



**BE SURE TO CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE TEAM  
AT MIDDLETOWN RECREATION'S 11TH ANNUAL  
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT & TOY DRIVE  
TOMORROW, 12/14!**

The poster for the 11th Annual Dodgeball Tournament features a photograph of a player in a white jersey on a gymnasium floor. The text "11th Annual Dodgeball Tournament" is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "Ages: 6 (first grade) - Adult". The date and location "12.14.19 | CROYDON HALL GYM" are also included. A registration link and cost are provided: "Registration Open: [www.middletownnj.org/SignUp](http://www.middletownnj.org/SignUp) \$55.00/team + one unwrapped toy per player". The Middletown Recreation logo is in the bottom left corner.

**[COME OUT TOMORROW TO SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM AT MIDDLETOWN RECREATION'S DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT. PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY THAT WILL BE DONATED TO A CHILD IN NEED.](#)**



## **Township Committee Approves \$5.15 Million Bond Ordinance for Multi-Use Turf Fields at Normandy Park**

The Middletown Township Committee unanimously approved a \$5.15 million bond ordinance to install multi-use turf fields at Normandy Park and to convert a grass field at Nut Swamp School to synthetic turf.

The project is expected to begin in Spring 2020.

By repurposing Normandy Park, the Township can get maximum utilization for both the school and recreational community and provide them with the amenities they

need. The goal is for the Township to be able to serve a variety of sports and age groups with fields, parking improvements and lighting within the same vicinity.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ THE FULL PRESS RELEASE.

## COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



*Pictured from left: Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger and Committeeman Rick Hibell*

Last weekend, the community kicked off the holiday season at the Township's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center. Students from Thompson Middle School's T20 Select Choir sang carols to warm up the crowd before Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee flipped the switch to light up our beautiful Christmas tree! Santa also made an appearance on his noisiest reindeer, the MTFD's



firetruck. Children enjoyed doing arts & crafts, visiting with Santa and hot cocoa and cookies. Thank you to the hard-working elves at the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council and Middletown Recreation for making this event a success year after year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED 2020 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEFS



*Pictured from left: Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Committeewoman Pat Snell, 2020's Third Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Second Assistant Chief John Waltz, Fire Chief Russell Mount III, Deputy Chief John Friedmann, First Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Rick Hibell*

Hundreds of Middletown's volunteer firefighters along with friends, family, and members of the Township Committee attended the 2020 Fire Chiefs Election at Navesink Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to newly-elected Fire Chief Russell Mount III, Deputy Chief John Friedmann, First Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, Second Assistant Chief John Waltz and Third Assistant Chief William Kane Jr. on their appointments. We would also like to thank our 2019 Fire Chief Steven Schweizer for his strong leadership and dedication this past year.

## Thorne Middle School Hosts Wreaths Across America Presentation



*Committeewoman Pat Snell and Mayor Tony Perry attended the moving tribute to our military heroes.*



*Hundreds of students from around Middletown came out to show support to the Wreaths Across America convoy.*



*The student-run ceremony culminated with a wreath laying and playing of Taps.*

On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Thorne Middle School had the distinct honor of being one of the stops on the Wreaths Across America convoy on its route from Maine to Virginia. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that places wreaths on the graves of many of our service members throughout the country, including all 400,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery. After the procession, there was a student-run ceremony that paid homage to our veterans and Gold Star/Blue Star families that emphasized the motto of "Remember, Honor, Teach" aimed towards the students and for future generations. We thank Wreaths Across America for choosing Middletown as a stop and are privileged to be a part of this beautiful tribute.

**Click [HERE](#) to view additional photos from the procession.**



On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Mayor Tony Perry spoke with High School South and North Government, Law & Public Policy Pathway students about his experiences as a local government leader in an effort to inspire our future generation. Click [HERE](#) to listen to some of his message.

**The Ideal Beach Community Association held its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt Park on Port Monmouth Road. Mayor Tony Perry and Township Committee member Pat Snell joined the fun while Girl and Boy Scouts added to the holiday spirit with caroling.**



**The Middletown Senior Center hosted its Annual Christmas Party at The Gramercy at Lakeside Manor on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Committeewoman Pat Snell joined in the festivities which included lots of dancing, singing and holiday cheer!**





*Comcast Newsmakers host Jill Horner spoke with Mayor Perry about some of the exciting events happening in our town next year.*

**MAYOR TONY PERRY SAT DOWN WITH COMCAST NEWSMAKERS HOST JILL HORNER TO CHAT ABOUT MIDDLETOWN'S 2020 EVENTS LINEUP.**

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH THE VIDEO.**



**Congratulations to Pueblo Magico (80 Leonardville Road) on its Grand Opening. This authentic Mexican restaurant is sure to add a little spice to our community!**

## **Middletown Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Party on 12/22**



**Middletown Menorah Lighting  
Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6:30 PM  
Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)**


**CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE.**

# GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE MTFD BLOOD DRIVE ON 12/26

Tis the Season to  
**Give Hope**  
Be a Holiday Hero to Patients

## BLOOD DRIVE

*Christian, age 1, suffers from sickle cell and requires blood transfusions every 3 weeks to stay alive.*




**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Thursday, Dec. 26 from 2:30-8:30pm**  
**Lincroft Fire Company** 601 Newman Springs Rd.

**All donors will get a \$5 Dunkin' gift card**


For an appointment, please visit [tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS](http://tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS)  
Sponsor Code: 70286 or call 1-800-933-BLOOD

Please bring ID or your donor card.



#nybloodcenter  
[www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

1.800.933.BLOOD



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## Holiday Collection Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22 Recycling Center: 8:30am-4:30pm	23 Recycling Center: 8:30am-4:30pm NORTH Garbage Collection	24 SOUTH Garbage Collection	25 NO SOUTH Recycling Rescheduled for Saturday	26 Recycling Center: 8:30am-4:30pm NORTH Garbage Collection	27 Recycling Center: 8:30am-4:30pm SOUTH Garbage Collection SOUTH Bulk	28 Recycling Center: 8:30am-4:30pm SOUTH Recycling
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HOLIDAY TREES MAY BE PUT OUT FOR BULK COLLECTION OR  
THEY CAN BE RECYCLED IF BROUGHT TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER.



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## 2019 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### 2019 LEAF COLLECTION STATUS

LEAF ZONE	APPOX. START DATE	STATUS
C	Wed, Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
D	Wed, Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
A	Thu, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
B	Thu, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
I	Mon, Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
G	Fri, Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	IN PROGRESS
L	Fri, Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	COMPLETE
H	Wed, Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
E	Wed, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
K	Wed, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETE
J	Mon, Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	IN PROGRESS
F	Mon, Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
I (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	Mon, Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
A, B, C,D (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	Fri, Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started

#### Leaf Collection Guidelines

The following will *not* be collected:

- > Bagged leaves
- > Branches
- > Brush
- > Grass clippings

Residents may bring leaves directly to the Department of Public Works leaf receiving area during business hours.

12/12/2019

[CLICK ON THE PICTURE FOR LEAF COLLECTION STATUS OR TO FIND YOUR ZONE.](#)



Enjoy the holidays but drink responsibly. Drive sober or get pulled over. DWI patrols will be out every night.

Sign up to receive emergency and traffic alerts  
 TEXT MIDDLETOWNNJ TO 888777 OR VISIT  
[LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/REGISTER](http://LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/REGISTER) TO OPT-IN

Receive alerts for



Traffic & Detours



Severe Weather



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