



## Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours & Curfew

Middletown Township Police Department announced that Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note, as per Township Ordinance 202-1, an 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew will be in effect for people under the age of 18 on October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.

“Although trick-or-treating has not been prohibited, parents and children are reminded to use caution and observe social distancing guidelines as we are still under a state of emergency due to COVID-19,” said Police Chief Craig Weber. “Those who do plan to trick-or-treat should limit their groups to current household members, consider staying local, and limit the number of houses on their route.”

Residents can contact the Middletown Township Police Department at 732-615-2100 with any safety concerns.

**Have a Happy & Healthy Halloween!**

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

## Middletown Launches Economic Relief Program to Help Small Businesses Recover from COVID-19



Middletown Township today announced the application process for its Middletown Economic Relief Program (MERP) that will provide financial assistance to small businesses in the municipality that have been affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

During a press conference on Oct. 15, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee announced the launch of MERP, which will offer up to \$15,000 to eligible businesses in the township. Congressman Chris Smith, Monmouth County Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, Middletown Economic Development Committee Chairman Abe Littenberg, Township officials, and some local small business owners attended the event.

The program's funding, which is more than \$400,000, was provided through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and seeks to help businesses that are suffering from the financial impact of COVID-19. These funds are provided from the Department of Housing and Urban Development via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Program.

"As soon as we learned that the Township would be receiving aid through the (CARES) Act, we swiftly created this program as a mechanism to provide a financial lifeline to our small business owners," said Mayor Tony Perry, who also serves on the board of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce. "We understand the emotional and financial burden this pandemic has had on our business owners and want to be able to give something back since they all bring so much to our community."

**[Click HERE for eligibility requirements and to access the application.](#)**



*Bill Gardell with his father Dennis on his wedding day. (Photo provided by Bill Gardell).*

## **Middletown First Responder Saves Father's Life in McDonald's Parking Lot**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Bill Gardell, a Middletown volunteer firefighter and former member of Fairview First Aid, saved his father Dennis's life when he had a heart attack in the parking lot of McDonald's on Highway 35. "If he didn't immediately start performing CPR, his father likely would have not survived," said Middletown Emergency Medical

Services Public Information Officer, Django Weigers. Emergency Medical Services volunteers from Lincroft, Fairview and Port Monmouth first aid squads arrived shortly after the 911 call and assisted with chest compressions and used a defibrillator to restart his heart. Hackensack Meridian Healthcare paramedics also arrived on the scene to help save Mr. Gardell's life.

**[Click here to read more about this positive story that ran in the Middletown Patch!](#)**

## **Veterans Affairs Committee Fly American Flags on Local GSP Overpasses**



*Veterans Affairs Committee members Tom Hackett, Bob Siemer and Dick Furlong post the American flag on the Red Hill Road Garden State Parkway overpass.*

As Veterans Day approaches, members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, led by Chairman Dennis Beauregard, posted large American flags on the Red Hill Road and Middletown-Lincroft Road Garden State Parkway overpasses to pay tribute to our past and present military members.

VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth donated the flags, while Jean's Canvas Products (784 Route 36) installed the flags' grommets.

Middletown is proud to have such dedicated volunteers to remind us of the sacrifices and service of our veterans.

**Veterans Affairs Committee Encourages Community to Support Westminster Presbyterian Church's Field of Flags Dedication on Sat., 11/7**

**DEDICATION OF THE FIELD OF FLAGS**  
Honoring the 7002 Fallen Veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan  
Saturday, November 7, 2020, 1 PM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
94 Tindall Road, Middletown



Featuring:

Keynote Speaker: Major Pete Hegseth  
Co-host, Fox & Friends Weekend  
Army Veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan  
Greeting from Mayor Perry  
Bagpipes  
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp Color Guard  
Patriotic Music

## Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Invites Community to Annual POW MIA Service on Sat., 11/7

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to the

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual POW MIA Service**  
**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**  
**at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth)**



**In remembrance of POW/MIAs, VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary will conduct their 38<sup>th</sup> Annual POW/MIA Service. Please join them to remember, reflect and revere the men and women who have still not come home so that they may be laid to rest and never forgotten.**



## Middletown Month Bags are Available Beginning Monday, 11/2

### MIDDLETOWN MONTH 2020 BAG AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE SALE STARTS: 11/2/2020

Each reusable tote purchase includes a fleece blanket, Community Value Coupon Sheet, giveaways from sponsors, and more!

**\$5.00**

cash or check made payable to  
Middletown Arts Center



Bags will be sold at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank) during normal business hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.  
While supplies last.

Don't miss out on this year's reusable tote! Bags will be sold beginning Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road). **#MiddletownMonth** bags come filled with a fleece blanket, Community Value Coupons,

and giveaways from this year's sponsors!

**Enter the VIRTUAL Middletown's Got Talent!  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV 6<sup>th</sup>**

Show your stuff & support the Middletown Arts Center by entering the Middletown's Got Talent competition by Friday, 11/6!



As we celebrate what makes Middletown great this November during #MiddletownMonth, the MAC is inviting all of Middletown's talent to share their special gift with the community. Sing, dance, juggle, play an instrument! Whatever your talent is, we want to see it!

MAC is accepting two to three-minute videos showcasing your skills. Accepted submissions will be combined into one video. MAC will premiere the full talent show to a live audience on the [Middletown Month YouTube channel](#) on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** November 6, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

**BROADCAST DATE:** November 13, 2020 at 7 PM.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the guidelines and how to submit your video!

**COMING THIS NOVEMBER: MIDDLETOWN MONTH SKILLS CHALLENGE EVENTS!**

**MIDDLETOWN MONTH 2020**



**SKILLS CHALLENGE EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 2 - 25

[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)

Please consider bringing a nonperishable canned food for our food drive or an unwrapped toy for our toy drive. All donations received will be given to Middletown residents in need this holiday season!

**EVENT:**

**PITCH, HIT & RUN**

NOVEMBER 2, 4, OR 5

**CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION:**

11/2: BODMAN PARK: 3PM - 5PM

11/4: MIDDLETOWN TWP THOMPSON PARK: 4PM - 6PM

11/5: MCMAHON PARK: 3PM - 5PM

**DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH**

NOVEMBER 9, 10, OR 12

11/9: TONYA KELLER COMMUNITY CENTER: 3PM - 5PM

11/10: MIDDLETOWN TWP THOMPSON PARK: 4PM - 6PM

11/12: TINDALL PARK: 3PM - 5PM

**SOCCER SHOOTOUT**

NOVEMBER 17, 18, OR 19

11/17: NUT SWAMP TURF: 3PM - 5PM

11/18: CROYDON TURF: 4PM - 6PM

11/19: NUT SWAMP TURF: 3PM - 5PM

**PUNT, PASS & KICK**

NOVEMBER 23, 24, OR 25

11/23: CROYDON TURF: 3PM - 5PM

11/24: NUT SWAMP TURF: 4PM - 6PM

11/25: CROYDON TURF: 3PM - 5PM

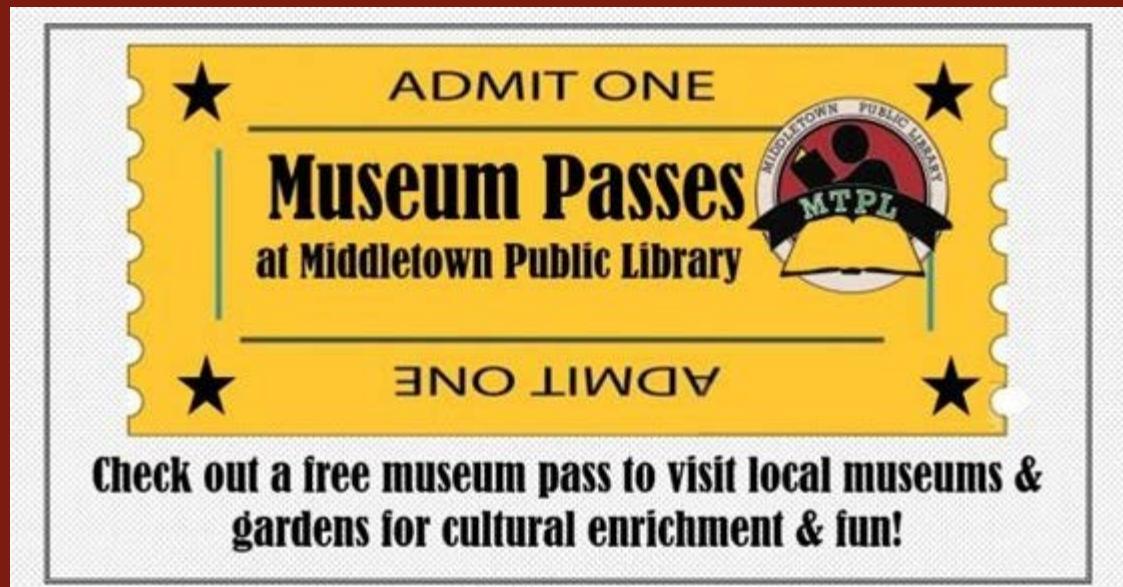
**PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED**

Middletown Month Skills Challenge events are coming to a field near you! Four weeks, four sports. Come out to show off your skills and compete to see who in Middletown has the best skills in each sport.

Winners will be chosen in each age group: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-17, 18+

Pre-registration is recommended, and for ease & safety, time-slot reservations required. Click the picture of visit [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to pre-register!

## **CHECK OUT A FREE MUSEUM PASS AT THE MTPL**



**Check out a museum pass just like you would a book to visit several area museums & gardens providing opportunities for learning, leisure, cultural enrichment & fun.**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF THE MUSEUMS YOU CAN VISIT WITH THE MTPL PASS!**

***Users are responsible for checking the museum's website for the most current information.***

## MIDDLETOWN QUARTERLY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

**PAYMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM  
ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO AVOID INTEREST CHARGES.**

**ALL PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE RETURNED AND  
CERTIFIED FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE TAX SALE.  
VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



**MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR  
ELECTION DAY.**



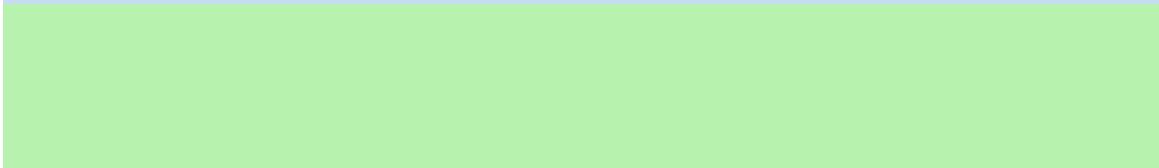
### Where to Find Election Ballot Boxes in Middletown

Check out Mayor Perry's [YouTube video](#) about where to cast your mail-in ballot in Middletown.

Ballot Drop-Off Box Locations include:

- Middletown Town Hall (1 Kings Highway, Opposite the MTPD entrance)
- Croydon Hall Municipal Building (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo)

*Click [HERE](#) to watch the video and learn more.*





Help preserve and protect our land in Middletown for future generations by voting "Yes" for the Open Space referendum on the November 2020 General Election Ballot.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**Love Composting? Purchase an Earth Machine Compost Bin at the Middletown Recycling Center!**

**ATTENTION MIDDLETOWN & MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Earth Machine Compost Bins can be purchased at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) for \$35. Please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.

Free workshops will be offered through the County to learn how to reduce your yard and household waste and improve your soil through backyard composting. For information, visit [www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com) and go to the recycling section of the County Reclamation Center's webpage to get session updates and register.

If you are a composting enthusiast, Middletown is now selling Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bins for \$35 at the Township's Recycling

Center (52 Kanes Lane). To purchase an Earth Machine, please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.

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## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### **COVID-19 TESTING SITES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY**



[Click HERE or the picture to find COVID-19 Testing Sites in Monmouth County.](#)

**Why You Can't Test Out of COVID-19 Quarantine\***

\*Quarantine = staying home/away from others for 14 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19 to make sure you don't get sick/infect others.

Possibly exposed to COVID-19?	Quarantine at home for 14 days.	You cannot test out of quarantine.	Even if you test negative, stay home for 14 days.
A negative test only shows you are not infected on the day tested during the 14 day quarantine.	You can still test positive and/or become sick during the 14 day quarantine.	It is important to complete the entire 14 day quarantine.	After 14 days if you have no symptoms, your quarantine is over.

For general questions about COVID-19 call 211 or 1-800-222-1222. Download the COVID Alert NJ app: covid19.nj.gov/app.

October 7, 2020



## NJ Poison Control Center Warns Community About Potential Misuse of Hand Sanitizers

In the COVID-19 era, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not just a household staple, they are an everyday necessity. Since becoming part of our daily defense against coronavirus infection, these products are kept just about everywhere — from vehicles to handbags/backpacks to lunchboxes. Although hand sanitizers play an important role in preventing infection and slowing the spread of COVID-19, these products can result in potentially serious health consequences. In fact, hand sanitizers carry a potential for misuse, abuse and accidental exposure which can lead to alcohol overdose (poisoning).

Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

**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@MIDDLETOWNNNJ.ORG](mailto:CROSSROADS@MIDDLETOWNNNJ.ORG).**

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