



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th
in observance of

MEMORIAL DAY

as we remember and pay tribute to those who
have served our great nation.

With all the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, Middletown Township and American Legion Post 338 invite the community to participate in our special Virtual Memorial Day Parade. Watch this YouTube video for more details.

Congratulations to Middletown's 2020 Mayors For A Day!





Every year, students from different elementary schools in Middletown are selected to be “Mayor For A Day”. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee found a way to make the day extra special for our little mayors. A fire truck and police vehicle procession, along with Mayor Perry, arrived at each child's home. Mayor Perry then swore in each young mayor and asked them to conduct some important mayoral business such as signing their Oath of Office as well as a proclamation declaring Monday, May 25, 2020 as Memorial Day in Middletown Township.

Our 2020 Mayors were Paige Vuksanovich from Middletown Village, Sal Fiore from Nut Swamp, Charlie Day from Fairview and Ayden Wiedman

from New Monmouth. Congratulations and thank you for serving as
Middletown's Mayor For A Day!

[**CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PHOTO ALBUM!**](#)



[**Click on the image for a sneak peek of what you can expect!**](#)



Summer Recreation 2020 Update

A Message from Director of Recreation Janet Dellett:

It is with great sadness that I announce to you all we will not be running any of our Summer Recreation Camp programs for 2020, including all outsourced programs. As you all know, the current health pandemic has severely impacted lives. With so much uncertainty, it is simply not possible to be able to offer a quality, fun camp experience while adhering to the brief guidelines offered in order to decrease the risk of infection. The only way we can truly ensure no child in our care is exposed to this virus is to not hold camp.

In an effort to offer your child some type of fun for the summer, all registrants will be receiving our **“Camp in a Box”** adventure kit in exchange for the cost of the required t-shirts. Inside this box will be 9-weeks worth of fun and adventure for each child! Each week will have an online or virtual component that can be done at your leisure.

[**CLICK HERE TO READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT.**](#)

MIDDLETOWN SALUTES OUR EMS VOLUNTEERS

AND THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR TOWN.

NATIONAL EMS WEEK: MAY 17-23, 2020

Middletown COVID-19 Small Business Survey Results

MIDDLETOWN COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 80% of small businesses said they **feel comfortable** reopening
- 12% of businesses consider opening at **less than 50% capacity** to be financially beneficial
- 68% of businesses said the shut down has had a **“large negative effect”** on their business

Thank you to all who participated in this survey. This information will help guide the Township as we advocate for reopening Middletown.

With more than 100 Middletown small businesses responding to the Township's survey, it is clear that our businesses are ready to responsibly open. Township officials are working hard to help provide you the opportunity to unlock your doors!

Watch the Township Committee Meeting on Middletown's YouTube and Municipal TV Channels



On Monday, May 18th the Middletown Township Committee held a virtual Regular Meeting that enabled residents to participate remotely. 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 night at 8:45 PM through June 2nd.

**MTFD HOSTS FOOD AND BABY ITEMS &
ADULT TOILETRIES DRIVE-THRU
DRIVES TOMORROW, 5/23**



Port Monmouth Fire Company (125 Main Street, Port Monmouth) will be hosting a drive-thru food drive this Saturday, May 23 from 10am to 3pm (rain or shine) to support Middletown Helps Its Own. Please consider helping our community members who are in need of assistance and rely on organizations such as MHIO during this uncertain time.

Lincroft Fire Company (601 Newman Springs Road) is hosting a "Baby Items & Adult Toiletries Drive-Thru Drop Off tomorrow, 5/23 from 10am to 1pm. See the flyer below for more details. Please help spread the word so we can continue to help our community during this pandemic.



Drive Thru Drop-Off
Baby Items & Adult Toiletries

Please help us as we continue to help those most in need. **BABY ITEMS** and **ALL TOILETRIES** are in dire need. Such as, Diapers, Wipes, Formula, Baby Food, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, Etc.

When: Saturday, May 23, 2020
Time: 10:00 - 1:00
Where: Lincroft Fire Company
601 Newman Springs Road

Any questions feel free to contact
Mike Nimon @ nimonplumbing@verizon.net

If you prefer not to leave your house you can put your donation outside and we will come to pick it up. Call 732-747-5295

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!

**The Middletown (Virtual) Arts Center Presents:
SIGN OF THE TIMES!**



Calling Artists of All Ages...

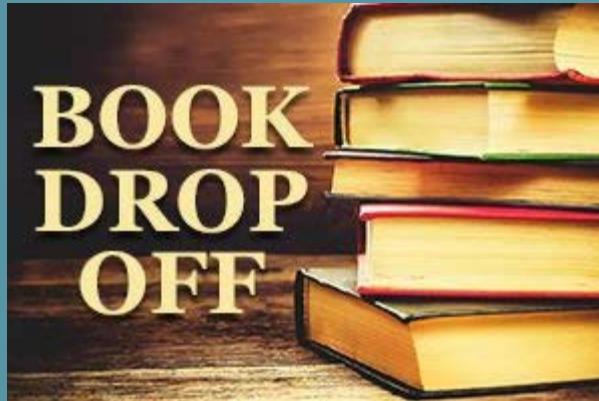
Dust off your paint brushes, find those permanent markers, put your thinking caps on, get creative and participate in the Middletown Arts Center's "Sign of the Times" public art event. Proceeds from this event will help support arts programming in our community.

A plastic lawn sign will be your blank canvas. The MAC is looking for the most artistic and creatively decorated signs! Everyone is encouraged to participate, regardless of age or ability. You can paint a picture, create a design, write an inspirational message, or decorate it in any way you like using weather-proof materials. It's all about the art and self-expression.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

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

**Middletown Township Public Library
Announces Book Drop Off
Mondays/Thursdays Starting 5/28**



The Middletown Township Public Library will begin collecting checked out items on Thursday, May 28, 11am-3pm. Patrons are asked to drop off the items in color-coded bins by the regular drop box near the exit of the library. Drop off hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 11am-3pm. All materials are still on extended due dates, and patrons may hold on to their materials if they cannot drop them off. All materials returned to the library will be isolated and handled with proper safety measures in place. The MTPL looks forward to shortly announcing the return of library services such as curb side pick-up. Donations are still postponed until further notice.

Please visit www.mtpl.org for information and updates.

Takeout Thursday's Restaurant of the Week: [Lubrano's Italian Eatery](#)

This [Takeout Thursday's](#) featured restaurant was Lubrano's Italian Eatery (26 Highway 36, Middletown).

Next time you're feeling like some classic Italian cuisine, check out their [menu](#) or go to their [Facebook page](#) to look at their daily specials!



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

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!

Major Changes to July 7, 2020 Primary Election



Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising all voters that Governor Murphy announced major changes to the July 7, 2020 Primary Election process. This comes after the initial change in the Primary Election date from June 2nd to July 7th, announced last month.

According to Executive Order No. 144, all active registered Republicans and Democrats will automatically receive mail-in ballots for voting in the 2020 Primary Election. All registered unaffiliated voters will receive a mail-in ballot application so that they can apply to receive mail-in ballots for voting.

Unaffiliated voters who wish to vote in the primary election can vote at home via the vote by mail process. [Click here](#) to watch Clerk Hanlon's informational video about voting at home in Monmouth County.



A Message From Middletown Township Animal Control:

Please Do Not Disturb or Feed Fawns

Middletown Township has an extremely large population of deer. As spring has approached, so has the season when deer give birth. It is becoming increasingly common for our residents to find a fawn laying in their yard. This is perfectly normal. The mother deer has "placed" that baby there because she feels that it is safe.

In most cases, the fawn is placed there in the morning and the mother will return in the evening, but remains relatively nearby. Just because the mother cannot be seen, does not mean that the baby is abandoned. There is no need for the fawn to be removed. In fact, the fawn should not be handled for any reason or even approached.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)

Middletown Township Police Department reminds residents to be wary of scams. As always, please be cautious when clicking on links sent through text or email.

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

COVID-19 RESOURCES



NJ Residents with a Positive or Negative COVID-19 Test: Instructions and Next Steps



NJ Residents with a Positive COVID-19 Test: Instructions & Next Steps

Question	Instructions
I tested positive for COVID-19. What should I do now?	If you tested positive, you must stay at home and self-isolate. This means stay in a different bedroom from others in your home, and if possible, use a separate bathroom. You must self-isolate for at least 3 full days (or 72 hours) have passed since you had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND other symptoms are greatly improved AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first started. If you live with other people and they were not tested, they should keep their distance from you. This includes not eating meals together and not sitting around the house together. Practice social distancing as much as is possible (stay at least 6 feet from each other).
What should the people who live in my home know/do?	If they are symomatic (sick; have COVID-19 symptoms), they should also self-isolate for 3 full days (or 72 hours) until they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications AND other symptoms are greatly improved AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first started. If the symptoms are mild, they should recover at home. If the symptoms worsen and a medical evaluation is needed, call health care provider. If they are asymomatic (not sick; have no COVID-19 symptoms), they should self-quarantine for 14 days AFTER any sick person in the household's self-isolation period ends. If the asymptomatic person develops symptoms, they should follow the self-isolation instructions above. Symptoms may take 2-14 days to appear. It is important to monitor their health long enough to ensure they do not develop symptoms.
What is the difference between mild and moderate symptoms?	Mild symptoms are when you feel unwell but can stay home and manage at home. Most people with mild symptoms can recover from home. See above for how long you should stay home/self-isolate. Moderate symptoms are those where you may need a medical evaluation from your health care provider. If your symptoms worsen over time and do not get better, especially if you have trouble breathing, call your health care provider to determine next steps.
Should I tell other people that they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus?	Those who have been closest to you for a prolonged period of time are going to be at highest risk. Household members and others with whom you spent a prolonged period of time (more than 10 minutes) within 6 feet of you, or shared a meal, would be at increased risk and should be advised to self-quarantine at home for 14 days AFTER your, or any sick household members self-isolation period ends. If the asymptomatic person develops symptoms, they should follow the self-isolation instructions above. People who you did not spend a prolonged period of time (less than 10 minutes) within 6 feet are at lower risk. This would include people that you may have been in an indoor space for a prolonged period of time. They should monitor their health; no restrictions about where they go. They should wash hands often and practice social distancing. If possible, you should notify individuals above regarding your illness. Work or school supervisors may be informed to help with this process. People who you may have casually come into contact with (e.g., passed by in the hall, briefly spent time within a room, shared a short elevator ride), are not considered to be at risk and do not need to be contacted.

[Click the image to enlarge.](#)



III NJ Residents who Tested Negative for COVID-19: Instructions & Next Steps

Question	Instructions
I tested negative for COVID-19. What should I do now?	If you tested negative for COVID-19, the recommendation is to stay home and practice social distancing until 72 hours after your fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve. After this time, you may resume regular activities. It is recommended that everyone wears a face covering when in public spaces. This protects you from anyone who may not be sick (but might be asymptomatic) and able to spread the virus to others.
What if I tested negative but still feel sick?	If you test negative for COVID-19 but still have symptoms, it is likely you may have another respiratory virus. You should continue to self-isolate yourself from others, practice good hand hygiene and clean and disinfect surfaces in the home. If your symptoms worsen or don't get better after several days, you should call your health care provider. You should not return to work/school or go to public places until 72 hours after your fever has ended without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved. Wear a face covering if you are out in public.
What other actions should I take to protect my health?	As long as the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading in your community, continue to practice social distancing, wash hands often and avoid touching your face, and clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in household common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, remotes, handles, desks, toilets, sinks, phones). Wear a face covering when in public places. This protects you from anyone who may not be sick (but may be asymptomatic) and able to spread the virus to others.

[Click on the image to enlarge.](#)



Ideal Beach on a summer's day.

Beaches & Boardwalks Reopen on May 22 with Social Distancing Measures in Place

Per Executive Order 143, Governor Murphy permitted the reopening of all public and private beaches, boardwalks, lakes and lakeshores effective 6:00 a.m. on May 22, 2020 with certain parameters. While bathrooms, showering and changing areas can be open certain facilities and equipment, such as water fountains, picnic areas, playgrounds, amusement parks and arcades, pavilions, and water/splash parks will remain closed until further notice. For more information on Executive Order 143, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to read an article that ran in the Asbury Park Press that discusses how shore towns, including Middletown, plan to address safety at beaches.

Click [HERE](#) for summaries of the Governor's latest Executive Orders.



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.

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!

**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



OR



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.



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.

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

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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	COMPLETED
L	April 13 th	COMPLETED
E	April 20 th	Ongoing
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

2020 Brush Collection Update

5/21/20

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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