



**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. The Middletown Arts Center will be closed from Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE COLLECTION CHANGES

- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no garbage collection in the North Zone on Thursday, 11/23.
- North Zone will have a double garbage pickup on Monday, 11/27. Residents may leave up to 3 additional closed garbage bags next to the cart.
- South Zone will have their regularly scheduled pickup on Friday, 11/24.
- The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and reopen on Friday. The Middletown Recycling Center drop-off at the train station will remain open.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING!**

### Middletown Helps Its Own and IMA Urgent Care Work Together to Provide Thanksgiving Boxes to Local Families

Last weekend, Committeewoman Kim Kratz, her family, local first responders, Integrated Medical Alliance Urgent Care & Primary Care (IMA) President

Dr. Roger Thompson and staff, and community members worked with Middletown Helps Its Own (MHIO) to put together and deliver Thanksgiving boxes for 350 Middletown families in need. Patients donated to IMA's food collection and the offices gave all the donations to MHIO.



*Photo courtesy of MHIO*

MHIO is an all-volunteer organization that has been providing year-round food and emergency assistance to local families for almost 60 years. MHIO will be coordinating a food basket distribution over the holidays as well. For more information, visit [www.middletownhelpsitsown.com](http://www.middletownhelpsitsown.com).

### Detective First Class Anthony Dellatacoma Receives NJ State PBA Executive Board Member of the Year Award



***Detective First Class Anthony Dellatacoma proudly showcases his award next to NJ State PBA Executive Vice President Peter Andreyev. (Photo courtesy of Middletown PBA Local #124)***

**On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, Middletown Township Police Department Detective First Class (DFC) Anthony Dellatacoma received the NJ State PBA Executive Board Member of the Year Award. The ceremony was held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City.**

**DFC Dellatacoma has been a member of the NJ State PBA for 20 years and on the Executive Board for the last four years. He has served on several high-profile committees, such as Education, Collections Negotiations, and as chairman of the Convention Committee. He was recognized this year for his various contributions over the last several years, in particular his hard work in ensuring that the 2023 convention in Florida was a seamless success. Police Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chief John Werner, as well as fellow MTPD officers, were there to support and congratulate him for his efforts. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved accolade.**

## Middletown South Girls Cross Country Team Goes the Distance to Win State Championship



Middletown High School South's Girls Cross Country Team was recognized at Monday night's Township Committee Meeting for winning the NJSIAA Group 3 State Championship. During the presentation, Mayor Tony Perry lauded the team for this incredible accomplishment and encouraged a big round of applause from the audience.

Coach Bill Clifton then spoke about this sweet victory and commended the young women for their dedication. He and his wife Kathleen have been coaching the team since 2002. They also won a state championship in 2019. Please join us in congratulating the team and coaches. They represented our town like true champions!

*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 night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**Celebrate Small Business Saturday by Supporting Local Businesses!**

**SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY.**

SHOW SMALL BUSINESSES SOME  ON

*Small Business Saturday*

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Middletown Township



**Fall 2023 Leaf Collection to Begin Monday, 11/27**



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

**Calling All Holiday Helpers! Township Collecting Gifts for Children in Need Beginning Monday, 11/27**

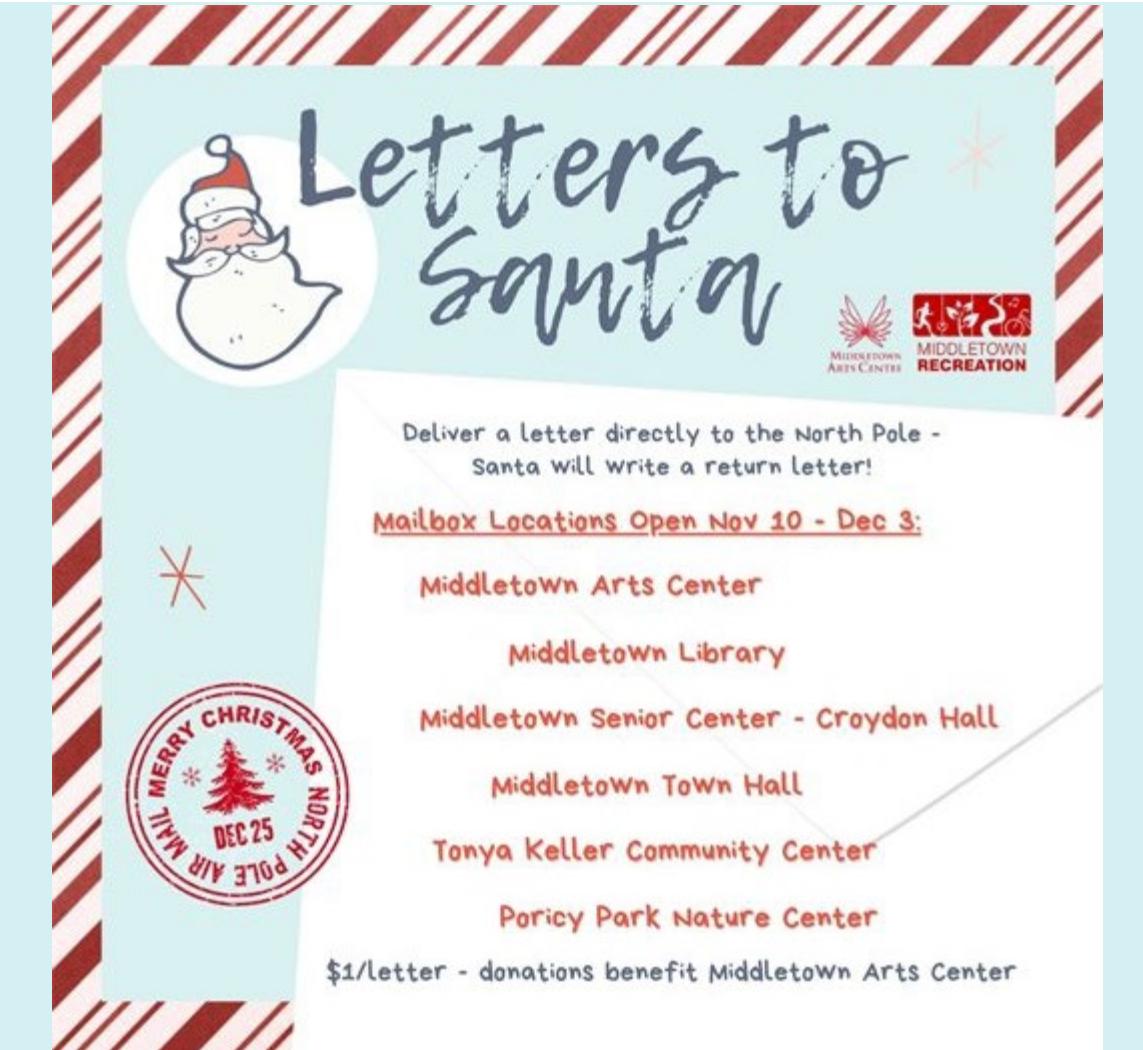


Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Middletown Township is pleased to present the Holiday Helpers Gift Drive to support our local public students in need this season. We are looking for individuals, groups, and/or businesses to help make the holidays a little brighter by “adopting” a family to purchase 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 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!**



A flyer for the "Letters to Santa" program. The top features a cartoon Santa head in a circle, the text "Letters to Santa" in large script, and the Middletown Arts Center and Recreation logos. The background is light blue with red and white diagonal stripes. The text "Deliver a letter directly to the North Pole - Santa will write a return letter!" is in the center. Below it, a list of "Mailbox Locations Open Nov 10 - Dec 3:" includes the Middletown Arts Center, Middletown Library, Middletown Senior Center - Croydon Hall, Middletown Town Hall, Tonya Keller Community Center, and Poricy Park Nature Center. A red "MERRY CHRISTMAS" postmark stamp is on the left. The bottom text "\$1/letter - donations benefit Middletown Arts Center" is in a grey box.

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.*

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



## FRIENDS OF MTPL

# 50/50 Raffle

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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit  
[www.middletownnj.org/voty](http://www.middletownnj.org/voty) for more information.

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## Pre-Register Now for Middletown Health Department's Upcoming FREE Flu Vaccine Clinic



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**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 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). Pre-registration is required.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/fluclinic](http://www.middletownnj.org/fluclinic) for more information and to pre-register.



**Attend MTPL's "How Money Works" Financial Education Seminar on Monday, 11/27 at 7 PM**

A promotional poster for a financial education seminar. The top half features the title "HOW MONEY WORKS financial education seminar" in bold black text, with a small illustration of a person climbing a bar chart next to a stack of coins. Below the title is the text "with Miriam Baresh from Primerica Financial Services". The bottom half shows a photograph of a glass jar filled with coins, with several small green plants growing out of the top. To the left of the jar is a stack of coins with small green plants growing out of them. At the bottom left is the Middletown Township Public Library logo, which includes a globe, an open book, and the text "Insight", "Innovation", and "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY". The main text "Monday, 11/27 @ 7 pm Computer Lab" is centered at the bottom. A red note at the bottom right says "Registration strongly recommended. Visit the calendar page at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)".

Financially prepare yourself for holiday shopping by attending the MTPL's "How Money Works" financial education seminar next week! Miriam Baresh from Primerica Financial Services will be leading the program and discussing important financial topics, such as Rule of 72, Theory of Decreasing Responsibility, deferring taxes, or buying the right type of life insurance. Don't miss this opportunity to educate yourself about your finances! Registration is recommended.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for more information and to 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.](#)

**Middletown Green Team Invites You to Learn How to Use  
IRA Savings and Clean Energy to Benefit Your Home on  
Thursday, 12/7 at 6 PM**

**ELECTRIFY YOUR HOME WITH  
IRA SAVINGS**

MIDDLETOWN  
**GREEN  
TEAM**

Presented by the Middletown Green Team  
and featuring Middletown Mayor Tony Perry

**DATE & TIME**  **LOCATION**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00-7:15 PM

Middletown Township  
Public Library  
(55 New Monmouth Rd.)

**COMMUNITY EVENT DETAILS**

We encourage our community to join Middletown Green Team members Pat and Steve Miller as they discuss how home and car owners can use the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and clean energy to increase home energy efficiency, value, and savings!

**BONUS:** Residents Diane and John Burke will showcase Middletown's first all-electric **new passive house** featuring **ZERO** energy bills!

There will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Middletown Township and the Middletown Green Team strongly encourage residents to attend the free "Electrify Your Home with IRA Savings" program at the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>!

**TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS**

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

On Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, avoid Cooper Rd. (Bodman Park) to Bowne Rd. to

**Browns Dock Rd. (Huber Woods) between 10 AM - 12 PM for a 12K run. Officers will be intermittently closing these roads.**

Text your zip code to 888-777 or visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register for Nixle, our emergency communications platform. Once registered, you will receive alerts about traffic detours, severe weather, criminal activities, missing persons, and more.

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor) for more information.**

*Click on the graphic to visit the NJ Division of Taxation's website.*



**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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