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Recovery: Tropical Storm Ida

Our community is encouraged to explore all available resources to seek out aid available to them. The Borough has regular additions to a "One-Stop" web page on our site, and the County recently created a hub on their website with extensive links and information.



Help Stop Illegal Dumping of Flood Waste

Please be aware that our town is experiencing a lot of illegal dumping of bulk. If you are still cleaning up from Ida, please call the DPW at (732) 968-1603 to schedule FREE bulk pick up.

Borough Waives Municipal Permit Fees for Flood-Related Repair

Borough Council has approved a resolution that waives all municipal fees for construction

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Borough News Briefs *(cont'd)*

VISIT THE FLOOD-RECOVERY "ONE-STOP" PAGE

...on the Borough website for access to the latest information, links, and resources.



PERMIT FEES, continued

permits for those whose homes have Ida storm damage thru December 31, 2021. Contact the Construction Office at (732) 356-7400 ext. 248 for further information.

Coffee with Council

Our first SATURDAY “Coffee with Council” is Saturday, Sep. 25. This switch to Saturday is based off our community and your feedback to hold this monthly meeting on a day when, for more residents, work schedules are less likely to interfere with attendance.

- 10:30 AM – Noon
- Middlesex Senior/Recreation Center
- Free & Open to All
- Come and chat with your local elected officials.

At this meeting, Council wishes to provide an ear for residents recovering from Ida, the path moving forward, and to give Council an opportunity to provide whatever information we can for our residents. In our first Saturday discussion, Council Members will have copies of handouts from FEMA and OEM and other flood-related information.

NOW ON SATURDAYS! SEP. 25

Coffee with Council

10:30 am
Council will socialize with residents and offer to play a round of chess with you!





Beware of Fraud and Scams

After a disaster, scam artists often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. We encourage survivors to watch for and report any suspicious activity.

Ways to Report Fraud
 Email: StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov
 Call: 1-866-223-0814
 Fax: 202-212-4926

For more information visit fema.gov/disaster-fraud



Cleaning up after a Disaster?

Stay safe with these tips:

- ✘ Wear long pants, goggles, gloves and sturdy shoes
- ✘ Contact local officials if power lines are down
- ✘ Use face coverings if cleaning mold
- ✘ Stay out of damaged structures
- ✘ Photograph your damages



Borough News Briefs *(cont'd)*

It's Spotted Lantern Fly Egg Laying Season!

Help us eradicate this terrible pest

The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive plant-hopper native to China, India, and Vietnam; it is also established in South Korea, Japan and the U.S. It was first discovered in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in Berks County in 2014 and has spread to other counties in PA as well as New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut, and Ohio.

This insect has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. SLF feeds on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in NJ. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

Why You Should Care

SLF is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The spotted lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death.

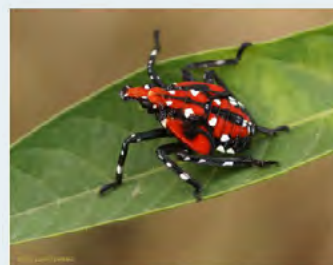
As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.



Egg Mass



Early Nymph



Late Nymph



Adult

**If you see a Spotted Lanternfly,
help us Stomp it Out!**

Learn more [at the Department of Agriculture's website.](#)

Recreation



Jump into a fun and healthy autumn with a wide variety of local classes, sports, and activities!

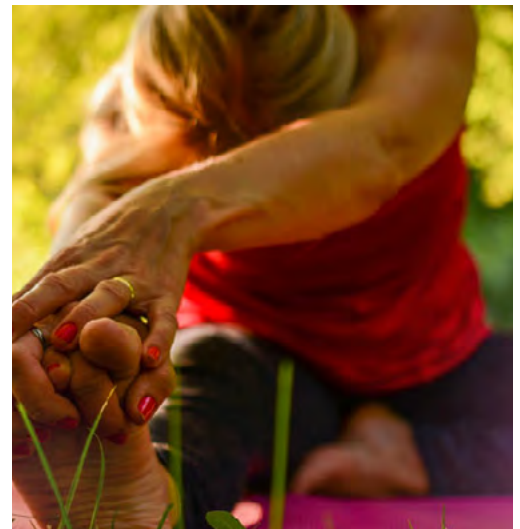
Full details, deadlines, and applications can be found on the Rec Department's web page on the Borough website here.

Yoga

Yoga is a set of practices which help lead us toward a healthy mind in a healthy body. This class begins each week with a breathing meditation, followed by warm-up activities for the muscles and joints. It includes poses in sitting, supine, prone, standing, and/or kneeling. Adaptations for varying levels are suggested. The class includes flow segments, activities to improve alignment and strength, flexibility, body awareness, and breathing control and awareness.

- **Where:** Beechwood Fire House – 118 Union Ave, Middlesex, NJ 08846
- **When:** Monday & Wednesday Evenings October 4 – November 29
- **Who:** Adults & Teens
- **INSTRUCTOR:** Deborah Schmitt – Mondays
Joy Provenzano Kozlowski – Wednesdays

Forms must be turned into the Recreation Dept., as the instructor cannot take forms or payment. Register online here (Etrak 2.0) or read the flyer for more information >> [Yoga Flyer and Paper form](#)



@middlesexrecreation



@middlesexrec

Find the ►
Rec Dept.
on Facebook!

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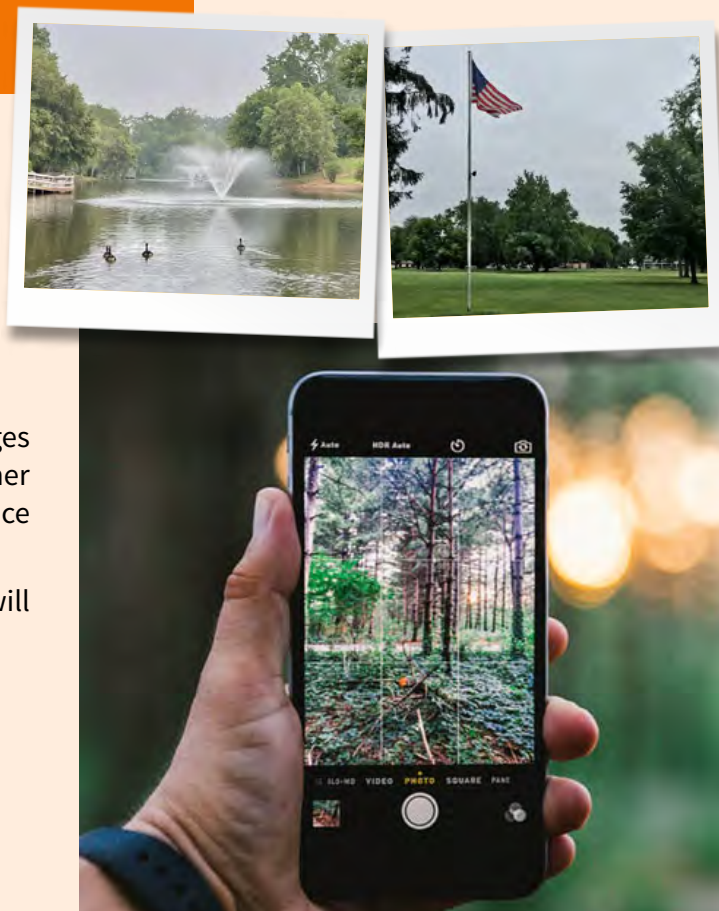
Recreation

Photography Club

BYOC (bring your own camera) - anything from an iPhone to a Polaroid - photographers will learn the basics of their digital or vintage camera and how to use it creatively. They will also learn with a “hands on” instruction by taking images using the different modes, lighting, and angles. More experienced photographers can capture images at their own pace. The expectation is that each photographer will conquer their fear of the camera and begin to experience it's potential as well as enjoying a great day in the park.

The program is absolutely FREE! Photographer's images will be uploaded to Middlesex Recreation social media pages.

- **Age Groups:** **Children:** 12 and Below; **Teens:** 13 - 19; Adults: 20 and Above
- **Dates and Time:** Wednesdays Sept 29; Oct 13, 20 @ 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- **Register via Google Form Link:** forms.gle/1omhpM5MYXvhC9y57



Fall Basketball Clinic

The Middlesex Recreation Department along with program coordinator Jared Goldstein, Stew Lester and Ryan Reynolds are pleased to present basketball clinics to boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 whom reside in Middlesex. These sessions are intended to practice previously acquired skills and learn new ones. Team play will be emphasized & practice drills will be demonstrated. Learn the fundamentals of the game:

OFFENSIVE DRILLS: Dribbling • Passing • Shooting Instruction

DEFENSIVE DRILLS: On the ball • Off the ball help • Boxing out • Help and Recover • Rotation

Whether your child participates in one or ALL of the clinics the total fee is \$30.00. Each child MUST be registered through the recreation department before attending the clinic. Once registered, your child may attend any or all the clinic dates listed below. The one-time fee of \$30 must be turned into the Middlesex Rec. Dept. only—coaches CANNOT take registration forms and/or money. Only children on the roster will be allowed to participate. Clinics will be offered at Middlesex High



School Gym.

Clinics for grades 3 through 8 will be run by Breakaway Basketball Camp, LLC, owned and operated by Middlesex High School varsity basketball coach Jared Goldstein. Clinics for grades 9 through 12 will be run by Stew Lester and Ryan Reynolds.

Forms must be turned into the Recreation Dept., as the instructor cannot take forms or payment. [Register online here \(Etrak 2.0\)](#) or read the flyer for more information >> [Basketball Clinic Flyer and Paper form](#)

Recreation

Middlesex Mission Impossible



Compete as a family or friend group. Every family or group will create one team name. Every team will consist of 2 - 6 people per team. Every team registered will receive a list of missions to complete. This list will be distributed at the same date and time, November 23 @ Noon, for all teams, so no team has an early advantage. All missions will have instructions and a designated point total. The objective is to record the highest total of

points with your team by completing the missions in real time (photo or video) and posting the real time proof of completion to Instagram TAGGING the Middlesex Recreation Department profile: @middlesexrecreation. The team with the final highest total of points will win a \$50 QuickChek gift card.

- **Dates:** November 24 - 28
- **Registration Deadline:** Noon, November 23
- **Age:** ALL (families and friend groups encouraged to register)
- **Price:** FREE for all ages!
PLEASE HAVE 1 MEMBER REGISTER PER TEAM and INCLUDE ALL PARTICIPANTS when registering
- **Register via Google Form Link:** forms.gle/tRjv9jvNbLuHXFKC8



Discount Consignment Tickets

Middlesex Recreation is offering discounted tickets for the 2021 season at Adventure Aquarium, Morey's Piers, 6 Flags Great Adventure! Cash or personal checks are accepted, made out to "Middlesex Recreation Department." Tickets cannot be exchanged, and all sales are final. For additional questions or inquiries, please call or email Middlesex Recreation Department at (732) 356-7400 x277.

Morning Toddler Playgroup

Playgroup promotes play, imagination, sharing and fun for children ages 1-5 or has walking/cruising ability! Three sessions are offered. The Fall session begins the Playgroup year. There is also a winter and spring session. Sessions are 8 weeks long. Registration for fall begins on August 30, 2021. Registration for winter and spring sessions will be listed on the class calendars. Siblings/or other children NOT REGISTERED are not allowed to attend with the exception of an infant in a seat. Proof of residency may be required. No refunds will be issued after the second week of each session. Refunds prior are subject to a 10% administrative fee. Classes must have a MINIMUM of 8 registered children. Cash, personal checks made payable to "Middlesex Rec. Dept.," and credit cards are accepted as payment.



- **(UNDER 3 YEARS = NOT A DROP OFF PROGRAM)**
 - **SESSION DATE START:** Consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 28 @ Middlesex Recreation Center from 9:00 – 10:30 AM
 - **FEES PER SESSION:** \$80 for Borough resident, \$100 for Non Borough resident. Drop in offered at \$15 a day.
- Register online here ([Etrak 2.0](#)) or read the flyer for more information >> [Morning Playgroup Flyer](#)

Recreation

Evening Playgroup

Our very popular playgroup program is once again offering an evening class for children ages 1-7 in the Recreation Center. The class is designed to introduce socialization, cooperation and sharing in a fun and safe environment. Children will have 40 minutes of free play then a small snack followed by a group activity.



Activities include parachute play, puppets, motor skill elements, musical instruments and more! An adult must attend with the child(ren). A minimum of 8 children is required to begin the session. Cash, credit cards, or personal checks made payable to "Middlesex Rec. Dept." are accepted as payment.

■ **FEES PER SESSION:** \$80 for Borough resident, \$100 for Non Borough residents. Drop in offered at \$15 a day

■ **SESSION DATE START:** Consecutive Mondays beginning Sep. 27

■ **TIME:** 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Register online here (Etrak 2.0) or read the flyer for more information >>
[Evening Playgroup – Flyer and Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)



Discount Movie Tickets Available

- **AMC Green tickets** = \$9 (not valid for Walt Disney Company and subsidiaries)
- **Reading Cinemas Tickets** = \$9 (cannot be used during film's first two weeks of release)
- **Reading Cinema Gift Cards** = \$10 (can be used at admissions or concessions)
- **Google Form Link:** forms.gle/C99g6q6cFqQSYvqF8



Halloween Drive Thru Event

After school for Halloween Treat distribution from the Middlesex Recreation Department. Pickup is October 28 @ Middlesex Recreation Center from 3:00-5:00 PM.

Nightmare Before Christmas Event

Our big, special event this Fall will cover BOTH Halloween and Christmas – what could possibly cover both of those holidays? Why, the Pumpkin King himself, Jack Skellington!



Middlesex Library AND the Middlesex Borough Department of Recreation are collaborating to bring you Nightmare Before Christmas in Middlesex Town!

This is a drive thru interactive Halloween AND Christmas event at Mountainview Park! Stay in your cars and enjoy visiting Jack,

Sally, Zero, and more as we celebrate both holidays in grand fashion! Activities, treats, giveaways, and MORE! NO registration needed!

November 29 @ Mountainview Park from 7:00 PM.



Food Trucks and Fun Coming to Middlesex!

Fall Festival season is in full swing as we come to the Borough of Middlesex to celebrate our community! Join between 12-14 food trucks, live music, games including hatchet tossing, cornhole, face painters and so much more!

*FOOD TRUCKS INCLUDE:

Harry's Lil Kitchen, Let's Have a Ball, Mexi Boys, Cas Pierogi, Cat Like Reflexes, Angry Archies, Chank and Go Pizza Cones, Dags Dippers, MYC MAC and Cheese, The Angry Chourico, The Wicked Waffle, Mr. C's Grease Truck, Joanie's Diner, Hadaz BBQ Truck, Rescue Rolls, Clyde's Ice Cream, The Cake Jar Shoppe, JerZey Girl Pickles

BEER AND BEVERAGES:

A mix of local NJ craft beers, wine and hard seltzers

Alcohol made available by the Middlesex Elks, Lodge 1488



MUSIC

Naughty Humphry, The Big Fuss

GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Bury the Hatchet Hatchet Toss, Boardwalk Style games, face painters for the kids, and more!

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

*** FOOD TRUCKS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AND SAVE

\$6 Adults

\$4 children 4-10 (Child price includes free admission to the Bounce House!)
<https://mega-bite-events.ticketleap.com/middlesex-county-food-truck-festival/>

AT THE DOOR

\$8 Adults | \$5 children 4-10 | 3 and under are Free

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.middlesexboro-nj.gov/food-trucks

or call the Rec Department 732-356-7400 ext. 277

Please join Mayor John L. Madden
and the Middlesex Recreation Department
in Celebrating Our Annual

Tree Lighting

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 5
4:00 PM

at Mountain View Park Gazebo



Enjoy Local Entertainment

*Horse-drawn
carriage rides
around the park!*



*Cookies
and
Hot Cocoa*



*Photos
with
Santa!*

Library



1300 Mountain Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846
732.356.6602
www.middlesexlibrarynj.org

We are back and open our regular hours!

Computers and tables are open for public use, and our collection is robust with new releases and old favorites – come visit us soon! Our entrance still remains the Community Room doors, and exit through the Circulation area doors.

UPDATED HOURS! As of June 7, 2021

Mondays

Walkup/Pickup: 10am - 6pm
Open Browsing Hours: 10am - 6pm

Tuesdays

Walkup/Pickup: 10am - 8pm
Open Browsing Hours: 10am - 6pm

Wednesdays

Walkup/Pickup: 10am - 6pm
Open Browsing Hours: 10am - 6pm

Thursdays

Walkup/Pickup: 10am - 6pm
Open Browsing Hours: 10am - 8pm

Fridays

Walkup/Pickup: 10am - 5pm
Open Browsing Hours: 10am - 5pm

Saturdays/ Sundays

Closed

Most programs continue remotely

For the remainder of 2021, all programs will continue to be held remotely, with the exception of some in person, outside programs. Our Community Room and Meeting Rooms remain closed to external groups at this time.

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▲ Find the Library on Facebook!

Library

Walkup/Pickup Service

Our Walkup/Pickup service will operate now 6 days a week! Mondays thru Thursdays, 10am to 8pm; Fridays 10am to 5pm; and Saturdays, 10am to 2pm. Call us at (732) 356-6602 or email us at reference@middlesexlibrarynj.org with your requests: books, audiobooks, DVDs, or a combination! We will pull and check out any of your requests that we have in house, and call or email you when they are ready for pickup! Pickup is in the Community Room vestibule – please wear a mask and bring your ID!

Not sure what to choose? Let our experienced Reference Librarians help! Fill out the Reader's Advisory form at <http://www.middlesexlibrarynj.org/digital-resources/readers-advisory/> and our librarians will choose

several items based on your likes and dislikes!

Or, browse our new books, DVDs, and other selections online at our Virtual Bookshelves! Go ahead, judge a book by its cover – you can view them all here: www.middlesexlibrarynj.org/surf-our-shelves

We also offer printing and copy services at our Walkup/Pickup area – email documents to be printed to printers@middlesexlibrarynj.org, or come in person with your documents to be copied. Only black and white copies/prints, \$0.20 per page.

Notary service is offer at Walkup/Pickup Mondays-Wednesdays at \$2 per signature. Please call in advance to ensure notary is in the building.

Program Updates!

Our programs remain virtual at this time – so go ahead and join in your pajamas! We have an amazing lineup for the Fall for ALL ages!

As for our young Library patrons, we've got weekly programs and some super cool special events! Registration for programs is ONLINE only, and begins September 13 @ www.middlesexlibrarynj.org/kids.

Weekly programs, ALL ON ZOOM:

- **Mondays:** Toddler Time w/ Miss Theresa (ages 0-4 yrs) @ 10:15am
- **Book Bingo** w/ Miss Theresa (ages 5yrs and up) @ 4:15pm
- **Tuesdays:** Crafternoons w/ Miss Chrissy (ages 8yrs – 12yrs) @ 4:15pm
- **Thursdays:** Dungeons and Dragons w/ Miss Chrissy (ages 9yrs and up) @ 4:15pm
- **Pajama Storytime** w/ Miss Theresa (all ages) @ 7:15pm.

Gaming Special Events

We have some AMAZING special events also! Play your Nintendo Switch/Switch Lite with your friends and Miss Chrissy and Miss Kristin (ages 8yrs and up) on ZOOM! Must have own Nintendo Switch/Switch Lite, Nintendo Online account, and separate device to access Zoom.

- **September 21 @7pm:** Mario Kart 8 Mini Tournament
- **October 19 @ 7pm:** Tetris 99 Mini Tournament
- **November 9 @ 7pm:** Splatoon 2 Mini Tournament



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And Many More “in the Works!”

In addition, with the weather starting to get cooler, we also have some socially distanced, in person programs up our sleeves – pop up libraries and storytimes outside, weather permitting! Our Facebook page will announce these last-minute pop up programs a week or so in advance, so make sure you follow us on social media!

Adult Programming

Our Fall Adult programs will all be on Zoom – and we’ve got some AMAZING ones for you!

Adult Reading Incentives!

Read any thriller, mystery or horror book in the month of October. Share a written review with us OR email your review to tbond@middlesexlibrarynj.org for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

We would love to use your reviews on our social media accounts! We would ask permission and only use first name and first initial of last name.



Rory and Lorelai Alert!

Do you wish you lived in Stars Hollow? Can you talk as fast as a Gilmore? Now is your chance to prove how well you know Rory and Lorelai! So grab your Red Vines and join us for a virtual trivia night and the opportunity to win some Gilmore Girls themed prizes! Join us for **Gilmore Girls Trivia Night** on Tuesday, October 5 at 7pm!



And of Course, There Will Be More

In addition, we have a fantastic Zoom **Hand Lettering Workshop** planning for the holidays, as well as more **Make and Takes** and **surprise books** – make sure to keep an eye on all our social media accounts and our website for ALL the details!

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instagram.com/middlesexlibrarynj

Police



Citizens Come Out in Force to Support Middlesex Borough Police Department's 11th Annual National Night Out

On Wednesday, September 1, more than one thousand community members came out in support of the Middlesex Police Department's eleventh annual National Night Out Against Crime in Mountain View Park.

“Success of events such as these depend on the strong support and participation of our citizens. As expected, they did not disappoint,” stated Middlesex Police Chief Matthew P. Geist. “We enjoyed seeing both new and familiar faces as we continue to bolster police-community partnerships,” Chief Geist added.

Those in attendance were treated to free cotton candy, beverages and ice cream. Eventgoers also enjoyed many games, bounce houses and train rides. DJs from Flashover Entertainment of Middlesex made sure that the fun didn't stop. Members of the Middlesex Fire Department, the Middlesex Rescue Squad and the Middlesex OEM proudly displayed their vehicles and equipment. The Middlesex Public Library, Office of Aging, Department of Public Works and



Board of Education, as well as many other civic groups, organizations and businesses also participated. “Replenish” (formerly known as MCFOODS) collected canned goods to assist those who are less fortunate. In addition, Middlesex County provided free COVID-19 vaccinations.

“We greatly appreciate everyone who assisted us to ensure that last night was a success,” said Chief Geist. “We look forward to next year's event, which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022.”

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the information provided, please contact Acting Sergeant Sean Flanagan at (732) 356-1900 extension 313.



Police



Body Worn Cameras

The Middlesex Police Department would like to let our community, stakeholders, and our community partners know our department will begin using Body Worn Cameras (BWCs). Our department has been awarded a grant through the State of New Jersey for the purchase, training, and implementation of a BWC program. Through this grant award, our department was able to purchase BWCs for every sworn member of the department to utilize during contacts and interactions involving our officers and those we serve. We are hoping it will provide another layer of transparency to the excellent service we strive to provide each and every day for our community. We are finalizing our policies to guide our officers and staff in the use of these devices, as well as the storage and handling of the data captured by the BWCs.



Nixle Community Notifications and Alerts

Residents are urged to sign up to receive Nixle Alerts and Messages. Nixle allows the Police Department to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. Messages will be delivered by email, SMS/text message (cell phone), and over the World Wide Web. Notifications may include crime related alerts, traffic advisories and other relevant safety and community event information. Nixle also enables citizens to submit anonymous tips to the police department to aid in crime fighting efforts.

Information can be received online and via e-mail. Residents receive messages by cell phone as part of their text-messaging plan (otherwise standard text message rates apply).

The system is simple to use and provides an easy sign-up process.

Register now to receive text messages: Text “MIDDLESEXP” to 888777 to begin receiving SMS/text only

Register now to receive email alerts: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

To learn more login to www.nixle.com

Nixle's Community Information Service is built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. Its authenticated service connects agencies to citizens in real-time, delivering information to residents.

High Intensity Activated Crosswalk



A new pedestrian hybrid high intensity activated traffic crosswalk signal (HAWK) has been installed at the crosswalk on Union Avenue at Lorraine Avenue. HAWK signals are traffic signals that allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. HAWK signals operate in a YELLOW-RED-FLASHING RED sequence to alert motorists that pedestrians need to cross the road.

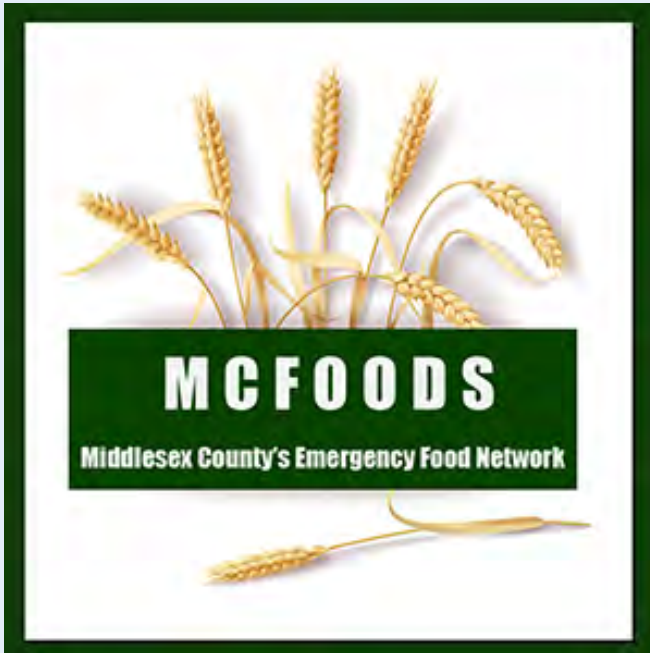
Unlike traffic signals, the HAWK only operates when a pedestrian pushes the crossing button. Vehicles are free to move when no one is crossing the street.

Motorists should respond to yellow and solid red lights in the same manner as any other traffic signal. After stopping for the red light, motorists may proceed through the crossing area during the flashing red light interval only when safe to do so without risk to pedestrians.

Police



October Food Drive to Benefit MCFOODS



October 1st-November 4th

The Middlesex Borough Police Department and members of PBA Local 181 will once again team up with youth volunteers under the leadership of Lisa Chippendale, participating businesses and civic organizations for a Food Drive in support of the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS). Collection sites will be established at local businesses, churches and public schools. As well, for the convenience of the community, youth volunteers will go door-to-door distributing bags to fill with donations. Last year, the Middlesex Borough team collected 8950 pounds of food and other essential household and personal care items for donation.

Wear Pink for a Cause

Officers will proudly don pink in the month of October in support of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Officers who participate will make a personal donation to this cause and wear a pink ribbon pin as a sign of support for this initiative. Those who wish to donate may do so at police headquarters or online at The American Cancer Society's Website-Making Strides of Central New Jersey, TEAM: Middlesex Borough Police Department (https://secure.acsevents.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=strides_donate_now&FR_ID=100721)



**MAKING STRIDES
Against Breast Cancer®**

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



The next **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** will be October 23, 2021. National Take Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Middlesex Police Headquarters, 1101 Mountain Avenue, 10am-2pm.

Police



October Is National Pedestrian Safety Month



October Is National Pedestrian Safety Month and as the end of Daylight Savings Time approaches and the nights get longer, the risk for pedestrians increase. From September to February, over 30% of pedestrian fatalities occur between 6 pm and 8:59 pm. Here are some tips for drivers and pedestrians:

5 Walking Safety Tips

1. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If one isn't available, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
2. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
3. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians, and look for cars in all directions, including those turning. If neither are available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely and watch for traffic as you cross.
4. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
5. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

This October, and throughout the year, let's work together to keep everyone safe on the roads.

Learn more about road safety at [NHTSA.gov/Pedestrians](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians).

Stop For Pedestrians in Marked Crosswalks



Vehicles must stop for a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk but must only yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. Nineteen states put the burden on vehicles to stop and yield if a pedestrian is located anywhere in the roadway. Failure to stop carries a \$200 (court costs additional) fine, a 2-point license penalty, 15 days community service, and insurance surcharges.

Police



Stop For School Buses

You may need to add more time to your commute, because when buses stop to pick up students, other drivers need to stop, too.

Yellow flashing lights mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.



Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.

Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day



On Sunday, October 10, 2021, the Middlesex Borough Police Department will participate in "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day," joining law enforcement agencies statewide in the annual one-day safety campaign to raise awareness of the more than 35,000 lives lost each year in motor vehicle-related crashes nationwide. Last year, New Jersey achieved its goal of

recording no fatal crashes on "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day."

This year, the focus of "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in New Jersey will be on promoting pedestrian safety to reduce the number of pedestrian-involved crashes and save lives. Accordingly, our officers will be extra attentive to crosswalks and intersections in an effort to reduce the risk of pedestrian-involved crashes.



Buckle Up

Under state law, drivers and passengers must all wear seat belts, and failure to do so for those in the front seat is a primary offense, meaning police can pull a car over if someone up front isn't wearing one. ... The fine for not wearing a seat belt in is \$46.

Leash and Curb Your Dog



Local Ordinance 129-5, 129-10

Police



Streetlight Outages

Report Streetlight Outages

To report a problem with a Streetlight, please call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734)

Or, login to My Account

www.pseg.com/myaccount

Click on Streetlight Outages

Then click on Report Streetlight Outage.

The following information will assist us in expediting repairs:

- Is the light off at night or on during the day?
- Is the fixture or pole damaged or missing?
- Street and nearest cross street
- Nearest house number
- Pole number
- Your name and phone number



Report a Traffic Safety Concern

We ask that you support our Safe Roads Initiative by obeying all traffic laws at all times. Please report any non-emergency traffic concerns to:

Middlesex Police Department – (732) 356-1900 ext. 235, or trafficsafety@middlesexpd.com

We're your Middlesex Borough Police Department!

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Department of Aging and Disabled Services



Don't forget the Middlesex Senior Center is here to support you!

Medicare open enrollment is right around the corner – are you ready? We can help! Beginning October 15, eligible seniors can apply to receive Medicare benefits or to re-evaluate your Part D to ensure you are on the right prescription plan. Additionally, we can help you with Property Tax Reimbursements forms, Social Security issues, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD)/Senior Gold, and LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). Please reach out to us to schedule an appointment for assistance with any application and forms.

Curb- to -curb pickup and drop-off is available for medical appointments within 6 miles of Middlesex Borough for residents that are 60 years and older as well as those with physical limitations.

We are currently offering Ageless Grace, Bingo, Zumba, and Chair Yoga. Please call the Senior Center at 732-356-0414 for more details.

Bus Driver Wanted

Middlesex Borough is seeking a part-time Bus Driver for the Department of Senior & Disabled Services. Candidates must have a CDL license with passenger endorsement. Expected work week will consist of approximately 20 hours per week. Salary is competitive.

Interested candidates must contact Melissa DeMarino, Director of Senior and Disabled Services at mdemarino@middlesexboro-nj.gov or call 732.356.0414.

Public Works (DPW)



Fall Leaf Pick up

Yard and Garden Trimmings

Grass and leaf pick up will end on the last Wednesday of December and commence on the first Wednesday of March. Place bags at curb the night before for pick up. Grass/leaves will only be picked up in paper biodegradable bags. **Plastic bags will NOT be picked up.** Grass/leaves can also be taken to the Recycling Center. Leaves cannot be raked or blown to the curb or roadway.

Leaf Bags Available

RESIDENTS WILL BE ENTITLED TO 20 BAGS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE RECYCLE CENTER IN NOVEMBER.

- Leaf bags are currently available for November while supplies last;
- Bags will be given out during Recycle Yard normal business hours;
- A coupon is required to pick up the bags;
- Bags will be given out while supplies last.

Dates

Grass and leaf pick up will end on the last Wednesday of December (December 29) and commence on the first Wednesday of March in 2022 (March 2).



Public Works (DPW)

Road Repairs

Many roadways within the Borough are being crack-filled to increase pavement life and serviceability. This is a preventive maintenance to prevent water from entering asphalt layers and creating future potholes. Cracks are inevitable and neglect leads to accelerated cracking and many long-term problems. Our Public Works Department takes great pride in maintaining safe roads for our borough residents.

Garbage Collection

Twice a week garbage ended on the last week of August. Beginning after Labor Day, September through May, pickups will be on the once-a-week schedule.

If your garbage pick-up falls on a holiday Monday or holiday Tuesday while once a week garbage is in effect, your pick up will be on Wednesday.

Please help keep Middlesex clean - **do not store garbage at the curb**. Garbage should be placed at the curb the night before pickup and empty cans removed from the curb by 8:00 PM on pick up day. Use regulation 32 gallon covered containers and do not exceed 50 pounds.

NEVER MISS ANOTHER COLLECTION DAY!
Download the FREE Recycle Coach™ app

ANDROID APP ON Google Play
Download on the App Store

Recycling

Recycling complaints and comments call 1-800-488-6242

Recycle Center Hours

- **Monday**-closed
- **Tuesday** 6am-1:45pm
- **Wednesday**-closed
- **Thursday** 11am-6:45pm
- **Friday**-closed
- **Saturday**- 7am- 2:45pm

Please download recycle coach app or login into their website for all your recycling needs.

<https://recyclecoach.com/>

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Welcome, Sally Lynch!

Our department would like to welcome **Sally Lynch** to our staff as the Administrative Secretary for Public Works . Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Phone -732-968-1603

Clerk's Office



General Election

As the November 2, 2021 General Election approaches, the Middlesex Borough Clerk's Department wants to keep all residents informed that **the last day to register to vote** in the General Election is October 12, 2021. Also, the **deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot** by mail for the General Election is October 26, 2021.

At this time, we are awaiting further information regarding this election from the Board of Elections. Please visit the 'Clerk' page on our Borough website to stay up to date on all election information as we receive it. If you have any question, feel free to contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 732-356-7400, Ext. 238.

3 Ways to VOTE:



Vote-by-mail – now!

It's the easiest and safest way to vote.



Vote early in-person.

Available from 10/23 - 10/31 at designated voting locations.



Vote in-person on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd.

Just go to your assigned voting location.



Shade Tree Information – Fall Planting

Middlesex Borough Shade Tree Commission, established in June, 1959, is responsible to maintain and protect all shade trees on Borough streets or roadway.

The Commission will begin their fall planting soon, and would like any residents that are interested in receiving a **FREE** shade tree to be planted on their right of way this fall to contact the Shade Tree Commission Secretary at 732-356-7400, Ext. 238.

Also, it is important to note that per Chapter 395 of the Borough Code, it is against the law for a resident to cut, prune, damage or disturb a Borough tree. If this is done, a summons will be issued, and fines will be imposed.

Middlesex Community Pool



Middlesex Community Pool – Summer 2021 in review

Our Summer 2021 season was a great success! From our Open House to Labor Day Weekend, it was a season of anticipation and excitement to get back to a sense of normalcy. It was a great time to get outside and enjoy all that our Pool has to offer. Everywhere we looked we saw so many smiles and saw the joy that being outside brings. We are overjoyed to share all the excitement that our Pool offers!



Members

Thank you to our members, current and new, for making this a successful Pool season! Thank you to our members for bringing your guests to enjoy our facility. We are thankful for our members for returning after last season during Covid and to all our new members that joined us!

Pool Staff

Thank you to the Pool staff that went above and beyond to keep everything running smoothly for our members and visitors.

Programs

We were able to successfully run all of our programs! A special thank you to all who participated in our wonderful, highly-regarded programs!

Swim Lessons

The Middlesex Community Pool successfully conducted four two week sessions for children swim lessons this summer. The classes were half hour lessons and class sizes did not exceed 8 participants. We taught all levels of classes from toddlers to competitive stroke improvement. In addition to the classes for children we offered



and had three sessions of adult swim lessons throughout the summer. These classes were held in the evening and the instructors provided differentiated instruction based upon the needs of the participants.

The Middlesex Community Pool was built for the purpose of providing a safe place for people to swim and to learn to swim. We are proud to continue the tradition of offering these lessons to the Pool Members as well as non pool members.

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◀ [Find the Pool on Facebook!](#)

Middlesex Community Pool



Aqua Zumba

Our Aqua Zumba program was such a big success that we added a 3rd session to our season! Thank you to our instructor, Judith, for all her hard work. Everyone should be in tip-top shape!



Synchronized Swimming Team – “Musicals”

Our Aqualytes Synchronized Swimming Team worked very hard on their routine and had a spectacular season-end performance! Congratulations to the Aqualytes!



Middlesex Community Pool

Water Wrats Swim Team

Congratulations to our Water Wrats Swim Team on a great season! Thank you to all of the coaches that worked so hard with the swimmers!

The Water Wrats Team received the following awards:

1st Place

2021 New Jersey Swim & Dive Conference
Dual Meet Season
B League Red Division

and

2nd Place

2021 New Jersey Swim & Dive Conference
B League Championships



B League Summer Swim Championships

This was our second season hosting Championships at the Middlesex Community Pool. We received many compliments from the visiting teams that they thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was wellrun and very organized. They can't wait to return to our beautiful facility in the future. Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible, we couldn't run the events without you! Thank you also to our members for your understanding during this very busy time at the Pool.

In Conclusion

Congratulations to everyone! Thank you to our members, guests, and staff that made Summer 2021 at the Middlesex Community Pool a special and successful season! We are thankful that you made us part of your Summer outdoor activity after spending such a long time indoors. Your excitement and presence this Summer helped us create a real "pool community!"



We wish everyone good health in the off-season and look forward to seeing everyone for Summer 2022!

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(Non-Emergency): 732-356-1900

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