



Middletown Expects to Re-Open Playing Fields and Facilities for Organized Team Practices with Safety Guidelines in Place on May 15

Nut Swamp Turf Field

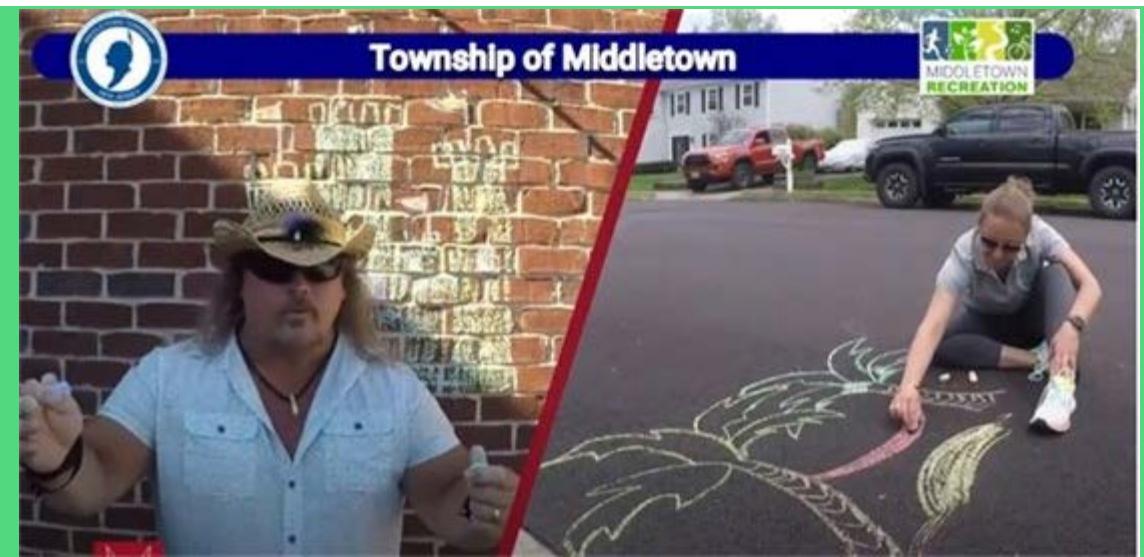
Middletown Township today announced that it intends to re-open playing fields and facilities for team practices on Friday, May 15, provided it is deemed safe.

"We're taking a practical and safe approach with each decision we make," said Mayor Tony Perry. "I, along with my colleagues, have faith that our community will continue to maintain social distancing in parks and fields, so that we can move forward together in reopening our town."

If the Township re-opens for organized team play practices on May 15, there will be guidelines & restrictions in effect until Sunday, June 14. Fields for organized team practices will be available on a first-come permitted basis and will be available to Middletown Township resident teams/leagues/organizations only. The current Township Field/Facility Request procedures will be followed requiring a new detailed, completed request form and a current & **ACTIVE** certificate of liability insurance naming the Township of Middletown as additional insured. **No room or gym rentals will be available/permited.**

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE, INCLUDING A LIST OF GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICES.

**Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center
Invite the Community to Participate in
DRIVEWAY DOODLES!**



Join the community in our next fun project - Driveway Doodles! Help Middletown Township continue to inspire hope and inspiration with simple chalk art.

Thank you to Art "Doodle Dude" Kaney of the Middletown Arts Center and Janet Dellett of Middletown Recreation for getting this started!

Doodles are due by Wed., 5/13 (see more details about how to play below).

[CLICK HERE OR THE PICTURE TO WATCH THE VIDEO!](#)

How to Play!



- ❖ Grab your chalk and head outside!
- ❖ Draw a picture of anything you want: feel free to get creative and put yourself "in" the picture, or write a message of hope and inspiration, or you can even draw a "chastle"!
- ❖ Email a still picture, or a short video (2-3s max) to: Recreation@middletownnj.org by Wed, 5/13/20
- ❖ Title the email: "Driveway Doodles"
- ❖ Include your address only to show a scatter plot of where people participated

By participating, you are giving permission to the Township of Middletown to use this clip in any future brochures and other publicity or broadcasts of any kind

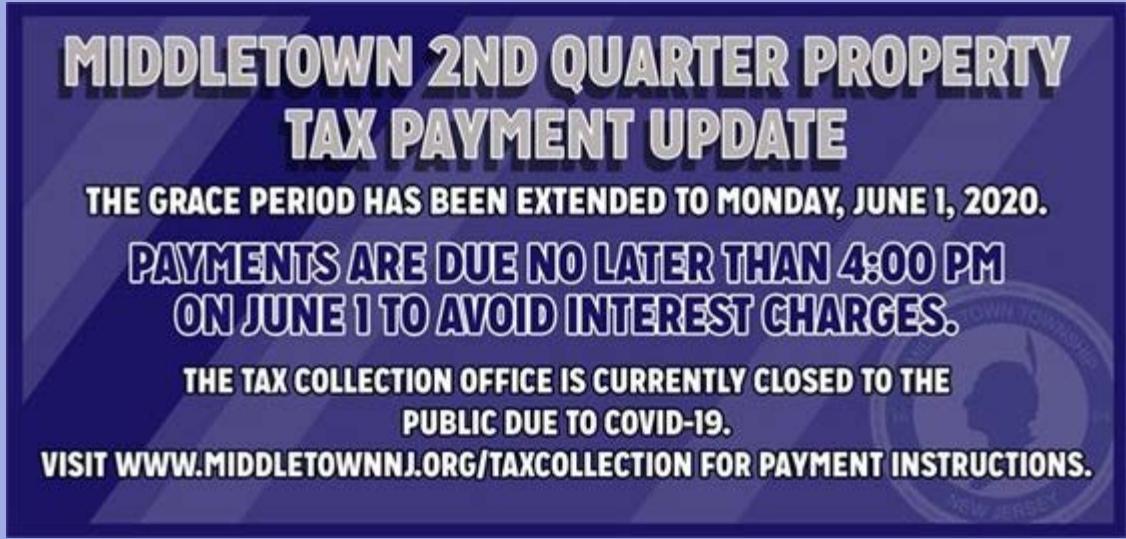
Miss the last Township Committee Meeting? Watch it on Middletown's YouTube or Municipal TV Channels



On Monday, May 4th, the Middletown Township Committee held a virtual Workshop Meeting that enabled residents to participate remotely. This meeting included a resolution extending the grace period for second quarter property tax collection from May 11, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the [Township's YouTube Channel](#) or catch it on Middletown Township's TV station (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every evening at 7:00 through May 18th.

Advisory: Second Quarter Property Tax Payment Grace Period Extended to June 1



The Middletown Township Committee passed a resolution to extend the grace period for 2nd quarter tax collection from May 11 to June 1 at the May 4, 2020 Workshop Meeting to help alleviate some of the financial hardships incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please ensure that property tax payments are received by the Tax Collection Office,

located at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo), no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, June 1, 2020 to avoid interest charges. Please do not post-date your payment. 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.

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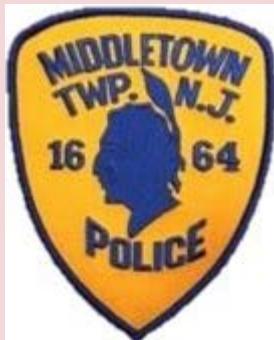
On Facebook? Use the Township's New Frame!

Hey Middletown! Let's come together during this tough time. Add the [MiddletownNJ Strong frame](#) to your Facebook profile picture to show support for your friends and neighbors. We will get through this together!



Middletown Township Police Department & [180 Turning Lives Around](#) are Recruiting Volunteers to

Support Sexual Violence Victims



Please consider volunteering for 180's new Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates that respond for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). There is a mandatory 40-hour training course from June 2-25, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00-9:30 PM. Deadline to apply is Tuesday, May 26.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM 180: Domestic violence and sexual assault do not just stop

because of a crisis like the one we are currently facing. In fact, when family stressors increase, violence and abuse can quickly escalate. It is these very trying times that a survivor needs 180 even more; and we are determined to be there for anyone who needs our services. Please call our 24/7 Confidential Domestic Violence Hotline: 888-843-9262 or follow this link to learn more:

<https://180nj.org/covid-19/>

Click [HERE](#) to read 180's press release.

Takeout Thursday's Restaurant of the Week: Valentino's Pizza and Restaurant

This [Takeout Thursday](#), the Township Committee grabbed some delicious italian food from [Valentino's Pizza and Restaurant](#), which has been a staple of Cambell's Junction for years! Call them at (732) 495-4599 or click the picture to visit their website.



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

Middletown's RESTAURANT RESOURCE

*Join the Middletown Economic Development Committee
in Supporting our Local Restaurants!*

Visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurants to search for your favorite
establishment and place an order.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/restaurantmap to use the map tool
to see who is open for business.

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

Middletown Township Public Library Presents: MTPL@Home



**ALTHOUGH THE MTPL BUILDING IS CLOSED, THERE IS STILL PLENTY
TO DO FROM HOME! SOME OF THE ONLINE OFFERINGS INCLUDE:**

**STAR WARS TRIVIA QUIZ
HARRY POTTER DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM
VIRTUAL BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
MTPL.ORG WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT
DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS
....and much more!**

[**CLICK HERE TO CHECK IT OUT!**](#)

**The Middletown (Virtual) Arts Center Presents:
THE MAC ONE ACTS Zoom Festival**



Join the Middletown Arts Center for two nights of The MAC ONE ACTS Zoom Festival on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th at 7:00 PM.

One-Act Play Selections include:

EXCLUSION by John Reshetar
OPHELIA'S GOODBYE by Sheila Duane
WINTER HARBOR by Scott Sickles
VOTE FOR JONES by Molly Wagner
THE DANCER, THE ATHLETE, THE ACTRESS
by Emily Rae O'Donnell-Johns

[**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.**](#)

LOVE THE MAC? [**DONATE TODAY**](#) TO HELP KEEP THEIR
PROGRAMS RUNNING!

LET'S FOCUS ON THE GOOD!

UPCOMING DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVES

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/FOCUSONTHEGOOD TO SEE WHERE YOU CAN GIVE FOOD OR GET FOOD.

There are a number of drive-thru food drives 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 POSITIVE STORIES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

NOTICE FROM MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



As the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) has resumed normal operating hours (Thursday-Monday from 8:30am-4:30pm), the temporary recycling dropoff at Bayshore Middle School is now closed.

The Middletown Train Station Recycling Drop Off Center, located in the main parking lot of the train station off Middletown-Lincroft Road, is open 24/7.

The Township is currently seeking a permanent recycling location on the north side of town. Updates will be posted on www.middletownnj.org/recycling and on Recycle Coach, a free customized mobile and web application that contains garbage, bulk and recycling information. Residents can download the free app from [iTunes](#) or [GooglePlay](#) or

visit www.middletownnj.org/recyclecoach.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

STYROFOAM* RECYCLING PROGRAM



ACCEPTED:

- CLEAN PACKAGING MATERIALS FROM:
- TELEVISIONS
- APPLIANCES
- COMPUTERS
- FURNITURE
- FOAM COOLERS

NOT ACCEPTED:

- PACKING PEANUTS
- FOOD PACKAGING
- COLOR STYROFOAM
- PACKAGING WITH TAPE OR LABELS

Visit www.middletownnj.org/styrofoam to find out how to recycle food service styrofoam & packing peanuts.

Styrofoam* can only be recycled if brought to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) or the Middletown Train Station Recycling Center (Main Parking Lot of Train Station off Middletown-Lincroft Road). Do not put Styrofoam* in your blue curbside recycling cart.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
52 KANES LANE, MIDDLETON, NJ 07748 ☎ 732-615-2109 ☎ WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLING

*Styrofoam is a trademark brand of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Owned and Manufactured by the Dow Chemical Company.

NEED MULCH THIS SPRING? DPW HAS YOU COVERED!



**Need Wood Mulch?
It's Available!**

DELIVERY:

- \$6/cubic yard (available in 4CY increments)
- Mail check & Mulch Delivery Request Form to DPW (52 Kanes Lane, 07748)
- Delivery on Wednesdays only

MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER:

- FREE if you load your own vehicle
- Residents only - No business vehicles permitted

732-615-2109
www.middletownnj.org/mulch

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

Guidelines for Satellite Recycling Centers

GUIDELINES FOR



• 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.

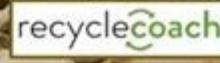
• DO NOT leave items that are not accepted at the satellite recycling centers. This constitutes illegal dumping (Township Ordinance 540-517 on Solid Waste Disposal) and is punishable by law.

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

2020 Brush Collection Update
5/8/20

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



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	COMPLETED
L	April 13 th	Ongoing
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

**Restricted public access to Municipal facilities
has been extended through Sunday, May 31st.**

**Visit www.middletownnj.org/COVID19 for
updates.**



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WATCH THE VIDEO ON
THE TOWNSHIPS COVID-
19 YOUTUBE STATION.](#)

**New Jersey Health Commissioner
Judy Persichilli and New Jersey
Hospital Association President
Cathleen Bennett thank New Jersey's
health care workers for their service
during the COVID-19 emergency and
remind NJ residents that hospitals
and emergency rooms are safe and
ready to care for you. Do not delay
crucial medical care by avoiding
hospitals.**

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO ON THE
TOWNSHIP'S COVID-19 YOUTUBE STATION.](#)



In light of the pandemic, we remind you of NJ Mental Health Cares. The state's behavioral health information and referral service offers assistance to people dealing with anxiety and stress related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Residents can call 1-866-202-HELP (4357) for free confidential support. The NJ Mental Health Cares hotline will be answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week by live trained specialists.



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.

Are you a senior or know a senior in need?

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



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.



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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!

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20



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