



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!
Get into the Holiday Spirit at Middletown's Annual
Tree Lighting Event on Sunday, 12/4 from 5 - 7 PM
Holiday Concert Begins at 4 PM



Look who's coming to town! Catch Middletown Recreation's and the MAC's (36 Church Street) Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 4th! This festive

event will begin with a special holiday concert from the B Naturals and Thorne Band inside the MAC's theater at 4 PM.

The tree lighting festivities will begin at 5 PM. Bring the whole family to get a photo with Santa, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, enjoy crafts, watch our ice sculptor, and more! There will be a **FREE** giveaway to the first 300 children.

Download TikTok and click [HERE](#) to see photos from last year's event.

BULK COLLECTION IN NORTH ZONE EXPERIENCING DELAYS

DUE TO STAFFING ISSUES AT SOLTERRA, THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, BULK COLLECTION IN THE NORTH ZONE HAS BEEN DELAYED.


PLEASE KEEP YOUR BULK ITEMS AT THE CURB AS CREWS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE COLLECTED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

GET THE  APP TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND BULK COLLECTION CHANGES VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.



Middletown Community Affairs Council and Public School District to Host Business Networking Event for Juniors and Seniors at the MAC on Tuesday, 12/6



A LOCAL BUSINESS MEET & GREET PRESENTED BY:
The Middletown Township Public School District
and The Middletown Community Affairs Council



Juniors and Seniors enrolled at High School North and South are invited to join us at the Middletown Arts Center to connect with local businesses about open mentoring position and employment opportunities.

DISCUSS YOUR PASSIONS WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELDS OF:

- Accounting
- Automotive Support
- Banking
- Construction Management
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Engineering
- Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Fitness, Health, Nutrition, Wellness
- Hotel Management
- Journalism, Photography, Communications
- Landscaping
- Law
- Marketing
- Medical Arts and Physical Therapy
- Parks and Recreation
- Politics
- Real Estate
- Speech Therapy
- Supply Chain Management
- Veterinary Care

AND SO MUCH MORE!

**Tuesday, December 6th
6:30 p.m. at
The Middletown Arts Center**



Juniors and seniors enrolled at Middletown High School North or South are invited to a meet & greet at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) to network with professionals, explore different fields, and learn about career opportunities!

This event will be hosted by the Middletown Township Public School District and Middletown Community Affairs Council on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM.

Many prominent local businesses are committed to participating, including Voyant, Molly Pitcher and Oyster Point Hotels, the Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey, Stillitano Consulting LLC, Red Bank Wealth Management, Automated Building Controls, and professionals representing law, real estate, land surveying & more.

If you are a business owner and would like to participate in this networking event, please contact Dr. Patricia Vari-Cartier at cartierp@middletownk12.org.

Township Committee to Host Meeting on Monday, 12/5 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th 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 www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2345 141 3350 followed by #. Enter 2022 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 see the agenda.

Mayor Perry Speaks with Comcast Newsmakers about Flood Mitigation Efforts and Increased Auto Thefts



Mayor Tony Perry recently sat down with Comcast Newsmakers host Jill Horner to discuss the steps the Township has taken to better control flooding since Superstorm Sandy hit our area 10 years ago. He also spoke about the challenges local communities have faced due to increased car thefts.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the interview.

Girl Scout Daisy Troop 266 Tours Town Hall



Mayor Perry talks to the Daisies about Middletown's logo and rich history.

Earlier this week, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 266 stopped by Town Hall to tour the new building and meet with Mayor Tony Perry. The Daisies visited the Mayor's Office and conference room where they learned about Middletown's history and asked lots of great questions!

Mayor Kicks Off Annual Middletown North vs. South Football Thanksgiving Game with Coin Toss



Many Middletown residents and alumni celebrated Thanksgiving morning at the annual High School North and South football game! The weather was beautiful and Mayor Perry was thrilled to kick off the game with the annual coin toss. Congratulations to High School South on its 27-10 victory!

Happy 90th Birthday to Longtime Resident Joan Carroll!



Mayor Perry presented Joan with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee to celebrate this special occasion.



After the mass, Mayor Perry publicly recognized Joan for being such a wonderful member of our community.

Last weekend, St. Augustine's Monastery in Belford held a mass in celebration of Joan Carroll's 90th birthday. Joan is a longtime resident and former president of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' local chapter.



Mayor Perry and his assistant Laura Mattes take a selfie with the birthday girl!

Joan was also a sponsor for some local priests during their seminary studies and managed fundraising for former U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. Please join us in wishing her a very happy birthday!

Give Back this Giving Season with Social Services' Holiday Food Drive & Adopt-a-Family Program

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH MIDDLETOWN'S



WHAT TO DONATE



All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham, especially the free ones you may earn through supermarket promotions, to a family in need.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY



Middletown Social Services is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to "adopt" underprivileged households during the holiday season. Social Services will provide a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, we ask that you kindly provide a few of the listed items or gifts cards, in hopes that your adopted family may have a special holiday season. Donations are accepted at Social Services (180 Main Street). Questions? Call 732-615-2085.

There are still many families that need to be "adopted" and could use your help! Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 to be assigned a family.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of food pantry items that are needed.

Donate to Our Food Pantry this Holiday Season

**EVERYBODY DESERVES TO HAVE FOOD ON THEIR TABLE.
PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO**



Middletown Township's *Food Pantry*

**CALL 732-615-2085 TO SCHEDULE A DROP-OFF APPOINTMENT AND
VISIT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/FPITEMS](https://www.middletownnj.org/fpitems) FOR A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS.**

Click [HERE](#) to view a list of needed items.

Property Tax Assessment Resources & Information



**Assessment postcards were mailed on November 23rd
detailing the new assessment for 2023.**

**Visit www.middletownnj.org/assessment for
information and resources to help you better
understand the reassessment process.**

**Register Now to Get Your Home on
Middletown Recreation's Holiday Lights Map!**



Let's light up Middletown! Tell your neighbors that your house is decked out for the holidays by putting your address on the official Middletown Holiday Lights Map. This fun festivity is **FREE** for everyone! Residents must register their address via CommunityPass by noon on Friday, December 23rd. Get in the holiday spirit and plan your route today!

Click [HERE](#) to check out the map.
Visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to register your address.

Donate Toys to Middletown PBA 124's Toy Drive



Middletown PBA 124 is currently accepting unwrapped toys for its "Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive" at the following locations:

- Middletown Township Police Department (1 Kings Highway, main lobby)
- Junction Barbers (900 Main Street)
- Twin Lights Brewing (4057 Asbury Avenue, Tinton Falls)
- Taliercio's Gourmet Deli (544 NJ-35)
- Sebastian's Hair-Em (872 NJ-36)





Residents are already dropping off toys at the Police Station. Stop by today to donate!

The toys will be distributed to 180 Turning Lives Around, Jason's Dreams for Kids, and Middletown Helps Its Own.

Middletown PBA 124 will also be getting some of our youngest residents to help out by taking students from Thorne Middle School to Target so they can pick out toys to donate. The students will then go to Middletown Helps Its Own to assist with packing food.

The deadline to drop off toys is Thursday, December 15th!

**Our Middletown Elves are Collecting Letters to Santa:
Drop One Off by Thursday, 12/15!**



Letters to Santa

15th

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Deliver a letter directly to the North Pole - Santa will write a return letter!

Mailbox Locations Open Nov 15- Dec 15:

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

Program is free, but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center.

Let Santa know you've been good this year! Write him a letter and drop it off in one of Middletown Recreation's special mailboxes around town, postage free, and receive a personalized letter directly from Santa to your address!

Please consider donating to the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) when dropping off your letter. Mailboxes will be removed on Friday, December 16th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to drop off a letter.
Click [HERE](#) for a list of topics that children can write about.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Register for MTPL's SAT Scores Back & Strategy Session

with The Princeton Review on Tuesday, 12/6 at 7 PM



VIRTUAL SAT Scores Back & Strategy Session

Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm

The link for registering will be found on our MTPL.org calendar.
Please contact Danielle Sweeney at Danielle.Sweeney@review.com or call
1-800-2Review

Planning to take the SATs in the upcoming months? The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is hosting a virtual session with The Princeton Review on Tuesday, December 6th to help you prepare. Register for the opportunity to go over SAT basics, review your SAT practice test results, and learn some strategies and tips you can use on the official SAT!

Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Listen to Some Cheerful Tunes at the MTPL's Band of the
Two Rivers Concert on Saturday, 12/10 at 2 PM**

BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS 

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 10 | 2 PM
The Community Room



Stop by the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) on Saturday,

December 10th to enjoy some holiday music performed by Monmouth County's own Band of the Two Rivers!

Purchase Tickets for "It's a Wonderful Life" by the Classic Radio Road Show at the MAC on Sunday, 12/11 at 7 PM



Experience the beloved holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life" in a whole new way with Classic Radio Road Show's Live Radio Play! The performance will take place at the MAC (36 Church Street) on Sunday, December 11th at 7 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 per person, but you can call 732-706-4100 to reserve a seat.

The characters of Bedford Falls will be acted by a handful of talented actors and sound effects will be performed by a Foley artist, manipulating props to create a soundscape. Join the actors after the performance for a "It's a Wonderful Life" Trivia Game!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Save the Date for the MAC's Annual Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting on Sunday, 12/18 at 4:30 PM



Looking for Mental Health Support?
Contact 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if Needed

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S.,
you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to
chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.




According to the American Psychological Association, 38% of people's stress increases during the holiday season, which can lead to depression, anxiety, and substance use. We encourage our residents to reach out to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if they are experiencing a mental health crisis and need assistance.


Click [HERE](#) for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to chat with a counselor.

Monmouth County December COVID-19 Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



COVID-19 Vaccines
are safe, free, &
effective




Pfizer, Moderna,
Novavax, & J&J
available
Walk-ins welcome
ages 6 months & up

ID documentation and
health insurance not
required. No impact
on immigration status


For free transportation:
To your vaccination, enter "VAXRIDE"
into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ
TRANSIT at 973-275-5555. Get free Lyft
rides by calling 2-1-1
&
Monmouth County Division of
Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480

DATES & TIMES




Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Dec. 7, 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park
Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal
Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Dec. 14, 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior
Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City,
07753



Brookdale Community College Clinic - Vaccine Only

- Every Tuesday, 2pm-6pm, Brookdale
Community College, 765 Newman
Springs Rd., Lincroft - Children's
Learning Center (CLC) Parking Lots 4 &
5



Free At-Home Testing:

Visit learn.vaxthealth.com/nj/ for free saliva
tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES, VISIT
WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH OR DOWNLOAD THE
MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL
732-431-7456

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

Visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

Heaters Can Be Harmful: How to Avoid Carbon Monoxide Exposure

Carbon Monoxide Gas Can Kill Quickly

Knowing the facts can save your life!

WHAT

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous gas that we can't smell, see, or taste. A smoke alarm cannot detect it. This silent killer can kill in minutes.

HOW

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. CO symptoms are often described as "flu-like." If you breathe in a lot of CO it can make you pass out or kill you.

WHO

- **Anyone** can be affected.
- From 2000-2019, the underlying cause of death for 275 New Jersey residents was CO poisoning*.
- In 2019 alone, 374 residents were treated in emergency rooms for non-fire related, accidental CO poisoning. Their age ranged from less than 5 years old to over 80 years old*.

WHY

Many household items including gas- and oil-burning furnaces, gas hot water heaters, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poisonous gas. The same is true with vehicles, snow blowers, or any gasoline-powered engine left idling in a garage especially one attached to a home or business.

- *Additional data on CO poisonings from NJSHAD:
- Deaths: <http://bit.ly/2TLL0t6>
 - Emergency Department Visits: <http://bit.ly/202E19e>
 - Hospitalizations: <https://bit.ly/3ndNyt8>

Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health
Consumer, Environmental and Occupational Health Service
Environmental and Occupational Health Surveillance Program
https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/ccehs%20content/CO_poisoning_homeowners_2021_May_2021.pdf



**Be safe. Protect your family.
Take these basic precautions¹:**

CO Detectors

- Install battery-operated or battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are working properly.

A survey showed an estimated 20% of residents in some NJ counties reported not having a CO detector in their home: <https://bit.ly/3dWMMa1>

Portable Generators

- Never use a generator inside your home, carport, or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

Oil and Gas Furnaces and Hot Water Heaters

- Have your heating and hot water appliances inspected at least once a year.

¹For additional information:
EPA: [Protect Your Family and Yourself from CO Poisoning](https://www.epa.gov/healthandenvironment/protect-your-family-and-yourself-from-co-poisoning)



Reminder: Make sure that both your furnace and CO detectors are in good working order. To prevent exposure to carbon monoxide, the Middletown Township Health Department and Fire Prevention Office encourage residents to read the New Jersey Department of Health's fact sheet above.

Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the fact sheet in English.
Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the fact sheet in Spanish.

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




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