

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULT PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sept 30th - Mixed Doubles - 5pm-9pm

Saturday, Oct 1st - Women's & Men's Doubles - 9am-2pm

Location: Tindall Park

Fee: \$30/player

Ages: 18+

Join us for Recreation's first Pickleball Tournament part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign! Compete in Mixed, Women's or Men's Doubles across two days in several different ratings: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5+. For complete tournament information and rules visit middletownnj.org/pickleball.



MAYOR'S CHALLENGE 5K + 1 MI FUN RUN

Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 8:45am

Location: Poricy Park

Fee: Prices increase closer to race day.

Age Range: All!



Mayor Perry invites you to the 4th annual Mayor's Challenge with all proceeds benefitting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Choose from the 5K run, fitness walk, or 1 mile fun run (great for kids)! The race route meanders through Poricy Park's trails, a challenging hilly course! T-shirts and medals for participants while supplies last. Register today at middletownnj.org/5K.

HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO

Saturday, October 29th

Time: 5pm-8pm

Location: Poricy Park

Fee: FREE for Middletown residents! Bring the whole family.

Registration recommended: middletownnj.org/signup



This spooktacular evening presented by Middletown Recreation, the Middletown Arts Center and the Middletown Township Education Association includes a costume contest, cartooning with the Doodle Dude, mechanical pumpkin, hayrides, tours of the Murray Farmhouse, goodies to the first 500 children, music, photo opps and more!

TURKEY SOCCER SHOOTOUT & ALUMNI GAME

Saturday, November 19th

Time: 10am-11am Shootout | 11:30am-1pm Alumni Game

Location: Croydon Hall Turf

Fee: \$5.00 + nonperishable good.



Show off your soccer skills as we crown the best penalty kicker in town. Awards given to the top 3 scorers in each age group. After, stay to root on High School North and South Alumni as they square off in a scrimmage. Alumni can register to play for \$5 at middletownnj.org/signup.

More Special Events

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup.
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

LETTERS FROM SANTA

Nov 15 - Dec 15

FREE! Donations to the MAC appreciated.
Official Santa Mailboxes Across Town

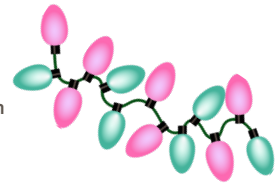


Our Middletown Elves are collecting letters and delivering them directly to the North Pole! Download our "Letter to Santa" template then deliver this letter, postage free, to any of our special mailboxes around town. Santa will write a personalized return letter to your child! Letters are free but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center. To ensure delivery by Christmas, mailboxes will be removed on December 16. For complete details visit middletownnj.org/events.

HOLIDAY LIGHT MAP

Nov 25 - Dec 23

Location: Homes across Middletown
FREE!



Let's light up Middletown! Let neighbors know your house is decked-out for the holidays by putting your address on the official Middletown Holiday Light Map! Neighbors can get in the holiday spirit and plan their route from there.

Registration is free, addresses are accepted Nov 25-Dec 23rd at noon at middletownnj.org/signup.

13th ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT & TOY DRIVE

Nov 28 - Dec 2 Practice Week | Dec 5 - 9 Tournament Week

Location: Croydon Hall Gym

Fee: \$60/team + unwrapped toy.

Ages: 6-Adult



Come on out for a jolly good time while we dodge, duck and dive and collect toys! All toys collected will be given out to Middletown residents in need this holiday season. First week will be practice games, second week will be the tournament. Mandatory captain's practice on Monday, November 21st at 6pm. Awards to the top teams in each age bracket.

More information and registration at middletownnj.org/dodgeball.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 4th

Time: 5-7pm

Location: Middletown Arts Center

FREE for all ages!

Registration recommended: middletownnj.org/signup.

Santa is coming to town to light the MAC's Christmas Tree! Come enjoy a family friendly night out filled with holiday spirit, caroling, holiday performances, crafts, a horse-drawn carriage, photos with Santa, and ice sculpture artist. Free giveaway to the first 300 children at the event.



SANTA EVENT

Saturday, December 3rd

Paid Event

Save the date for a Santa themed event to kick-off the holiday season! Perfect for getting that family Christmas card photo with the "Big Guy." Follow us on social media for full event information and registration.



MENORAH LIGHTING

Date TBD

Location: Middletown Arts Center

FREE for all ages!

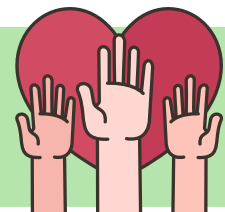
Join us for the Menorah Lighting and Chanukah celebration at the MAC! Enjoy arts and crafts, photo opps, and lots more goodies. Follow us on social media for the official date announcement.



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Need volunteer hours or just looking to give back to the community? Look no further.

Check-out our ever-changing volunteer opportunities online at middletownnj.org/volunteer. An adult must accompany any volunteer under 16 years of age. For more information send us an email at mtownvolunteer@middletownnj.org



Poricy Park Programs

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middlestownnj.org/signup.
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

TURKEY TROT HIKE

Wednesday, Nov 23rd | 2:30pm
Ages 5+, but younger hikers are welcome
Fee: \$5 per participant (R)

Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! We'll hike the trails of Poricy Park and enjoy beautiful scenery while looking for wildlife. The hour long hike is roughly 2 miles. Register at middlestownnj.org/signup.



WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE

Wednesday, Dec 21st | 4:30pm
Ages 5+, but younger hikers are welcome
Fee: \$5 per participant (R)

Join us for a hike on the longest night of the year! Bundle up and enjoy beautiful Poricy Park in the early evening. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Warm up after with hot cocoa by the fire. Register at middlestownnj.org/signup.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Available Monday-Friday (9:00a-4:00p) without reservations at the Poricy Park Nature Center.

Ever Tried Geocaching?

Our geocaching challenge course is the perfect introduction for geocache beginners! We'll supply you with a GPS Garmin Device (\$5.00 rental per device), instructions, map, and challenge. Find all three locations hidden in the park and get a prize. Course takes about an hour to complete on easy trails.



Find Fossils in Middletown!

Ready to head out to the Poricy Fossil Beds but not sure where to start? Drop by our Nature Center to see the types of fossils you will find and rent an equipment set (\$5.00 per set) including screen, trowel, field guide and directions.



SCOUTS & PARTIES!



SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, both weekday afternoons and weekends. Rates start at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), we have a badge-specific program for you!

Want something shorter? We offer 30-45 minute guided hikes that are perfect for a quick after-school meetup. \$5.00 per child. Topics include: Evergreens, Tracks, Nature Photography, Invasive Plants, and many more!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for an outdoor adventure for your child's birthday? We have themed science and nature parties appropriate for ages 4-10. Popular topics include Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, and Wild Kratt Adventures. Each 2-hour party includes 90-minutes of instructor-led activities and 30 minutes of "party room" time. Basic paper goods provided; all food is supplied by family. Price is \$315 for 15 children (\$8.00 per additional, up to 25 total).

Space permits available for rental: Fire Pit, Fossil Beds, Green Pavilion.

FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

Now Booking for the 2022-23 School Year!



The Recreation Department at Poricy Park offers a range of science and colonial history programs for preschool and elementary aged students. All programs emphasize hands-on activities and "doing" the things they have learned. And, of course, substantial time outdoors where nature provides a dynamic classroom. Choose between 4-hour, 3-hour, and 2-hour programs. Lunch and gift shop options available. For pricing, class sizing and additional information visit middlestownnj.org/fieldtrips. We are sensitive to your class' unique needs. Please reach out for information on any program, 732-615-2260.



Rebecca Murray's Children
Year-Round
PreK-2nd Grade

Life on the Murray Farm
Year-Round
3rd-8th Grade



Fossil Hunts
Fall & Spring
All Grades



Pond Study
Fall & Spring
3rd-5th Grade



Weekly Programs & Middletown Preschool

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup.
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Tuesdays | 4pm - 5pm | Poricy Park Nature Center
Oct 4 - Dec 6 (Off 11/8 & 11/22) | Grades: K - 3
Fee: \$120, 8-week session (R)



Saving Nature: Kids can be environmentalists, too! This hands-on class will solve real world programs through recycling games and experiments focused on our local watershed.

GONE RUNNING YOUTH FALL TRAINING

Tue and/or Thur | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Poricy Park
Sep 13 - Nov 3 | Grades: 2 - 9
Fee: \$155 one day, \$260 two days (R)



Gone Running makes fitness enjoyable so the child gets the best, most consistent and lasting results. Includes competition (10/22), race day award and t-shirt.

ADULT YOGA

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Croydon Hall Gym
Session I: Sept 6 - Oct 11
Session II: Oct 25 - Dec 20 (Off 11/1, 11/8, 12/6)
Fee: \$65, 6-week session, weekly drop-in \$12 (R)



Awaken and restore the body with this total body workout targeting and toning muscles while elevating the heart rate.

ADULT PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Wednesdays | 6pm - 7:30pm | Normandy Park
Session I: Sept 7 - Sept 28, \$60 (R)
Session II: Oct 5 - Oct 26, \$60 (R)



Beginner lessons for the newest sports craze!
No experience required. Equipment provided.

Be social and get active! Enjoy these co-ed sports with teams picked weekly. No prior experience necessary.

ADULT & YOUTH KICKBALL

Mondays | Sep 19 - Oct 24 (Off 10/10) | Clearwater Fields #2
5pm - 6pm (Youth) | 6:15pm - 7:30pm (Adult)
Youth: 3rd - 8th grade, Adult: 18+
Fee: \$20, 5-week session, weekly drop-in \$5 (R)



ADULT & YOUTH INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | Croydon Hall Gym
Sept 6 - Dec 20 (Off 11/1, 11/8, 11/29, 12/6)
Youth Instruction - 5:30pm-7:30pm
\$120, 12-week session, weekly drop-in \$10 (R)
Adult Play - 7:30pm-9:30pm
\$55, 12-week session, weekly drop-in \$5 (R)



YOUTH DODGEBALL

Wednesdays | Sep 28 - Nov 16 (Off 10/26 & 11/2)
4:30pm - 6pm (K - 5th) | 6pm - 7:30pm (6th - 8th)
Croydon Hall Gym
Fee: \$25, 6-week session, weekly drop-in \$5 (R)



Middletown Preschool

OPEN ROLLING REGISTRATION

PREK3 (3 YR)
PREK4 (4 YR)

FULL DAYS
9AM- 3PM
&
HALF DAYS
9AM-12PM

50 BRAY AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN NJ 07748
CALL US 732-615-3230
MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PRESCHOOL

You're invited!
to explore local preschools at the

Preschool Fair

Wednesday, October 26th
6pm-8pm
Middletown Library

Finding the perfect preschool for your child can be tough, 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 present to speak about class options, program structure and answer any questions you may have. Free!

Middletown Seniors

Membership to the Middletown Senior Center is free for residents age 60+. Non-residents are welcome to join for an annual fee. The Center is a gathering place where you can engage in new friendships and try different experiences, the goal is to provide a place where activity and participation will improve your quality of life.

Our programs range from a variety of trips, arts and crafts, painting classes, chorus group, bowling, billiards, knitting group, book club, games, weekly movies, and a variety of fitness classes. We also host bi-monthly birthday parties, seasonal events and so much more!



Sample Daily Events

Mondays:

Pinochle, Billiards, Mahjong
Zumba Gold
Walking Group
Move to the Groove

Tuesdays:

Billiards & Mahjong
Brain and Body Class
Walking Group
Yoga
Learn to Play Pinochle
Afternoon Event

Wednesdays:

Tap Class
Gentle Strength
Walking Group

Thursdays:

Billiards & Mahjong
Yoga
Knitting Group
Book Club
Afternoon Event

Fridays:

Pinochle, Billiards, Mahjong
Bowling at Bowlero
Rummikub

Fall Events

Oct 12th - Flavian the Mindreader & Game Show - 1pm East Wing

Oct 19th - October Birthdays & Halloween Party - 1pm East Wing

Nov 17th - Friendsgiving sponsored by Beacon of Life - 1pm East Wing

Dec 7th - Christmas Party at the Gramercy at Lakeside Manor - 11am-3pm

Mark your calendar - tickets go on sale Oct 3rd for \$34 per person

.....**STAY TUNED FOR MORE!**



Transportation Available Monday-Thursday

Includes transportation to/from center and select locations based on monthly calendar, for members only. For more information and to register please call the Center.

To learn more or to register, please call (732) 615-2265 or visit our website:

www.middletownnj.org/seniors

Senior Center is located at 900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737

MIDDLETOWN PARKS & FACILITIES

Applebrook Park • Belford Park • Bicentennial Park • Bodman Park • Butler Park • Campo Trails • Chanceville Park • Church Street Park • Clearwater Fields • Countryside Park • Croydon Hall • Crystal Pond Park • Dorsett Park • Dutch Neck Park • Evergreen Park • Fairview Acres • Fairway Park • Gordon Court Park • Greeley Park • Hillside Park • Ideal Beach • Kunkel Park • Leonardo Beach • Lincroft Village Green • Lincroft Acres • McMahon Park • Middletown Arts Center / Memorial Gardens • M.T. Thompson Park • Normandy Park • Nutswamp Turf • Nutswamp Park • Poricy Park • Poricy Park Fossil Beds • Poricy Park–Cotton Tract • Roosevelt Park • Shultz Park • Shorecrest Mini Park • Stevenson Tract • Sunrise Park I • Sunrise Park II • Tindall Park • Tonya Keller Community Center • West Front Street Park • Waloo Park • Wilmort Park

Enjoy all that our facilities have to offer! Find field, park & picnic permits online at middletownnj.org/recreation.



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LOOKING AHEAD...



Sunday, January 22nd - Middletown Night at NJ Devils
Friday, February 10th - Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

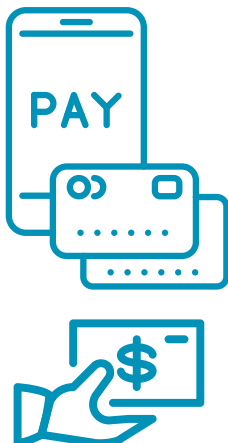


Wednesday, March 1st - Camp Registration Opens

Wednesday, March 15th - March Madness Dribble, Dish & Swish Skills



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Registration Information

Credit Card Payment

www.middletownnj.org/signup

Cash / Check Payment

Recreation Administrative Office
Poricy Park Nature Center
9:00am-4:00pm, Mon - Fri

Refund Policy

No refund for any program within 7 days of the program's start date. For Summer Camps, no refunds after May 15. Please choose carefully. A refund request form must be filled out for processing. Form must be received prior to refund deadline. Please allow up to eight weeks for your credit or refund to be processed. Incomplete Refund Requests will delay processing. All refunds are subject to approval. Processing fees apply. Effective 2/4/15.

