

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



**Restricted public access to Municipal facilities  
has been extended through Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Visit [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus) for  
updates.**

**Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus) for COVID-19 related  
updates, closures, cancellations and more.**



### **Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Public Can Participate Remotely Through  
WebEx Event Center*

The Middletown Township Committee today announced that the Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through WebEx Event Center.

As a result of the National and State Declarations of Emergency, members of the public are requested to participate remotely by [clicking this event link](#).

Attendees will have the opportunity to log in 10 minutes before the meeting begins so that

they have time to set up.

For those who are using a computer, tablet or mobile device, public comment may be submitted via the Q&A icon (which is a "?"). For those who dial in via telephone, the Township Clerk will notify the participants when they will have an opportunity to speak.

To call into the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. Enter the event access code 717 018 136 followed by #.

Prior to the virtual Township Committee Meeting, the link will be published on the Township's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/middletownnjtownhall/>. If residents are not able to view the meeting live, the recording will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Middletown Welcomes Home Major Matthew Zilinski with  
Vehicle Procession Saturday, 4/4**



**WELCOME HOME**  
**MAJOR MATTHEW ZILINSKI**

 **★ SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**★ APPROXIMATELY 6:45 PM**

**TEXT**  
**WELCOMHOME**  
**TO 888-777**  
**FOR INFORMATION**  
**& UPDATES!**



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN WELCOMING HOME MAJOR MATTHEW ZILINSKI**  
**FROM HIS RECENT TOUR OF DUTY & ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY**  
**POSTING A SIGN ALONG THE VEHICLE PROCESSION ROUTE SO HE CAN SEE THEM ON**  
**HIS WAY HOME TO HIS FAMILY.**

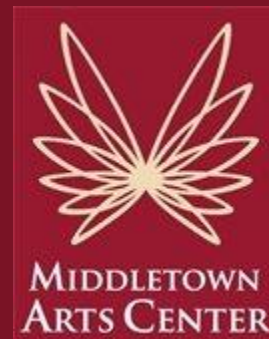
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A PARADE. IF YOU LIVE ALONG THE ROUTE, FEEL**  
**FREE TO WAVE A FLAG WHILE STANDING OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR OR POST "WELCOME**  
**HOME!" AND "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!" SIGNS IN YOUR WINDOWS.**

The procession time is subject to change. You can receive updates by registering for the Nixle community group by texting WelcomeHome to 888-777.

## Middletown Arts Center Offers Virtual Resources to Keep Community Connected to Arts

The MAC is doing their best to keep you connected to the arts.

Doodle Dude, along with many of their awesome instructors, are creating free online sessions. They are setting up a page on the website for their new MAC Academy Online where you will be able to access great resources and experiences, including a virtual



gallery slide show of the beautiful artwork from Middletown Public School students in their current exhibit "Through Our Eyes".

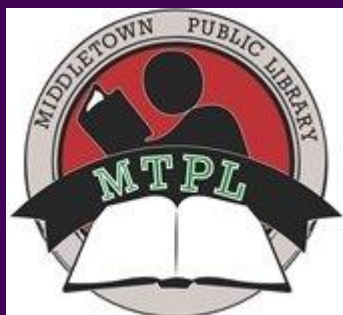
With extra time to be creative, make sure you also check out their ["One Act" Competition](#) and ["Make it Together"](#) project on the [website](#).



[Click the picture to visit the MTPD's Facebook page!](#)

On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Middletown Township police officers were happy to participate in a vehicle parade honoring two birthdays. Both of these kids are tackling daily challenges so the MTPD wanted to find a way to lift their spirits during a time when they can't be with their friends and family. Visit the [MTPD's Facebook](#) page to watch these videos and leave a birthday message!

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MTPL'S DIGITAL RESOURCES



**MORE!**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF  
DIGITAL RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE AT THE MTPL  
INCLUDING DIGITAL LIBRARY  
CARDS, E-BOOKS AND  
AUDIOBOOKS, ONLINE CLASSES &**

**THE MTPL IS ALSO OFFERING A BOOK RECOMMENDATION FORM TO  
HELP YOU PICK WHAT TO READ NEXT! [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)**

**#TakeoutThursday at Pueblo Magico in  
Campbell's Junction**





This week, the Township Committee participated in #TakeoutThursday by ordering some authentic and delicious Mexican food from Pueblo Magico (80 Leonardville Rd.).

We encourage the community to support local businesses by ordering take-out /delivery from restaurants or by purchasing gift cards for services or goods that can be used at a later date, such as meals, haircuts, car washes and more.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the initiative.

**Front Line Appreciation Group (FLAG) Supports  
Local Eateries and First Responders**



A big THANK YOU goes out to the Front Line Appreciation Group (FLAG) of Middletown/Holmdel for collecting donations from the community and using the funds to purchase dinners from our local eateries and then delivering them to our men and women on the front lines of the COVID-19 epidemic. This week, they dropped off dinner from Honey Baked Ham to the Leonardo, Port Monmouth and Fairview First Aid squads.

We truly appreciate the group's efforts to support both our restaurants and first responders during this difficult time. Join the FLAG of Holmdel and Middletown group on Facebook for information on how to donate and to see all of the wonderful things they have been doing!

## Middletown Parks Are Open! COVID-19: Social Distancing in Public Parks



Middletown Township encourages our residents and community to stay healthy which includes regular exercise. However, please follow these guidelines when using our parks:

- Do not use parks if you are experiencing symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidelines on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks.
- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.

- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.
- All Township and BOE playgrounds are closed.
- All field and court permits have been canceled – no organized or unorganized games, practices or trainings permitted.
- If you arrive at a park and another family is already using that space ensure that you continue to utilize social distancing.

As a reminder, all group gatherings of 10 or more people is prohibited. The MTPD continues to enforce that restriction, so please be responsible.

BRUSH ZONE	START DATE*	STATUS
A	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETED
B	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETED
C	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ongoing
D	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ongoing
J	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
K	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
L	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
E	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
G	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
F	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
H	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
I	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started

\* Start dates are approximate and weather dependent

[www.middletownnj.com/collection](http://www.middletownnj.com/collection)

MAX. VOLUME OF BRUSH PILE ACCEPTED = 4 CY  
(2'W X 3'H X 18'L)

MAX. LENGTH OF TREE LIMBS ACCEPTED = 3 FT

recyclecoach

## COVID-19 INFORMATION & UPDATES



### I Tested Positive For COVID-19. What Do I Do Next?

In an effort to help keep the community informed, here are some directives from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) of what to do next if you test positive for COVID-19.

**If you test positive for COVID-19, don't panic.** Many people who have COVID-19 have mild illness and can be managed at home without needing to be in the hospital or receive additional care. Your healthcare provider may contact you to ask additional questions. You may be contacted by your local health department to interview you about where you may have gone and who may have had close contact with you while you were ill. This information will be helpful to them in determining if others around you should be evaluated for COVID-19 and should seek care.

News updates and information regarding Township events and programs affected by COVID-19 are posted at [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus).



[CLICK HERE TO READ RECENT NEWS RELEASES.](#)

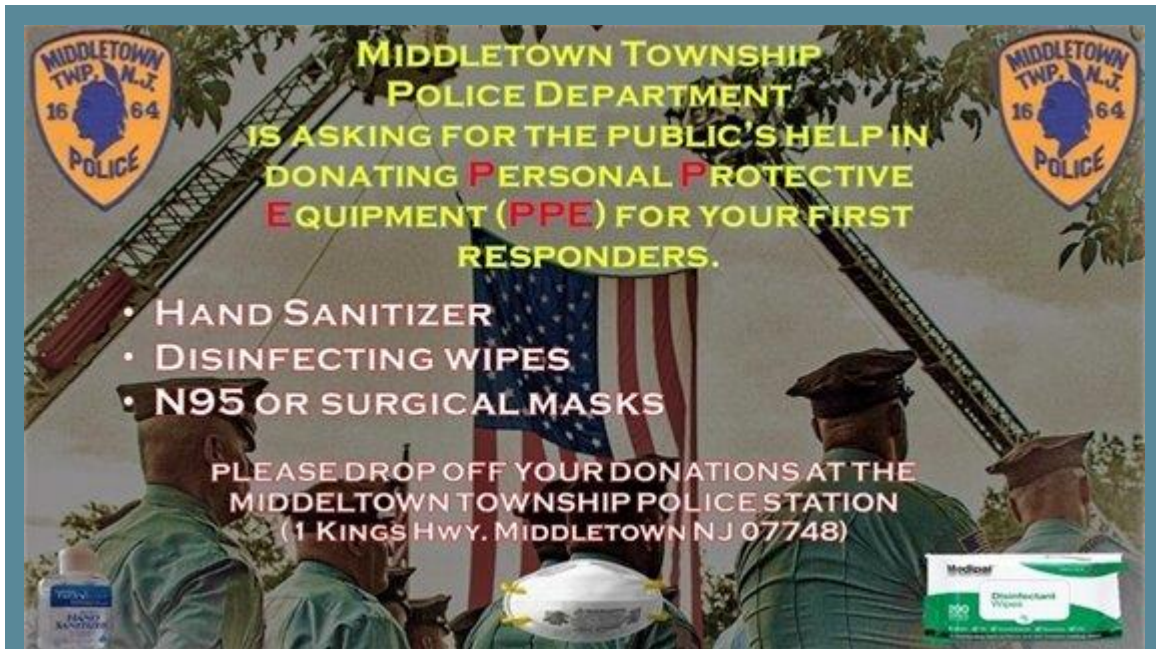
CLICK THE PICTURE TO WATCH A VIDEO FROM THE  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING



Click [HERE](#) to watch other videos from the CDC about  
COVID-19 best practices on the Township's [YouTube](#)  
[Channel.](#)

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks  
Personal Protective Equipment Donations





The Middletown Township Police Department is asking for the public's help in donating Personal Protective Equipment for our First Responders. Please drop off any items noted in the graphic to the Police Department (1 Kings Highway, Middletown) in the bin located between the two entryway doors. Thank you!

**ATTENTION MIDDLETOWN SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:**  
*Grant funding is now available for businesses being  
impacted by COVID-19*



**GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR  
COVID-19 IMPACTED SMALL BUSINESSES**

**NJEDA**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**  
An operating expense grant for NJ-based businesses or non-profits.

APPLICABLE INDUSTRIES	ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES	AVAILABLE FINANCING	PROGRAM USES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail</li> <li>• Accommodation &amp; Food Service</li> <li>• Arts, Entertainment, &amp; Recreation</li> <li>• Repair &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>• Personal &amp; Laundry Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses and non-profits with 1-10 full time equivalent (FTE) employees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$5,000</li> <li>• \$1,000 per full time employees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payroll Support</li> <li>• Working Capital</li> </ul>



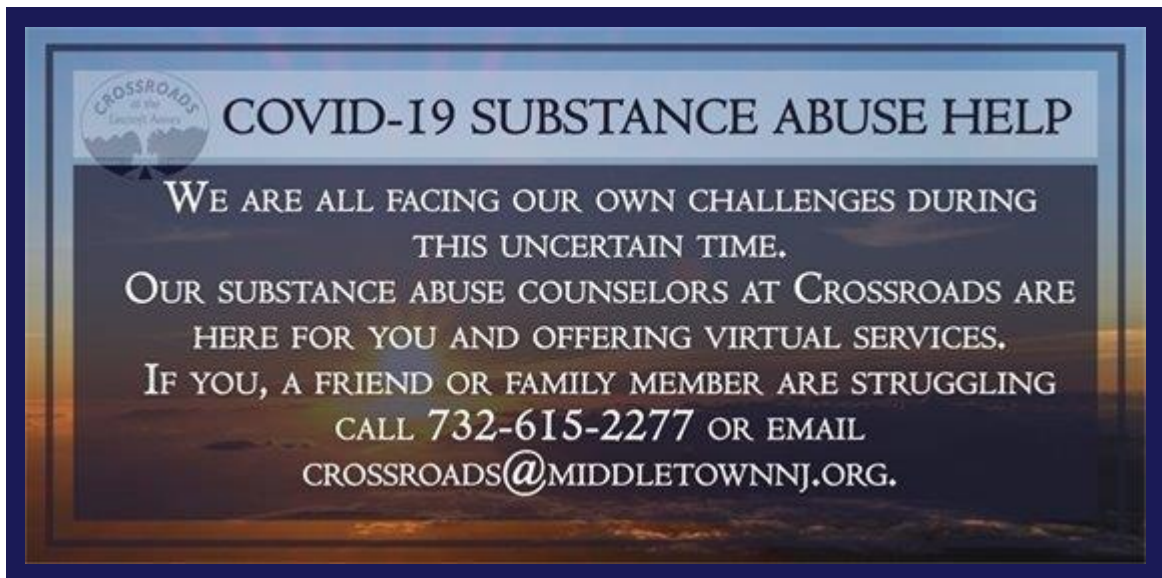
**APPLICATION AVAILABLE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AT 9:00 AM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING ALL  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, VISIT:

<https://cv.business.nj.gov>



[Click the picture to learn more.](#)



## Update on Governor's Orders

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Governor Phil Murphy and State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan enacted [Administrative Order 2020-06](#) amending which businesses are permitted to operate and clarifying ways in which some businesses may operate in accordance [with Executive Order No. 107](#) as follows:


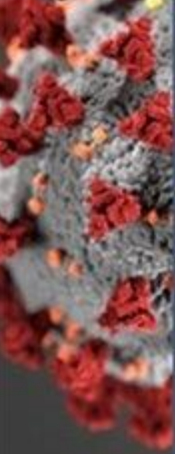

- Individual appointments to view real estate with realtors by individuals or families shall be considered essential retail business. Open houses are still considered impermissible gatherings.
- Car dealers may continue to conduct online sales or remote sales that are consistent with current law. In the event of such a sale, the car may be delivered to the purchaser or the purchaser can pick up the car curbside or in the dealership service lane.
- In accordance with the guidance released by the federal Department of Homeland Security, effective Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., firearms retailers are permitted to operate – by appointment only and during limited hours – to conduct business which, under law, must be done in person. The NICS background check system will be up and running to process firearms purchases.
- Golf courses are considered recreational and entertainment business that must close to the public and to members associated with private golf clubs.

In addition, the Governor also announced that the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) will be issuing guidance to allow microbreweries/brewpubs to provide home delivery to their customers. Home delivery had been prevented because of a ruling issued last May – ABC decided to relax that ruling today and allow for home delivery.

[Click HERE for a summary of Governor Murphy's Executive Orders.](#)



## The MTPD Urges Community to Be Aware of COVID-19 Scams



### BEWARE OF COVID-19 SCAMS

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- The CDC will not be calling you asking you to share personal information or family member's SSN, DOB etc. Nor would they leave you a message asking you to call back.
- The CDC would not show up at your house. Please contact the police if this occurs.
- Please do not donate to random text messages claiming to be a relief fund.
- Please use caution for emails pertaining to Personal Protective Equipment purchasing or donations. Do not click links or respond to emails that appear fraudulent.
- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a bill collector please contact the utility, the creditor or bank directly from the number listed on a previous bill or retrieved directly from their website.

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY COVID-19 JOBS AND HIRING PORTAL



The State of New Jersey has developed a centralized resource to match talent with opportunities in industries on the front lines of serving New Jerseyans during the outbreak.

Did you lose your job or have your hours reduced as a result of COVID-19? Businesses across New Jersey need thousands of workers for immediate hire. Learn more about who is hiring in your community.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VISIT THE NJ HIRING PORTAL.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
**OPENS SATELLITE RECYCLING CENTERS**

IN LIGHT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER HOURS ARE RESTRICTED TO WEEKENDS ONLY. THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SATELLITE DROP OFF LOCATIONS.

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

**MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER: OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY TO RESIDENTS**

52 Kanes Lane  
Middletown, NJ 07748  
Hours of Operation:  
8:30AM - 4:30PM

**MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION RECYCLING DROP OFF**

Main Parking Lot of Train Station  
off Middletown-Lincroft Road  
Hours of Operation: 24/7

**BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL RECYCLING DROP OFF**

(TEMPORARY LOCATION)  
834 Leonardville Road  
Leonardo, NJ 07737  
Hours of Operation: 24/7



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
52 KANES LANE, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748  
932-615-2109  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLING](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLING)

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive  
information and stay informed.  
To receive live text assistance, text  
your zip code to 898-211.





**NJ 211 has been activated to assist with handling COVID-19 calls from NJ residents. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.**

## **Register Now for Township Emergency Alerts**



**We strongly encourage each and every resident to register for Township emergency alerts. In the event that something needs to be communicated quickly, including any emergency information about COVID-19, we need to be able to reach you. Please register for alerts by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.**

**Please share to ensure that everyone is aware!**

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