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We, as Jaycees are proud to offer you this "Second Edition" of the Middletown Town Guide. As the "Young Men of Action" we have given many hours of our personal time to make this informative booklet a reality. We did so because we are proud of the Community that this Guide depicts and of its residents, whose efforts are helping to make Middletown one of the outstanding communities in Connecticut.

My profound thanks go to the merchants who not only advertise in this guide, but help us to sponsor many of our annual projects, such as the Orphan's Football Game, Miss Middletown, Annual Christmas Party for the Underprivileged Children, Junior Sports Program, and participation in local community civic issues. Without their generosity and belief in our democratic way of life, we as Jaycees would be unable to carry out our Community Development activities and publication of this Guide may have been impossible. As you shop in your community, I urge you to come forward and thank these businessmen for their efforts to make ours a "better community."

I am proud of our local Jaycees' achievement and look for even better success this year. To do this, we need more young men, between the ages of 21-36, with new ideas -- YOUR IDEAS. I challenge you, as a responsible citizen of Middletown, to call me at 317-1936 and give me the opportunity to show you how you too can become a "Young Man of Action" and a "Future Leader" in your Community's activities.

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Dear Citizens of Middletown:

I congratulate the Middletown Chapter of the Jaycees for their sponsoring of this Middletown Town Guide. We are appreciative of their many acts and deeds, especially this fine undertaking. This Guide will serve as an enlightening and useful tool to the residents of our community, and will be of great assistance to visitors and newcomers to our City.

Middletown in its 320 years of existence has had a very colorful history. It has made many contributions to our society and to our country, and today to the free world through its citizenry and industry. Several of our governors have come from our community, as well as other high governmental officials.

Middletown is the largest community in Middlesex County with excellent banking, business, and mercantile establishments. The industrial complex of Middletown is diversified with a wide variety of products—jet engines, auto parts, specialized aerospace equipment, skis, and marine hardware to name a few. There are many other allied and related products made for manufacturing as well as personal use.

Work is now proceeding in the 125 acre South End Renewal Area that will revitalize the Central Business District. Work is also underway in a new Industrial Park located just off Interstate I-91 in the Westfield Section of our City. This new Park will help build the type of tax base that will be responsive to the future needs of our City.

Extensive expansion is underway in our educational system, and other vitally needed services are progressing. With the continued help of our citizens and organizations such as the Jaycees, we are sure that Middletown will always be an excellent community in which to live.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Scona
Mayor

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

History and Economic Background

Middletown was settled in 1650 and incorporated as a Town in 1651. The City and Town were consolidated in 1923 and the 1st and 2nd Taxing Districts and two School Districts were consolidated in 1959. The City covers an area of 45 square miles. It is traversed by Interstate Route 91 and State Highways Nos. 9, 17, 66, 72, 155, 157 and 217. Passenger transportation is provided by buses. Freight service is furnished by the Penn Central Railroad and various motor common carriers. Middletown is a growing residential, commercial and university community with substantial industrial resources. There are 16,870 people employed in Middletown, 11,600 of whom are residents.


In 1966 United Aircraft Corporation was the successful bidder on the former Atomic Energy Commission CANEL laboratory consisting of 1,000 acres and eighteen major buildings. American Education Publications, a division of Xerox Corp., is constructing a new editorial office building on a 20 acre site. Raymond Engineering, Inc., completed a $100,000 plant addition in 1967 and a new $400,000 plant in 1968 in Middletown. Canberra Industries has a new $500,000 manufacturing plant under construction and Harlow Products Corporation recently moved into a factory building completely renovated by Habs, Inc., at a cost of $300,000.

The Middletown Industrial Park consisting of 750 acres west of and adjacent to Interstate Route 91 is now being developed with complete utilities. North & Judd Manufacturing Co. has purchased 140 acres in this area and plans to construct a $6 million plant within the next year. Recently Standard-Knapp, a design and package machinery manufacturing division of Emhart Corporation, announced purchase of 40 acres in this park for its new home. Ingraham Hill Corp. and Union Carbide Corp. are also planning new plants in Middletown.

Middletown is an expanding retail, commercial, and service community attracting many people from surrounding towns. Retail sales have increased from $45 million in 1955, to $60 million in 1960, to $112 million in 1965 and to $175 million in 1968. The City has recognized the need for renewal and revitalization of its central area. A 6.5 acre area on Main Street has been razed and new shopping and parking facilities have been constructed. Known as the Riverside Center, its major tenants are First National Stores and Sears Roebuck & Co. Middletown is served by three savings banks, offices of Connecticut’s two largest commercial banks and a federal savings and loan association.

Wesleyan University is located in Middletown, and has embarked on a $38 million expansion project. The University has also formed the $3 million Hill Development Corporation to develop and manage the tax paying real estate of the University and to help energize the City’s urban renewal program. At present the Hill Development Corporation is developing various kinds of improved housing for people of all levels of income. They have three projects in various stages that include single and multi-family units; rental or ownership, in planned communities on over 300 acres throughout the City.

The Institute For The Future has located here and plans to construct its Eastern Headquarters in the City.

Middletown operates under a Charter first granted in 1874 and subsequently revised. The most recent revision became effective November 6, 1968. The City is governed by a Mayor and nine member Common Council. The Mayor is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City. A Sanitary District Commission, Water and Sewer Commission, and Parking Authority are all very active. A Director of Planning has been appointed.

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

| Population | 36,383 |
| Rank in State (pop.) | 19th |
| Position | 41° 30’ W. Long, 72° 38’ N. (Approx. center of State) |
| Elevation | 50-150’ above sea level (Approx.) |
| Climate | 37° |
| Ave. Temp. Oct.-March | 65° |
| Ave. Temp. April-Sept. | 50.3° |
| Precipitation | 41.1” |
| Ave. yearly total | |
| Snow | 50.3” |
| State Facilities | Connecticut Valley Hosp. |
| Libraries | Russel Library, Godfrey Library (Genealogical), Wesleyan Library |
| Hospital | Middlesex Memorial Hospital |
| Information Media | Radio WCNX, Middletown Press |
| Transportation | Two interstate bus lines; one inter city bus line and one local bus line |

Manufactured products: rubber footwear, textiles, marine hardware, power tools, paper boxes, brake linings, clutch facings, patterns, automobile brake parts, typewriter ribbons and carbon paper, commercial furniture, ultra precision electronic recorders, electronic meters and components, tools and dies, and chemicals.

ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor: (2 years)
Chief executive officer of the City and except as otherwise provided by law, a voting member of all boards, agencies and commissions appointed by him.

Common Council: (9) (2 years)

The legislative body of the City. Has the power to make by-laws and ordinances; to levy taxes, regulate the borrowing of money by the city, adopt a budget for each fiscal year and to authorize the issue of bonds or notes and the appropriation of funds. The Council is also authorized to fix salary and compensation for all elected officials and shall have the power of subpoena and investigation.
Selectman: (3) years
Serve on Board of Admissions of Electors and as “Fence Viewers” of boundaries.

Treasurer: (2 years)
City Treasurer shall be responsible for the custody and disbursement of city funds and money. He shall deposit daily all receipts in such banks as shall be designated as city depositories by the Common Council; and he shall have and exercise all the powers and duties prescribed for treasurers of towns and cities by the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Judge of Probate: (4 years)
Settles estates of deceased citizens, appoints guardians and conservators, reviews commitments to institutions.

Board of Tax Review: (2 years)
Hears appeals on property assessments.

Board of Education: (10) (3 years)
Determines policies in educational programs; prepares school budget and controls amount allotted by said Board; employs superintendent, teachers and school employees; is responsible for children’s school health program, for care and management of buildings and grounds used for school purposes.

Constables: (6) (2 years)
Serve civil writs and preserve peace.

Registrar of Voters: (2) (2 years)
Keep official records of registered voters, file party lists with Town and City Clerk, administer elections.

Justices of the Peace: (32) (2 years)
Power of Notary Public, perform marriages.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Finance Director:
Finance officer of the city; all bills and checks sent out from this office draws orders on Treasury for Disbursements.

City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney: (2 years)
Legal Advisor for City; protects rights and interests of town in all actions and suits.

City Clerk:
The Clerk of the Common Council and also the Town Clerk.

Planning and Development Coordinator:
Coordinates overall Planning and Redevelopment. Considers eligibility for state and Federal programs in Redevelopment, open spaces and other programs.

City Planner:
Prepares zoning ordinances and a master plan for the development of the City of Middletown.

Director of Redevelopment:
Involved with all phases of redevelopment, including the coordination of federal, state and local funds, real estate acquisition and development and relocation of residents.

Health Director:
Administrative Head of Public Health Dept., Executive Secretary of Health Board. Must be a physician with a degree in public health.

Executive Director Housing Authority:
Administrative Head of Housing Authority and Housing Projects.

Superintendent of Park Dept:
Is in charge of all city parks. Is also in charge of maintenance and transfer of workload in the Department.

Recreation Director:
Is in charge of all city recreational activities.

Police Chief:
Head of Police Department; supervises police force; acts in civil procedures as City Sheriff (under supervision of Police Commission).

Director of Public Works:
Head of Public Works Department. Must be trained engineer; supervises departments of highways, sanitation and engineering; serves as building inspector.

Director of Water and Sewer Department:
Head of Water and Sewer Department. Supervises and is responsible for installation and maintenance of all water and sewage facilities.

Superintendent of Schools:
Supervises total school program for Board of Education.

Tax Assessor:
Compiles Grand Lists; reassesses property; determines property values, etc. Collects taxes due to city; responsible for collection of delinquent taxes.

Tree Warden:
Remove any tree or shrub when a hazard to public safety or when hosts to injurious fungus, pests or insects.

Other Appointed Officials:
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The Middletown Police Department serves a territory larger than Manhattan Island. For Police operating efficiency, the city, at present, is divided into four patrol districts with a radio car assigned to each district. Future plans include dividing the city into smaller districts, to provide better police coverage to meet the growing demand for better patrols to enforce motor vehicle laws, curb vandalism, and breaking and entering complaints. At present, the Department is divided into four divisions — Communications, Complaints, Record Division, Detective Division (Juveniles), and Uniform Patrol.

The department consists of nineteen staffing officers, forty-six police men, one police maid, seventeen schoolguards, twenty active supernumeraries, and fifteen auxiliary police officers. It is equipped with nine police cruisers and one van truck, also a motorcycle for meter patrol. It is hoped that two additional cruisers can be added to be assigned to a motor vehicle accident investigation unit. Two motor scooters are also added. Other equipment in the department includes a Motorola Console Radio Unit, teletype unit, and a hot line connected with other departments.

Patrolmen assigned to foot beats are now equipped with walkie-talkies, which enables them to be in contact with Police Headquarters at all times.

Plans for the future also include the idea of taping police reports from call boxes and additional personnel to transcribe and type reports for the officers. This will allow officers to spend more time in the field.

A number of men have graduated or are attending the Municipal Police Training School. Other men are attending community colleges. Each year, all members of the department must attend a retraining school. Lectures are given by members of the F.B.I. and other agencies.
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**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The Middletown Water and Sewer Department, which has jurisdiction over water and sewer facilities, is currently at various stages of implementation for the following projects:

Extension of a 20 inch water main to the I-91 Industrial Area.

Installation of a sanitary sewer interceptor line to service the I-91 Industrial Area which will be connected to the Mattabassett Sewer Line.

Interceptor sewer lines off Newfield Street to provide sanitary sewer service for that area. This will eliminate two pumping stations and a small sewer treatment plant.

Expansion and modernization of the present primary sewage treatment plant near East Main Street and Route 9.

The separation of storm and sanitary sewers in the inner core city, in conjunction with the Redevelopment Agency. These major sewer projects will be eligible for Federal and State grants since they will serve to eliminate pollution of local streams and the Connecticut River.

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MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Middletown is divided into three independent fire districts each with its own fire department. The residents of the city are taxed only for the fire protection in their own district.

The Middletown Fire Department covers an area of approximately ten square miles. This includes the central business district and the south west section of Middletown. This department, headed by chief J. Franklyn Dunn, consists of a staff of 30 regular men and one hundred and forty volunteers in four volunteer companies.

The City Department has four pump trucks, two hook and ladders, four jeeps and two emergency trucks as well as an amphibious vehicle for duty on the Connecticut river. The Main headquarters is located on Main street. The Fire Commission, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Department, is appointed by the Mayor from the members of the common council.

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT

The South Fire District of the City of Middletown is responsible for Fire Protection in an area of 25 square miles in the South and South-east section of Middletown.

The Department traces its history back to 1915, when as the Russell Fire Brigade, it was organized by Rusco employees primarily to fight fires at the Russell Manufacturing Company. Gradually the role of the brigade expanded and in 1930 a Protective Association was formed for the South District. This Association continued until 1957 as the fire fighting force supported solely by voluntary donations. In that year, a referendum was held in which the residents of the South District voted to form an independent Fire District, financed by a separate fire tax. A five-man Commission was set up.

The Department, headed by Chief Michael P. Milardo, also has five full-time paid men and fifty Volunteer Firemen. It has three grade A pumps, two jeeps, station wagon and a fiberglass boat (used in drowning accidents). A one hundred foot aerial ladder truck is in order and should be available by August 1970. One piece of apparatus is at the East Main St. station, adjacent to Russell Division of the H. K. Porter Co., Inc. All other equipment is housed at the new Headquarters Building on Randolph Road.

WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

The Westfield Volunteer Fire Company was founded in 1930 by the Rev. David Yale, a former minister of the Third Congregational Church. The original firehouse was a garage on the Addis Farm on Smith Street. In 1939 the present firehouse on Miner Street was built by the firemen, sponsored by voluntary contributions and a small allotment from the City of Middletown. In 1952 the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department was formed and in 1958 the firehouse was expanded to house additional equipment which now consists of three trucks. The Department has been issued the latest foam fire fighting equipment and all volunteers are equipped with a home warning device that enables the men to be called in a matter of minutes. Equipment also includes, One Class A Pump, one 1250 gal. Tank Truck Pumper, one emergency unit equipped with portable generator, pumps and all emergency lights and equipment.

In 1961, through an act of the Legislature, the Westfield Fire District was formed. The District covers approximately nine square miles from Camp Street on the east to the Meriden and Berlin lines. In this area there are 940 families and over $12,000,000 in property. Due to the rapid expansion in the Westfield area and the new I 91 industrial zone, the Fire Company has purchased a new Class A Pump which will be delivered in the spring of 1970. The Volunteers are also responsible for fighting fires on 4.7 miles of I 91. The Department, headed by Chief William Lawrence has an active list of fifty firemen.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works is an important area of government in the City of Middletown and has many functions. Its divisions are Street and Highway, Engineering, Garage, Equipment Maintenance, Building Permits and Inspections, Refuse Collection in the Sanitary Disposal District, Traffic-Paint and the Parking Arcade operation.

While much of the Public Works operation includes street repair and improvement, snow removal, and the establishment of street lines and grades, the Department does act as a consulting and reviewing agent for all the physical programming, development, and planning that is such an integral part of the municipal governmental structure.

Over the past 20 years many improvements have been made. Numerous streets have been widened and paved with curbing installed, miles of storm sewer have been installed throughout the City, unimproved roads have been improved, and engineering data has been updated. The department has played a very large part in the development of the City Park system and the Riverfront Area, and is responsible for the Spring Cleanup Program begun three years ago and carried out in May of each year. The Department has expanded its Tree Removal Program, initiated a tree planting service, and developed City parking areas. The public school parking areas have also been largely the work of this Department.

The City Street Lighting Program has been greatly enlarged. The building permit fee system has been updated; and receipts from this Division, which amounted to $15,000 per year two years ago, are now in the vicinity of $75,000 annually. In addition, a plumbing and electrical inspector have been added to the staff.

The Department of Public Works looks forward to even greater involvement in a rapidly developing Middletown. It will play a large part in the redevelopment of the urban area, particularly as it relates to street relocation and improvement and to the separation of storm and sanitary sewers. The development of the I-91 Industrial Area will be largely the responsibility of the Public Works Department as will the planning, in conjunction with the State Highway Department, for the proposed Country Club Road access to Interstate 91.
HOSPITAL & HEALTH FACILITIES

Middlesex Memorial Hospital was established in 1904. A general, non-profit institution, it is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Its present capacity of 254 beds will be increased to 405 beds (ninth largest hospital in Connecticut) on completion of the $12 million expansion program in December 1970. Long-range plans are to expand the hospital to a campus-type health center encompassing all services of health related agencies to assure total comprehensive health care.

Now affiliated with the University of Connecticut Medical School, newest health complex in the state, Middlesex Memorial combines the clinical experiences of an expanding hospital with the broad educational facilities of the University. The affiliation provides rare learning opportunities for physicians on the hospital staff, stimulates high quality medicine and patient care, and encourages additional doctors to move into the community for the ultimate benefit of all patients in knowledge and service.

Educational and career programs at Middlesex include approved schools of Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Medical Technology, a 12-month course for Licensed Practical Nurses, seven internships and two 4-year Residencies in Pathology. Additional in-service training programs also offer excellent career opportunities.

The professional staff at Middlesex Memorial numbers approximately 125 physicians and surgeons, and about 25 dentists. Full around-the-clock coverage is available in the Emergency Room staffed by a team of competent doctors. The hospital also offers clinics for Tumor, Pre-Natal patients, Cardiac, an EEG clinic, Rehabilitation Department, Psychiatric Clinic and a Social Service Department. A Cobalt unit is included in the new wing now under construction.
THE JAYCEE STORY

The Middletown Jaycees, formerly the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is one of 5,700 such organizations located in every state and territory of the union. Fifty local Jaycees share their interest in civic activity with more than 260,000 other young men between the ages of 21 and 36. There are no restrictions on membership. In fact, many young men become members of the Jaycees simply by asking a friend who is a member for an application card. The national membership of the Jaycees is about evenly split between the so-called “white” and “blue-collar” workers, and between urban and suburban areas. Thirteen percent of the members live in rural areas. No matter what job these young men hold, no matter where they live, all are united in their practice of the belief that young men can best achieve leadership training through service to their community. Accordingly, Jaycees are involved in many projects. At one time or another, somewhere in America, Jaycees have probably taken part in every conceivable kind of civic project and done everything imaginable for their communities or states. Governor George Romney credited the Michigan Jaycees and the League of Women Voters for giving him the strong support necessary to sell a new and badly needed constitution to the voters of Michigan. The New Orleans Jaycees were largely responsible for their city's decision in 1963 to undertake a massive Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine program in which nearly three million doses of vaccine were administered. New Orleans had no polio the following year. During the summer of 1965, the Jerome, Idaho Jaycees promoted and managed the construction of a 3300 ft. asphalt runway and other airport facilities thereby providing the small town with additional facilities, increased revenue, and an excellent landing strip. The Maryland Jaycees convinced the state legislature that it should spend $18 million on a new mental health program; while the New Jersey Jaycees spearheaded a group which defeated a $750 million bond issue that they believed to be a poor solution to a highway problem.

There are many other programs in which Jaycees are involved. The Middletown Jaycees in June sponsored their annual Junior Champ tournament for youngsters aged 8 to 18. This is a program of track and field events held for the youth of the Middletown area. Each year we honor the most outstanding young man in Greater Middletown with the Distinguished Service Award in an attempt to give some degree of recognition to those young men who are giving of themselves for their communities. In February, 1965, Sen. Abraham Ribicoff spoke at the dinner held in McConaughy Hall at which Ray Dziolko received the award in a close competition with Prof. Ed. Beckham and Atty. Sal Mazzotta. In April, 1966, the Middletown Jaycees hosted a banquet at which the “Three Outstanding Men in Connecticut” were honored. Governor Dempsey spoke and presented the awards.

The Jaycees offers many advantages to an ambitious young man. Young men are quite often unsure of themselves particularly if given sudden large responsibility. We believe that the Jaycees has much to recommend it to an employer who has young employees. Taking charge of a committee or a project and guiding it through hard and good times to a successful conclusion is invaluable training. A young man is seldom allowed to obtain similar training in other civic organizations composed of older men. As a committee man, project chairman, director, or officer of the organization there will be many opportunities to learn the techniques of and to practice public speaking — not “public talking” — but persuasive speaking.

As a direct result of learning to follow, lead, administer, and speak in public, coupled with poise gained through social activities and knowledge of committee technique; the young man gains confidence, many new friends, and the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the Middletown Community.

Daniel B. Geary
Middletown Jaycees
Housing

Adding to the housing supply in rapidly growing Middletown is one of the community's most pressing concerns. The natural environment with its gentle rolling hills has provided a setting for delightfully human scale enclaves of single family dwellings. The high quality of maintenance that is a characteristic of older homes as well as those constructed more recently is a tribute to the caliber of the City's citizens and their pride in home ownership.

Multi-family dwellings, such as apartment houses, have not been a traditional form of housing in this residential community. However, new economic growth and the resultant population increase has created the need for greater diversity in available dwelling unit types. For that reason entrepreneurs in the field of multi-family housing have been attracted to the community and a significant number of projects have added and will continue to add apartment units to the housing supply.

City zoning regulations have recently been amended to encourage innovation in the design, arrangement, and constructions of housing. Wesleyan Hills, a planned residential development, is the initial product of the new developmental opportunity. The Wesleyan Hills development will include many different dwelling choices ranging from single homes in cluster settings, traditional lot by lot homes, condominium apartments, to town house and garden apartments all arranged in a natural setting with ample undeveloped community open spaces.

Additional developers are expected to respond to the opportunity to provide well designed housing, at a reasonable variety of economic levels, in carefully preserved natural settings for the City's growing population.

Governmental programs have also provided certain types of housing units geared to meet the needs of special groups of citizens. For example a housing building for elderly citizens is now in the planning stage. The downtown location together with the handsome design of the proposed structure will add even greater variety to the stimulating housing picture in Middletown.
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Economic and Community Development are the directives for the Greater Middletown Chamber of Commerce in 1970.

Encompassed under the Chamber’s Economic Development Program are the Middletown Industrial Development Corp., Greater Middletown Community Corporation and the Retail Trade Bureau.

The Greater Middletown Community Corp. is a non-profit housing corporation originated in 1967 by six local organizations including the Chamber.

The pilot project of the non-profit housing corporation was Wadsworth Grove Homes, a 45 unit cooperative, built on land donated by the St. John’s Church Corp. The moderate-income development was financed by a 3% F.H.A. loan and $10,000 local seed money. Wadsworth Grove was ready for occupancy in October, 1969.

The corporation, stimulated by a revolving $1 million low interest loan from Wesleyan University, is presently involved in presenting a low-income “Turnkey” housing project involving the Middletown Housing Authority and H.U.D. The design is for 50 units and will include townhouse and quadplex units.

Negotiations are expected to begin soon on two other similar projects for smaller surrounding towns, who are interested in using the GMCC as a “Packaging Agent”.

The GMCC is also involved in an “in-depth” housing study of Middletown in order to ascertain future needs and projects. The corporation plans to become involved in initiating recreational, educational, and social programs which will serve nearly 200 families.

Middletown Industrial Development Corporation, the industrial arm of the Chamber of Commerce, recently announced that Standard-Knapp, a division of the Emhart Corp., after two years of steady negotiation, signed a contract with MIDC and the City to locate in Middletown within the next two to three years. The initial 300,000 sq. ft. building will be erected on a 40 acre parcel of land in the I-91 industrial area. The land was sold to Emhart by MIDC. Standard-Knapp investigated sites in Portland, Cromwell, Rocky Hill and Meriden before a decision to locate in Middletown was made.

North of the newly acquired site, the North & Judd Company purchased 140 acres from MIDC in 1968. It has been reported that within 2 years North & Judd will centralize its manufacturing operations in one 500,000 sq. ft. facility at the I-91 location.

The City has agreed to supply the area with water and disposal service, relocate Smith Street, build an access from Smith Street to the plant and eventually build a connector from the site to an I-91 interchange. The Municipal investment, the largest on record, is estimated at $250,000.

The Retail Trade Bureau, the merchants, division of the Chamber, sponsors various city-wide promotions including two “Middletown Days”. In addition to promotional activities, the Retail Trade Bureau is currently working with the Mayor’s Committee to resolve parking and traffic flow.

A paramount Urban Improvement Program, under the Community Development Division, was undertaken in 1968 by the Chamber. The projects currently under study are the revitalization of the Middlesex Theatre, North End Study, Promotion Fund, Transportation Center and Waterfront proposals. Chamber sub-committee have written white papers on the subjects and meeting on a regularly scheduled monthly basis with the Development Committee of the Common Council on the feasibility and priority of the projects. The studies range from suggested renovation, new construction, problem-solving techniques and long and short range planning.
EDUCATION

The Middletown Public Schools are playing their part in the forward movement that is evident throughout the City of Middletown. This movement embraces the construction and alteration of buildings and programs of study and will lead to an improved education for all pupils enrolled in the schools.

In the area of school construction there are additions being made to the Biefield, Snow, and Macdonough Elementary Schools; there are two new elementary schools in the preliminary design phase; and the Board of Education has approved educational specifications for a new 1,200 pupil high school which was accepted at a recent referendum. In the planning stage is a new middle school for the Westfield area and an addition/alteration project for the present Woodrow Wilson High School.

The program of study at all levels, elementary, middle and high school is being revised and up-graded. The high schools are adding elective courses to their curriculum and making available a more comprehensive academic and activity program for all the pupils. The elementary schools continue with i/t/a, programmed reading, and other "pilot" programs while the middle schools expand their foreign language offerings. Throughout the school system, the faculty and administration are using the resources of the community to strengthen the educational processes and the expanding relationship with Wesleyan University makes available to the public schools the considerable reservoir of talent and facilities of this excellent institution of higher learning. A favorable class size throughout the system aids in the development of new programs and the expansion of existing ones.

An ever-increasing number of people seek to gain employment in the Middletown schools because of improved salary schedules and because the school system is gaining a reputation for progress in areas vital to modern education. The future of public education in Middletown is indeed very bright.

In addition to the public school system, Middletown is the home of Vinal Regional Technical School, a state school, and Xavier and Mercy High Schools which are operated by the Catholic Xaverian Brothers and Sisters of Mercy respectively.

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WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Wesleyan University, founded in 1831, is situated on a hill a few blocks west of the main business district. Its enrollment includes 1,350 students drawn from all sections of the United States and 30 foreign countries. Among its 250 full-time faculty members are a number of scientists, writers and scholars of national repute. Two other important resources of the University are a library with more than 600,000 catalogued volumes and investment funds of more than $175 million.

Although originally founded by Methodist churchmen, the University has been non-denominational for many years and its students, selected from a broad group of very able applicants, come from diverse religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. For nearly 60 years the undergraduate student body was all male but the University has begun to accept women students and will be fully coeducational within a few years.

Wesleyan has a long tradition of experiment and innovation in education, and its undergraduate programs are marked by a heavy emphasis on independent study. On the graduate level, the main features are five doctoral programs in World Music, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics and two teacher-training programs, Master of Arts in Teaching and Graduate Summer School for Teachers.

Wesleyan students have long been active in the community, tutoring underprivileged children and working as volunteers in a variety of services. The University itself has been very active in recent years, cooperating in several ways in renewal programs, making low-interest loan funds available to assist housing and neighborhood improvement, and sharing some of its resources with the public schools and Middlesex Community College.

Many University events in Music, Theater and Art and some lectures are open to the public.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Middlesex Community College, founded in 1966, is part of the state Community College system. Its 1000 commuting students come primarily from the mid-state region. The main headquarters for the college is located at the Woodrow Wilson High School. It is expected, however, that the college will soon have its own campus, and plans are being made for a permanent college that will serve the needs of 3000 students.

Middlesex Community College provides two year liberal arts programs for those students wishing to transfer to institutions of higher learning, and for semi-professional training in a variety of professions. It provides continuing education courses for adults of all ages. In addition, it will offer a variety of community services.

Licensed and accredited by the State of Connecticut, it has transferred its students to eighty-five institutions of higher learning in three years. It takes pride in the excellence of its faculty, in its imaginative approach to the new in education, and the personal attention given its students.
ARTS AND RECREATION

The Middlesex Alliance for the Arts, an organization formed in April 1968 to promote and coordinate the many and varied cultural events in the Middletown area, sponsored Festival ONE, a week-long celebration of the many art resources of the community in May of 1969. The events highlighted ranged from a Javanese Gamelan concert to Shakespeare al fresco; storytelling for the children with guitar accompaniment to a jazz band concert on the riverboat Dolly Madison; nine shows from amateur to professional including many of the renowned artists of our community; and a day-long craft show on the Green. There were several choral concerts; Circle Theater with two one-act plays; a rock concert for the young people and a foreign film festival at a local theater. The Upward Bound students presented “Edufa” by the African playwright Sutherland. Even a cricket match, balloon ascensions and bagpipes added to the festivities.

Although Festival ONE brought many events together in one period of time, there are many more that flourish throughout the year. The Alliance takes great pleasure in listing a sampling of these for you.

Circle Theater

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Membership in the Alliance is open to any individual or organization in the Middlesex area interested in supporting the arts. For further information write Middlesex Alliance for the Arts, Box 717, Middletown, Ct. 06457 or call 347-4478 or 267-9066.

RENEWAL AND REDEVELOPMENT
Middletown’s Renewal plan is designed to achieve a variety of social, economic and physical objectives.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES:
The fundamental social objective is to provide quality housing to the area’s residents and to alleviate the problems of housing for low and moderate income families. It is intended to provide such housing in the project area, so as to raise the quality of living in addition to merely provide adequate shelter. These will include open space and recreation areas, parking facilities, street improvements and where necessary, neighborhood shopping facilities. One of the great opportunities urban renewal offers a community is that of improving the living conditions of families in blighted neighborhoods. Relocation, which is a vital concern and a sensitive process, is not an obstacle to renewal, but is one of its chief goals. It would be a weak excuse if poor housing were permitted simply because the inhabitants find it difficult to move.

In addition to meeting relocation needs, there will be included in the provision of housing for low and moderate income families, housing for the elderly, designed for easy access to all of downtown’s facilities and institutions, and married student housing, easily accessible to the University. The housing will be designed to be an integral part of the community, rather than a part from it.

The plan also proposes to accommodate the expansion or relocation of downtown institutions. This includes plans for church and synagogue expansion, YMCA expansion, provision of expanded medical facilities, parking for downtown institutions, adequate post office facilities, and library expansion. There also has been considerable enthusiasm expressed for the retention and

renovation of the old Middlesex Theater as a major landmark and a source of community pride.

ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES:
The renewal project is designed to realize three key economic objectives. First, the cost of carrying out the project is within the City’s means, even though it is an ambitious project by any standards. Second, it will raise the local level of economic activity, and third, it will increase tax revenues from the project area and from neighboring areas as well.

The cost for carrying out the project is shared between the Federal, State and City Governments. The Federal Government will pay approximately three-quarters of the net cost of the project, and the State and the City will share the remaining one-quarter of the net project cost.

There are several ways the City may provide the local share of the project cost. The obvious way is with hard cold cash. The City would not easily afford to undertake a project of this magnitude if it had to raise the local share in this manner. Another alternative is to apply some of the costs of municipal services and facilities which would be provided in support of the project. These “non-cash” contributions are used to offset the cash which the City must use toward the project. A third alternative which is permitted under renewal law is what is often referred to as “112 credits”. This refers to a section of the act which permits a municipality to enter into a cooperation agreement with a university so that certain costs incurred by the university as part of its own expansion program may be credited towards the City’s share of a renewal program.

The opportunity for this type of arrangement exists in Middletown between the City and Wesleyan University, and due to Wesleyan’s major expansion program, considerable credits can accrue to the City to offset its share of the project cost.

The project area will provide an opportunity for new investment and reinvestment by Middletown’s businesses. It is the intent of the project to provide an attractive setting for modern, efficient commercial facilities which are easily accessible and provide adequate parking. Considerable interest has been shown by local merchants in downtown investment. In addition, a downtown Inn which has been discussed for so many years is expected to finally become a reality. The project area will also make provision for new office space. There will also be attractive opportunities designed to draw new business to the City.

PHYSICAL OBJECTIVES:
The purpose of the project is to structure a downtown which is efficient as well as attractive. The basic ingredients of an exciting and attractive downtown are already there. It will be our job to carry out a plan which will display each component to its best advantage, and to unite these in a mutually advantageous manner.

Middletown is a City which is blessed with a wide, proud Main Street and which is bordered on one side by a beautiful River, and on the other by a handsome campus.

How many cities have anything remotely comparable?

Renewal offers Middletown the opportunity to highlight these three basic components so that together they form the most exciting downtown complex in the East. This would be supported with programs for landscaping and beautification as well as for new sewers, streets and utilities.

A street system is designed that will facilitate access and egress to downtown, and which will be supported with adequate and properly located parking facilities. Many of downtown’s existing institutional structures, such as the churches and the Historical Society will provide the scale and tone of new design.
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To meet this responsibility, Middletown has embarked upon an urban renewal program which will revitalize the downtown area.

In addition to meeting the needs of our residents, downtown renewal offers us the opportunity to draw together downtown Middletown’s three major assets—the scenic Connecticut River, the wide Main Street, and Wesleyan University. A riverfront park and a shopping mall are planned to connect Main Street with the River, and the coordinated development of housing will strengthen the ties between Main Street and the campus. By drawing together these three assets the center of the City will become the pride of the Community, and a focal point for Connecticut.

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SERVICES: With the supervision of a social worker, the Big Brothers give boys friendship and guidance by spending time with them on a one-to-one basis. A social worker is available to counsel the Little Brother’s family.

ELIGIBILITY: Boys ages 8 to 17.

PROCEDURE: Little Brothers may be referred by schools, courts, social agencies, clergy, relatives or friends. Big Brothers may volunteer and after being screened by the membership committee may participate in the program.

Board of Education and Services for the Blind  
170 Ridge Road, Wethersfield  
249-8525  
SERVICES: The Division of Children’s Services is responsible for the education of blind children, and for services for pre-school children in the form of advanced training and guidance for parents.

The Division of Adult Services is responsible for home education and home industry for the shut-in blind, and planning of leisure time and recreational activities for adults.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Division conducts a Federal-State program for counseling and guidance of the adult blind and provides training opportunities which will eventually lead to gainful employment.

ELIGIBILITY: Any resident of Connecticut who is blind or has a severe visual handicap.

Boy Scouts of America, Middlesex County Council, Inc.  
27 Washington Street, Middletown  
347-2563  
SERVICES: Recreational and educational programs are offered for boys 8 - 10 (Cub Scouting); 11 - 17 (Boy Scouts) and 14 - 17 (Explorers).

ELIGIBILITY: Boys in the Middlesex County; girls may join the Explorer program with parental permission and authorization of the Explorer Post’s sponsoring organization; adult leaders must be at least 21, and assistant leaders, 18. Women may register as Den Mothers, Den Leader Coaches, or as part of the Women’s Reserve.


C.D.A.P. – See Community Development Action Plan Agency

Catholic Charities, Middletown District  
33 St. John’s Square, Middletown  
346-9611  
Catholic Charities is a private, voluntary organization which provides casework services to families and individuals.

SERVICES: Marriage and family counseling; placement services for children into licensed foster homes and specialized institutions; financial and medical assistance and counseling for unwed mothers; counseling for couples interested in adoption; and approval for foster homes.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in Middlesex County and Marlborough.

Central Connecticut Regional Center  
c/o Undercliff Hospital, Meriden  
Local Office: Court Street, Middletown  
238-2391  
346-7033  
The Central Connecticut Regional Center, administered by the State Office of Mental Retardation, serves as a comprehensive health center for retarded persons and their families. It is primarily concerned with child development and social problems related to health and education, and provides many of its services in the setting of other community agencies.

SERVICES: For residents of the Midstate Region, the Center offers counseling for retarded persons and their families; referral to schools for education and training; diagnostic services; and coordination of services and consultation to the Middlesex Association for Retarded Children.

ELIGIBILITY: Although the Center’s program is geared toward the mentally retarded, persons with other handicaps may also use the services.

Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County  
663 Main Street, Middletown  
347-4601  
SERVICES: Provision of transportation to the Newington and other hospitals; partial financial aid for equipment, such as braces, wheelchairs, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: A Cerebral palsy victim with a doctor’s certification.

Child Abuse – See Citizens’ Task Force on Child Abuse

Children’s Home  
Missionary Road, Cromwell  
347-0233  
The Children’s Home is a privately operated residence for neglected and dependent children. The East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America is affiliated with the home licensed for 40 children.

SERVICES: The residential home is open all year and provides residential care and social casework for the children; recreation and social activities; reading tutorials, medical services and services to families are also available. The children attend public school and are cared for by the counselors at the Home.

ELIGIBILITY: Neglected and dependent children; boys ages 6 through 12 are admitted and may stay through high school; girls ages 6 through 13 live at the Home. Children must be able to attend public school.

FEE: The fee is based on a sliding scale according to ability to pay.
Citizens' Task Force on Child Abuse
11 Lakeview St., E. Hampton – Mrs. Benny Anderson
267-4726

The CTFCA is composed of a group of citizens and professionals who directly or indirectly are specifically interested in the problem of child abuse. It is the purpose of this task force to study the present mechanisms of management of child abuse and neglect in this State and, where appropriate, to make recommendations for improvement in legislation, communications, and education, and to achieve in the implementation of present or future statutes and regulations. It is hoped that by these endeavors child abuse and neglect may be more satisfactorily managed and expeditiously resolved.

Community Action For Greater Middletown, Inc. (CAGM) 347-4465
243 Main Street, Middletown

CAGM is a private, non-profit corporation established to try and overcome the causes and consequences of poverty in the Greater Middletown area. CAGM operates with federal, state, and local funds.

It aids community groups in planning and implementing anti-poverty programs. This process includes the research of community needs, application for funds for specific programs, staff supervision, coordination of all programs, funded through CAGM, and evaluation of the programs.

SERVICES: The following are funded and/or administered by CAGM.

DAY CARE CENTERS
See Greater Middletown Head Start Child Development Center. Additional day care centers, to aid in child development, are projected for the future. See Day Care Centers.

DRUG ABUSE – Educational information is available at CAGM.

ELDERLY SERVICES
In cooperation with the Senior Affairs Commission this service provides information and referrals for senior citizens. Included in these services are medicare and social security information. See Middletown Senior Center.

FAMILY PLANNING
See District Nurses Association

GREATER MIDDLETOWN TUTORIAL PROGRAM

HEAD START SUMMER PROGRAM

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COUNSELING 346-8618
Rev. Lorenzo Woods
100 Riverview Center, Middletown
The Opportunities Counselor provides counseling to lower income area residents that are being displaced because of redevelopment; information through the counselor, is also available concerning second mortgages.

MANPOWER COMPONENT OF COMMUNITY ACTION FOR GREATER MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEGAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Under the direction of Mr. David Smith, this program operates in the summer for teenage youths. A constructive program of renovation and cleaning up of city areas and parks is carried out by the teenagers.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

TEENAGE ORGANIZATION FOR PRODUCTIVE SERVICES (TOPS)

UPWARD BOUND

Community Development Action Plan Agency 347-4671
Municipal Bldg., Middletown Ext. 10

SERVICES: The Community Development Action Plan is drawn up by a community setting forth actions which will help solve municipal problems and needs. During a two year period the community examines problems, and makes a list of things that can be done to solve as many of them as possible. The timetable of things to be done itself becomes the basis of the CDAP. Areas of concern are as follows: education, housing, health, recreation, social services, economic development, public utilities and services, public safety, transportation and circulation, culture, interpersonal communication, and general municipal government.

Community Psychiatric Clinic of the Middlesex Memorial Hospital 347-2531

SERVICES: The clinic is a multipurpose clinic which is hospital-based, but community-oriented. A multidisciplinary staff offers a broad range of services including the evaluation diagnosis and treatment of ordinary psychiatric disorders; evaluation and consultation regarding educational problems in children, and evaluation, diagnosis and consultation regarding mentally retarded children. Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Mon. - Fri. Tues: 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

FEES: The fee is on a sliding scale according to a patient’s ability to pay. Specifically, no patient is rejected because of an inability to pay.

Community Resource Development
Middlesex Extension Center
Saybrook Road, Haddam – See Middlesex Extension Center

Confrontation Series
South Congregational Church
9 Pleasant Street, Middletown

346-6528

The Confrontation Series is a weekly gathering of residents of Middletown and surrounding towns to discuss community problems in a candid manner. City officials and civic leaders are often invited as special guests to discuss problems and proposals for specific community issues. Anyone may attend the meetings which are held Thursday evenings at 8:00.

Conn. Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities 566-3350
90 Washington St. Hartford

The Commission is a state agency which administers the Fair Employment Practices and Public Accommodations Statutes. In addition, it conducts research and educational programs in the area of civil rights.
SERVICES: 1) Complaint procedure: Anyone who believes he has been discriminated against may file a complaint with the Commission in writing. No publicity is given a complaint unless it reaches the Public Hearing state. 2) Education: This division is responsible for planning and execution of the Commission’s programs to promote intergroup understanding through conferences, workshops, and seminars. 3) Resources and Opportunities: This division encourages programs to increase opportunities in the areas of housing, education, employment, and social and economic services for minority groups. 4) Research: Studies on particular problems in intergroup relations are carried out by this division.

ELIGIBILITY: Any resident of Connecticut may use the services of the Commission.

Conn. Heart Association, Inc. Central Chapter
80 South Main St., Middletown
346-8515

The Heart Association helps reduce premature death and disability caused by heart diseases through research, education and community services.

SERVICES: Rapid Strep reporting of throat culture; financial assistance for medications in the control of Rheumatic Heart Disease; and participation in the prevention of Risk Factors of Heart Disease.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Middlesex Cty., Meriden and New Britain area.

The Conn. Institute for the Blind
242-2274
Oak Hill School
120 Holcomb Street, Hartford

The Conn. Institute for the Blind is a privately operated non-profit organization providing an educational program for blind children.

SERVICES: Maintains a residential and day school for legally blind children, from kindergarten through high school. Also conducts a summer program for visually handicapped children and adults at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, Conn.

ELIGIBILITY: Any child between the ages of 5 and 21 whose vision, after correction, does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye and whose mental and physical condition permits him to benefit from a school situation is eligible. Blind children with additional handicaps are also accepted.

FEE: The school provides education, training room and board free.

APPLICATION: Application may be made directly to the Social Service Department, Oak Hill School, 120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Conn. 06112.

Conn. School For Boys
237-8835
294 Colony Street, Meriden, state residential institution for delinquent boys.

Connecticut Valley Hospital
347-5651
Middletown

Connecticut Valley Hospital is a state mental hospital serving residents from over forty towns in the central (from east to west) portions of the state. The functions of the Hospital are threefold: diagnosis and treatment of mentally and emotionally disturbed people in order that they may be returned to the community as soon as possible; education both for the community and for the professional staff within the Hospital; and research.

As a diagnostic and treatment center the Hospital is divided into 3 sections based on geographic areas: Battell, Dutcher, and Merritt Halls. Each section is operated as a relatively independent unit. Merritt Hall serves residents of Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown, and Portland, as well as residents from Bristol and New Britain areas. Treatment of various kinds is available for in-patients, that is on a 24-hour basis, for out-patients, on a regular appointment basis; and for day patients in the Day Treatment Center, from 9:00 to 3:30 every weekday.

Geriatric alcoholic and drug dependent patients receive special care and facilities at Weeks and Woodward Halls. In addition, there are specialized programs in physical rehabilitation and in psychiatric counseling under the Keniston Program, for those alcoholics and drug addicts who are motivated to become cured.

The educational program at the Hospital provides training for people interested in a career in mental health, involving classroom work and practical experience in the Hospital. Community education includes conferences for the local community so that they may become informed about the programs at the Hospital, and aware of the role they can play in aiding Connecticut Valley Hospital in fulfilling its objectives.

ELIGIBILITY: A person must be 16 or older and a resident of the Connecticut Valley District, as defined by the State Department of Mental Health. In the Midstate Planning Region this includes Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown, and Portland.

ADMISSIONS: The Hospital’s policy is to encourage voluntary or informal admission of its patients to ease patient anxieties. There are 4 ways to be admitted to Connecticut Valley Hospital: 1) 30-day certificate, that is, a doctor may sign a certificate which will admit the patient for 30 days. After that time, the patient may be discharged or a) sign a form for voluntary admission, or b) be committed to the Hospital by the Probate Court upon examination of two physicians, one of whom is a psychiatrist. 2) Voluntary admission whereby a patient goes to the Hospital and asks for care in writing. Within 10 days the patient may be released at his request. Merritt Hall will accept patients from the Midstate Region (except for East Haddam). 3) Informal commitment, that is, a person may be admitted for care and released at his request. There are no formal commitments under this arrangement. 4) Court order, by a Probate or Superior Court for an indefinite period.

Connecticut Valley Hospital, Children’s Unit
347-5651

The Children’s Unit of Connecticut Valley Hospital serves emotionally disturbed children for the entire State.

SERVICES: Residential and day care treatment at Connecticut Valley Hospital including educational and recreational programs for children with severe emotional problems.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of the State through the age of 15.

PROCEDURE: Emergency admission procedures are the same as for the rest of the Hospital. Because of the present lack of facilities, however, intake evaluations are desirable and should be done by a private psychiatrist or community clinic whenever possible with a referral to the Children’s Unit if admission is indicated.
Connecticut Valley Mental Health Association
33 Pleasant Street, Middletown
346-2159

The Connecticut Valley Mental Health Association, a voluntary citizens organization, strives to conserve mental health and raise the standards of care and treatment for those suffering from mental illness. It also secures and distributes information on mental health and mental illness. It cooperates with other agencies involved in related work.

SERVICES: The Connecticut Valley Mental Health Association established a Monday night Social Club which meets at the First Baptist Church in Middletown, chiefly for people who have recently received psychiatric help. CVMHA coordinates a program of volunteer services for patients at Norwich and Connecticut Valley Hospital, which includes activities and companionship for patients; informational and educational material concerning careers and services in mental health are available at the Association’s Office.

ELIGIBILITY: The Association serves the towns in the Middlesex County, Marlborough, Madison, Guilford, Lyme, and Old Lyme.

Convalescent Homes and Convalescent Hospitals
For General Information
Nursing Home Placement Service of Connecticut
76 Jefferson Street, Hartford
522-1248

For a complete listing see the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

Cooperative Extension Service
Middlesex Extension Center
Saybrook Road, Haddam – See Middlesex Extension Center
345-4511

Cystic Fibrosis Association of Conn., Inc.
347-1068
(c/o Mr. Stephen Czajka) – 93 Acacia Street, Middletown
The Cystic Fibrosis Association provides information and financial support from the Connecticut Cystic Fibrosis Association to local residents.

Day Care Centers
See the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

Long River Day Care Center
94 Roosevelt Drive, Middletown

A complete day care center is projected for residents of Long River Village. With the allocation of State funds, day care facilities for 30-50 children will be provided.

Middletown Cooperative Nursery School Inc.
The First United Methodist Church
24 Church Street, Middletown
346-4757

The Middletown cooperative Nursery School program offers a free and independent nursery school environment, and a wide range of educational opportunities with special emphasis on art and music. Parents are incorporated as a governing body and share responsibility with the teacher.

ELIGIBILITY: A parents’ services are required one month a morning. The school offers a morning program for 4 year olds from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

FEE: The fee for the Middletown Cooperative Nursery School is $150 a year for a 3-day-a-week session or $100 a year for a 2-day-a-week session. The school sessions correspond with the public school calendar.

Y.M.C.A. Day Care Center
100 Crescent Street, Middletown
347-6907

The Y.M.C.A. Day Care Center offers an educational program for pre-school children 3 to 4 years old. This program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten. The location of the Day Care Center gives the children the opportunity for varied physical activities including a swimming lesson weekly.

ELIGIBILITY: Members of the Y.M.C.A. are eligible for this program. The school sessions are from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Tuesday and Thursdays.

FEE: $2.50 per day, to be paid on a monthly basis.

A state funded Y.M.C.A. Day Care Center is projected for the future. This will be a complete day care program, designed for middle income families.

District Nurse Association of Middletown, Inc.
51 Broad Street, Middletown
346-9721

The District Nurse Association provides public health nursing service for the residents of the towns of Middletown, Durham, and East Hampton.

SERVICES: Home Nursing: Part time nursing care under the orders of a physician or hospital clinic is provided to anyone ill or disabled in the home. Service to medicare patients includes nursing, physical therapy, medical social service, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

The following special clinics and classes are provided:

Well Child Clinic: In cooperation with the local directors of health, conferences are held on Tuesday afternoon in Middletown, and the first Friday of the month in East Hampton. Visits are on an appointment basis. A physician attends each conference and the children receive examinations and routine communicable disease immunizations. The clinic is for the well child only.

Expectant Mothers Classes: A series of 7 classes dealing with pregnancy, delivery, layette and after care of both mother and baby. This includes an exercise class. Held each Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. Fee 25 cents per class.

Hearing-Vision Screening Clinic: These are held the first Thursday of the month, by appointment only. They are for 3-5 year old children.

Tuberculosis Chest Clinic: Staffed by the State Health Dept. They are held on the second and fourth Friday, by appointment only. This is for follow-up of patients and contacts. Referral is by a physician or public health nurse.

Planned Parenthood Information Center: Held on the first Friday of each month. A nurse is available for counseling on all the different methods of birth control. Referral for free medical care can be made for indigent families.

The District Office is open 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday, and 8:30 to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

ELIGIBILITY: All residents from Middletown, Durham, and East Hampton; for the Well Child Conferences there is a financial eligibility determination by the nurse; for therapeutic nursing a doctor’s orders are required.

FEE: For therapeutic nursing, there is a fee based on actual cost and on the patient’s ability to pay; nursing visits for guidance and education are free.
Drug Abuse

This special telephone number (346-6110) has been set up to receive information on drug abuse. Any person wishing to give information on drug abuse may call this number, without being asked to either identify himself or submit to further questioning. Through this effort it is hoped that some of the drug problems in the Middletown area can be alleviated. Educational information on drug abuse is also available from CAGM.

Elderly Services – See Middletown Senior Center

Elmcrest Manor
25 Marlborough Street, Portland. A fully-accredited psychiatric hospital, dealing in diagnosis and treatment; in-patient, out-patient, and day patient care.

Employment Service, State of Conn.
437 Main Street, Middletown

SERVICES: 1. Aptitude and proficiency testing, vocational counseling, referral and job placement; screening and enrollment for Job Corps; vocational services to Veterans; Summer Youth programs including the Tobacco program for youths and older; processing of labor certification for immigration. 2. Provides eligible workers with employment benefits. When a person who has been working for at least 26 weeks loses his job, he may receive temporary financial assistance while he looks for a new job.

Family Planning – See District Nurses Association

Family Relations Division, Circuit Court No. 9
Municipal Building, Middletown

The Family Relations Division of Circuit Court No. 9 provides the temporary services of family counseling and referral to other agencies for cases handled by the Court. These services end as the final report is submitted to the Circuit Court as directed.

SERVICES: Handling of the following cases: non-support cases; cases dealing with severe family difficulty which are referred to this division after an arrest has been made; certain cases involving minors between the ages of 16 through 18 who have been arrested.

Family Service Assoc. of Greater Mdltn., Inc.
27 Washington Street, Mdltn.

The Family Service Association is a voluntary organization which aims to prevent family breakdown.

SERVICES: A professional staff provides counseling for a variety of family and individual problems including: marital problems; conflicts between parent and child; difficulties in financial management; and other social problems of individual adjustment. The office is open 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesdays.

FEE: The fee is based on one’s ability to pay.

4-H Clubs
Middlesex Extension Center
Saybrook Road, Haddam

Gilead House
451 High Street, Middletown

Gilead House offers mental patients a home when they return to the community from the hospital. No direct services are offered at the house, but through group meetings problems of adjustment to the community are discussed and dealt with. Wesleyan students also live at Gilead House and participate in house activities.

Girl Scouts, Conn. Trails Council of
27 Washington Street, Middletown

Girl Scouting is an informal educational movement. Programs in troops and camps are planned and carried out by girls with adult guidance and assistance. The aim is to open doors so that girls have the opportunity to develop as happy, resourceful citizens.

ELIGIBILITY: All girls 7 to 17 and to all adults who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Laws.

Greater Middletown Community Corporation
100 Riverview Center, Middletown

GMCC is a non-profit housing corporation whose primary responsibility is the development of low and middle income housing units within the Middletown area. Example: Wadsworth Grove Homes – 45 unit cooperative.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A brochure is available upon request.

Greater Middletown Head Start Child Development Center
381 Main Street, Middletown

The Center sponsors two programs which aid in child development. One program concentrates on educational development; the other, on recreational activities. In addition to these two programs, the Center encourages family involvement in their activities.

SERVICES: A full program for kindergarten and preschool children, from 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday is provided during the school year. Medical care, psychological counseling and child social workers are available. The summer program operates from June through September from 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and offers recreational programs and field trips. Transportation is provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Families must meet specific income requirements established by the Office of Economic Opportunity. The Center serves Middletown Children between the ages of 2½ and 6.

Greater Middletown Homemaker Service, Inc.
27 Washington Street, Middletown

The Homemaker Service provides help to households in which the mother is temporarily or permanently absent; and handicapped or chronically ill persons who need help in carrying out day-to-day household chores. The Homemaker Service tries to prevent a family or individual from having to leave home because there is no one to care for the household.
SERVICES: A trained homemaker goes into a home and plans and prepares meals, cleans house, and cares for children and handicapped adults. The homemaker may stay for a few hours or a complete day. The Homemaker Service provides Home - Health Aides to residents of Portland through the Portland District Nurse Association.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, Middletown, Middlefield, and Portland.

FEE: There is a fee according to one's ability to pay.

Greater Middletown Tutorial Program 347-4421
212 College Street, Middletown Ext. 517

The tutorial program offers students help with school work on an individual basis.

SERVICES: Wesleyan students and community residents spend two hours each week with students; professional consultants are available to the tutor for assistance, and the student's family may also become involved.

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 2 - 12.

PROCEDURE: Students should inquire in school or at the office of the tutorial program; residents interested in becoming tutors should contact the tutorial program office.

Head Start Summer Program 347-4461
Mr. William Martin
310 Hunting Hill Avenue, Middletown

Head Start is a federally-funded program for prekindergarten children to prepare them for school. An educational program includes Medical and Dental care for the children.

ELIGIBILITY: A child's family must have an income which falls below a certain level, as established by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Help-Line 346-8611

Help-line is a 24 hour telephone service designed to help people in emergency or crisis situations. Advice over the telephone and referrals will be given to any individual who calls for help. Help-line is located in Merritt Hall, Connecticut Valley Hospital, and will also assist people who come to the hospital for help.

Home Economics
Middlesex Extension Center
Saybrook Road, Haddam – See Middlesex Extension Center

Homestead, Inc. 347-2623
c/o Mrs. Jacob Wallace
Ridgewood Road, Middletown

Serving the greater Middletown area, Homestead, Inc. assists Negroes in finding and purchasing homes. Staff workers also provide home ownership counseling to individuals.

ELIGIBILITY: Negroes being served must be financially able to purchase a home.

Housing Authority of the City of Middletown
100 Silver Street, Middletown

The Housing Authority administers and maintains federal low income and state moderate income housing projects in Middletown, and future housing projects.

Housing Opportunities Counseling
See Community Action For Greater Middletown, Inc.

Human Relations Commission of Middletown 346-0944
c/o Reverend William Davage
Lucinda Lane, Middletown

The Commission fosters mutual understanding and equality of opportunity for all racial, religious, and ethnic groups. In carrying out these goals, the Commission cooperates with other organizations who are working towards the same goals.

Juvenile Court, 2nd. District, State of Conn. 347-2176
27 Washington Street, Middletown

The Juvenile Court handles all cases of juvenile offenders. Court jurisdiction covers all cases involving offenders under 16 years of age and Circuit Court transfers up to the age of 18.

SERVICES: Investigation and hearing of cases; probation service; commitment to state or private institutions.

ELIGIBILITY: Uncared-for, neglected, delinquent, or defective-delinquent children up to 16 years of age are eligible; certain cases transferred from Circuit Court for children 16 - 18.

Legal Assistance Association – See Middlesex Legal Assistance Association

League of Women Voters; 342-3051
c/o Mrs. Peter Labella – 26 High Street, Middletown

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization working to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

SERVICES: The League takes action in support of or in opposition to selected issues, but does not take a stand on political candidates or parties. The League tries to select a program each year which is not being covered by any other organization.

ELIGIBILITY: The League is active in Portland and Middletown; any woman who can vote is eligible to join.

Manpower Component of Community Action for Greater Middletown
660 North Main Street, Middletown 346-4952

This division of the Community Action for Greater Middletown provides job training, placement, and other special services for people who have difficulties finding employment.

SERVICES: Job training and placement; follow-up services after a client is employed; information center concerning job and training opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone 16 years of age or older is eligible; also those 14 - 16 years of age may apply for special programs that are offered.
Medicare
Social Security Administration
71 Catlin Street, Meriden

Medicare is a health insurance program under Social Security which provides financial aid for medical expenses for people 65 years of age and older. For more information, consult your Medical Handbook, or call the above number.

Middlefield Regional Training Center Camp
Powder Hill Road, Middlefield
c/o Mrs. Marion Hutchinson 347-2372

The camp provides a full day-camp program for mentally retarded people.

SERVICES: A full range of recreational activities are offered at the camp which is open from the second week in July through the third week in August. The camp is open from 9:30 to 3:30 every weekday. Transportation is provided by the camp.

ELIGIBILITY: Mentally retarded children aged 3 and older and adults who are able to participate in the camp program.

FEE: The camp is free, but there is a transportation fee of $2 per week.

Middlesex Association for Retarded Children
68 Bartlett Street, Portland

c/o Mrs. Marion Hutchinsons

The Middlesex Association for Retarded Children seeks to promote the general welfare of mentally retarded persons, to advise parents of mentally retarded children; and to foster public understanding of mental retardation.

SERVICES: The Association sponsors the following programs: The Retarded Children Center, a day care for pre-school retarded children; a Boy Scout Troop for retarded boys; religious education; and the Middlefield Regional Training Center Camp, a day-camp for retarded persons, and co-sponsors the Meriden Regional Training Center. In addition, the Association has regular information meetings for parents and friends of mentally retarded persons.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Middlesex County; the term "retarded children" as used here shall include all mentally retarded persons, regardless of age, degree, or type of retardation, and regardless of whether or not they attend public, private, religious, residential or day schools.

Middlesex County Extension Home Economics
Saybrook Road, Haddam

Middlesex County Extension Center
345-4511

Middlesex County Legal Assistance Assoc., Inc.
243 Main Street, Middletown
347-7237

The Legal Assistance Association is a CAGM-sponsored program which provides legal services to residents of Middlesex County.

SERVICES: Legal advice, counsel and representation in court on civil or criminal matters; legal referral services; general referral services when a legal problem does not exist.

ELIGIBILITY: A resident of Middlesex County who meets an economic standard which is based on net income per week.

Middlesex County Medical Association
347-3200

If you cannot locate your own physician and you need a doctor quickly call the Physicians Emergency Service and a physician for emergencies will be provided by the Middlesex County Medical Association, any hour day or night.

Middlesex Extension Center
University of Conn.
Saybrook Road, Haddam
345-4511

Cooperative Extension Service
Community Resource Development

Cooperative Extension is helping many community groups and local governments with resource development activities. It provides educational and organizational assistance to communities in developing their resources.

Middlesex United Fund
27 Washington Street, Middletown

Serving Cromwell, East Hampton, Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown, and Clinton, the Middlesex United Fund helps to adequately finance voluntary health and social services. In addition, the United Fund plans for coordinated community programs, and judges priorities and relative needs of the community. 26 member agencies benefit from the annual fund raising campaign.

Middletown Senior Center
First Baptist Church – 93 Main Street, Middletown

c/o Chief Dunn – Fire Headquarters, Middletown

Funded by the City of Middletown and operated by the Recreation Department, the Senior Center provides a place where people can socialize and participate in informal activities.

SERVICES: Preventive health care such as medical tests, immunizations, and health education; recreational and social activities; and referral to health and social agencies. The Center is open from 12:00 – 5:00 every weekday.

ELIGIBILITY: A resident of Middletown 60 years of age or older.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of America
346-8623

c/o Chief Dunn – Fire Headquarters, Middletown

The local chapter provides information pertaining to clinics, financial aid, and recreational activities for victims of Muscular Dystrophy.

Narcotics – See Drug Abuse and C.A.G.M.

Neighborhood Services
CAGM maintains 4 neighborhood offices which provide services for local residents, and coordinate other CAGM programs on a neighborhood level. Neighborhood workers help residents with housing and employment problems, and serve as a central referral source for services available to local residents. Family Associations for each office plan programs which include homemaking, arts and crafts, and 4-H Clubs for children and adults. Local offices are:

Long River Village Neighborhood Office
94 Roosevelt Drive, Middletown
347-2949

North End Neighborhood Office
660 North Main Street, Middletown
347-2600

Portland Neighborhood Office
91 Lower Main Street, Portland
342-0997

South End Neighborhood Office
61 East Main Street, Middletown
347-5454

Narcotics – See Drug Abuse and C.A.G.M.
Neighborhood Summer Improvement Program – See C.A.G.M.

Neighborhood Youth Corps
243 Main Street, Middletown
SERVICES: This program provides summer work, education and social experiences for approximately 75 youths between the ages of 14 and 21 years. Jobs are located with various non-profit agencies throughout the city, and wages are paid from state and federal sources. These jobs provide pre-vocational as well as some vocational training. The staff includes an on-site supervisor, work crew leader, and social worker for individual consultations.

ELIGIBILITY: Youths must be between the ages of 14 and 21 and meet the requirements of family income limits in order to qualify for participation.

Nursery Schools – See Day Care Center

Physicians Emergency Service
If you cannot locate your own physician and you need a doctor quickly call the Physicians Emergency Service and a physician for emergencies will be provided by the Middlesex County Medical Association, any hour day or night.

Planned Parenthood – See District Nurses Association

Poison Control Center
Middlesex Memorial Hospital, Emergency Room
347-2531

Retarded Children Center
519 Butternut Street, Middletown
This center is sponsored by the Middlesex Association for Retarded Children; it is operated in conjunction with the Middletown Board of Education.

SERVICES: The school is open from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and provides special education for mentally retarded children. Transportation for Middletown residents is also provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Mentally retarded children who are too young to attend public school, and who live in Middlesex County.

FEE: There is a weekly fee of $3.00 for families who can afford it.

Salvation Army
179 Court Street, Middletown
A religious, non-profit organization, the Salvation Army provides a large range of religious and social services for people of all ages.

Senior Affairs Commission – See Middletown Senior Center

Social Security Administration
71 Catlin Street, Meriden
The Administration advises persons on the availability of Social Security benefits, including Survivor’s Benefits and Retirement Disability. Assistance and advice is also given to those presently receiving Social Security benefits.

Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Middlesex Extension Center
Saybrook Road, Haddam
345-4511

Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund
120 Washington Street, Middletown
346-7709

Purpose and Program: Emergency or temporary relief to Veterans and their wives, widows, and children (under 16 years of age). Application is filed with the local chairman.

Eligibility: A Veteran must have been honorably discharged and a resident of the State of Connecticut for two years prior to the commencement of a “shooting war”.

Spanish-American Association of Middlesex County
660 Main Street, Middletown
This self-help organization was created for the benefit of Spanish-American residents in Middlesex County.

SERVICES: Assistance in job placement, housing, and education; interpreter service; recreation. Weekly meetings are held in Spanish.

For additional information, contact Reuben Figueroa, 347-4783.

Teenage Organization for Productive Services (TOPS)
4 Main Street, Middletown
Teenage Organization for Productive Services (TOPS) is a “drop-in” center for teenagers, ages 13 to 20 administered by Community Action for Greater Middletown. The goal of TOPS is to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which people may socialize informally. The members of TOPS plan and implement the activities of the center.

Tuberculosis and Health Association of Central Conn.
321 Main Street, Middletown
The purposes of the Association are to educate the public about tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases; to locate and help persons who have tuberculosis; to work with other agencies in the prevention and control of TB and other respiratory diseases; and to study the health needs of Central Connecticut and help to meet them with programs.

Upward Bound
212 College Street, Middletown
347-4421 Ext. 515

Upward Bound is a pre-college preparatory program which seeks to generate the skills and motivation necessary to succeed in education beyond the high school level.

Welfare Department, Conn. State
Main Street Extension, Middletown
347-4411
The State Welfare Department administers two major programs through the Division of Public Assistance and the Division of Child Welfare.

1) The Division of Public Assistance provides financial aid and/or services to individuals and families who are over 65; disabled, blind; deprived of parental support; or medically indigent who meet the eligibility requirements for the various programs. The determination of eligibility is a casework process by which the social worker and the applicant jointly establish eligibility, which assures maximum utilization of all resources of the individual, the family, the community, and income from any source. The amount of assistance granted is based on the individual needs of the applicant as measured by the standards of the agency.
2) The Child Welfare Division provides services to unmarried mothers who are under 21 years of age; a full adoption program; protective services for children in their own homes when referral is made; casework services for children in foster care; casework and placement of children with special problems in appropriate facilities by a contractual agreement with the family; licensing of child care homes without agency supervision; the study and evaluation of foster homes. The Child Welfare Division also continues working with foster parents.

Workmen’s Compensation

Information on Workmen’s Compensation is provided by the employer for the employee who is injured while at work.

Young Men’s Christian Association of Northern Middlesex County
100 Crescent Street, Middletown

The YMCA offers physical and social programs for the residents of Northern Middlesex County. The YMCA seeks to help existing programs and facilities sponsored by municipalities and other agencies as well as offering specific programs designed to form good habits of health and physical fitness, while developing standards of behavior based on Christian principles.

SERVICES: The following programs and facilities are offered by the YMCA: 64 men’s residences; recreational, social and educational programs for children in school from grades 1–12; a family swim club, and swimming lessons; and a summer day camp. The YMCA will offer additional programs if there is sufficient interest.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown, and Portland.

FEE: There is a yearly fee for members.