

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown Remembers

19th Anniversary of the World Trade Center Tragedy

Friday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic. Tribute will be held rain or shine.



Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Meeting on Monday, August 17

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 17, 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 129 799 5765 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](#) to read the press release.

The US Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Tested Before Tropical Storm Isaias



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with the Township's Office of Emergency Management, tested the Pews Creek Flood Gate in Port Monmouth on Monday, August 3.

On Monday, August 3, officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Township met in Port Monmouth to test the 40-ft-wide tide gate that is used to keep the high tide of the Raritan Bay from flowing into Pews Creek. This proved to be particularly important when Tropical Storm Isaias rolled into the area, bringing high winds that created abnormally high tides. The tide gate and pump station are connected to a half-mile long floodwall along Port Monmouth Road and held back the rising high tides throughout the storm. The floodwall prevents flooding of local streets and saves residents from significant damage to their homes and vehicles. If heavy rainfall had caused the water levels of Pews Creek and its tributaries to rise too high, the system's pumps would have been automatically activated to discharge stormwater into the bay.

The Pews Creek tide gate construction contract will be completed this month. The final phase of the project is currently underway on the Compton Creek side. Utility upgrades, property surveys and easement acquisitions have begun ahead of the planned

construction of a floodwall & levee system along Highway 36, Creek Road and Main Street. They will build another pumping station on Main Street across from Renfrew Place that will complete the overall Army Corps project and eliminate decades of nuisance flooding on Wilson, Monmouth and Brainard Avenues.

All work is scheduled to be completed by 2023. For more information and updates, visit www.middletownnj.org/floodcontrolproject.

Middletown to Provide Supplemental Residential Curbside Brush Collection Beginning 8/17



- Brush collection will begin Monday, August 17th. ***Brush must be placed curbside by 6:00 PM on Sunday August 16th.***
- Township will be divided into three zones (see below). Each zone will start on August 17th and collection will occur simultaneously. Once a zone is completed, that crew will assist the other two zones.
 - North of Rt. 36
 - Between Rt. 36 and Rt. 35
 - South of Rt. 35
- Residents may only dispose of brush from their own property.
- Please do not combine leaf piles, grass clippings or other non-vegetative debris with your brush.
- Logs and stumps in excess of 8 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length cannot be collected. Please call a professional service if this is needed.

Residents may also bring their brush to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Thursdays through Mondays. ***The Recycling Center is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.***

Landscapers/ Contractors are not permitted to dispose of brush at the DPW / Recycling Center at this time.

Watch Townsquare Media Jersey Shore's "Ask The Mayor" Featuring Mayor Tony Perry!



Vin Ebenau of Townsquare Media News spoke with Mayor Tony Perry about the cleanup from Tropical Storm Isaias, how COVID-19 has affected Middletown and how the town is once again ranked one of the safest in the U.S. in a recent

episode of
Townsquare Media Jersey Shore's "Ask The Mayor".

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH!](#)

FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

**TST BBQ Teams Up with Friends Connect Foundation to
Support Special Needs Teens**



Mayor Tony Perry stopped by TST BBQ in Leonardo on Wednesday to attend the Friends Connect event held by the Friends Connect Foundation. Pictured from left: Friends Connect Treasurer Andrea Ziajski, TST BBQ owner Charles Mulea, Friends Connect Founder Sophia Ziajski and Mayor Tony Perry.

Mayor Tony Perry visited TST BBQ(910 Rt. 36, Leonardo) on Wednesday to congratulate them on their new partnership with the Friends Connect Foundation. The Foundation, spearheaded by Middletown resident Sophia Ziajski, brings teenagers with special needs together to form new friendships! Thank you to TST BBQ owner Charles Mulea for being a shining example of community leadership by hosting special needs teens and their families at their mini golf course and restaurant in a fun and safe way.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FRIENDS CONNECT FOUNDATION.](#)

THE MAC PRESENTS: KIDZ Summer Art Series!

KidzArt Summer Art Series

Featuring recorded videos of themed lessons your kids can easily participate in whenever it fits your home schedule. A new video will be available each week with 5-6 hours of lessons exploring various art techniques, notable artist's lives and styles, art inspired by nature and art around the world. **You can register for just one video or the whole bundle:**

- Art From the Masters, Ages 6-11
- Art From Nature, Ages 6-11
- Art Around the World, Ages 6-11
- TeenZArt, Ages 11+
- The Preschool Virtual Summer Program

[REGISTER](#)



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

**The MTPL Presents:
Daily Newspapers!**



Daily newspapers will be available starting Monday, 8/17. Patrons need to wear gloves and face masks while handling the papers. Newspapers will not be available 30 minutes prior to closing.

Regularly scheduled library hours resume Tuesday, 9/8: Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm; Friday and Saturday 9-5 pm.

The library will begin taking book donations on Tuesday, 9/8. Books must be clean and in good condition, and dropped off bagged into the bin in the lobby. All donations will follow detailed quarantine procedures.

Visit www.mtpl.org for more information.

**Middletown Seniors:
Don't Forget to Sign Up for Seasonal Surprise Bags!**

REGISTER NOW

SUMMER

Seasonal Surprises

AN ACTIVITY BAG FOR
MIDDLETOWN SENIORS
FULL OF
OLD - FASHIONED FUN

WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SENIORS

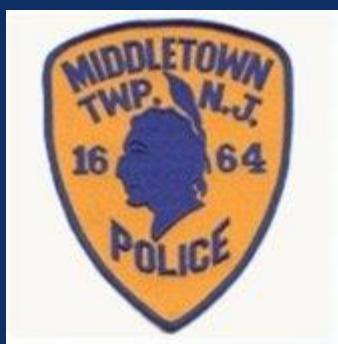


Click on the picture to register!

Middletown Seniors, don't forget to sign up for a bag of good old fashioned fun from the Middletown Recreation Department! Each Seasonal Surprises bag features watercolor supplies, origami paper, playing cards, puzzle books, bubble gum, bingo cards, a journal with mindfulness writing prompts and more. All instructions are included in each bag and explain the many ways to participate. Live events include a weekly book club with the [Middletown Township Public Library](#), art lessons with the [Middletown Arts Center](#), bingo and trivia events to win prizes, craft tutorials and fun fitness workouts!

**This program is made possible by Title III B funding from the Monmouth County Office on Aging.*

All members of the Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) are eligible to participate in this free program (while supplies last). To register, please call 732-615-2260 or visit www.middletownnj.org/signup.



Volunteers Needed for Middletown Township Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team

Middletown Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Middletown Township Police Department

continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for DVRT volunteers October 6 - 29, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact Sgt. Kevin Gardiner, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at 732 615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

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

How to Report Tree Problems to JCP&L

Before the next storm hits, check your surrounding area to make sure that trees aren't growing too closely to any of JCP&L's power lines.

If you notice a problematic tree, please click [HERE](#) to report it.

Jersey Central
Power & Light
A FirstEnergy Company



GET AHEAD OF THE STORM

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

Do you enjoy working outside and want to be a part of keeping our town beautiful?

Join the Middletown Department of Public Works!



THE MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS SEEKING
SEASONAL WORKERS
IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:
ROAD MAINTENANCE • PARK MAINTENANCE • BUILDING MAINTENANCE
FLEET MAINTENANCE • RECYCLING & CLEAN COMMUNITIES
VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

[**CLICK HERE OR THE PICTURE TO APPLY!**](#)

Monmouth County Freeholders to Allocate \$10 Million of CARES Act Funding to Small Business Community



Monmouth County announced a \$10 million Economic Assistance Program for small businesses and non-profits.

Visit monmouthcountycares.com to learn more about the program.

Thank you to the Monmouth County Freeholders for their support of Middletown businesses!

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

MIDDLETOWN AUXILIARY POLICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
RECEIVE FIRST HAND EXPOSURE TO POLICE WORK

REQUIREMENTS:

- MINIMUM OF 18 YEARS OLD
- NO CRIMINAL RECORD
- GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION
- COMMIT TO 160 HOURS TO THE AUXILIARY ACADEMY
- MINIMUM OF 150 HOURS A YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY
- WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONG HOURS IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS



FOR INQUIRIES CALL THE SGT. KEVIN GARDINER AT 732-615-2075 OR EMAIL AUXILIARY CHIEF DAVE DEIGERT AT PDEIGERT01@COMCAST.NET.

**VOTE FOR THE MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE
BEST IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!**



Please help the
Middletown Township Public Library become the
"Best Public Library in Monmouth County" for 2020.

Click [HERE](#), scroll down to Public Library and vote
for the MTPL by August 28!



THANK YOU!



**Thank you to all of our community members
who are on the front lines of this pandemic.
We truly appreciate your hard work
and sacrifice!**

COVID-19 RESOURCES



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

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP REMEMBERS

Our Town During the COVID-19 Pandemic

A Local History Archive Initiative

We are currently experiencing and living through an unprecedented situation.

The Middletown Township Public Library is looking for your help in documenting this historical event by submitting your personal photos, feelings, artwork, stories for our local history archive.

Thank you for your assistance with this local 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.

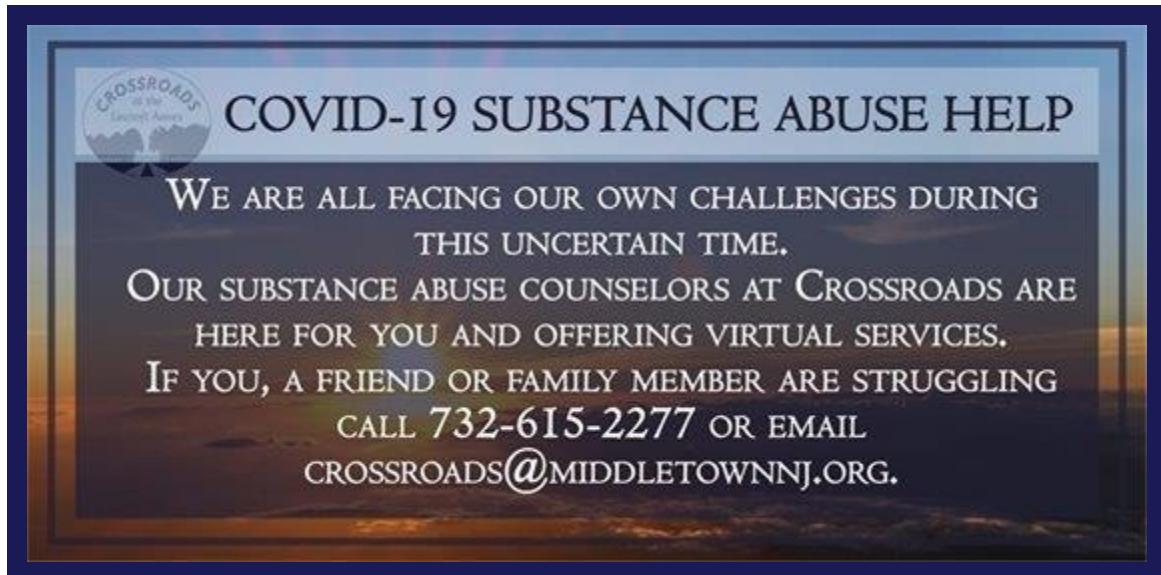


Keeping these factors in mind can help you assess your risk while participating in activities.

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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