



Middletown Hosts Annual Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting at MAC



Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter Reagan, MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber, and Rabbi Galperin with his daughter

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Chanukah Party and Menorah

Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center last Sunday! Mayor Tony Perry was honored to light the shamash (helper candle) of Middletown's menorah before Rabbi Shmaya Galperin from the Chabad Jewish Center of Holmdel lit the other ones. Happy Chanukah to everyone who celebrates!

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

MTFD Santa Runs Schedule

It's that time of the year! The Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) understands and appreciates how the experience of seeing its Santa Runs is a holiday tradition for many in our town. Please understand that while the MTFD does its absolute best, it's extremely difficult to pass every house and come down every street in Middletown, while also balancing the emergency needs of our residents. The MTFD's best advice is if you hear sirens, head to your nearest main intersection to get a glimpse of The Big Man in Red!



Times, dates, and availability are subject to change at the discretion of company and chief officers. Please monitor the [MTFD's Facebook page](#) and the individual Facebook page of your community firehouse for more information as needed.

Girl Scout Troop 508 Earns Democracy Badge



Mayor Tony Perry and Troop 508 scouts pose for a group picture in the Mayor's Conference Room!

On Wednesday, Girl Scout Troop 508 from Leonardo Elementary School stopped by Town Hall to meet with Mayor Tony Perry and earn their Democracy Badge! They were interested in learning about the importance of local government and asked the Mayor many questions about leadership and his role. Thank you Troop 508 for a great visit!



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 12/18 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th 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 2344 619 1899 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.

Middletown Recreation Hosts Annual Dodgeball Tournament and Toy Drive



Pictured above are three of the winning teams! (Photos courtesy of Middletown Recreation)

Middletown Recreation's 14th Annual Dodgeball Tournament and Toy Drive was held at Croydon Hall Gym last week. A total of 85 teams participated across 6 age divisions. Every participant brought a toy or item for donation to Middletown's Holiday Helpers – and there were 680 participants!

Congratulations to the Abominable Snowmen (Junior A), Sleigh Ballers (Junior B), Grizzley Dodge Squad (Junior C), Ball Busters (Middle), Ball Busters (High), and Statues (Adult) for winning!

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

Lincroft Village Green Association Ushers in Winter Holidays with Menorah and Christmas Tree Lighting



Pictured from left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, LVGA Co-President Lori Littenberg, Mayor Tony Perry, LVGA Director Abe Littenberg, and Rabbi Shmaya Galperin (Photo courtesy of Chabad Jewish Center of Holmdel)

On Tuesday, Mayor Tony Perry was proud to join Lincroft Village Green Association (LVGA) for their Menorah and Christmas Tree Lighting. He was honored to reunite with Rabbi Shmaya Galperin from the Township's menorah lighting, and once again lit the shamash (helper candle) of LVGA's brand new menorah. There were light refreshments and a sense of community at this wonderful event.

Happy holidays to all!

Nutswamp Elementary School Students Recognized for Donation to Local Nonprofit Breast Intentions



Pictured from left: Middletown Township Public School District Acting Superintendent Jessica Alfone, Board of Education Member Kate Farley, Mayor Tony Perry, Middletown Board of Education President Frank Capone, and students Mason Oesterheld and Eric and Oliver Senatore

On Monday, Mayor Tony Perry presented a citation on behalf of Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, and Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn to three students at Nutswamp Elementary School for raising approximately \$4,000 for Breast Intentions, a Middletown-based nonprofit that helps families impacted by breast cancer. Mason Oesterheld and Oliver and Eric Senatore set up a pink lemonade stand throughout October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to fundraise. Middletown applauds these youngsters for working together toward an important cause!

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 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.



NJDEP to Place Port Monmouth Facility into "Operational Mode" Due to Heavy Rain

Due to the heavy rain and windy conditions predicted to reach our area Sunday evening through Monday afternoon, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will place the Port Monmouth facility into "Operational Mode" on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 AM.

The Pews Creek Tide Gate is ready to function as designed and will be placed in "Operational Mode" on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 AM. The operation will allow the gates to automatically open and close based on the tides while ensuring the interior drainage basin does not exceed elevation +5.0 NAVD88. It also allows for the gates to open during low tide cycles so the water can move in and out of the basin to assist the eco system.

The Road Closure Gate on Old Port Monmouth Road remains open, and no action is planned at this time. DEP will monitor tides and coordinate with the Township and County should weather change and require closure.

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

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.

**Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening 12/27-12/29
(Snapology Will Be Offered 12/26)**



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be hosting its School's Out Day Camp from Wednesday, December 27th through Friday, December 29th! The MAC offers full- and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their days off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends.

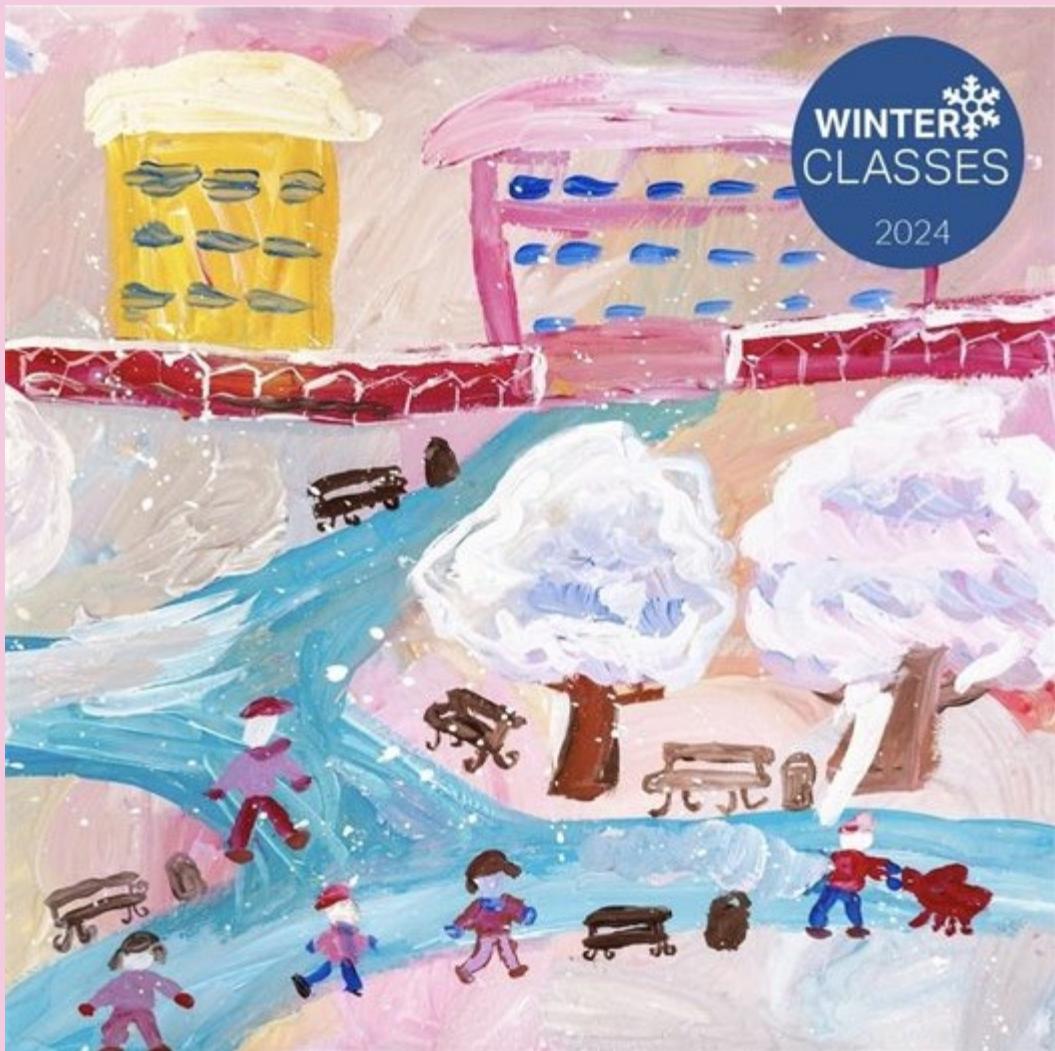
There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-

day costs \$75. Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

Please note that the School's Out Day Camp will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th but Snapology Day Off Camp with full- and half-day options will be offered.

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

Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!



Registration for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Winter 2024 classes is officially open, so make sure you check 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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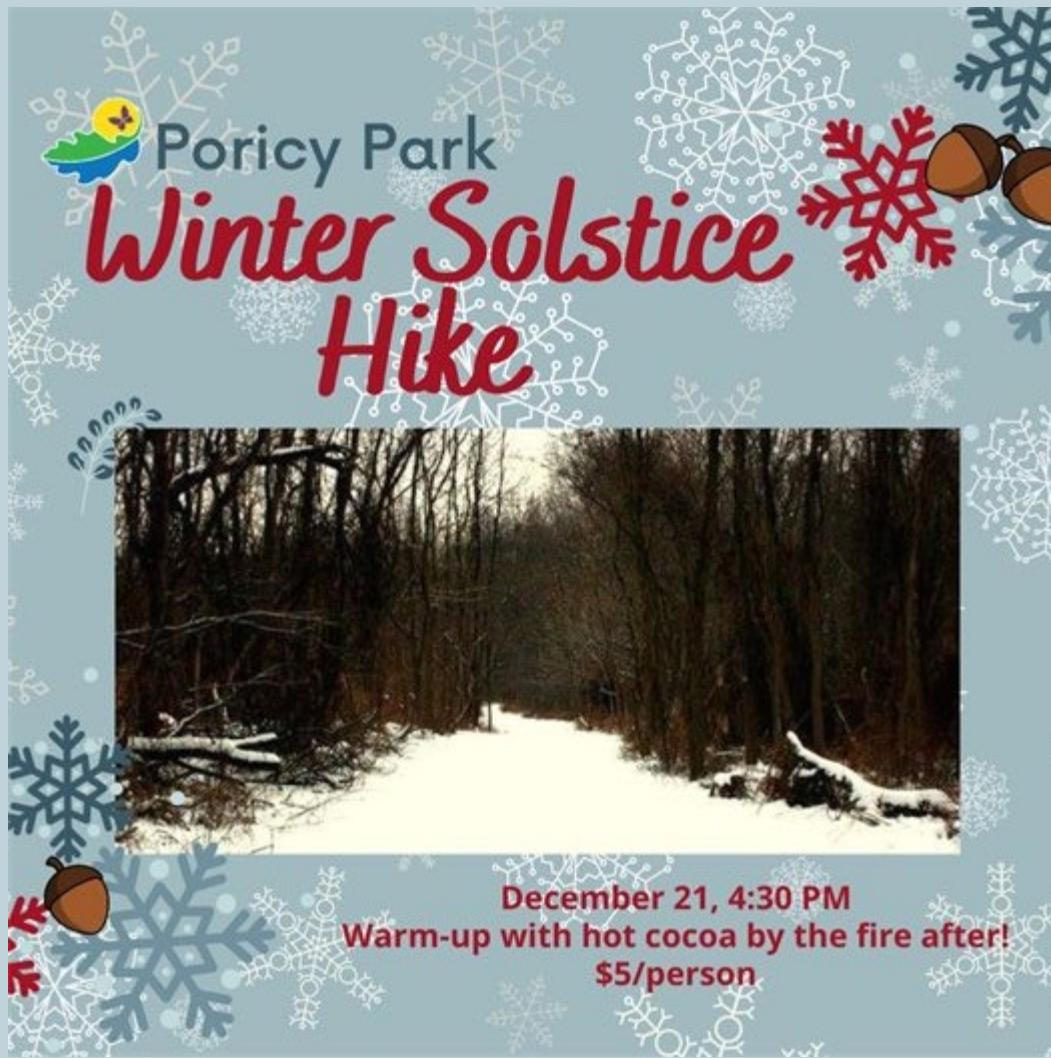
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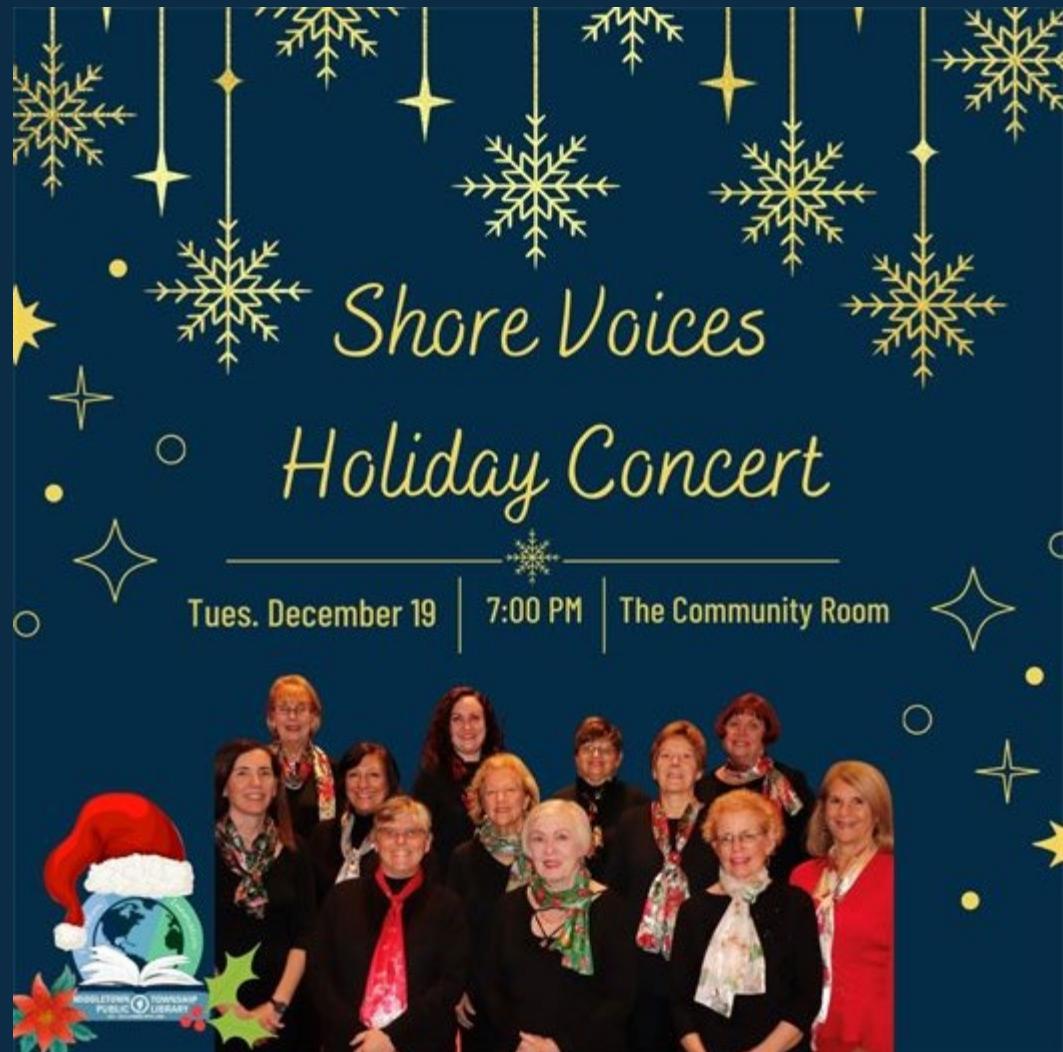
Participate in Middletown Recreation's Winter Solstice Hike on Thursday, 12/21 at 4:30 PM



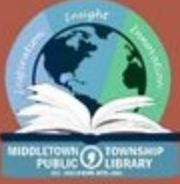
Join Middletown Recreation for a hike on the longest night of the year! Bundle up and enjoy beautiful Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) in the early evening for \$5 per person. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Warm up with hot cocoa by the fire after!

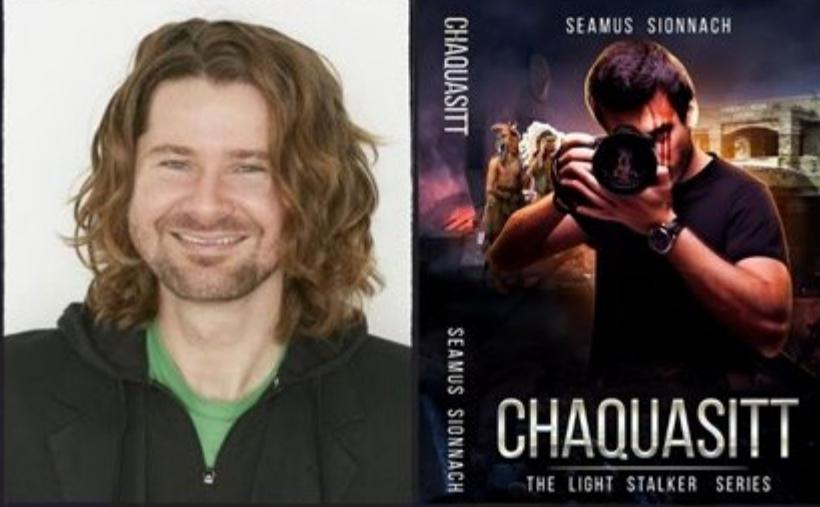
Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Get into the Holiday Spirit and Attend MTPL's Shore Voices Holiday Concert on Tuesday, 12/19 at 7 PM



Join MTPL for Local Author Talk with Seamus Sionnach on Wednesday, 12/20 at 7 PM

 LOCAL Author Talk Featuring
SEAMUS SIONNACH



Wednesday, December 20th @ 7 PM
Computer Lab

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED AT MTPL.ORG

Local author. Local history. Local setting. Come to the Middletown Township Public Library's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) next week to chat with local author Seamus Sionnach as he discusses his new book, *The Light Stalker Series: Chaquasitt*, a supernatural thriller with a NJ Bayshore setting!

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 (55 New Monmouth Road) to speak 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.



Fall 2023 Leaf Collection Schedule



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

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

WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

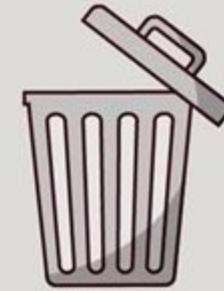
LET DPW KNOW!



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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