



Township Breaks Ground on Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Fields at Normandy Park and Nut Swamp Elementary School!



Pictured from left: Recreation Director Janet Dellett, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Ralph Diaco of Grade Construction, Public Works Director Ted Maloney, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Committeewoman Patricia Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Anthony Fiore, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Mark Lescavage of Maser Consulting, Deputy Public Works Director Vic Wymbs and Perry Dipiazza of Field Turf USA.

The Township broke ground on the Normandy Park Improvements project on Wednesday, July 15th. Grade Construction will be installing four youth-size synthetic turf playing fields at Normandy Park and replacing the existing grass field at the adjacent Nut Swamp Elementary School with a synthetic turf playing field. The new park fields will be striped for lacrosse, field hockey and baseball, and the school field will be lined to accommodate a full-size soccer field and three youth-size soccer fields. The parking lot at Normandy Park will be expanded with upgraded lighting.

Although Normandy Park will be closed during construction, the basketball and

tennis courts will remain and future plans call for improvements to the roller hockey rink. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.



Middletown Township Committee to Hold Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, 7/20

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through WebEx Event Center.

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. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. Enter the event access code 129 042 9165 followed by #.

Prior to the virtual Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). 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](#) to view the meeting agenda.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information.



Mayor Tony Perry visited [A Shared Universe PodcaStudio](#) this morning to speak with [Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce](#) (EMACC) Executive Director Jennifer Eckhoff and EMACC Board Member Tim Davis to discuss how Middletown is supporting small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and how the Township plans to continue building upon its economic base.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Mayor Perry discuss the Belford Redevelopment Project and his views on the future economic growth of our town.

Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by the courts at Tindall Park this week to help wish Coach Patty Ouellette of [Jersey Shore Junior Tennis Academy](#) and her summer tennis camp players well! Committeewoman Snell and Ms. Ouellette used to coach together at Middletown South. Thank you for working with our youth and keeping them active!



**Middletown Township and the Ideal Beach Community Association Host Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, 7/23**



Ideal Beach



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD AT 7:00 PM

TONYA KELLER COMMUNITY CENTER (50 BRAY AVENUE)

Middletown Township and the Ideal Beach Community Association invite you to a meeting with Township officials, Administration and the Police Department to discuss the needs of the Ideal Beach community.

Please wear a mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines.



Ideal Beach weekend overflow parking will be available at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue) starting Sat., 7/18 from 8am-8pm.



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Using innovation to address the pollution crisis in NJ | Perry

Check out Mayor Perry's op-ed in *The Asbury Park Press* about how Middletown is using innovation to address the pollution crisis in New Jersey.



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.

MIDDLETOWN SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST

If you love nature and enjoy taking photos, this is the contest for you!
Photographers of all levels and experience are invited to enter their original
work that shows off the unique beauty of Middletown.

HOW TO ENTER:



TAKE A PICTURE IN MIDDLETOWN



TAG IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #SUMMERINMIDDLETOWNNJ

By posting with the hashtag, you allow Middletown Township to use your photo for promotional use (with photo credit).



**SHARE IT AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME (FOR PHOTO CREDIT)
AND THE LOCATION THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN BY JULY 31, 2020**

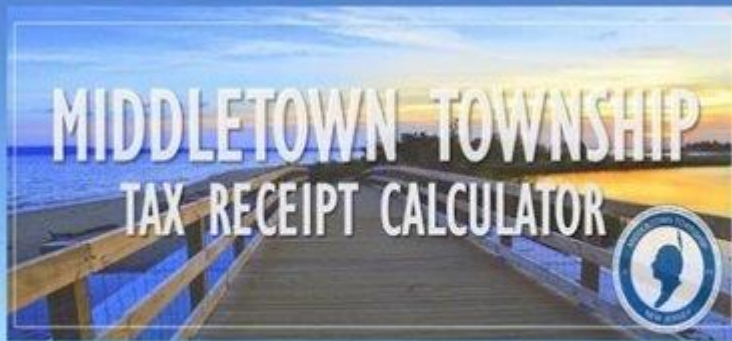
The three winning photos will be featured on the Township's social media
channels, TV station and in the weekly e-newsletter, *Middletown Minutes*,
through Labor Day.

Photo by Jeremy Jaryno

Use Our Tax Dollar Receipt Calculator to See Where Your Municipal Tax Dollars are Being Spent

For the second year in a row, Middletown Township is offering property
owners the chance to easily calculate how their municipal tax dollars are being
spent through the [Tax Dollar Receipt Calculator](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access the calculator, type in your 2020 residential assessment and
see penny for penny where your municipal tax dollars go.



This "Tax Dollar Receipt" calculator was created to help residents gain a greater understanding of where their Municipal tax dollars are being spent.

Simply type in your 2020 residential assessment to see penny for penny where your tax dollars go. Don't know your assessed value? Click [HERE](#).

Assessed Value of
Property *

ex: \$100000

Municipal Total

\$0.00

Due to rounding, this number may differ slightly from that displayed on your tax bill.

Featured Business of the Week: Freshii Middletown

This week's featured small business is Freshii located at 838 Route 35 South (in the Kohl's/Stop & Shop Plaza). They serve delicious, healthy and affordable salads, wraps, bowls, smoothies, juices and more! The menu caters to regular, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and dairy free diets.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER!](#)



The Middletown (Virtual) Arts Center Presents:
LAST WEEK to Enter *Sign of the Times* Public Art Event
All Signs Due JULY 24TH!

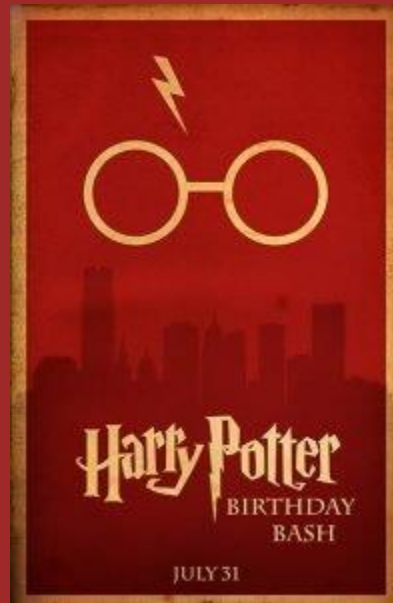


Decorate lawn signs for the "Sign of the Times" Public Art event to help celebrate the strength of the community during these difficult times and celebrate the power of art to heal and unite. Entries must be returned to the MAC by July 24th to be included in public display and virtual show.

Suggested donation of \$20 for each sign. Place your order by calling 732-706-4100.

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

Middletown Township Public Library Presents:
Harry Potter Virtual Birthday Bash!



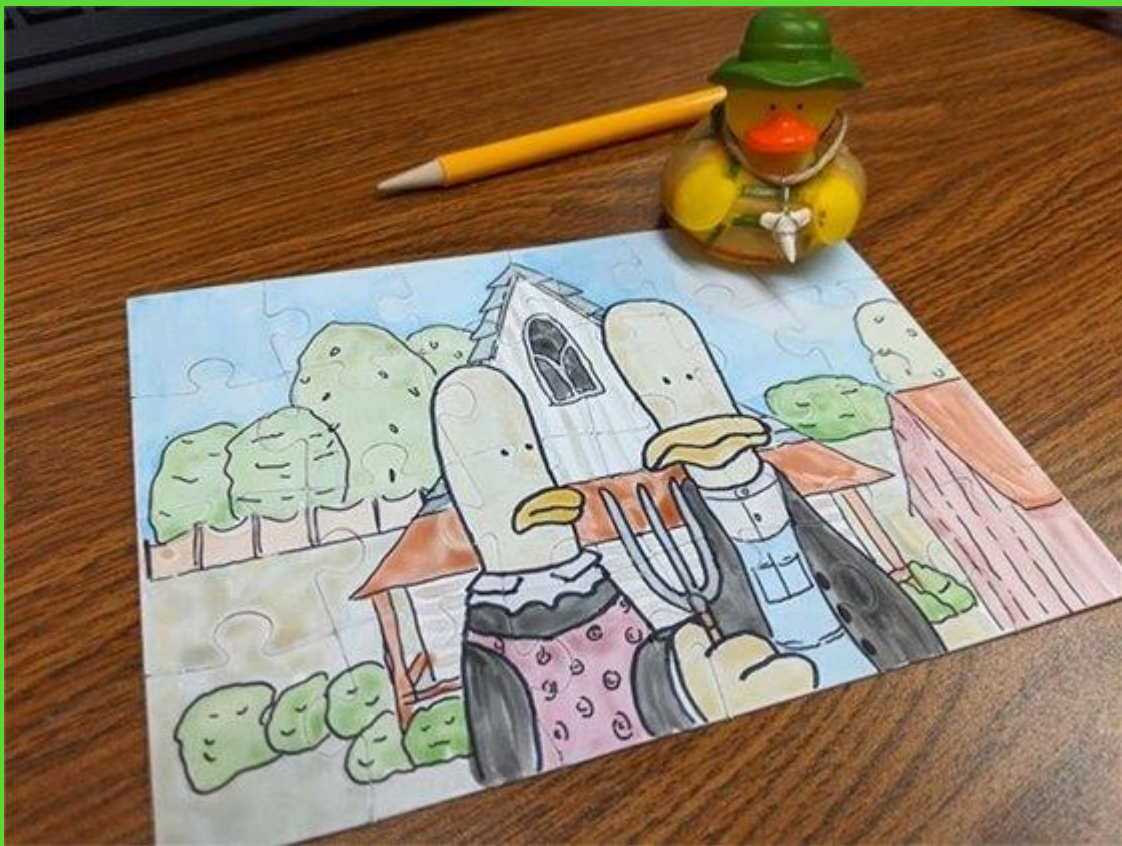
Since the MTPL can't celebrate Harry Potter's 40th Birthday Party in person, they are bringing the party to you!

The library will be hosting trivia contests, Sorting Hat quizzes and a drawing contest, as well as providing recipes for Harry Potter's birthday cake, craft instructions (a few may be available for pickup!), wand making & more!

Click [HERE](#) for party updates.

First you'll need to be sorted into your houses. If you haven't been sorted into a Hogwarts House, [click here for the Sorting Hat Quiz](#).

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)



This week's Camp In a Box was about essential Camp Skills, which featured a number of super fun activities for our campers, including decorating your own puzzle!

Camp In A Box Pick-Up Deadline: Wednesday, July 22

If you paid for a box, and have yet to pick up, it is still waiting for you! The program has something for every camper and can be done at your family's own pace, so don't worry about starting in the middle. The last day for pick-up will be Wednesday, July 22nd. After that, any unclaimed boxes will be redistributed for other purposes. Box pick-up is at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank) from 9:00a-4:00p, Monday-Friday.

The Middletown Senior Center Presents: 1950's Trivia

**Sign up for a fun game of 1950's trivia!
Pre-registration is FREE but required at**

www.middletownnj.org/signup. Please contact
732-615-2265 for assistance.



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION
THURSDAY, JULY 23RD - 11AM

**1950's Trivia
with Middletown
Senior Center**

SIGN UP TODAY!
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP
OR CALL: 732-615-2265

The right side of the graphic shows a laptop and several smartphones displaying a trivia game interface. The laptop screen shows a question: "Who used the argument 'I think, therefore I exist'?" with a timer of 18 seconds. Below the question are three answer choices: Plato, Descartes, and Leibniz. The smartphones also display the same trivia game interface.

[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SIGN UP!](#)



**MIDDLETOWN
MATTERS
SUMMER 2020**

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE LATEST ISSUE
OF THE TOWNSHIP'S NEWSLETTER.

The left side of the graphic shows a wooden boardwalk leading to a beach at sunset. The right side is a blue box with white text.



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

ReferenceUSA Hosts Webinars for Entrepreneurs and Job Seekers Throughout July 2020!

ReferenceUSA, in collaboration with several public libraries, are offering webinars for the public through the end of July. We encourage local business owners, entrepreneurs and job seekers to sign up.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

- July 22 from 7-8:30pm [Summit Public Library](#)
- July 28 from 4-5:30pm [Newark Public Library](#)
- July 30 from 6-7pm [Ocean City Free Public Library](#)

Click [HERE](#) for other small business resources.

Executive Order Violation Reporting Process

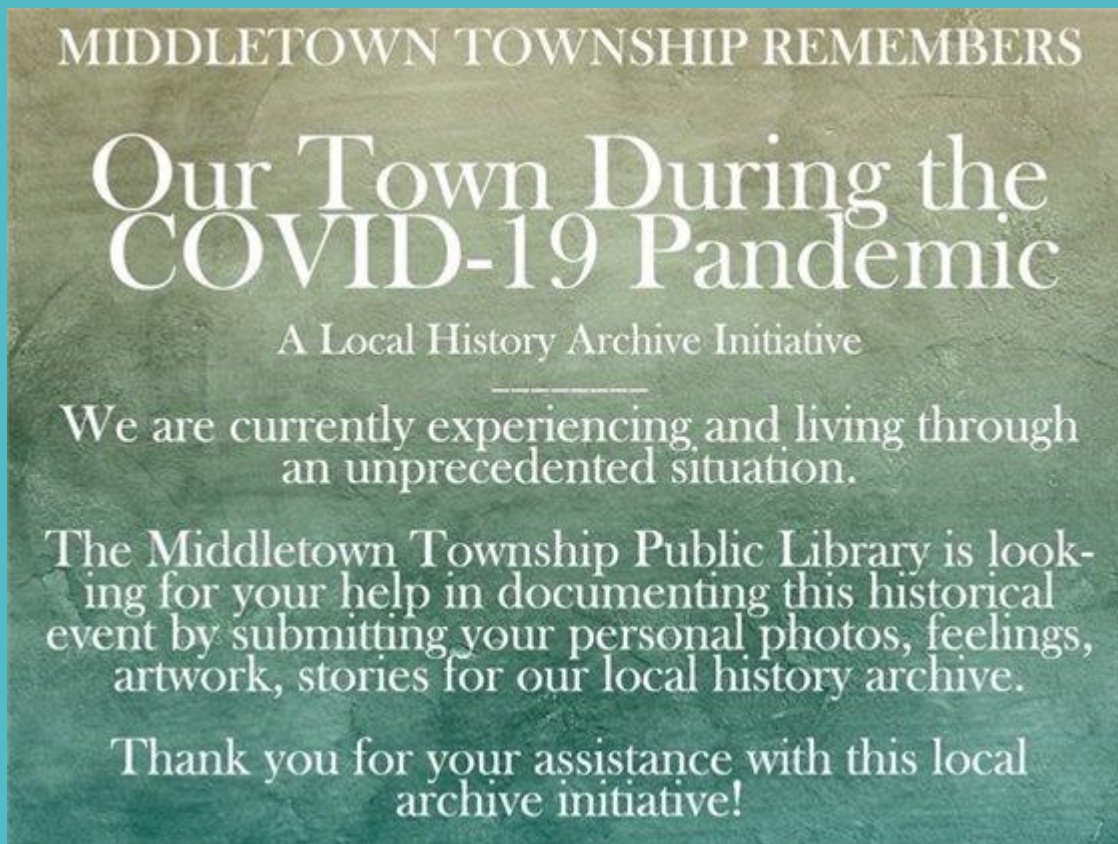
Compliance with Executive Orders is not voluntary. If you believe an employer, organization or entity is violating any Executive Order and wish to report them, you should complete the online form at covid19.nj.gov/forms/violation.

Please note that the COVID-19 hotlines do not take complaints about violations.

Click [HERE](#) for Middletown COVID-19 updates.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO ACCESS A LIST OF GOVERNOR MURPHY'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS, INCLUDING GUIDELINES REGARDING WEARING MASKS OUTDOORS AND THE REOPENING OF VARIOUS BUSINESSES.

Middletown Township Public Library Encourages Residents to Participate in the COVID-19 Local History Archive Initiative



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

What is the recommendation for wearing a face covering/mask inside while patronizing a business?

According to the New Jersey Department of Health, accommodations can be made if someone is not able to wear a face mask due to a medical

condition. Essential businesses that never closed (e.g. a grocery store or a pharmacy) cannot refuse entry to someone who has a medical condition and can't wear mask. They may offer options, such as to provide curbside delivery and limit time spent inside store, but the person must be allowed to enter.

If the person doesn't have a medical condition, but refuses to wear a mask, essential businesses *can* refuse entry but must arrange curbside delivery or provide a mask, if available. No one can be asked for medical documentation due to various laws that already existed, so people do not need to "prove" why they can't wear a mask.

MINIMIZING THE RISK OF COVID-19

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

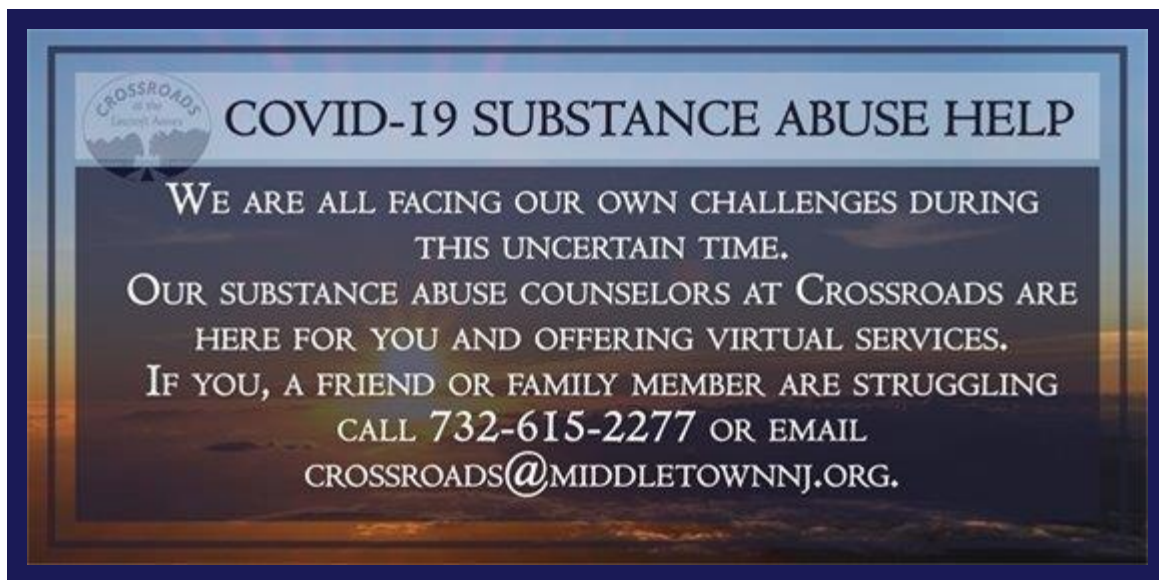


Keeping these factors in mind can help you assess your risk while participating in activities.

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.




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