

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



**Attend Our Annual Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting
at the MAC on Sunday, 12/10 at 4:30 PM**



Please join us this weekend at our annual Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)! There will be crafts, goodies, and more at this free event.

The Lincroft Village Green Association will also be hosting a Menorah and Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30 PM. The Township

Committee encourages our community to join them at this festive event!

Santa Visits Middletown for Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at MAC



After working his magic, Santa and his helper from Old Village Fire Company take a photo with Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter Reagan, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger and his grandson Grant, and Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch!

Last Sunday, Santa brought some holiday magic to Middletown and helped the Township Committee light our Christmas tree! Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and attended our annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center. A huge shoutout to Old Village Fire Company for giving Santa a ride to the event!

Residents were able to make some arts and crafts, mail a letter to the North Pole, take a photo with Santa, jump in an inflatable snow globe, meet some furry friends

in a petting zoo, and enjoy some snacks from No Limits Café. We had a blast getting into the holiday spirit and ho-ho-hope you did too!

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

Middletown Recreation Hosts Annual Santa Ferry to Statue of Liberty



Elsa and Anna from Frozen chat with residents as the ferry cruises along! (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)

Last Saturday, Middletown Recreation and SeaStreak took residents for a yuletide ride on the bay. Attendees met Santa, hung out with their favorite characters, saw some science experiments and magic tricks, and enjoyed a scenic journey around the Statue of Liberty!

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

Middletown Senior Center Celebrates Holidays with Festive Party



Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation

On Tuesday, the Middletown Senior Center kicked off the holidays with a party at the Gramercy at Lakeside Manor in Hazlet. Members were able to eat delicious food, hang out with friends, bust some moves on the dance floor to the DJ's playlist, and win some giveaways!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/seniors for more information about the Middletown Senior Center.

Wawa Celebrates Grand Opening in Middletown



Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and members of our police department and fire department were excited to join Wawa staff and customers for a coffee and confetti-filled morning!

On Friday, December 8th, Wawa hosted a ribbon cutting for its new store and gas station (1230 NJ-35), which is its second location in Middletown! Attendees were pumped to celebrate the grand opening with giveaways, free coffee, and the Hoagies for Heroes contest!

Old Village Fire Company and the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) competed against each other in this contest to see which first responder team could make more hoagies within three minutes. It was a close race, but the MTPD beat our firefighters and won the Hoagie Trophy which is now being displayed in the Police Department.

Each team received a \$1,000 donation to a charity of their choice. Old Village Fire Company's donation went to their all-volunteer fire company and MTPD's went to the New Jersey State PBA Survivor & Welfare Fund to support the families of PBA members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

We thank Wawa for supporting our first responders! Make sure you check out their new location!

Welcome to Middletown, Surfside Smiles Co. Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics!



Pictured from left: Kristin Ritchie (dental assistant), Roni Wood (dental assistant), Liana Lustica (patient care coordinator), Mayor Tony Perry, JV Kracke (orthodontist), and Kristianne Macaraeg Kracke (owner and pediatric dentist). Photo courtesy of Jack Davies

Last Sunday, Mayor Tony Perry was all smiles at Surfside Smiles Co. Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics' grand opening (1692 NJ-35)! The new healthcare facility, located in Fountain Ridge Plaza, has built its business on inclusivity, personalization, innovation, and education. We wish them waves of success!

Visit www.surfsidesmileco.com to check out Surfside Smile's services.

Middletown Green Team Showcases How to Take Advantage of IRA Tax Credits and Rebates to Go Electric



Green Team member Pat Miller kicks off the presentation in the library's Community Room.

On Thursday, Middletown Green Team members Pat and Steve Miller held a community information session at the Middletown Township Public Library about how home and car owners can use the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and clean energy to increase home energy efficiency, value, and savings. Through their presentation, they described many ways you can offset upfront costs of moving from gas to electric in your home with tax credits and rebates due to the IRA.



The program's presenters, pictured from left: Green Team members Steve and Pat Miller and residents John and Diane Burke

Pat and Steve discussed some of the societal benefits about going electric, including eliminating fossil fuel emissions and advancing climate goals in New Jersey. They also highlighted some personal benefits such as saving 40% on their energy bills by weatherizing and electrifying their home and vehicles and subscribing to Community Solar.

[HERE](#) is a chart from their presentation that showcases the thousands of dollars available now through the tax credits and rebates.

Middletown residents Diane and John Burke also shared their journey of constructing a healthy and sustainable home by using "Passive House" design principles. Passive House focuses on occupant comfort and health, and drives energy efficiency, resiliency, healthy indoor air, and reduced carbon emissions. This is Middletown's first all-electric house with zero energy bills. Diane and John

also discussed the benefits of using their electric vehicles.

After the presentations, there was a Q&A. For more information about how to get started with doing an electrical makeover in your home, check out [Middletown for Clean Energy](#).



Watch the Monday, December 4th Township Committee Meeting

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 17th.

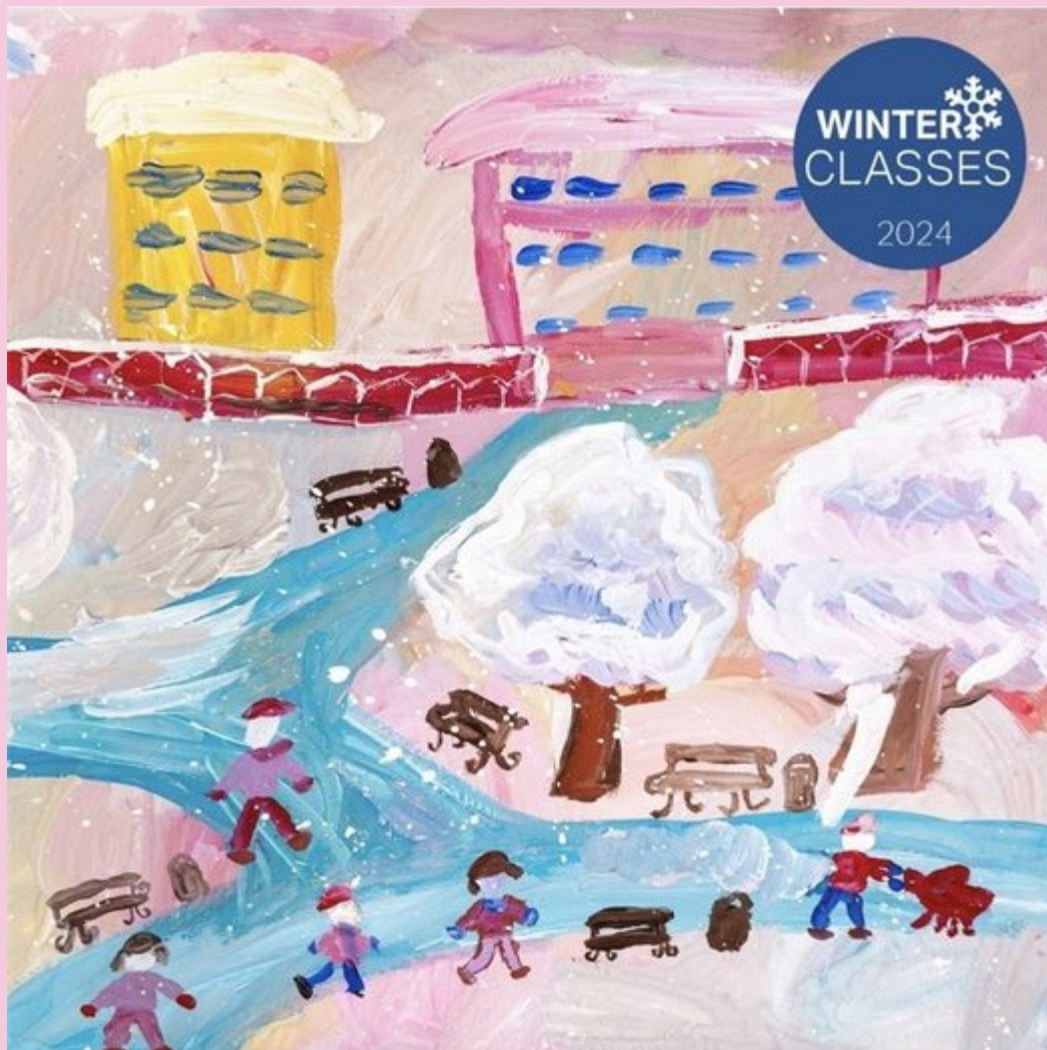
Register Your Home for Middletown Recreation's Holiday Lights Map by Noon on Wednesday, 12/20



Let Middletown residents know your house is lit! Sign up for Middletown Recreation's free holiday lights map by noon on Wednesday, December 20th.

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

Registration for MAC's Winter Classes Opens on Tuesday, 12/12 at 9 AM



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Winter 2024 classes opens on Tuesday, December 12th at 9 AM. Get a head start by checking out all the wonderful programs they're offering! As a special way to thank everyone for their support, the MAC is offering an entire session of the Relax into Writing class for FREE!

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

FIND OUT IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR FLOOD ELEVATION ASSISTANCE




If your primary residence was "substantially damaged" by Superstorm Sandy and has yet to be elevated, or you're in a regulated floodzone that is not yet elevated, you may be eligible for elevation assistance through a new federal grant.

For more information and to fill out an interest form, please visit www.middletownnj.org/elevationassistance. Forms are due by Friday, 12/15. Thank you!



If you are interested in this program, please complete THIS FORM by **Friday, December 15th**. You can either mail it to the Health Department at 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 ATTN: Stacy Krause or email it to skrause@middletownnj.org with the subject line "FEMA Grant Letter of Interest".

Fall 2023 Leaf Collection Schedule



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

52 KANES LANE

MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

PRESORTED STANDARD

U.S. POSTAGE PAID

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FALL 2023 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A,B,C,D,E,G,I,J,K	MONDAY, 11/27
F,H,L	THURSDAY, 12/7

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY – NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED – Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 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 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Veterans Affairs Committee Encourages Community to Attend Pearl Harbor Service on Sunday, 12/10 at 1 PM

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REMEMBER




The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee invites the community to join them at VFW Post and Auxiliary 2179 for their Annual Pearl Harbor Service to remember, reflect, and revere all the lives lost that fateful day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 1:00 PM

1 VETERANS LANE & NJ-36, PORT MONMOUTH



PEARL HARBOR



**Test Your Sarah J Maas Knowledge at the MTPL on
Thursday, 12/14 at 7 PM**



SARAH J MAAS TRIVIA NIGHT



DECEMBER 14 @ 7PM



THRONE OF GLASS	CROWN OF MIDNIGHT	HEIR OF FIRE	QUEEN OF SHADOWS
EMPIRE OF STORMS	TOWER OF DAWN	KINGDOM OF ASH	THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE
THORNS AND ROSES	MIST AND FURY	WINGS AND RUIN	SILVER FLAMES
SARAH J. MAAS CRESCENT CITY		SARAH J. MAAS HOUSE OF SHADOWS and FLAME	

For
Adults
18+

Registration is required! 



Get ready for the release of the book *House of Flame and Shadow* with Sarah J Maas trivia at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Trivia night will take

place in the Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Stop by the MTPL for a Special Christmas Story Time on Saturday, 12/16 at 2:30 PM



New Monmouth Postman and all-around rock star Steve Devito will be reading *The Little Red Sleigh* at the MTPL next weekend.

Participate in Middletown Recreation's Winter Solstice Hike on Thursday, 12/21 at 4:30 PM



Join Middletown Recreation for a hike on the longest night of the year! Bundle up and enjoy beautiful Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) in the early evening for \$5 per person. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Warm up with hot cocoa by the fire after!

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

Save the Date: Preschool Fair on Wednesday, 1/10



Finding the perfect preschool for your child can be tough, so we're here to save the day! Middletown Recreation is bringing preschools throughout the town together in one place for your convenience. Representatives from various schools will be at the Middletown Township Public Library to speak to about class options, program structure, and answer any questions you may have. The fair is free, but registration is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

RES OURCES

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.](#)

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