



MTFD Firefighter Frank W. Verange Recognized for 50 Years of Service



Pictured from left: Committeeman and Ex Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, Key to the Township recipient Frank W. Verange, Deputy Mayor and Ex Fire Chief Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz

Last weekend, Lincroft Fire Company (LFC) held an event to honor firefighter Frank W. Verange for his 50 years of active service at the LFC with Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD). Over the past five decades, Frank has served as captain and company president. He is also currently a trustee, department delegate, and the MTFD Planning and Advisory Delegate which he has been since 1998.

Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor and Ex Fire Chief Rick Hibell, Committeeman and Ex Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were proud to attend the ceremony where they were able to present Frank with a Key to the Township and thank him for his decades of service.

Township Committee Celebrates Sports Championships



Mayor Tony Perry proudly stands with the Middletown High School North Varsity Football Team!

At Monday's meeting, Mayor Tony Perry was excited to present congratulatory certificates to the Middletown High School North Varsity Football Team and Middletown Makos 8U softball team.

Middletown High School North was recognized for winning the 2024 Shore Conference Class B North Championship, which is the team's first divisional title in 41 years! Middletown Makos 8U won the 2024 8U USABL Championship and placed second in the Central New Jersey Girls Softball League.

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 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM through Sunday, December 1st.



Mayor Tony Perry poses with the Middletown Makos 8U softball team!

New *Locally Sourced* Podcast Episode with 180 Turning Lives Around Available Now



In the latest episode of *Locally Sourced*, join Mayor Tony Perry as he sits down with Liz Graham, the inspiring CEO of 180 Turning Lives Around, a nonprofit

organization dedicated to providing hope, healing, and resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Together, they explore the struggles survivors face and how we can all help to build a safer, more supportive community.

When you are around friends and family members during the holidays, take notice of any signs mentioned in the podcast that may indicate they are experiencing domestic or sexual violence. Help keep yourself and loved ones safe by reaching out to 180 Turning Lives Around 24/7 by using their confidential hotline at (732) 264-4111 or visiting their website, 180nj.org.

You can listen to the podcast on Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Spotify. You can also click [HERE](#) to watch it on YouTube.

Watch the 11/19/24 Edition of *Middletown Memo*



Check out the latest *Middletown Memo* segment, hosted by Communications Director Tara Berson, that covers recent and upcoming Township events and initiatives.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the episode on YouTube.

Middletown Participates in Great American Smokeout



The Middletown Township Health Department and Middletown Alliance held their first annual smoking cessation support event on Thursday at Town Hall. The third Thursday of every November is celebrated as the Great American Smokeout, which is the American Cancer Society's nationwide campaign to help people quit smoking.

Employees and residents interested in quitting smoking/vaping, as well as loved ones who want to support them in their quitting journeys, were invited to create their own "Quit Kits" with items including educational and peer support resources, nicotine gum, bracelets, stickers, and other goodies.

Please visit middletownnj.org/health or call the Health Department at 732-615-2095 for additional information regarding smoking/vaping cessation.

North Middletown-Port Monmouth Community Gather for Fifth NRTC Program Meeting



Middletown Township Planning Director Amy Citrano addresses the attendees.

The Affordable Housing Alliance, Ideal Beach Community Association, Middletown Township, Bayshore Family Success Center, and Habitat for Humanity hosted the fifth Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) program meeting on Thursday, November 21st at Ocean Avenue Elementary School.

The meeting focused on homeownership, rental housing, home repair programs, property maintenance, and vacant and abandoned properties. Habitat for Humanity Monmouth County shared information about the organization's programs and initiatives, and the Affordable Housing Alliance discussed their housing education, housing stability, and utility assistance programs and support. Middletown Township Planning Director Amy Citrano provided an overview of the Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Rehab Program and the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Program.

Visit [middletownplan.org](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/246445) for more information about the NRTC plan, to view previous presentations, and to complete the survey.

Stay tuned for upcoming meetings in 2025!

VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY POLICIES IN MIDDLETOWN

Middletown Township has an ordinance that requires owners of a business or vacant and abandoned property to maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions.

The ordinance holds property owners responsible for maintaining and securing the property since vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties can cause a cycle of neighborhood deterioration. The ordinance penalizes owners whose property remains vacant year after year.

HOW TO REGISTER OR REPORT VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY

Please visit middletownnj.org/abandonedproperty to either register your vacant/abandoned property or report a vacant/abandoned property.

You can also contact Lisa Vena from the Planning & Community Development Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2283 or lvena@middletownnj.org if you have any additional questions.



Check Out DPW's List of Upcoming Road Pavement Restoration Projects



UPCOMING ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION



The following roads will be paved through Wednesday, 11/27:

Sandpiper Drive (Oceanview Avenue to cul-de-sac)
Red Hill Road (Kings Highway to Holland Road)
Red Hill Road (Tatum Park to Church Lane)
Red Hill Road (near Dwight Road)
Johnson Terrace (Cherry Tree Farm Road to Old Country Road)
Hauser Street (Harmony Road to Johnson Terrace)
Eylar Terrace (Johnson Terrace to Hauser Street)
Ware Place (Johnson Terrace to the end)
Coral Place (Roberta Drive to Berman Way)
Berman Way (Harmony Road to Coral Place)
Beacon Hill Road (Leonardville Road to Poplar Place)
North Lake Drive (New Monmouth Road to Tindall Road)
Jefferson Street (Washington Avenue to Lincoln Street)
Monroe Street (Washington Avenue to Harrison Street)

**Residents directly impacted will be notified by the contractor in advance.
Visit middletownnj.org/roads for more specific dates and information.**

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Upper Navesink River Channel Dredging Project to Begin Soon

On Thursday, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced the upcoming Upper Navesink River Channel dredging project is scheduled to begin in early December in Middletown.

Dredging operations are expected to be completed in January 2025. Work will be conducted during daylight hours on a 7-days-a-week schedule. The area is expected to remain open through the duration of the project.

Click [HERE](#) to read NJDOT's press release for more information.

Prepare Your Home for Winter Storms with Flood Insurance and Precautionary Steps

Snowmelt can lead to floods. **Don't flake on insurance.**

GET FLOOD INSURANCE



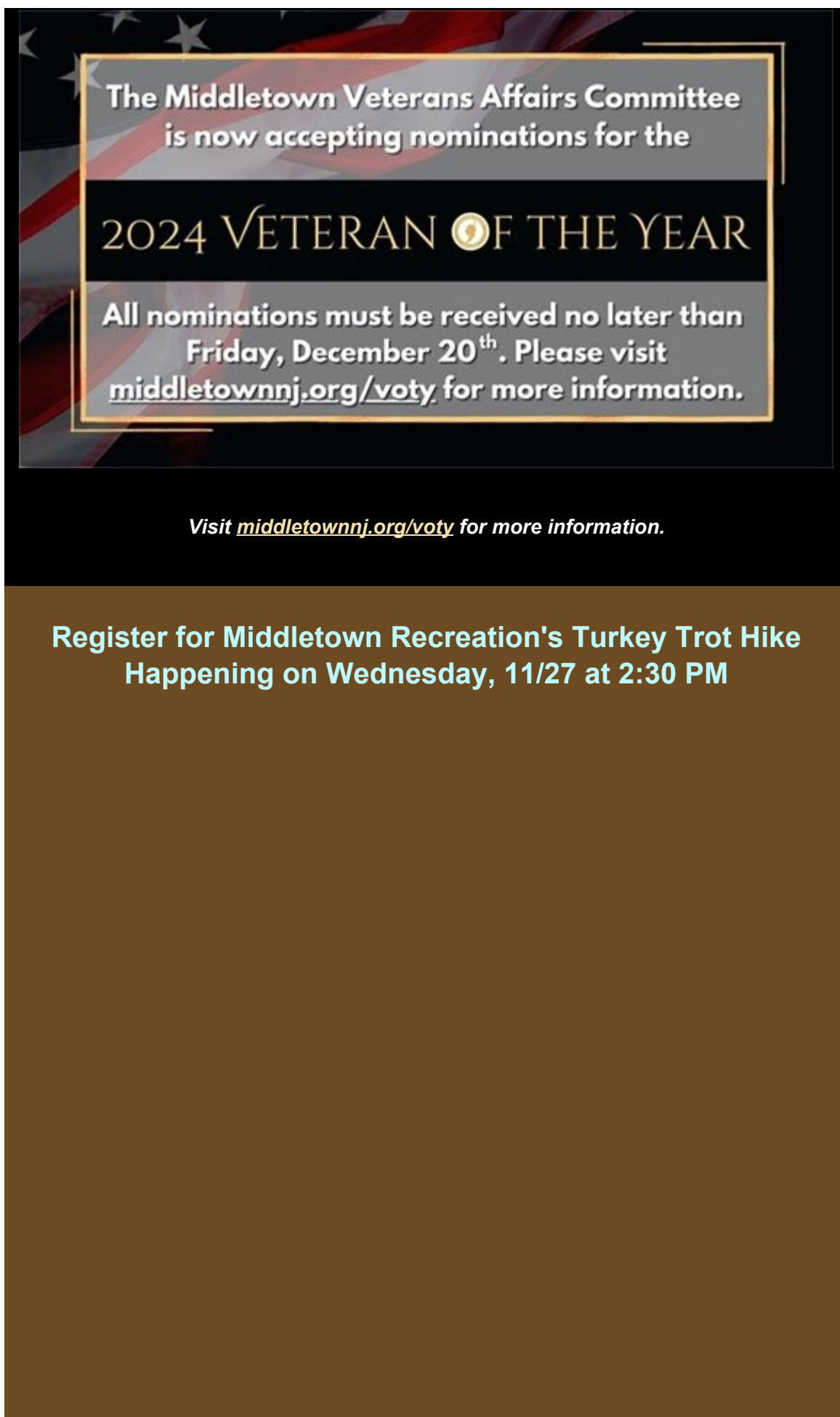
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The snow will be here before you know it, so be prepared! Middletown Floodplain Management encourages residents to purchase flood insurance and winterize their homes by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

Remember to clear rain gutters, repair roof leaks, and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or neighboring structure during or following a storm. Keep pathways and driveways clear between storms to avoid buildup of snow piles and icing. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Nominate a Middletown Veteran for the 2024 Veteran of the Year Award by Friday, 12/20



**The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee
is now accepting nominations for the**

2024 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**All nominations must be received no later than
Friday, December 20th. Please visit
middletownnj.org/voty for more information.**

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**Register for Middletown Recreation's Turkey Trot Hike
Happening on Wednesday, 11/27 at 2:30 PM**



Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, November 27th 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 register.

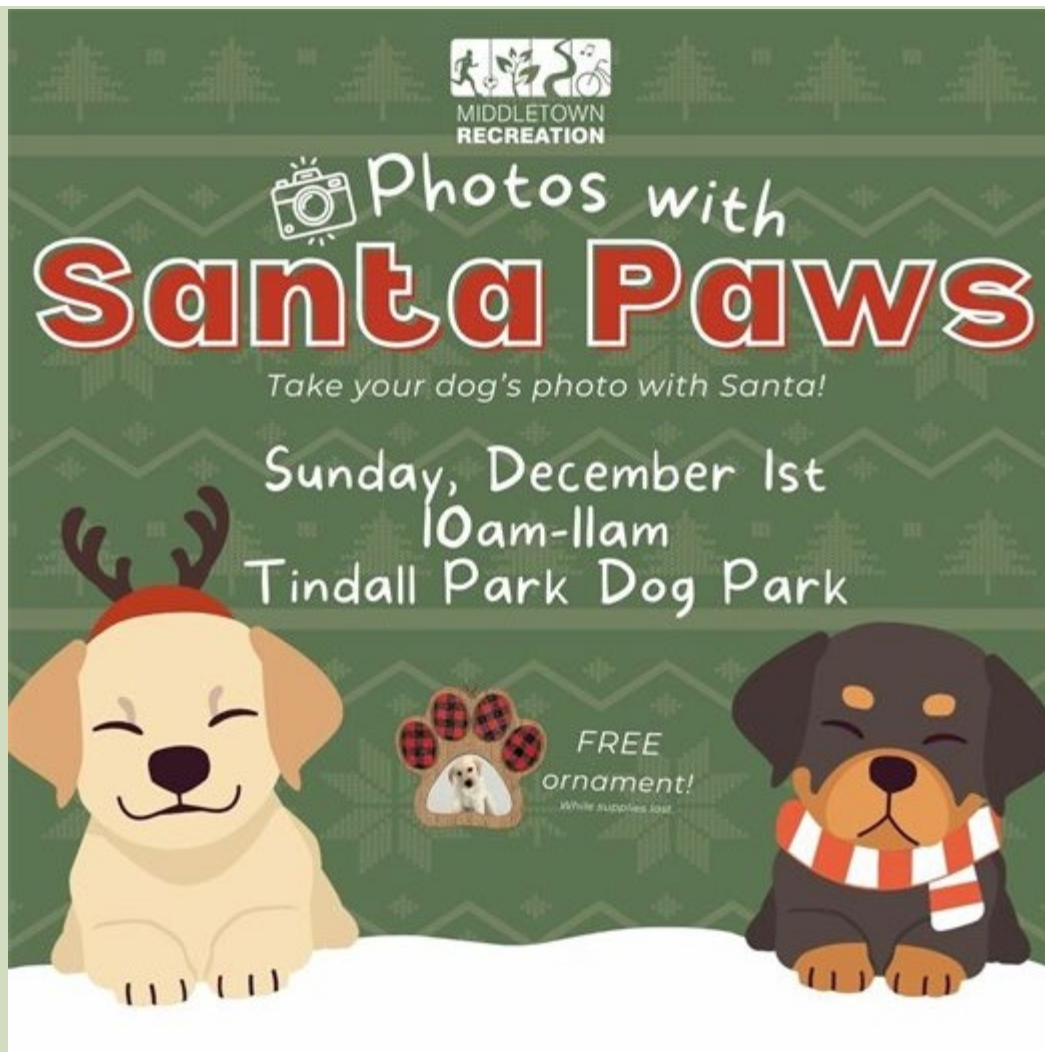
Get into the Holiday Spirit by Attending Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, 12/1 from 5-7 PM



Santa's coming to town! Catch Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1st from 5-7 PM at the MAC (36 Church Street). Bring the whole family — get your photo with Santa and enjoy some crafts, classic Christmas cartoons, and an inflatable gingerbread house! This great event is free for residents, but RSVPing on RecDesk is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

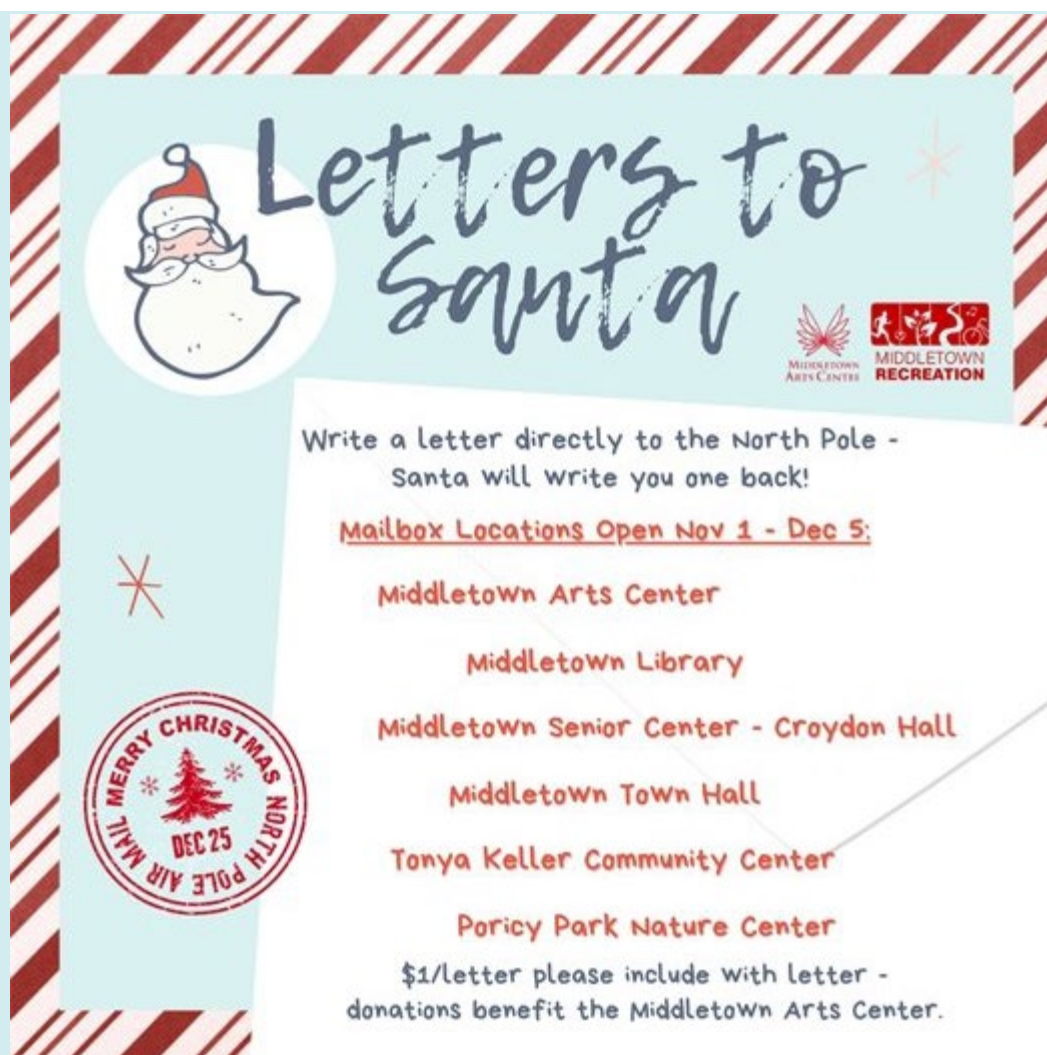
**Attend Middletown Recreation's Santa Paws on Sunday,
12/1 from 10-11 AM**



Bring your pooch for a photo with Santa at the Tindall Park Dog Park! Middletown Recreation will be handing out free photo ornaments while supplies last. Photos are free and should be taken with your own camera or phone.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

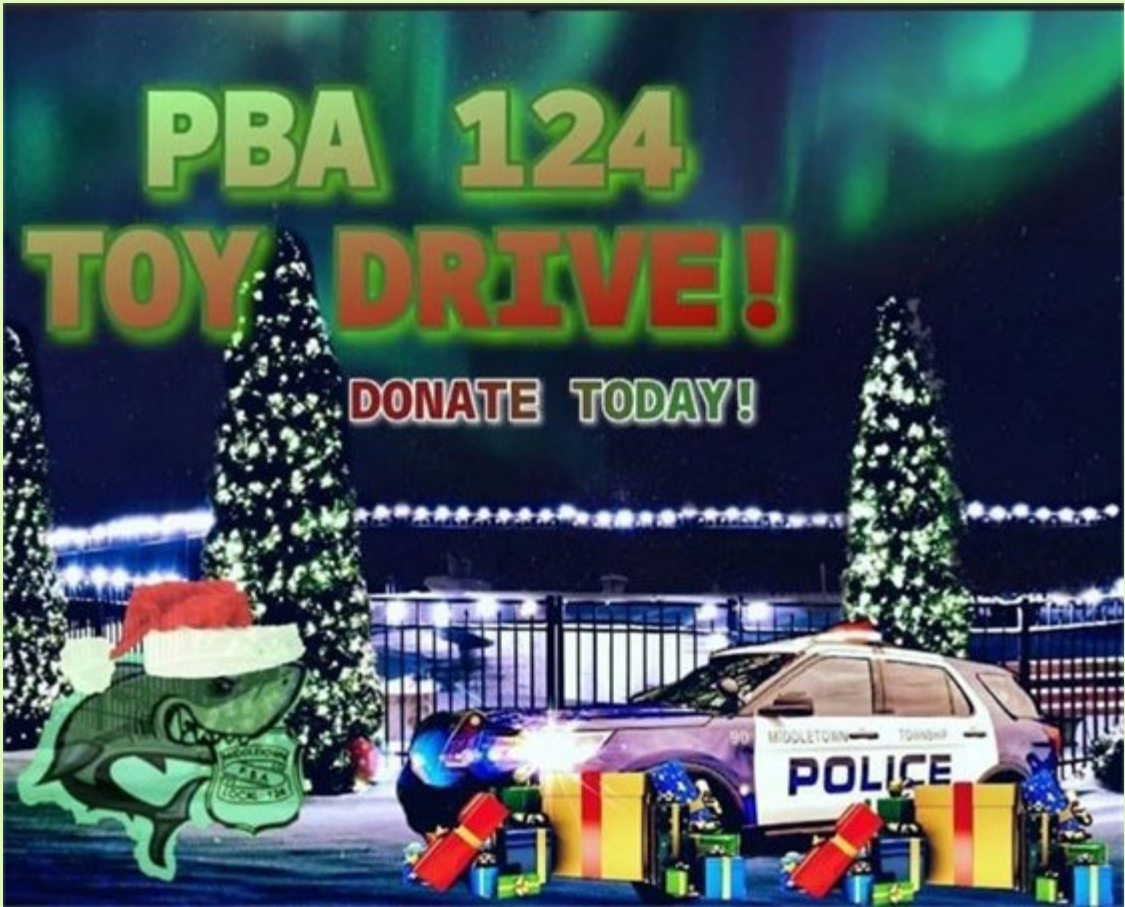
Write a Letter to Santa by Thursday, 12/5



Our Middletown elves are currently collecting letters to Santa in our special mailboxes and will be delivering them directly to the North Pole! Santa will write a personalized 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 to donate to the MAC. To help our elves, we encourage you to download our letter template.

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

**Give Back this Holiday Season with
Middletown PBA Local 124's Toy Drive**



Looking for an incredible cause to be part of as the holiday season approaches? Please consider supporting Middletown PBA Local 124's toy drive! Police officers will be collecting unwrapped toys for donation at the Middletown Township Police Department's main lobby (1 Kings Highway) now through Wednesday, December 18th. Toys collected will be distributed to local nonprofits 180 Turning Lives Around, Jason's Dreams for Kids, and Middletown Helps Its Own.

If you are a local business willing to assist by becoming a collection location for toys, please reach out to Ptl. Brian Macdonald or Ptl. Daniel Flannigan at bmacdonald@middletownnj.org or dflannigan@middletownnj.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sign Up for MTPL's Adult Coloring Program Happening

Tuesday, 11/26 at 10 AM



Enjoy a relaxing morning of coloring pictures and socializing at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL)! Coloring pages, pencils, crayons, and other supplies will be provided. This fun activity for adults will be held in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is suggested.

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

**Give Back this Holiday Season by Donating Blood at
Lincroft Fire Company on Monday, 11/25**

The poster is for a blood drive organized by Lincroft Fire Co. in partnership with New Jersey Blood Services. It features a red header with the New Jersey Blood Services logo and the text 'Blood Drive'. Below this, an orange section contains the slogan 'It's giving gratitude' and an illustration of two people wearing 'I am a lifesaver' t-shirts. The main white section provides details about the event at Lincroft Fire Co. on Monday, November 25th, from 12:30pm to 6:30pm. It includes a QR code for appointments, eligibility requirements, and contact information. A sidebar on the right lists preparation tips for donors.

New Jersey Blood Services Blood Drive

It's giving gratitude
Show up to donate and **receive a shirt** that's the perfect fit.

Lincroft Fire Co.
601 Newman Springs Rd.
Monday, November 25th
12:30pm - 6:30pm
Bloodmobile
(parked in the back of the building)

Appointments Encouraged! Walk-ins welcome!
For an appointment, scan the QR code

Or visit: www.nybc.org Use Sponsor Code 70286
Please bring your nybc donor card or a photo ID.
Eat well and drink plenty of fluid before donating blood!

Donors 76 and over need one-time doctor's note to donate unless one is already on file.
For eligibility questions to donate blood call 1800-688-0900 or visit: www.nybc.org
800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- 17+ Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube icons

[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)


Help our community by stopping by Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) on Monday, November 25th from 12:30-6:30 PM to donate a pint of blood!
Donors will receive a free t-shirt.

Appointments are recommended and can be made by either calling 800-933-2566, visiting the [New York Blood Center's website](http://www.nybc.org), or scanning the QR code pictured above. If you register online, please search sponsor code "70286".

Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment.

RESOURCES

Apply Now for Township's Free Tutoring Program for Income-Eligible Households



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NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services to 3rd through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12th through April 5th in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The program runs from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and middletownnj.org/apply to complete the application.

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services through the Next Generation Support Program to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. The program has begun, but the Township is still accepting applications.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp for more information and to apply.

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

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.

Visit middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.



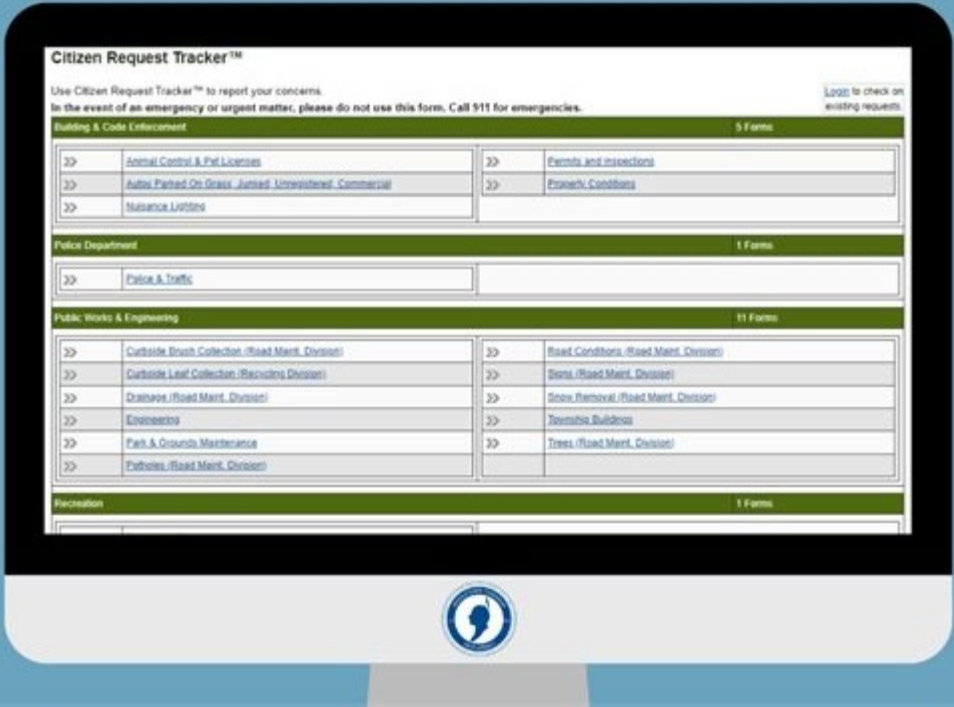
**Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!**

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit middletownnj.org/oem.

REPORT A CONCERN

Visit www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern to notify the Township about matters such as property and/or road conditions, traffic safety, and others.



You will need an account to log in. If you don't have an account, it only takes a few minutes to create one.

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



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