



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Happy Thanksgiving

from Middletown Township

Municipal offices will be closed
Thursday, November 28th and Friday,
November 29th to observe the holiday.



MIDDLETOWN GARBAGE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE COLLECTION CHANGES

**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no
garbage collection in the North Zone on Thursday, 11/28.**

- North Zone** will have a double garbage pickup on **Monday, 12/2**. Residents may leave up to 3 additional closed garbage bags next to the cart.
- South Zone** will have their regularly scheduled pickup on **Friday, 11/29**.
- 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.



MTPD and Middletown PBA Local 124 Support Local Nonprofit Middletown Helps Its Own for Thanksgiving



Photo courtesy of MTPD

A few days ago, Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Chief R. Craig Weber and Middletown PBA Local 124 joined volunteers at New Monmouth Baptist Church to help local nonprofit Middletown Helps Its Own deliver Thanksgiving dinners to local families in need. Thanks to the generosity of our community, including Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz and her family who helped pack boxes of food, 400 families will be able to enjoy a delicious meal.

Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Begins Final Construction Phase



Mayor Tony Perry addresses the crowd and shows his support for the project.

On Monday, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. hosted a press conference to announce the final phase of the Port Monmouth Flood Control Project. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Department of Public Works employees, and Office of Emergency Management volunteers attended the event where Mayor Perry spoke about the important impact this project will have on our community.

The project, which is fully funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is expected to be completed in 2028. Contract 4, which will include an additional floodwall along Route 36 and Creek Road, as well as road closure gates at Campbell Avenue and Broadway, is the last piece of this major flood protection operation. The overall goal of the project is to protect our community from storm surges and rising sea levels.

Middletown High School South Students Host Hurricane Helene Relief Drive: Donate Now!



Middletown High School South student Hannah Gorsegner accepts some donated items from Mayor Tony Perry who stopped by to support the drive. (Photo courtesy of Andrea Verdone Gorsegner)

Earlier today, Mayor Tony Perry dropped off items to a Hurricane Helene relief drive hosted by Middletown High School South student Hannah Gorsegner and her classmates. They are currently accepting donations at 781 Middletown Lincroft Road today, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Supplies needed include gloves, tents, sleeping bags, diapers and feminine products, canned food, water, and more. You can find a list of supplies below.

Those interested in donating can also purchase items directly from an [Amazon Wish List](#) or send money via Venmo to @Andrea-VerdoneGorsegner. All Amazon and in-person donations must be done before Wednesday, December 4th so the Gorsegner family can deliver them the following day. The Gorsegners will be delivering all the items in a 25-foot trailer to Arden, North Carolina.

If you have any additional questions, you can email Hannah at h.gorsegner@gmail.com. The Middletown Township Committee encourages everyone to donate if they can. Thank you to everyone involved for giving back during the giving season!

HURRICANE RELIEF



ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA IS STILL STRUGGLING POST HURRICANE HELENE! WE ARE A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH STUDENTS COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR THE VICTIMS!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

COLLECTION ENDS DEC. 4TH

• FEMININE PRODUCTS	• HEATERS (ELECTRIC + PROPANE)	• PEANUT BUTTER
• DIAPERS	• CHAINSAWS (EXTRA CHAINS, AND OIL)	• CANNED PROTEINS
• HAND WARMERS	• VACUUM CLEANERS	• CANNED FRUIT
• TENTS	• GENERATORS	• CANNED VEGGIES
• SLEEPING BAGS		• SHELF-STABLE MILK
• WORK GLOVES		• WATER ...AND MORE!

THREE WAYS TO HELP

<u>PURCHASE ITEMS IN STORES</u> DROP OFF LOCATION: 781 MIDDLETOWN LINCROFT RD. (BLUE FRONT DOOR) MONDAYS - SATURDAYS 8AM - 7PM (NO DROP-OFFS 11/28-29)	<u>VENMO</u> A DONATION SO WE CAN PURCHASE ITEMS  @Andrea-VerdoneGorsegner	 AMAZON WISHLIST SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR FULL WISHLIST; PURCHASE ITEMS, AND THEY'LL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO US MAKE SURE ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED BY DEC. 3RD!!
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 h.gorsegner@gmail.com **THANK YOU!**

Celebrate Small Business Saturday on Saturday, 11/30 by Supporting Local Businesses!

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

SHOW SMALL BUSINESSES SOME  ON

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30th

Middletown Township



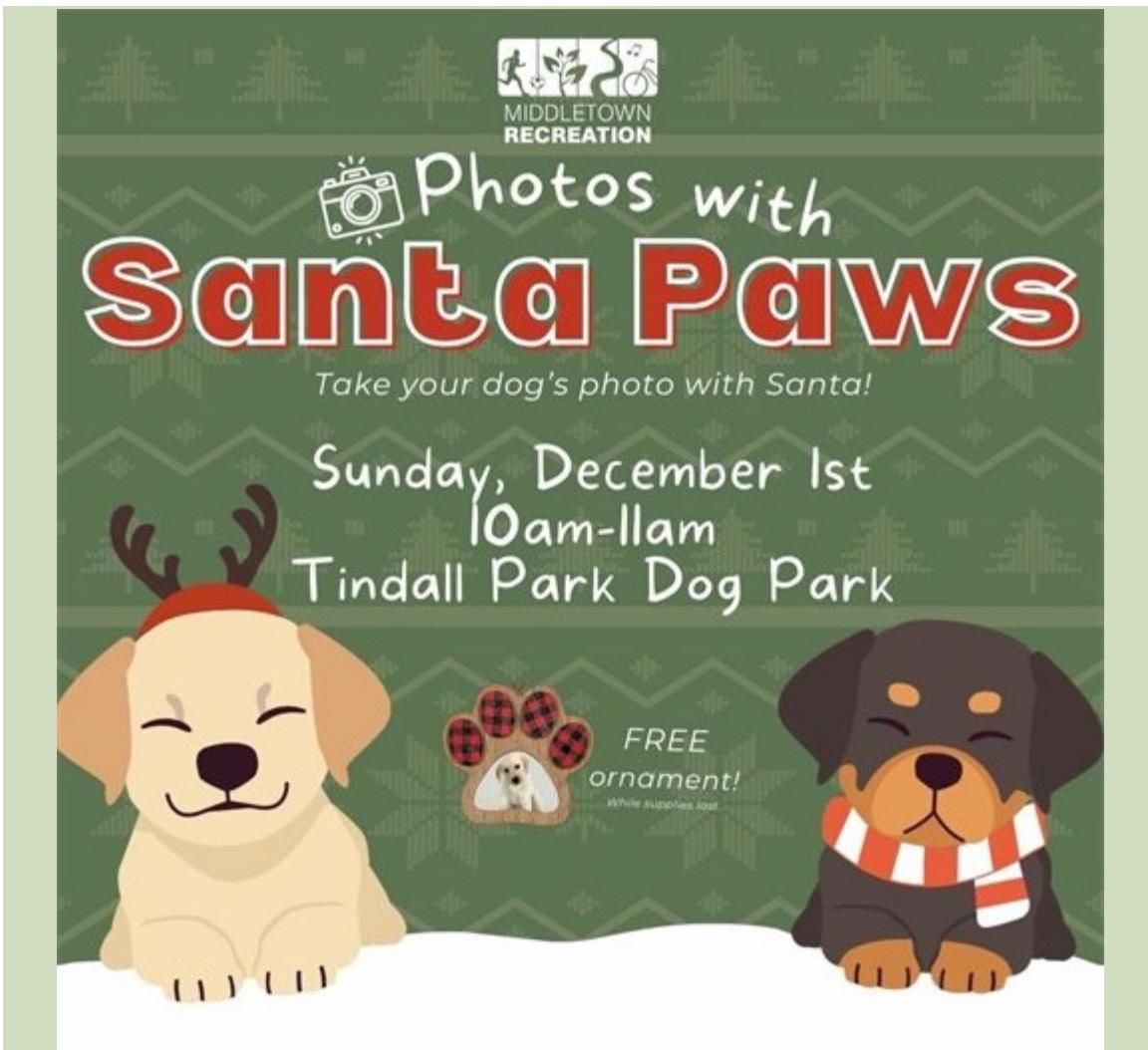
**Get into the Holiday Spirit by Attending Our Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, 12/1 from 5-7 PM**



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.

Sign Up Now for Middletown's Holiday Helpers Program



Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Middletown Township is proud to announce the return of the Holiday Helpers Gift Drive to support local families in need!

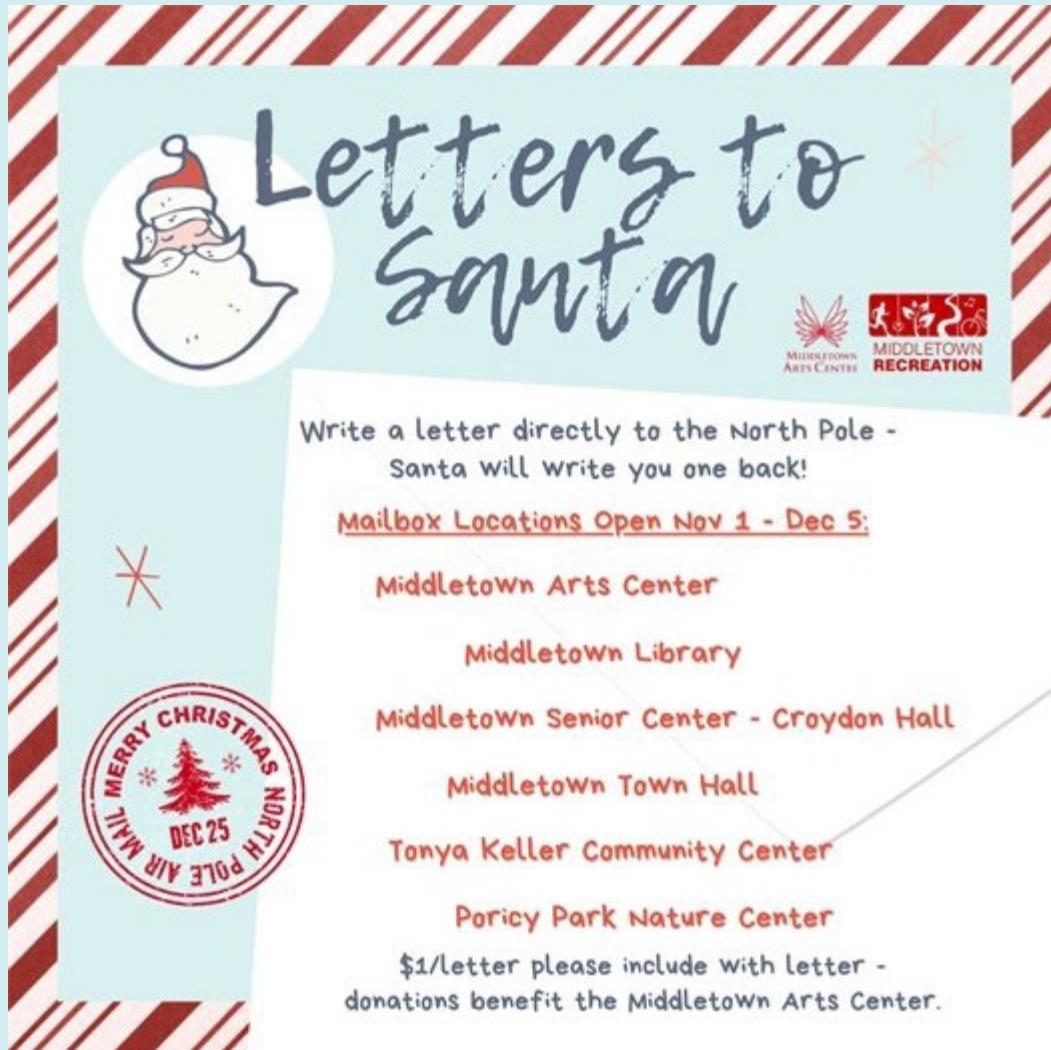
We are looking for individuals, groups, and/or businesses to help make the holidays a little brighter by “adopting” a family to purchase new toys and clothing for them. Please use this [Google Form link](#) to sign up and be matched with a family in need.

All donations should be new, unwrapped, and dropped off to the Croydon Hall Annex at 900 Leonardville Road in Leonardo between Monday, November 18th and Friday, December 13th. Staff will be onsite to collect gifts Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM and Thursday-Friday from 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM. Staff will be there until 3:30 PM on Friday, December 13th to receive final gift drop-offs.

If you have any questions or are a family in need of assistance this holiday season, please call the Middletown Township Health Department at 732-615-2000 ext. 2164. Thank you for your generosity!

Visit middletownnj.org/holidayhelpers for more information.

Write a Letter to Santa by Thursday, 12/5



Letters to Santa

Write a letter directly to the North Pole -
Santa will write you one back!

Mailbox Locations Open Nov 1 - Dec 5:

- Middletown Arts Center
- Middletown Library
- Middletown Senior Center - Croydon Hall
- Middletown Town Hall
- Tonya Keller Community Center
- Poricy Park Nature Center

\$1/letter please include with letter -
donations benefit the Middletown Arts Center.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
NORTH POLE AIR MAIL
DEC 25

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.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 12/2 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd 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 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 2332 766 0077 followed by #. Enter 2024 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 access the meeting agenda.



Bridge Replacement on Whipporwill Valley Road to Begin on Monday, 12/2

As part of the replacement of a bridge structure, Whipporwill Valley Road will be closed to traffic for a period of 90 consecutive calendar days beginning on Monday, December 2nd. A detour plan has been established and will be in place during the closing period. The bridge area at Whipporwill Valley Road will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the allowed closing period. Vehicular and pedestrian access to all residences and businesses within the project limits will be maintained during construction.



Upper Navesink River Channel Dredging Project to Begin Soon

On November 21st, 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 roads are expected to remain open through the duration of the project.

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

RESOURCES

Fall 2024 Leaf Collection to Begin Monday, 12/2



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

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

ECRWSS

POSTAL CUSTOMER

FALL 2024 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A,B,C,D,E,G,I,J,K	MONDAY, 12/2
F,H,L	THURSDAY, 12/12

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.

Visit middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

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.



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



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.

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

MIDDLETOWN, NJ

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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.

Citizen Request Tracker™

Use Citizen Request Tracker™ to report your concerns.
In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, please do not use this form. Call 911 for emergencies.

Building & Code Enforcement 5 Forms

Animal Control & Pet Licenses	Events and Inspections
Auto Parked On Grass - Justified/Unregistered Commercial	Foothill Conditions
Nuisance Lighting	

Police Department 1 Form

Police & Traffic

Public Works & Engineering 11 Forms

Curbside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division)	Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division)
Curbside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division)	Seeds (Road Maint. Division)
Drainage (Road Maint. Division)	Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division)
Engineering	Stormwater Buildings
Park & Grounds Maintenance	Trees (Road Maint. Division)
Potholes (Road Maint. Division)	

Recreation 1 Form

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Log in to check on existing requests.



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

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