

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS SUMMER 2020

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OF THE TOWNSHIP'S NEWSLETTER.](#)

**Middletown Township Public Library Invites
Community to Take a Story Walk!**



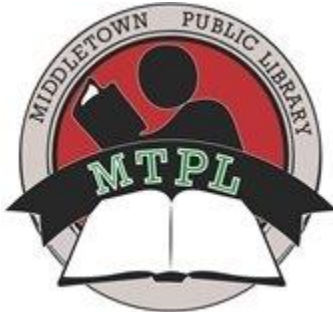
If you haven't already, be sure to check out the MTPL's "Library Story Walk" and enjoy the story among the trees! The path begins behind the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) and meanders through the woods.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP WISHES YOU A HAPPY

FOURTH OF **JULY**

MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD & THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF FOURTH OF JULY.

Middletown Township Public Library to Reopen Building to Public on Monday, July 6



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) will open to the public with limited hours on Monday, July 6, following Governor Murphy's announcement that libraries may reopen. The MTPL will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Curbside pickup will still continue Monday-Friday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM and on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM.

Patrons are required to wear a face covering in the library and for curbside delivery. The library will limit the capacity of patrons entering the building. Patrons will be asked to wait to enter the building and in separate areas of the library once inside if the capacity is met. Social distancing will be enforced throughout the building.

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



DCA Announces COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program: Enrollment Begins Monday, 7/6

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will begin open enrollment for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP). It will provide temporary rental assistance to low and moderate income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Enrollment begins Monday, July 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM until Friday, July 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

[Click HERE for CVERAP income and eligibility requirements.](#)

Featured Restaurant of the Week:
No Limits Cafe



This week, Mayor Tony Perry stopped by [No Limits Cafe](#) (418 Route 35) to support outdoor dining and had a chance to catch up with his friend Claire, who is a server at the cafe.

Mayor Perry had the delicious RallyCap sandwich (named in recognition of [RallyCap Sports](#), an organization that provides sports programs for people with special needs). Please consider supporting this incredible [Middletown](#) business!



**MAJOR CHANGES TO JULY 7, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR INFORMATION AND LIMITED
POLLING LOCATIONS.**





Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 2020 Primary Election



Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. is continuing to update Monmouth County voters about the July 7, 2020 [Primary Election](#) which is being conducted primarily via Vote by Mail, per the Governor's Executive Order.

We encourage you to view our centralized Primary Election webpage for more information about the major changes to the Primary Election process by [clicking here](#). The County Clerk's Office has also created a [Frequently Asked](#)

[Questions \(FAQ\) Guide](#) to assist voters.

The County Board of Elections has advised us of the secure **drop box locations** throughout the County for voters to return their completed Mail-In Ballots. The locations can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

We encourage voters with questions to call the County Clerk's Elections Office at 732-431-7790 during normal business hours from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Click on the image to view the Monmouth County Clerk's Office 2020 Primary Election FAQ.](#)

THE MTPL TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!



[CLICK THE PICTURE FOR MORE INFORMATION AS WELL AS OTHER OFFERINGS FOR TEENS THIS SUMMER INCLUDING A 6 WORD STORY CHALLENGE, A TEEN BOOK CLUB AND MORE!](#)

**The Middletown (Virtual) Arts Center Presents:
SIGN OF THE TIMES COMMUNITY ART EVENT
*DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 24TH***



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.](#)

Pool Chemicals: Necessary but Potentially Dangerous

A Message from the New Jersey Poison Information & Education System

Opening home swimming pools is often an exciting event as residents are anxious to kick off their shoes and jump into their summer tradition of cooling off in their backyard pools. Although poolside activities are a summer staple, they can come at a cost if you are not aware of potential dangers by the pool.



Before pool or hot tub water is safe to enjoy, it must be treated with chemicals to prevent algae, bacteria, viruses, parasites and other germs from contaminating the water. If the water is untreated, swimmers and hot tub users are at high risk for infections, illnesses and skin irritation also known as recreational water illnesses (RWIs). Such waterborne illnesses (swimmer’s ear, hot tub rash, respiratory infection, urinary tract infections, and diarrhea) are easily spread by swallowing, breathing in, or having contact with contaminated water. Exposure to these germs can result in serious illnesses, therefore if you are feeling sick it’s important to stay out of swimming areas and hot tubs.

[Click HERE to read the press release.](#)

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	COMPLETED
G	April 27 th	COMPLETED
F	May 4 th	COMPLETED
H	May 11 th	COMPLETED
I	May 18 th	<i>In Progress</i>

* Start dates are approximate and weather dependent

2020 Brush Collection Update

6/23/20

Brush collection is running behind due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.middletonnj.com/collection



FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



SATURDAY 7.18.20

9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

(or until trucks are full)



MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL ROAD)

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF PAPER DOCUMENTS TO BE RECYCLED SAFELY.

DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE FREE OF LARGE BINDER CLIPS.
STAPLES AND PAPER CLIPS MAY BE LEFT ON DOCUMENTS.



GET AHEAD OF THE STORM

Text 888-777 to MiddletownNJ (no spaces) or
visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle
to receive storm alerts.

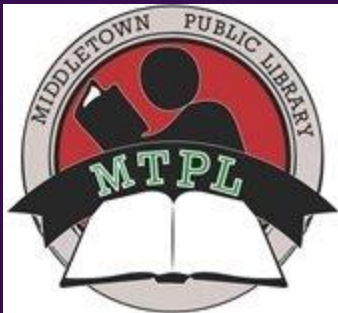
COVID-19 RESOURCES



GIVE FOOD & GET FOOD

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

**[CLICK THE PICTURE TO FIND WHERE YOU CAN GIVE AND GET FOOD
IN MIDDLETOWN.](#)**



The Middletown Township Public Library has created a Small Business Resource for local businesses with a library card.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

COVID-19
STAY SAFE. STAY WELL.
STAY CONNECTED.
www.mentalhealthmonmouth.org

THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

An Affiliate of
MHA
Mental Health America

[Click on the picture for a list of COVID-19 resources including up-to-date information, job hiring portals, economic relief, mental and physical health aid and more.](#)

MINIMIZING THE RISK OF COVID-19

The spread of COVID-19 can be broken down into four factors: TIME, SPACE, PEOPLE & PLACE.




Keeping these factors in mind can help you assess your risk while participating in activities.

Minimizing the Risk of COVID-19

- Limit capacity, especially indoors
- Social distance from others (6 feet)
- Avoid crowded areas
- Choose outside activities vs. inside (dining, worship services, etc.)
- Don't share food/drink, cups or utensils with others; bring your own or use disposable items at outdoor gatherings
- Wear face coverings in public areas
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol

Singing, yelling/shouting and close contact increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.



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.


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