

Middletown Village Residents' Newsletter

The Villager

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Save the Dates:

10/31 Harvest Celebration

11/9 MVCA Meeting

12/14 Holiday Social

MVCA Back in Action

By: Tom Viola, VP

This organization was established over 9 years ago; however over the past several years it was placed on a shelf. Concerned neighbors saw the need to reestablish the **Middletown Village Civic Association (MVCA)** for several reasons, especially due to the rapid growth of Middletown and the potential impact that it could have on our community. Primarily, we want to help provide a higher quality of life for the residents of Middletown Village, maintain the appearance and cleanliness of our neighborhood, develop social networks and opportunities to meet others and assure we have a voice within the town and state. Middletown Village is comprised of single family homes, twin homes, town homes and apartments totaling approximately 1200 residences. With such a large percentage of the Middletown population being concentrated within Middletown Village, we really need to be effectively represented on decisions re-

garding our neighborhood, town and community. We have the foundation and numbers, now we need your support and help.

The **MVCA** elections were held in May of 2009. At that time, we established a team of officers to represent this community through May 2010. We would like to take a moment and introduce you to that group:

William Boland - President
Tom Viola - Vice-President
Sabina Luck - Treasurer
Mashiya Williams - Secretary
Rosey Nichols - Sergeant at Arms
Angela Lafferty - Recreation & Planning Administrator

The **MVCA** meets 6:30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Appoquinimink Library. There will be signs throughout the neighborhood as a reminder of the upcoming meetings and it will also be posted on the website listed be-



low. We look forward to meeting you and, as always, the meeting is open to all residents. Any questions or concerns in the interim, please feel free to contact us at the email and/or mailing address below.

Website:
www.MiddletownVillage.org/
Email:
middletownvillage@gmail.com
Address:
MVCA
P.O. Box 524
Middletown, DE 19709

The MVCA is collecting Toys for Tots this holiday season! Please bring New, un-wrapped toys to any MVCA meeting or event or contact a MVCA officer to make a donation. Visit: www.toysfortots.org for more info.

Around Middletown

Frightland
Autumn Activities, Very Scary!
<http://www.frightland.com/>

Everett Theater
Year Round; Great Shows!
www.everetttheatre.com/

Victorian Stroll & Parade
Pony rides • Ice skating •
Reenactments • Carriage rides •
Craft and Food vendors
November 21st starts at 10am
Cochran Square

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Join us for some kid friendly activities!

Where: Doc Levinson Park

When: 10/31/09

Time: 12 - 2p Contests | Costumes | Prizes*



Rain or Shine

*While supplies last

Drawing:
12/14 @ 8p

50/50 DRAWING*

\$5/ticket

Name: _____

Address _____

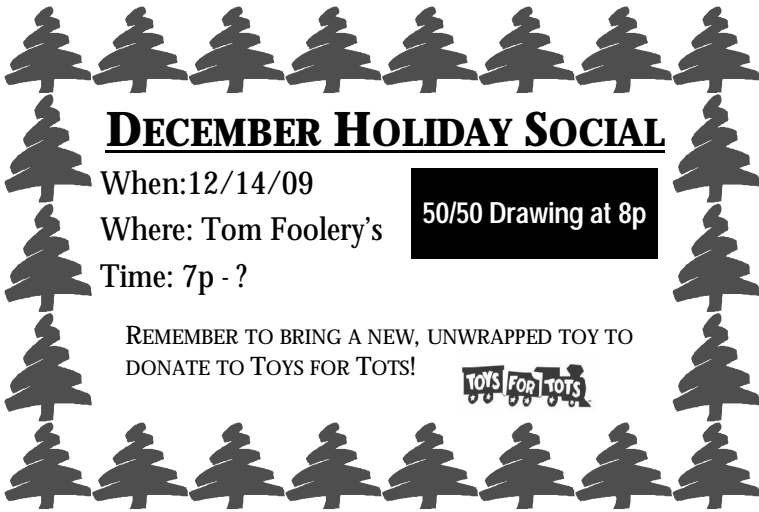
Phone: _____

eMail: _____

*Must be a Middletown Village Resident.



Cash or Check Payable
to: **MVCA**
Send to:
PO Box 524
Middletown, DE 19709
Or bring to any of our
meetings or events!



DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL

When: 12/14/09

Where: Tom Foolery's

Time: 7p - ?

50/50 Drawing at 8p

REMEMBER TO BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY TO DONATE TO TOYS FOR TOTS!



are a native Delawarean, you will find that there are common interests, backgrounds and experiences that can start as an icebreaker and develop into a friendly relationship. We encourage you to invest in your future by making an impact on Middletown Village. If you see trash, pick it up; be conscious about maintaining your lawn and home; be courteous and considerate of your neighbors, give a wave, smile or just say "Hello." There is no cost but that investment can someday become invaluable and rewarding.

building a stronger community; however, we realize that this can only be successful if we can get to know each other and socialize as a group. We are hoping to organize some social, community activities in 2010. So come check out what we have to offer, and help us help you.

MVCA has done several cleanup activities throughout the Neighborhood since May 2009. Please contact us if you would like to participate!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Doc Levinson Park:

trash detail

Gazebos on Ash Blvd.:

trash cleanup, landscape, neighborhood Rt. 301 entrance lighting

Graffiti cleanup: 3 homes, Doc Levinson Park Playground

We welcome you to attend the MVCA Meetings, not just to voice concerns, but to meet others with shared issues and also, meet and greet those in your neighborhood who you haven't met yet, and who may ultimately become a friend. Our meetings are aimed at

Pride in the Community

By: Tom Viola, VP

Q: What makes a neighborhood strong, safe and successful?

A: Community.

Webster's definition: community

1 : a unified **body** of individuals: as **a** : **STATE, COMMONWEALTH** **b** : the people with common interests living in a particular area; **broadly**: the area itself **c** : an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location **d** : a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society **e** : a group linked by a common policy

So what does this mean for Middletown Village? Everyone doing his/her part to make the community successful. Everyone who lives here, whether you own your home, own investment property or rent, has a major stake in this Neighborhood Community. This is, for many of us, the biggest financial investment in our lives, and why would we not want to maintain and increase its value as well as be a great place to call home. Whether you have children who enjoy the playground areas, made this your place of retirement, moved here from out of state, or

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Restaurant & Bar

Food, Family and Fun!

Everyday
Specials!

SAFETY CORNER

By: Rosey Nichols, Coordinator, MTVC & CWG

The Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group extend a grateful thank you to the editor and staff of *The Villager* for the invitation to contribute to this newsletter.

As the warm weather diminishes and colder temperatures become more frequent, this change presents an opportune time for homeowners to perform a seasonal change safety review. This entails testing and checking the function, batteries and backup

batteries of all home safety units such as smoke and security alarms. It is best to consult the manufacturers supplied instruction and/or manuals for each device before performing this action. In addition, emergency home evacuation instructions should be reviewed with all family members and each homeowner should make sure that their front light clearly illuminates the house number. AC and heating unit filters should also be replaced.

Daylight Savings time ends Nov.

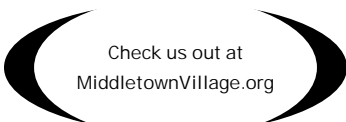
1. This is a great benchmark for checking these items.

Also, please remember to lock car doors and secure items inside. There have been some issues with items being taken out of cars throughout the neighborhood. The Middletown Police are aware of this issue and actively working on it. Whenever possible, please keep front porch light on, especially if your home is on a poorly lit section of the street and definitely on "Mischief Night" Friday 10/30.



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In unity there is strength.



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Numbers to Know

Middletown PD	302.376.9950	Middletown Fire	302.378.7799
Non-Emergency Line	302.573.2800	Appoquinimink Library	302.378.5594
DSP - Troop 9	302.378.5218	General Town Questions	302.378.2711



If it's an emergency, do not hesitate, call 9-1-1!