



Tennis Courts & Fields Now Open for Passive Recreation

The Township started to phase in the opening of tennis courts and fields today for passive recreation, provided the community practices safe social distancing and adheres to the following guidelines:

- All participants must remain 6 feet apart.
- Groups are limited to 10 people or less.
- No group tennis or sporting lessons are permitted.
- The Township intends to open facilities for organized team play, practices and training to groups of 10 or less on May 15.

As a reminder, all play structures/playgrounds and basketball courts remain closed until further notice. All field permits have been cancelled and lights have been turned off. The Township will be monitoring these areas to ensure that community members are using these facilities safely or restrictions will need to be re-enforced.

We urge the community to practice safe social distancing so we can all remain healthy. For the most up-to-date Township information regarding COVID-19, please visit www.middletownnj.org/covid19.

Congratulations to Middletown's Earth Day Challenge Winners!



All winners will receive a \$50 gift card to Middletown Recreation!

Check Out the Middletown Economic Development Committee's *Restaurant Resource* to See Who Is Open for Business!

The banner has a dark blue background with a white rectangular border. At the top, the text 'Middletown's' is written in a script font above 'RESTAURANT RESOURCE' in large, bold, white capital letters. The 'O' in 'RESOURCE' contains a white silhouette of a person. Below this, the text 'Join the Middletown Economic Development Committee in Supporting our Local Restaurants!' is written in a white, cursive font. Underneath that, the text 'Visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurants to search for your favorite establishment and place an order.' is in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurantmap to use the map tool to see who is open for business.' is also in a white, sans-serif font.

In support of Middletown's "[Takeout Thursdays](#)" initiative and small business recovery efforts, the Middletown Economic Development Committee (MEDC) has

created a database of local restaurants to provide an easy way for community members to search for details regarding their favorite establishments.

“As leaders in the Middletown business community, it is our responsibility to help other business owners navigate the current situation and facilitate a COVID-19 economic recovery plan,” said Abe Littenberg, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and partner in Guttenplan’s Frozen Dough. “This is the first of many actions the MEDC will take to help get businesses back on their feet again.”

To access the restaurant database, visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurants or visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurantmap to utilize the map tool.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.](#)

Takeout Thursday's Restaurant of the Week: Navesink Fishery

This Takeout Thursday, the Township Committee grabbed some fresh seafood from [Navesink Fishery](#) (1004 NJ-36)! Call them at (732) 291-8017 to place an order.



[Click on the picture to check out their website!](#)

Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 4

The Middletown Township Committee today will be hosting the Workshop Meeting virtually on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM through WebEx Event Center. Members of the public are requested to participate remotely by [clicking this event link](#).

To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388 then enter the event access code 712 307 279 followed by #.

Please [read the press release](#) for additional information.



Township Committee Expected to Extend Grace Period for 2nd Quarter Property Taxes Through June 1

The Middletown Township Committee is expected to extend the grace period for 2nd quarter tax collection to June 1 at the upcoming Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 4. This extension is intended to alleviate some of the financial hardships incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Township is still required to make on time payments to the School District and County on May 11 and May 15 respectively. Township officials have been in contact with both parties and they are confident they can work out a payment plan that works for everyone.

Please ensure that property tax payments are received by the Tax Collection Office, located at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo), by 8:00 AM on Monday, June 1, 2020 to avoid interest charges. There are no refunds for payments already made.

As a reminder, the Tax Collection Office is currently closed to the public so tax payments cannot be made in person. Homeowners can pay property taxes to the Township in any of the following ways:

MAIL: You can mail your payment to the Township of Middletown, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748. *Please do not mail payments to Croydon Hall.*

DROP BOX AT CROYDON HALL: For your convenience, tax payments can be placed in the drop box at Croydon Hall. This box is located by the door that faces the playground and is checked daily.

ONLINE: You can pay your taxes online through the Township website by visiting www.middletownnj.org/taxcollection or click [HERE](#) to access the Township's payment portal. *Please note there is a 3rd party fee if paying by credit card but there is no charge if paying by check.*

Visit www.middletownnj.org/taxcollection for updates.

Middletown North Student Interviews Mayor Perry for Quarantine-Focused News Program

Sophia Haber Brock, a 10th grade student at Middletown North, recently interviewed Mayor Perry for her Quarantine Edition news program regarding how he is handling the COVID-19 pandemic, both personally and professionally. Click [HERE](#) to view a clip from their recent interview where the Mayor shares some of his suggestions for those who are struggling.



Sophia also interviewed State and County officials, principals, teachers and students. You can watch all of the interviews on her YouTube channel, [Sophia Directs](#).

LET'S FOCUS ON THE GOOD!

Middletown Township created a webpage, www.middletownnj.org/FocusOnTheGood, that highlights the positive stories in our community during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Here are some of our featured stories and events.

MTPD Gives Virtual Tour to First Graders at Harmony Elementary School

Detective and Community Relations Officer Ricardo Cruz gave a virtual tour of the Middletown Township Police Department to a group of first graders from Harmony Elementary School on Tuesday, April 28th. The



tour included a trip to the training room, the jail cells and an interview with Mayor Tony Perry in the Mayor's Office!



There are a number of drive-thru food drives this weekend where you can either drop off food to donate or pick up essential grocery items if you are in need.

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ MORE STORIES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER!

A Special Message From Middletown Recreation



Click the picture to watch a video from the Middletown Recreation Department. They all miss you, wish you well and hope to see you soon. In the meantime, stay safe & healthy!

Middletown Township Public Library Presents Citizen Science: Celebrate Birds

THE MTPL HAS GONE VIRTUAL! [**CLICK HERE**](#) TO CHECK OUT SOME OF THEIR AMAZING ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS!



MTPL Citizen Science: Celebrate Birds

Count the birds! We are asking Middletown residents to help track the wildlife in our neighborhoods by counting the birds you see from your yard or outside your window. This program is intended to count birds that are living alongside people in urban and suburban neighborhoods, so make sure to observe from your own backyard, porch, or patio. Our goal is for our community to complete 50 different observations.

Participants will be entered into a raffle to win an online gift card.
CLICK THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!

The Middletown (Virtual) Arts Center Presents: MAKE IT TOGETHER!



Make It Together! is a new national script-to-video project designed to bring young writers' imaginations from the page to the theatrical screen. Each week Middletown Arts Center will be accepting scripts from young playwrights to be realized, rehearsed, and produced by a team of professional directors, actors, and designers collaborating on Zoom, culminating in the sharing of a professionally edited short film online, both on Middletown Arts Center's and the *Make it Together!* platforms.

[**CLICK THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!**](#)

MTPD Warns Residents About Recent Scams



WARNING!

SCAM ALERT

MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J.
1664
POLICE

Be Aware

- Your family member is not in jail and does not need to be bailed out. No Law Enforcement Agency will come to your house for bail money nor would a representative from another country. Call the Police Dept. or your relative directly with the number YOU HAVE.
- Your Webcam has not recorded you in the privacy of your home. Please do not send money to prevent your footage from being leaked – place duct tape or a post-it on your webcam if you're concerned.
- Your browser viewing history will also not be leaked to everyone you know if you do not pay a ransom.

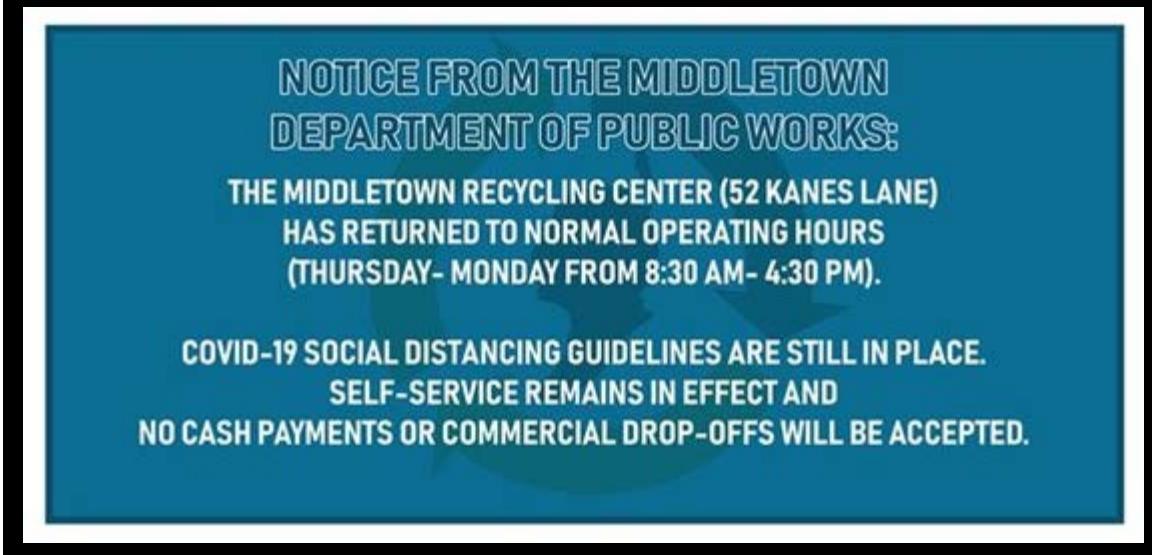
Again please contact your Police Department 732-615-2100

NEED MULCH THIS SPRING?

DPW HAS YOU COVERED!



[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE.](#)



Guidelines for Satellite Recycling Centers

GUIDELINES FOR



SATELLITE RECYCLING CENTERS

• The satellite recycling centers are for the following items only: Cardboard, Mixed Paper, Comingled Recyclables (glass, plastic and aluminum) and Styrofoam/EPS. If there is another item you would like to recycle, you must bring it to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). Please DO NOT leave items that do not belong at the site.

• If you see that the satellite recycling center is at capacity, do not leave materials outside of the bins and on the ground. The Department of Public Works maintains the centers on a daily basis so hold on to your recycling until there is room.

• DO NOT leave items that are not accepted at the satellite recycling centers. This constitutes illegal dumping (Township Ordinance 540-517 on Solid Waste Disposal) and is punishable by law.

If you have any questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 732-615-2109 or at recycling@middletownnj.org.

2020 Brush Collection Update

4/28/20

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Township employees are working an alternating-week schedule, effectively reducing staff by 50%. Crews continue to work diligently to collect brush while still providing other public works essential services during this unprecedented time. We ask for the community's patience as we collect brush in the remaining zones as quickly as possible. Please continue to monitor this web page for updates.

MAX. VOLUME OF BRUSH PILE ACCEPTED = 4 CY (2'W X 3'H X 18'L)
 MAX. LENGTH OF TREE LIMBS ACCEPTED = 3 FT
www.middletownnj.com/collection

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

* Start dates are approximate and weather dependent

COVID-19 RESOURCES

The Road Back: Governor Murphy Announces Plan for Economic Recovery through Public Health

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The Road Back:
Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health

Six Key Principles

Governor Phil Murphy announced his vision, "The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health," to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Gov Murphy's stay-at-home Executive Order, which has been in effect since March 21st, will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice. The following six principles and key metrics will guide the process for lifting restrictions and restoring New Jersey's economic health through public health.



Principle 1: Demonstrate Sustained Reductions in New COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations

- 14-day trend lines showing appreciable and sustained drop in cases, hospitalizations, and other metrics;
- Hospitals stepping down from functioning under crisis standards of care.

Principle 2: Expand Testing Capacity

- At least double current diagnostic testing capacity;
- Prioritize testing for health care workers, essential personnel, and vulnerable populations;
- Create a flexible testing plan accessible to all residents;
- Expand partnerships with institutions of higher education, private-sector labs, and the federal government;
- Ensure that those who test positive are linked to a health care provider.

Principle 3: Implement Robust Contact Tracing

- Recruit and deploy an army of personnel who will identify and follow-up with contacts;
- Leverage technological data and innovative solutions to increase efficiency;
- Coordinate the approach of local and state health officials, which will have a coordinated county/regional component.

Principle 4: Secure Safe Places and Resources for Isolation and Quarantine

- To the greatest extent possible, provide individuals who do test positive in the future with a safe and free place to isolate and protect others from COVID-19;
- Ensure that quarantined contacts are provided supportive services, if needed.

Principle 5: Execute a Responsible Economic Restart

- Create the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission to advise on the process and recommend responsible and equitable decisions;
- Plan for a methodical and strategic return to work based on level of disease transmission risk and essential classification;
- Continuation of social distancing measures where feasible and appropriate;
- Leverage any available federal funds and programs to support health care, individual, and small business recovery.

Principle 6: Ensure New Jersey's Resiliency

- Learn from the lessons of COVID-19 and prepare for the possibility of a resurgence;
- Ensure hospitals, health care systems, and other health delivery facilities have inventories of personal protective equipment and ventilators;
- Build our own state personal protective equipment and ventilator stockpile;
- Create a playbook for future administrations for the next pandemic.

**Restricted public access to Municipal facilities
has been extended through Friday, May 15th.**

Visit www.middletownnj.org/COVID19 for updates.

Are you a senior or know a senior in need?

Call Middletown Social Services for help at 732-615-2085.



COVID-19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP

WE ARE ALL FACING OUR OWN CHALLENGES DURING THIS UNCERTAIN TIME.

OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS AT CROSSROADS ARE HERE FOR YOU AND OFFERING VIRTUAL SERVICES.

IF YOU, A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER ARE STRUGGLING
CALL 732-615-2277 OR EMAIL
CROSSROADS@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.

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

Please ensure that you **OPT IN** to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting **MiddletownNJ** to **888-777**.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register via email.



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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