



Middletown Receives Innovation in Governance Award at NJ League of Municipalities Conference



Mayor Tony Perry with Innovation in Governance Awards Committee judges Jacquelyn Suárez, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, and Ray Heck, 2023 NJLM President and Mayor of Millstone, NJ

Middletown Township, one of 565 municipalities across the state of New Jersey, received the 2023 *Innovation in Governance Award* for its Next Generation Support Program (NGSP) at the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) Conference in Atlantic City this week. This annual recognition program was established to highlight exemplary local government activities that exhibit creative and practical approaches to local problems and concerns.

This year, the *Innovation in Governance Awards Committee* was looking for a new and distinctive approach undertaken by Garden State municipalities during the period of June 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Middletown Township

submitted an entry for the NGSP to showcase the original thinking to dedicate funds from the American Rescue Plan to execute a free tutoring program to help students who suffered from learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic get back on track.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full press release.

Calling All Holiday Helpers! Sign Up to Help Children in Need This Season

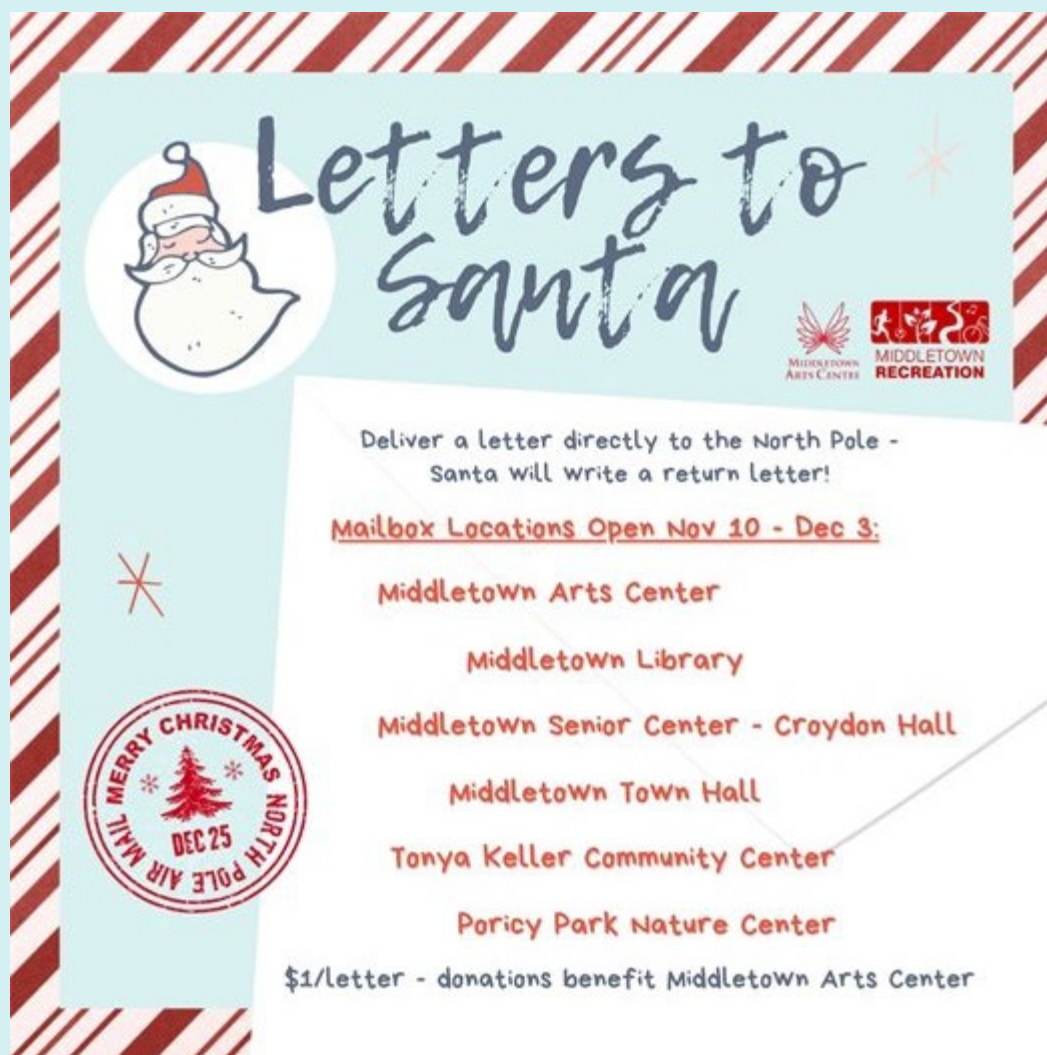


Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Middletown Township is pleased to present the Holiday Helpers Gift Drive to support our local public students in need this season. We are looking for individuals, groups, and/or businesses to help make the holidays a little brighter by “adopting” a family to purchase toys and clothing for them. Please use this [Google Form link](#) to sign up and be matched with a family in need.

Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Croydon Hall Annex at 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo between Monday, November 27th through Friday, December 8th. Staff will be onsite to collect gifts Monday through Wednesday from 8:00-11:00 AM and Thursday through Friday from 12:00-2:30 PM. Please do not leave any gifts outside of the building.

If you have any questions, please call the Middletown Township Health Department at 732-615-2085. Thank you for your generosity and spreading holiday cheer!

Write a Letter to Santa by Sunday, 12/3!



Our Middletown elves will once again be collecting letters and delivering them directly to the North Pole! Santa will write a personalized return letter to your child through Middletown Recreation's and the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Letters to Santa program. Please include \$1 with your letter. Donations will benefit the MAC.

Click [HERE](#) for the letter template and drop-off locations.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 11/20 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 20th 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 www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting. If prompted, please enter your name and email address to join. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2346 452 4783 followed by #. Enter 2023 if a passcode is required.

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 see the agenda.

Municipal Offices Closed on Thursday, 11/23 & Friday, 11/24 for Thanksgiving



The Middletown Township Public Library will be closing early at 5 PM on Wednesday and remain closed on Thursday, but will follow regular business hours on Friday and Saturday.

Support the MTPL's Upcoming Renovation and Buy a Ticket for the Friends of MTPL's Raffle by Monday, 11/27



NOVEMBER 27TH, 2023 | 5:00 PM

\$5.00 PER TICKET

TO SUPPORT THE REDESIGN AND RENOVATION OF
THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK.

THIS IS A 50/50 CASH RAFFLE AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 50 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT
RECEIVED FOR ALL TICKETS OR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT .
"NO SUBSTITUTIONS OF THE OFFERED PRIZE MAY BE MADE."

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) recently unveiled plans for a renovation and redesign of its Reference Area, which is expected to be completed in 2024. To help support this endeavor, the Friends of MTPL is hosting a 50/50 Raffle at the library through Monday, November 27th.

Raffle tickets will directly benefit the renovation and are on sale at the library's circulation desk (55 New Monmouth Road). This is a 50/50 cash raffle and the winner will receive 50 percent of the amount received for all tickets or rights to participate.

Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPL's press release about the renovation and visit www.mtpl.org/mtpl-renovation for more information.

Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2023 Veteran of the

Year Award by Friday, 12/1

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee
is now accepting nominations for the

2023 VETERAN  OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be received no later than
Friday, December 1st. Please visit
www.middletownnj.org/voty for more information.

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Pre-Register for Middletown Health Department's FREE Flu Clinic for Residents on Tuesday, 12/5



MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP NJ

Middletown
HEALTH

Register
for your flu
vaccine.

Tuesday, Dec 5th - 9:30am-12pm



Middletown Township Health Department is hosting a free flu shot clinic for residents, ages 6 months and older, on Tuesday, December 5th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Pre-registration is required.

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

Middletown Township Health Department Provides Resources for Residents to Quit Smoking



Thursday, November 16th was the Great American Smokeout, an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. People are challenged to stop smoking for at least 24 hours assuming that their decision not to smoke will last longer, hopefully forever.

If you're having trouble quitting smoking or vaping, the Middletown Township Health Department encourages you to visit www.tobaccofreeNJ.com/gaso for helpful resources and www.middletownnj.org/quittobacco for information about quit options and centers.

Monmouth County Parks Seeks

Community Feedback Regarding Possible Aquatic Center: Survey Closes Wednesday, 11/22



Monmouth County Park System announced that they are looking for public input regarding a proposed aquatic center.

The Park System contracted with design team [Counsilman-Hunsaker](#) to do a feasibility study analysis for the proposed indoor aquatic center. Several sites in the County are being considered as a location, including the former Port Monmouth Elementary School.

Please [complete this brief survey](#) to provide feedback regarding your level of interest in aquatic programs. The survey closes on Wednesday, November 22nd.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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**Register for Middletown Recreation's Turkey Trot Hike
Happening on Wednesday, 11/22 at 2:30 PM**



Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, November 22nd to hike the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), enjoy the beautiful scenery, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife.

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

Get into the Holiday Spirit by Attending Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, 12/3 from 5-7 PM



Look who's coming to town! Catch Middletown Recreation and MAC's annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 3rd from 5-7 PM at the MAC (36 Church Street). Bring the whole family - get your photo with Santa and enjoy some crafts, bonfires with classic Christmas cartoons, a horse-drawn wagon, and a human snow globe inflatable! New this year, stop by the No Limits Cafe food truck during the event for tasty grilled cheeses!

This event is free, but registration via CommunityPass is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) to register via CommunityPass.

**Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School
North on Saturday, 11/18 from 9 AM - 1 PM**

MONMOUTH COUNTY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Saturday, November 18th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Middletown High School North
63 Tindall Road



Monmouth County will be holding its annual paper shredding event in Middletown on Saturday, November 18th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Middletown High School North.

County residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large-sized trash bags. All paper will be shredded on location in a mobile truck, and the event will end either once the mobile truck is full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents, but staples and paper clips can remain.

Click [HERE](#) to read the County's press release with more information.

**Listen to Live Music at the MTPL's Music Cafe on Sunday,
11/19 from 4-6 PM**



SHOTGUN BILL ANANIA
ERIKA SHERGER
ROB MACLEOD + RICH ADAMS
GEORGE WIRTH



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, November 19th from 4-6 PM for

its monthly singer-songwriters showcase featuring artists Shotgun Bill Anania, Erika Sherger, Rob MacLeod + Rich Adams, and George Wirth. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the concert.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

Register for MTPL's Naval Academy Information Session on Tuesday, 11/21 at 7 PM

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT!

**NAVAL ACADEMY
INFORMATION
SESSION**

WITH MIDSHIPMAN
JACK COSTIGAN



**Tuesday,
Nov. 21 at 7pm
Computer Lab**

Teens, Tweens & Adults Welcome.
Please register at mtpl.org.



Interested in a career in the United States Navy? Join Navy Midshipman Jack Costigan on Tuesday, November 21st at 7 PM at the MTPL's Computer Lab as he talks about the Naval Academy and answers any questions you may have!

Registration is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

RESOURCES

Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW

**WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING,
OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?**

LET DPW KNOW!



Please complete an online form at
www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at
732-615-2090.



THANK YOU!

We encourage you to complete a form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup if
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.

Apply for 2020 ANCHOR Benefits by Friday, 12/29



The 2020 ANCHOR Benefit Filing Deadline for new applicants is December 29, 2023. If you qualified for a rebate last year, you should have already received a letter confirming you are eligible.

If you have any questions, please call the State at 609-826-4282 or 1-888-238-1233. Visit www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor for more information.

[Click on the graphic to visit the NJ Division of Taxation's website.](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor)



Tap into Federal Housing Administration's 203(k) Program to Help Rehab or Renovate Your Home

If you want to finance the purchase of a home that needs rehabilitation or finance improvements to your current home, the [Federal Housing Administration's \(FHA\) Section 203\(k\) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program](#) (203(k) Program) may be the right choice for you. This program is available through FHA-approved lenders and allows homebuyers to finance the purchase of a home or homeowners to refinance a current mortgage, combining the cost of renovations, repairs, or remodeling into a single loan.

The program permits homebuyers and homeowners to have home repair improvements incorporated into their mortgage. This way you can quickly and easily tap into cash to pay for property repairs or improvements, such as those identified by a home inspector or an FHA appraiser. Those who are buying a home can make it move-in ready by remodeling the kitchen, painting the interior, or

purchasing new carpet. Homeowners can make property repairs, improvements, or prepare their home for sale. The 203(k) Program is also often used to rebuild or repair after a natural disaster such as a flood or hurricane. It is also available to HUD-approved non-profit organizations and government agencies.

For more information and resources, check out [this pamphlet](#) (PDF).

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



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