

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown Township Will Provide Supplemental Residential Curbside Brush Collection Due to Tropical Storm Isaias

DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF THE TROPICAL STORM, THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL RESIDENTIAL BRUSH PICKUP BEGINNING AUGUST 17TH.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BRUSH FOR DETAILS.



- 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 Kaness 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.

You may find your Brush / Leaf Zone by entering in your address on the [RECYCLE COACH](#) app.



TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE:
Call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877),
click on the “Report Outage” link on
www.firstenergycorp.com,
or text OUT to 544487.



Jersey Central
Power & Light
A FirstEnergy Company

A Message From the Middletown Township Fire Department: Please Remain Safe When Using Generators

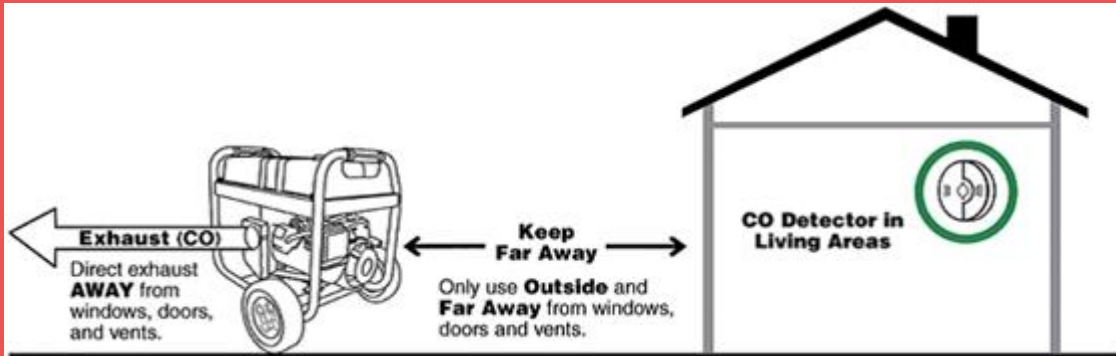
The Middletown Township Fire Department responded to over 120 calls in the last 72 hours for Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector activation. Generators emit exhaust containing carbon monoxide which is a colorless and odorless gas that has the potential to be very deadly because most people don't realize they are being poisoned until it's too late. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, portable generators are responsible for more than 900 people dying of carbon monoxide poisoning between 2005 and 2017. With hurricane season is fast approaching, the MTFD is asking residents to please follow these safety tips on CO Detector maintenance and generator safety use to prevent CO from entering your house:

- Never run a generator in an enclosed space or indoors. This includes basements and garages, which can capture deadly levels of carbon monoxide. Always place the generator at least 20 feet from the house with the engine exhaust directed

away from windows and doors. Contrary to popular myth, keeping the garage door open does not provide enough ventilation to keep the fumes outside.

- Purchase a (CO) detector with a plug and battery backup. That way, if you shut off the generator, the battery backup will automatically keep the device going.
- Traffic cones are placed to protect you from a potentially dangerous situation. Going around them could put you and our volunteer firefighters at risk.

Thank you in advance for following these rules and stay safe.



JCP&L Is Offering Free Water and Ice to Middletown Residents

The following store locations are providing free ice/water to those affected by the power outage:

**Jersey Central
Power & Light**
A PSE Company

- ShopRite in Middletown, 1361 NJ-35
- Foodtown, 3 Bayshore Plaza, Atlantic Highlands



**The Middletown Township Health Department Reminds
Residents to Remember Food Safety Tips During a Power
Outage**

FOOD SAFETY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A POWER OUTAGE

Know how to keep food safe before during and after emergencies. Hurricanes, tornadoes, winter weather and other events may cause power outages. Follow these tips to help minimize food loss and reduce your risk of foodborne illness.

BEFORE PLAN AHEAD (IF YOU CAN) ...

Put appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer.

Keep freezer 0°F or below.

Refrigerator 40°F or below.

Freeze containers of water and gel packs to help keep food cold if the power goes out.

Group foods together in the freezer to help food stay colder longer.

Freeze refrigerated foods such as leftovers, milk, and fresh meat and poultry that you do not need immediately.

If you think power will be out for an extended period of time, buy **dry or black ice** to keep the fridge or freezer cold.

Store extra bottled water in higher shelves to avoid flood water.

DURING WHILE THE POWER IS OUT ...

Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed to maintain cold temperatures.

IF DOORS STAY CLOSED ...

a full freezer will hold its temperature for **48 HOURS**

24 if half full

a fridge will keep food safe for **4 HOURS**

AFTER ONCE THE POWER IS BACK ON ...

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!
Check the temperature inside of your refrigerator and freezer. If they're still at safe temperatures, your food should be fine.

Never taste food to determine its safety!

WHAT CAN I KEEP?
The following foods are safe if held above 40°F for more than 2 hours:

WHAT SHOULD I THROW OUT?

- Meat, poultry or seafood products
- Soft cheeses and shredded cheeses
- Milk, cream, yogurt, and other dairy products
- Opened baby formula
- Eggs and egg products
- Dough, cooked pasta
- Cooked or raw poultry

FOLLOW THESE STEPS AFTER A FLOOD:

AFTER A FLOOD
DO NOT EAT any food that may have touched flood water.
DISCARD FOOD not in waterproof containers, screw caps, snap lids, pull tops, and crimped tops are not waterproof.
DISCARD cardboard juice/milk, baby formula boxes and home-canned foods.
DISCARD any damaged cans that have swelling, bulging, punctures, holes, flatheads, extensive deep rusting, or crushing/denting severe enough to prevent normal draining or opening.

SANITIZE
1 tbsp. bleach + 1 gallon water

- Porcelain dishes and utensils
- Undamaged glass mason jars after removing labels



GET AHEAD OF THE STORM

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

For automatic updates from the National Weather Service, register for the Township's emergency alerts by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777 or by visiting www.middletownnj.org/nixle.

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/JOBS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

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



[Click on the picture to register!](#)

Middletown Seniors, don't forget to sign up to get your bag of old fashioned fun from the Middletown Recreation Department! Seasonal Surprises are scheduled to be distributed as early as next week! Each 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.

**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 PDEIGERTO1@COMCAST.NET.

THE MAC PRESENTS: BRICKS 4 KIDZ VIRTUAL SUMMER PROGRAM! (Ages: 7+)

Virtual Amusement Park Fun!

August 10 - 14 9:30-11:00am (via Zoom)*



A unique one-week virtual summer program loaded with hands-on activities and games. Each day will feature a fun-filled 90 minute Zoom session, during which B4K's experienced instructors will guide students step by step through the construction of their own amazing creations. Plus lots of GAMES!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

**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!**

**Have Some Down Time?
Check Out the Books the MTPL Staff and @OverDriveLibs
Librarians are Planning to
Read This Month!**

What OverDrive
is Reading in August



[Click the picture to take a look!](#)

MTPD Offers FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint

Saturday, August 8th
**New Monmouth Baptist Church (4 Cherry Tree Farm
Road) from 7:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Middletown Township Police Department



CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKPOINT

Residents are welcome to come to this FREE Car Seat Safety Checkpoint hosted by the MTPD to ensure your child is in the right car seat and that it is installed correctly. We ask that adults wear face masks. Call 732-615-2046 for more information.

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.



June 30, 2020



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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