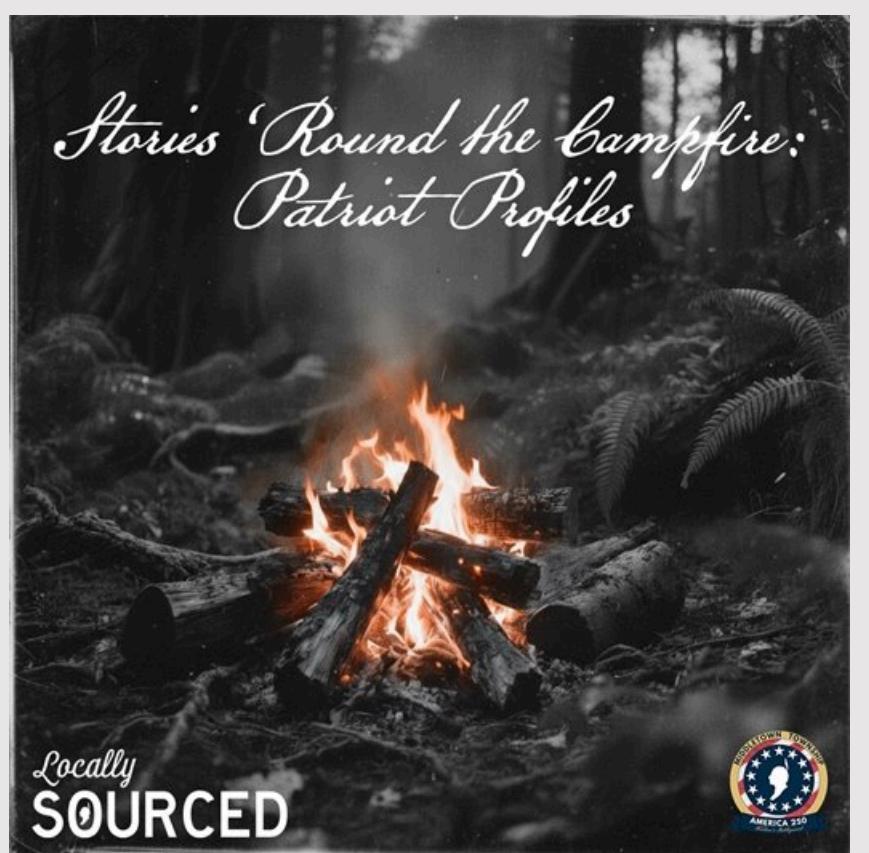


Each purchase will directly support upcoming events and initiatives that honor our community's rich heritage as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary this year.

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 to schedule your pickup.

Learn About Revolutionary War Patriot Jehu Patterson in the Latest Locally Sourced Middletown America 250 Series Podcast



In the fourth episode of our Middletown America 250 series *Patriot Profiles* — a special edition of Mayor Tony Perry's *Locally Sourced* podcast — we explore the life of Jehu Patterson, a young Middletown native who witnessed the Revolution unfold right outside his front door. His early experiences during the war helped shape a lifetime of public service, ultimately leading him to become a respected judge who supported the very veterans he once served alongside.

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

MonmouthNJ 250 Committee Launches Digital Art Contest: Last Day to Submit Entries is Friday, 4/3



Monmouth County officials and the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee have proudly introduced a digital art competition for professional and non-professional artists who are at least 14 years old to celebrate America's 250th anniversary!

Participants must create digital artwork that portrays one or all of the following themes: Patriotism for Our Country, Pride in Our Communities, and Participating in the Celebration.

Each first-place winner in the professional and non-professional categories will receive \$1,776. Additional prizes will be presented for second and third place. The winners will be announced on Thursday, July 2nd.

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

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



Pre-Register for Middletown Township Animal Control's Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic Happening on Saturday, 1/17 from 8-10 AM

Free Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic



Saturday, January 17th from 8:00-10:00 AM



Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot (900 Leonardville Road)



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
middletownnj.org/rabies

The clinic is divided into two one-hour time slots. The second slot will open once the first slot is full.

Call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions.



Visit middletownnj.org/rabies for more information and to pre-register.

MTPD Encourages Residents to Volunteer with 180 Turning Lives Around: Deadline to Apply is Monday, 1/5

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN 180'S SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

180's specially trained, confidential advocates work closely with law enforcement and the Forensic Nurse Examiners program to provide emotional support and assistance to victims of sexual violence and their loved ones. This support is offered during sensitive hospital medical examinations and police procedures. Advocates also offer telephone support, information about the justice system, and referrals to services. The identities of the volunteers remain anonymous. Prior knowledge of sexual violence is not required. 180 is committed to fostering culturally and socially diverse teams to better serve the community, and bilingual capabilities are highly valued. Training will be provided free of charge to successful applicants.

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE CONTACT:
Jacquelyn Godbey
Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Coordinator

908-670-1659
jacquelyn@180nj.org
Application can be found [HERE](#) or visit our website for more information

REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO APPLY

- Must be 18+
- Be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis
- Participate in an interview process that includes fingerprinting and a background check
- Attend monthly supervisory meetings
- Have a valid driver's license and access to transportation
- Successfully complete the mandatory 40-hour training

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1-888-264-7273

www.180nj.org

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

[Click **HERE** for more information about how to get involved.](#)

MTPD to Host Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Wednesday, 1/14 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

Sign Up for a Free Home Smoke Alarm Installation with the MTFD and American Red Cross



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.

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 19th and February 16th).

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

Visit 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 to sign up.

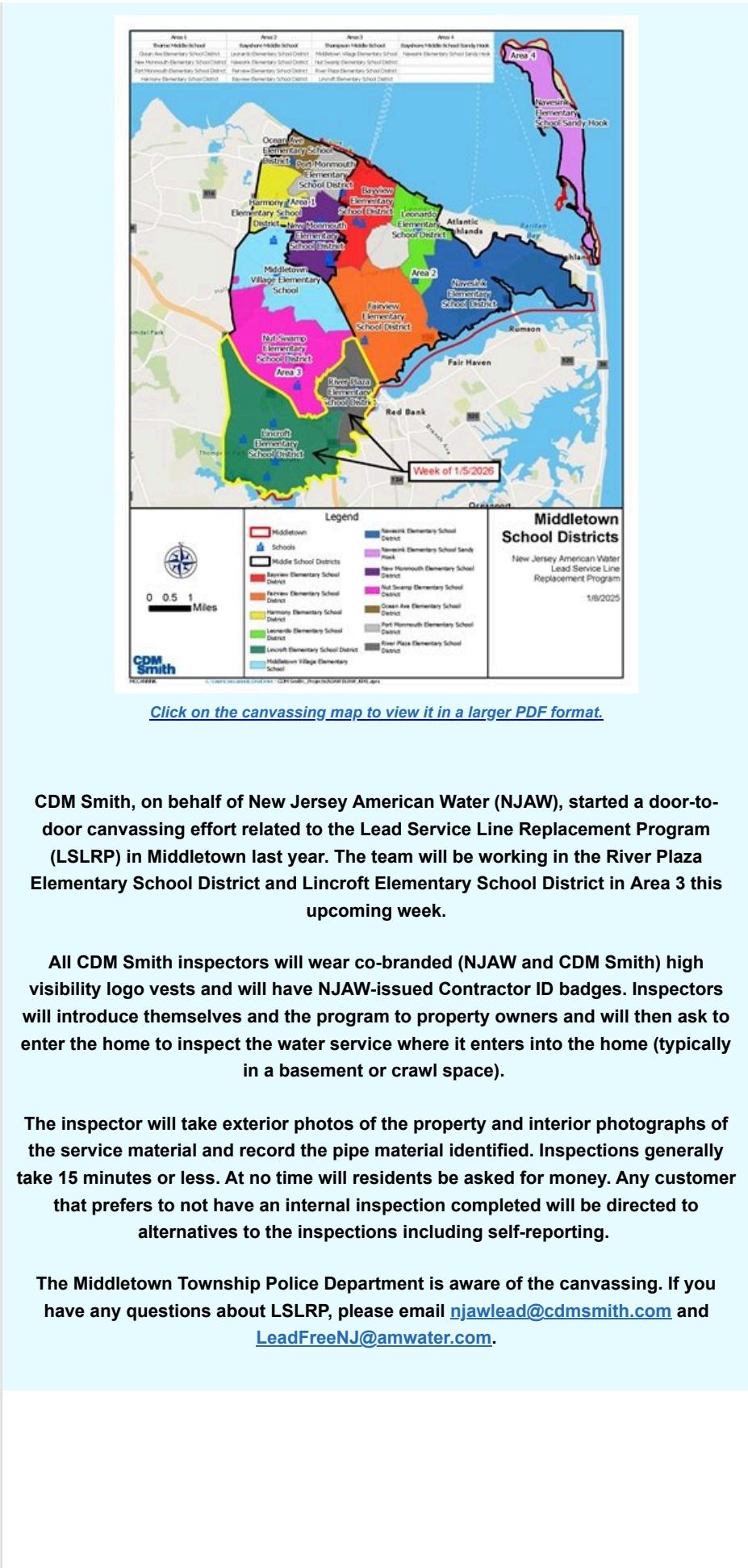
New Year, New Hobby: Make an Artistic Resolution and Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!



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.

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

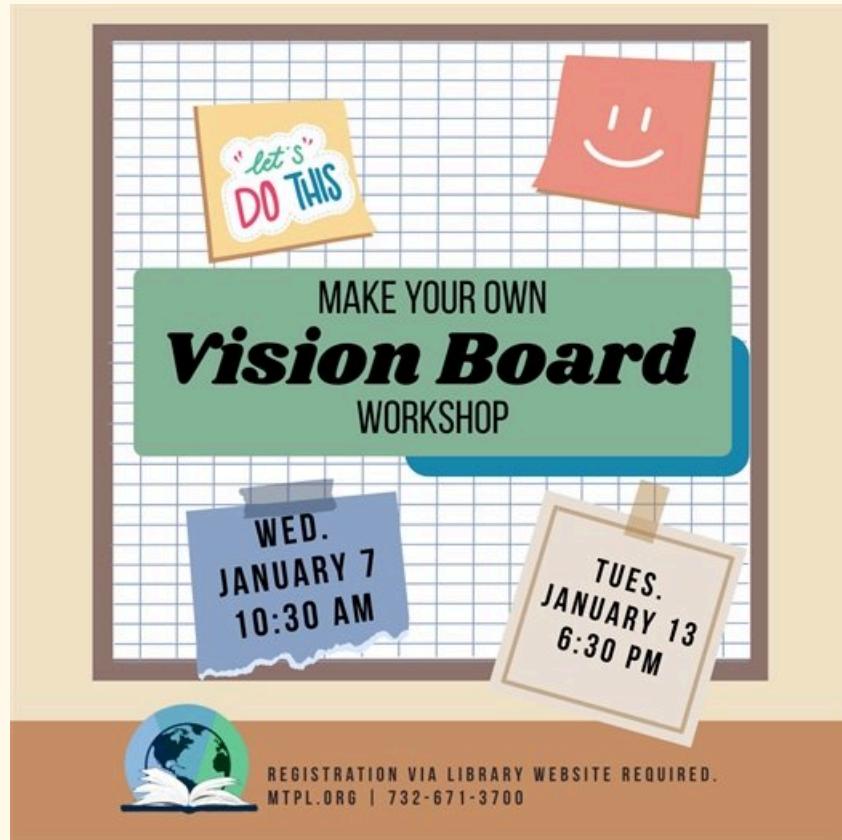


UPCOMING EVENTS

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Make Your Own Vision Board at the MTPL



Kick off the new year with clarity and creativity! In this one-hour workshop at the Makerspace in the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL, 55 New Monmouth Road), you'll create a personalized vision board to reflect your goals and intentions for 2026. All materials will be provided.

There will be two workshops: one on Wednesday, January 7th at 10:30 AM and one on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 PM.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the one on Wednesday and click [HERE](#) to register for the one on Tuesday.

Sign Up for a Beluga Whale Storytime and Craft at the MTPL Happening on Friday, 1/9 at 10 AM

BELUGA WHALE STORYTIME AND CRAFT WITH THE MONMOUTH MUSEUM

Friday, January 9
at 10am
All Ages Welcome!



Registration is required at [mtpl.org!](http://mtpl.org)



MIDDLETOWN TWP.
PUBLIC LIBRARY
WWW.MTPL.ORG

Explore the ocean with a special beluga whale-themed storytime at the MTPL's Children's Quiet Reading Area! Enjoy stories and a hands-on craft with Monmouth Museum volunteer Denise Hibell, inspired by the museum's January beluga whales exhibit. Registration is required.

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

Attend Middletown Parks & Recreation's and the MTPL's Preschool Fair on Wednesday, 1/14 from 5-7 PM

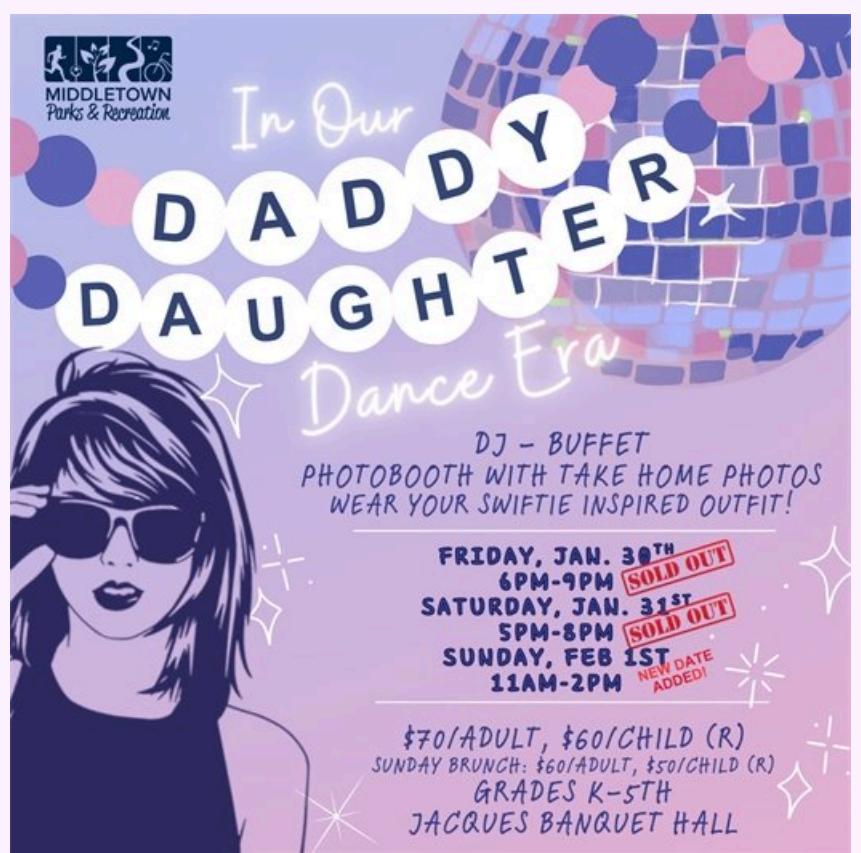


Find the perfect fit for your family at our preschool fair! Local schools will be at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL, 55 New Monmouth Road) to answer questions, explain program structures and fees, and more at this free event.

Schools/preschool organizations can set up a table for free. Please reach out to recreation@middletownnj.org to secure your spot!

Click [HERE](#) to view a list of the fair's participating schools.

Buy Tickets for Middletown Parks & Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Dance Happening on Sunday, 2/1 at 11 AM



Middletown Parks & Recreation's Daddy Daughter Dance is returning to Jacques Banquet Hall (500 Palmer Avenue)! The theme is "In Our Daddy Daughter Dance Era", so wear your favorite Taylor Swift-inspired outfit and dress to impress! Semi-formal attire is encouraged.

Enjoy a night of dancing, good food, and fun surprises. Two of the three dances are already SOLD OUT — register while you can on mtownrec.recdesk.com!



- 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.*

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Road Closures and Updates:

- Broadway remains closed between Main Street (Port Monmouth) and Church Street (Belford) due to ongoing construction. Broadway will be closed until May 2026.
- Campbell Avenue will be closed at the intersection with Creek Road starting January 12, 2026 and is estimated to remain closed until October 2027.
- Detours will be posted. Vehicles traveling between Belford and Port Monmouth can use Highway 36 or Port Monmouth Road.

RESOURCES

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW WITH everbridge NIXLE

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

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle 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.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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

Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Every second counts in an emergency

- Remove snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear an area approximately 3 feet around the hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street



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

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 1st 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.

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 lrussohay@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. 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 it 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 lrussohay@middletownnj.org. Thank you for helping keep Middletown clean, safe, and thriving!

Prepare Your Home for Winter Weather

WINTERIZE Your Home

weather.gov 

Your home isn't the only one that can be winterized.
Your neighbors and those most vulnerable might need your help too!

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

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.

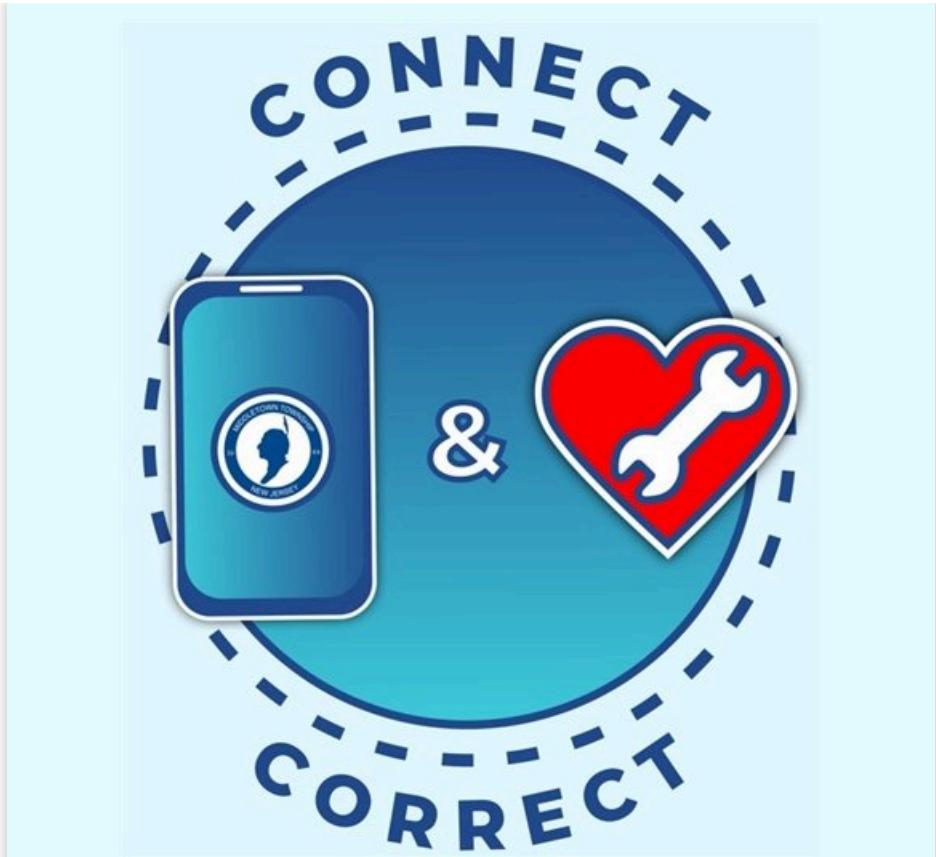


Visit sdlportal.com to get started or scan the QR code above to access the SDL Citizen Portal.

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.



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.

Click **HERE** to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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