

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## Middletown Remembers

### 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Congrats to Our Middletown Summer Photo Contest Winners!

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the #SummerinMiddletownNJ Photo Contest! We received over 40 entries that showcased the unique beauty that can be found throughout the 42 square miles of our town.

While all of the entries were stunning, these original photos were selected as the Top 3 that best represented Middletown's natural allure.



**1st place goes to Sean Flannery for his stunning picture of Port Monmouth!**



**2nd place goes to Ashley Lauren for this beautiful sunset image of the jetty & NYC skyline captured in Belford.**



**3rd place goes to Ralph Godwin for this lovely image of the fishing pier at Bayshore Waterfront Park.**



**One of our many honorable mentions included this photo taken on the Navesink River by Stacey Brunson Lebitz.**

**Thank you again for your entries and be sure to keep an eye out for future photo contests!**

**Click HERE to view all of our amazing finalists.**

**Virtual Middletown Month is Coming Up in November  
Check Out Our Sponsorship Opportunities and Spread the Word About Your Business!**



As our community weathers and rebuilds from this year's challenges, Middletown Day is going to take a different shape in 2020. Our annual fall festival will be transformed into a month-long event, Middletown Month, that will bring your business's name directly into homes this November.

Click HERE to see the detailed list of sponsorship opportunities.

Click HERE to download the Virtual 2020 Middletown Month Registration Form. Deadline to register is September 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Middletown Township Shines A Light On International Overdose Awareness Day**



**Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee proclaimed August 31, 2020 International Overdose Awareness Day in Middletown at Monday night's meeting. The Township has partnered with the Opioid Task Force of the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to support this cause by displaying 99 purple flags around the municipal building to remember each life that has been lost in the County due to drug overdose as of June 30. Town Hall will be lit up purple through September 4 in remembrance of those affected as well as to celebrate those in recovery.**

We encourage the community to reach out to the Middletown Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex should they or a loved one need help with battling addiction. Call 732-615-2277 or email [crossroads@middletownnj.org](mailto:crossroads@middletownnj.org).

## Tornado Touches Down on Lincroft

On Wednesday, a tornado touched down on a baseball field on the campus of Brookdale Community College in the Lincroft section of Middletown. According to a [statement issued by the National Weather Service \(NWS\)](#), it tossed a set of metal bleachers adjacent to the field, then crossed over Phalanx Road into a residential area, with numerous trees sustaining damage on and around Hickory Lane. The tornado continued a little south of due east and passed near the northeast corner of the Swimming River Reservoir, causing additional tree damage. The tornado then entered another residential area near Swimming River Road and Normandy Road, producing a continued path of damaged trees.



The Middletown Township Fire Department provided this photo of a home on Green Grove Court in Lincroft. Thankfully, no one was injured.

*Photo by Laurie Kegley, MTFD  
Public Information Officer  
Photographer*

The tornado lifted as it entered the Riverdale West Park in Tinton Falls, where tree damage was no longer observed. The tornado did not appear to cause any direct structural damage, though a couple of homes sustained damage from falling tree debris. The degree of damage is consistent with an EF0 tornado with estimated maximum winds of 80 mph and a continuous, relatively narrow path of around 70 yards in width. Thankfully, no injuries occurred as a result of this tornado.

***Kudos to Middletown's first responders for quickly ensuring the safety of our residents during this sudden weather change as well as providing the NWS with photos and information to complete this report.***

**Watch the August 17<sup>th</sup> Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting**



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 7:00 PM and 8:45 PM through September 1<sup>st</sup> .

*Congratulations to Mayor Tony Perry and his wife Alannah on the birth of their daughter, Reagan Margaret Perry!*

*We cannot wait to see what she will accomplish. Best of luck to the Perry family!*



*Deputy Chief John Kaiser presented Dolores Axon with a medal honoring her 37 years of service as a crossing guard in Middletown.*

## **MTPD Holds Annual Crossing Guard Training Session**

**Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli conducted the annual training for our crossing guards at Middletown High School North on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Deputy Chief John Kaiser and retired Detective Peter White both spoke at the presentation. Deputy Chief Kaiser greeted the membership and praised them for their outstanding service to our community and reminded them that they are part of the Police**

**Department and can always rely on them for assistance. Pete White, second in command of the Middletown Board of Education Security Division, reviewed the most recent 2020/2021 school schedule and the active role crossing guards will be taking to ensure a healthy and safe environment for all students.**

**Deputy Chief Kaiser also presented several crossing guards with years of service awards. One of the recipients was Dolores Axon who has served as a crossing guard in Middletown for a very impressive 37 years!**

***We thank our Crossing Guard Division for doing the important job of getting our children to school safely and wish them all a safe school year ahead!***

## Congratulations to Middletown North State Wrestling Champ Tyler Klinsky!



On behalf of the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore presented Middletown North State Wrestling Champ Tyler Klinsky with a congratulatory certificate at the Monday, August 17 Township Committee meeting.

Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Coach Matt Sirchio, State Wrestling Champ Tyler Klinsky, Coach Eric Morley, High School North Principal Dr. Patricia Cartier and Superintendent of Middletown Township Public Schools Dr. William George

The Middletown Township Committee was thrilled to recognize Middletown North wrestler Tyler Klinsky for earning the 2020 NJSIAA 113lb State Championship back in March at Monday night's meeting. COVID-19 may have rained on his celebratory parade, however, Tyler recently received his championship ring, was named to the 2020 USA Wrestling Dream Team and will be leaving a legacy in both Middletown and Shore Conference wrestling since this title hasn't been achieved by a Middletown high school student for 46 years! We congratulate Tyler on becoming part of North's sports history and wish him continued success at Rider University.



**Saturday, August 22**

**Lincroft Fire Company, 601 Newman Springs Road**

**7:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

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.

### **Middletown's Supplemental Residential Curbside Brush Collection Has Begun!**

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

**VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BRUSH](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BRUSH) FOR DETAILS.**



- Brush collection began Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. **All brush needed to be placed curbside on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- The Township has been divided into three zones (see below). Each zone started on August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP TO OFFER RESIDENTS FREE ORGANIC COMPOST



**Mayor Tony Perry reminds residents that beginning after Labor Day, the Township will be offering free screened compost at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) that can be used as a natural, organic way to repair and enhance your yard and garden. This compost is created from our own leaf collection and is a wonderful way to avoid using harsh chemical fertilizers while keeping Middletown green. ??**

**CLICK HERE OR THE PICTURE TO WATCH THE VIDEO!**



## Online Public Information Meeting: Oceanic Bridge Local Concept Development Study

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

The next Public Information Center (PIC) meeting will be held online. Members of the public that wish to attend the online PIC for the Oceanic Bridge Local Concept Development Study Public Meeting on **August 27, 2020**

4:00 p.m EDT must register at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2654197288137759245>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The public is invited and encouraged to comment on the project. **For more information, please read the PIC Meeting Notice [here](#).** The online PIC will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the presentation set to begin at 4:15 p.m. If you will not have access to an internet connection on August 27th during the online PIC, please contact Fred Passeggio at (732) 431-7760 x6690 or [fred.passeggio@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:fred.passeggio@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## 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.\*\*](#)

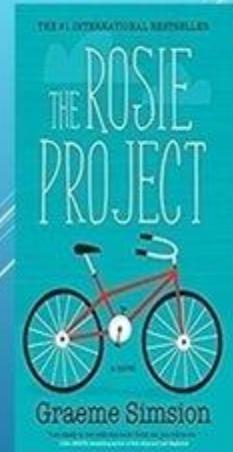
**Join the Senior Center & MTPL's Virtual Book Club  
Starting Tuesday, 8/25!**

MIDDLETOWN SENIOR CENTER &  
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOST A  
VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB ON WEBEX  
"THE ROSIE PROJECT"

BEGINNING ON AUGUST 25  
10:00 – 11:00

PLEASE CALL THE MIDDLETOWN SENIOR  
CENTER AT 732-615-2265 FOR  
INFORMATION.

BOOK CLUB WILL MEET ON A WEEKLY  
BASIS!



Middletown Senior Center along with the Middletown Township Public Library will be meeting each week to discuss their current book selection. Starting August 25, they will be discussing "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Call the Middletown Senior Center if interested in participating and for details at 732-615-2265.

**REGISTER NOW**

SUMMER

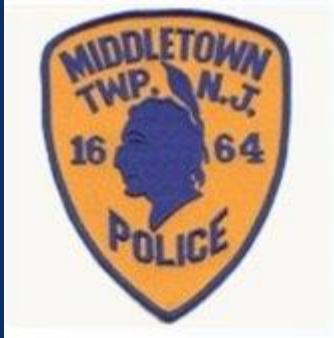
*Seasonal Surprises*

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

[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SENIORS](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SENIORS)



**Click on the picture to register!**



## 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to receive storm alerts.



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](http://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](http://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 [PDEIGERTOI@COMCAST.NET](mailto:PDEIGERTOI@COMCAST.NET).

A shield-shaped badge for the Middletown Township Auxiliary Police. The badge is dark with gold and red accents. The words "MIDDLETOWN TWP. N.J." are at the top, "16" and "64" are on the sides, and "AUXILIARY POLICE" is at the bottom. In the center is a stylized sunburst or flame design.

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

### **COVID-19: ENJOYING PARKS SAFELY**



Do not use  
parks or trails if  
you are not  
feeling well



Wear a face  
covering if  
social  
distancing is  
not possible



Stay at least 6  
feet away from  
others when  
possible



Clean hands  
often with  
hand sanitizer

**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?**

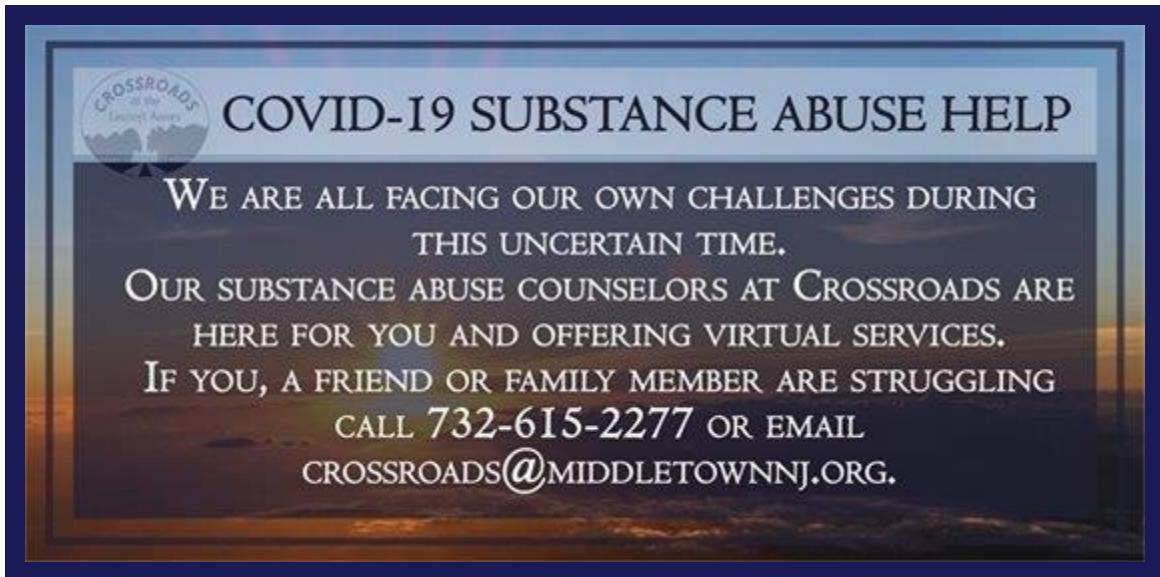
According to the New Jersey Department of Health, accommodations can be made if someone is not able to wear a face mask due to a medical condition. Essential businesses that never closed (e.g. a grocery store or a pharmacy) cannot refuse entry to someone who has a medical condition and can't wear mask. 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





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