

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Merry Christmas
from Middletown Township

Municipal offices will be closing at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 22nd and will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. Municipal offices will also be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will close at 12:30 PM on Sunday, December 24th and remain closed until resuming its regular schedule on Thursday, December 28th. The Center will also be closed on Monday, January 1st and reopen on Thursday, January 4th.

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will also be closed on Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, and Monday, January 1st.

**MTPD Officers Sworn In, Promoted, and Recognized for
Acts of Valor at Township Committee Meeting**



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Officers Eric Van Schaack and Nicholas Manochio, Sergeant Erica Weeks, and Chief R. Craig Weber

Pictured above: All the officers who took the Oath of Office earlier that night with Mayor Tony Perry, Chief R. Craig Weber, and Deputy Chiefs John Kaiser, John Werner, and Paul Bailey



Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Officer Tony Perito with his family, and Chief R. Craig Weber

Monday's Township Committee Regular Meeting was an eventful night for the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD)! Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of kicking off the meeting by promoting Lt. James Prosinski who has proudly served the MTPD for over 33 years.

The meeting continued with Mayor Perry swearing in Officers Peter Bracken, Bryan Flannigan, Christopher Glietz, Adrianna Lanfranco, Peter McGovern, Darren Schwedes, and Justin Skelly. MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber also recognized Officer Sarah Derasmo for receiving the Academic Award, Marksmanship Award, and Outstanding Trainee Award from the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Lastly, Mayor Perry presented valor awards to Officers Eric Van Schaack, Nicholas Manochio, Tony Perito, and Sergeant Erica Weeks. Officers Eric Van Schaack and Nicholas Manochio worked together this past July when responding to a 911 call where two people were being stabbed while protecting a small child from harm. The two officers had to courageously take matters into their own hands and use defensive tactics to stop the knife-wielding actor. After the suspect was arrested,

they provided medical assistance with the help of Sergeant Erica Weeks who utilized tourniquets and provided both physical and emotional assistance to the victims.

Officer Tony Perito was recognized for risking his life, while off duty and traveling with his family, during an armed robbery that took place at a rest stop. When he noticed three suspicious actors behaving in a disorderly manner, he intervened.

The suspects assaulted him and fled the scene, but Officer Perito relayed the information to the responding troopers which resulted in a traffic stop where the actors were placed under arrest. We are incredibly grateful for Officer Perito's heroic actions and bravery.

We are so proud to recognize the MTPD for all they do to protect our community, and thank them for their hard work.



Middletown Township Committee to Purchase Lot on Highway 36 to Preserve Open Space

At the Monday, December 18th Township Committee Meeting, the Middletown Township Committee introduced an ordinance (NO. 2023-3403) that authorizes the entry of purchase and sale agreement with the Monmouth Conservation Foundation for the acquisition of 120 Thompson Avenue (Block 202, Lot 10). This three-acre property, located in the North Middletown section of the township, is one of the few pieces of open space left along State Highway 36.

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

Cub Scouts Meet with Mayor Perry for Building a Better World Badge



On Monday, Cub Scout Den (AOLs - 5th grade) met with Mayor Tony Perry to earn their Building a Better World Badge! While in the Mayor's Conference Room, the scouts learned about the mayor's role in our community and discussed important issues Middletown faces. There were other requirements to earning this badge, including discussing rights and duties as citizens, learning about energy use in town, and more. Thank you to this group of scouts for an insightful and energetic meeting!

Fair View Cemetery Participates in National Wreaths Across America Day



Fair View Cemetery in Middletown was part of National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 16th. Township Committeeman Ryan Clarke was proud to support the event as volunteers dedicated their time to place wreaths on veterans' graves. With each wreath placed, the veteran's name was read aloud to honor and remember them.

Fair View Cemetery has been raising money to participate in this movement for the last eight years to remember our local heroes and place a wreath on every grave. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a wreath for Fair View Cemetery next year, please visit their [website](#) or follow them on Facebook [@Wreaths Across America - Fair View Cemetery](#).



That's a wrap on the Township's inaugural Middletown Holiday Helpers Program! With the support of our community, we collected and donated nearly 20 meals to local families between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hundreds of toys plus clothing items were collected to make it a magical Christmas for 169 local public school children! Now with the Holiday Helpers busy season over, any remaining food will be going to Middletown Helps Its Own and toys to Middletown PBA Local 124.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us spread some cheer to local families in need!

Township Representatives Volunteer with Middletown Helps Its Own



Last weekend, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and her family, members of Middletown Township Police Department, PBA Local 124, and Middletown Township Fire Department as well as volunteers joined Middletown Helps Its Own to package food and Christmas toys for 360 Middletown families in need. The generosity our residents and businesses have displayed this holiday season is truly amazing!

Thorne Middle School Partners with Middletown PBA Local 124 for Toy Donations to Middletown Helps Its Own



Photo courtesy of MTPD

Last week, students from Thorne Middle School who are members of Project Pride and Peer Leaders raised money for local charity Middletown Helps Its Own. The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) picked them up from school and took them shopping so they could use their money to purchase the Christmas gifts for Middletown PBA Local 124's Toy Drive, which donated toys to local nonprofits Middletown Helps Its Own, Jason's Dreams for Kids, and 180 Turning Lives Around. Afterwards, they brought the gifts to the MTPD where they enjoyed pizza and a tour of the department.

Middletown Township PBA Local 124 would like to thank everyone who donated to their toy drive! PBA members Brian Macdonald and Dan Flannigan worked together to pick up the toys from multiple drop-off locations. A special thank you to Scotty the NJ Medium, Molzon Landscaping Nursery, Stonefitt Performance, Taliervio's, Junction Barbers, Booskerdoo, Hotel for Dogs, King of Kings Church, St. Mary's Mother of God Church, New Monmouth Diner, D1 Training, Bayshore BJJ, Twin Lights Brewing, Ross Brewing, ProFysio Physical Therapy, Brighton Gardens, and the Dunes at Shoal Harbor for their support.

Leaf Collection Status Update

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING
52 KANES LANE
MIDDLETON, NJ 07748

POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
RED BANK, NJ
PERMIT NO. 652

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FALL 2023 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	STATUS
A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,L	COMPLETE
J,K	IN PROGRESS

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 Kanes Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

**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.

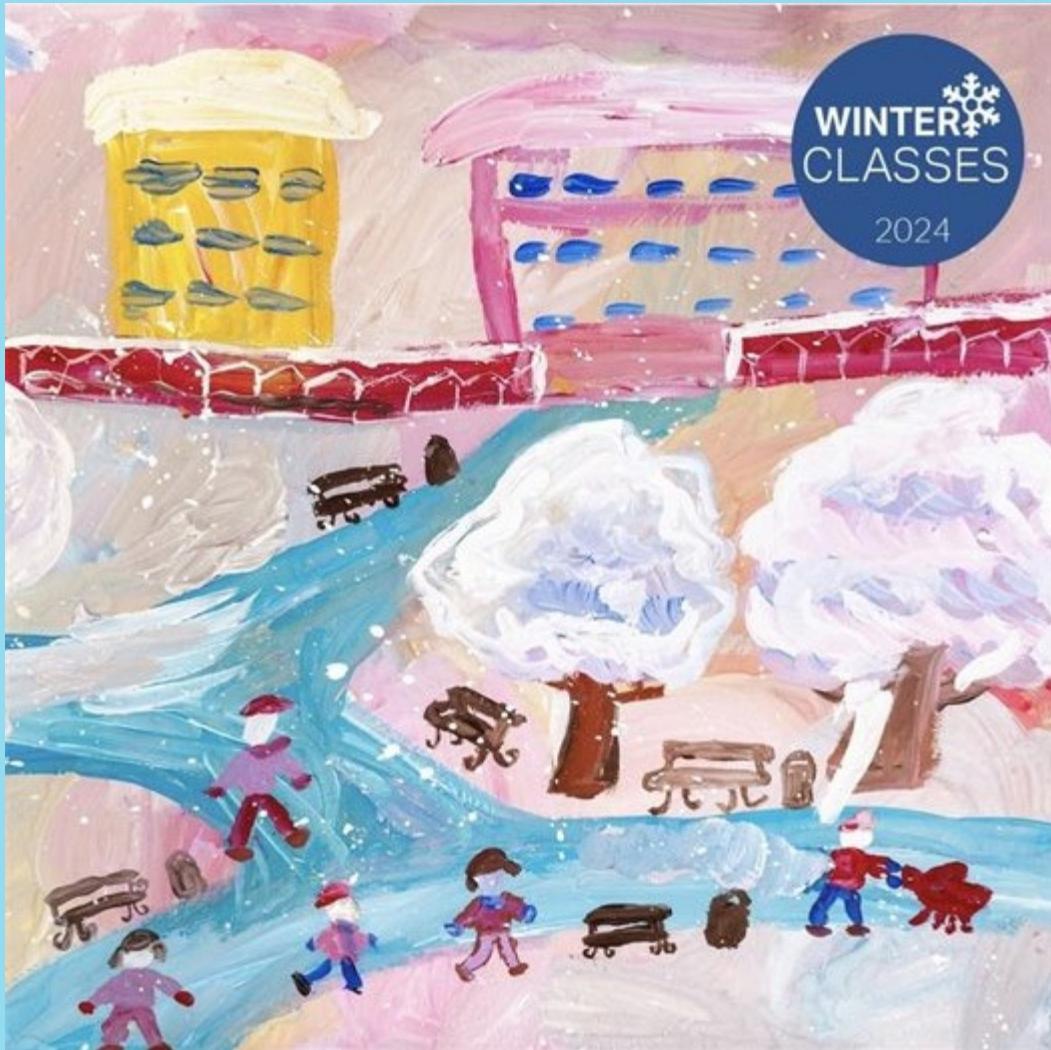
Click [HERE](#) for more information about both camps and to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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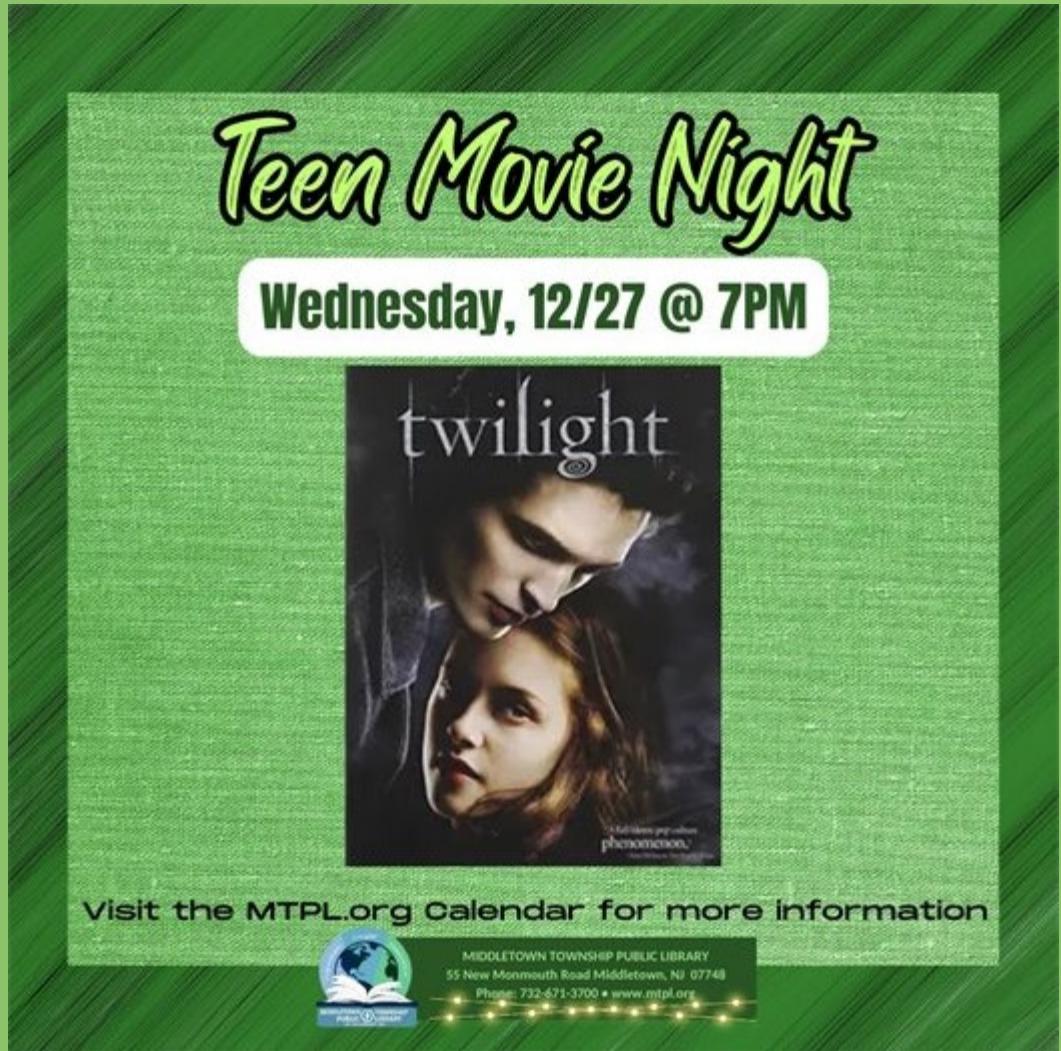
Register Now for MAC's Winter Classes!



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.

**Watch *Twilight* at the MTPL's Teen Movie Night on
Wednesday, 12/27 at 7 PM**



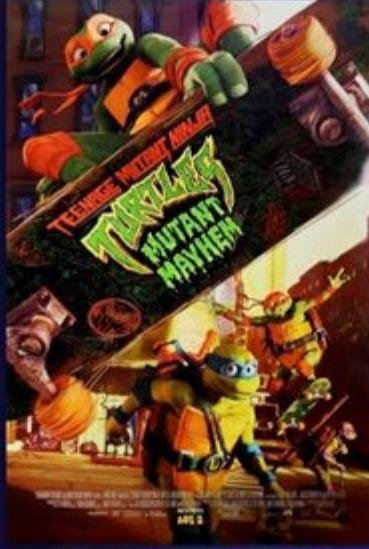
The poster features a green background with a diagonal striped pattern. At the top, the text "Teen Movie Night" is written in a large, stylized, yellow-green font. Below it, a white speech bubble contains the text "Wednesday, 12/27 @ 7PM". In the center is a movie poster for "Twilight" showing a close-up of Edward Cullen and Bella Swan. The poster has a dark, moody feel with the title "twilight" in a large, serif font. Below the poster, the text "Visit the MTPL.org Calendar for more information" is displayed. At the bottom, there is a logo for "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY" featuring a globe and the library's name, along with the address "55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748" and phone number "Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org".

Teens can celebrate winter break at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Stop by the MTPL's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, December 27th to relax, drink hot chocolate, and watch *Twilight*!

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

**Lights, Camera, Action! Enjoy a Family Movie at MTPL on
Thursday, 12/28 at 2 PM**

FAMILY MOVIE EVENT



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES
MUTANT MAYHEM

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 28 AT 2PM

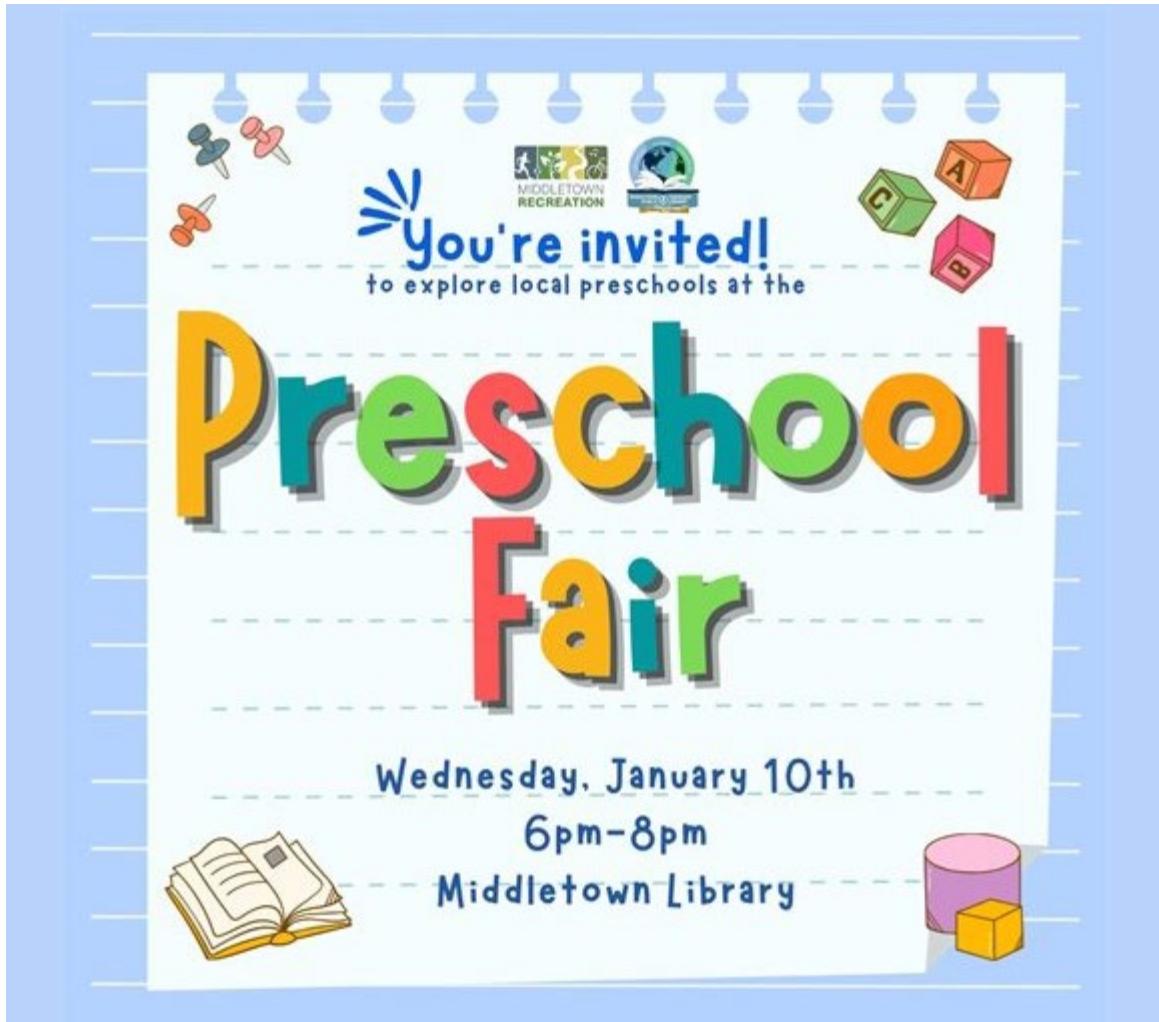
REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT MTPL.ORG

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Join the MTPL next week to watch *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem* with your family! In this movie, after years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers. Their new friend, April O'Neil, helps them take on a mysterious crime syndicate, but they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.

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.

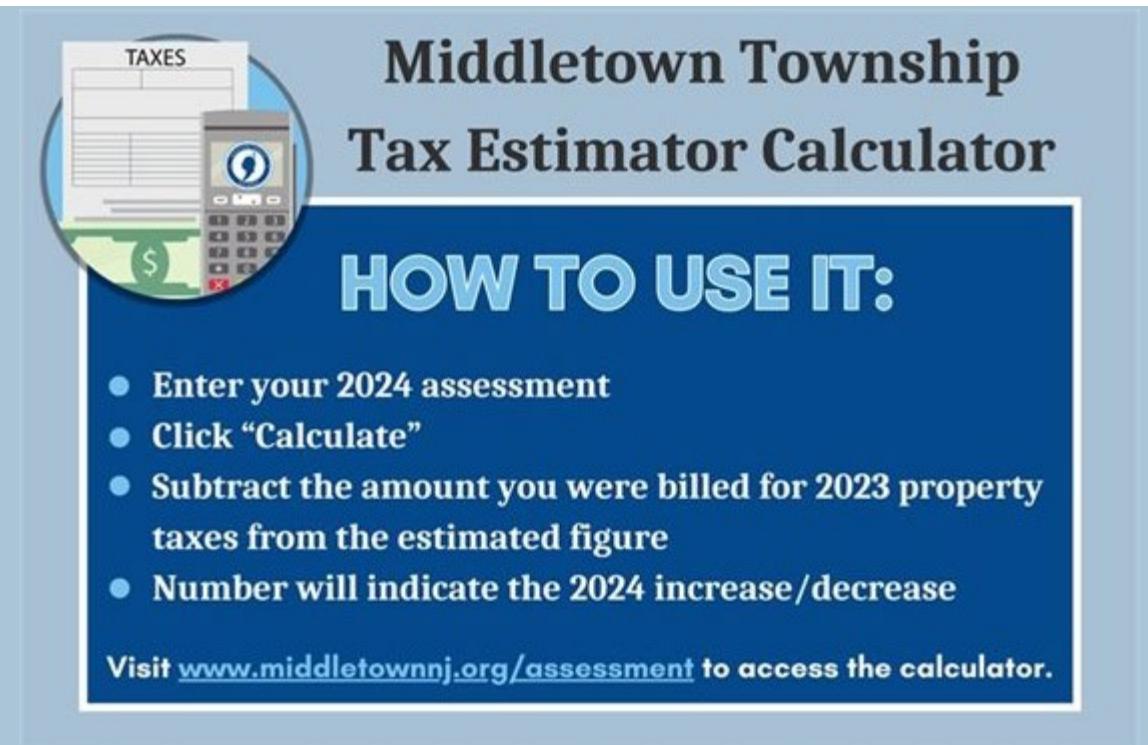
**Celebrate Lunar New Year at Middletown Recreation's
Daddy-Daughter Dance in February**



Dads, make memories with your daughter at Middletown Recreation's annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at Jacques Banquet Hall (500 Palmer Avenue). The theme is Chinese New Year – stop by for DJ, dancing, and surprises!

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





**Middletown Township
Tax Estimator Calculator**

HOW TO USE IT:

- Enter your 2024 assessment
- Click “Calculate”
- Subtract the amount you were billed for 2023 property taxes from the estimated figure
- Number will indicate the 2024 increase/decrease

Visit www.middletownnj.org/assessment to access the calculator.

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.](#)

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.

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