



Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Honors Albert T. Buchhop With Street Sign Dedication



Members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee stand proudly with Mayor Tony Perry, the Middletown Township Committee, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, and the Buchhop family after their tribute and street sign dedication to WWII KIA Albert T. Buchhop.

On Saturday, October 17th, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) held a fallen soldier commemorative street sign dedication ceremony at the intersection of Buchhop Lane and West Front Street ([Hiddenwell Estates](#)) in memory of Albert T. Buchhop who served in the US Navy in World War II.

Former VAC member Tom Garretson hosted the poignant ceremony that included a color guard and the playing of Taps. Mayor Tony Perry also said a few words regarding the importance of remembering our veterans' past sacrifices for future generations. Mr. Garretson then brought attention to the Buchhop family in attendance and gave credit to Albert Buchhop's niece, Lois Hammond, who reached out to the VAC on behalf of her uncle and began the process of the street sign renaming. The VAC also presented the Buchhop family with a Gold Star Families flag, which is bestowed upon family members of those who gave their life for our country during a time of conflict.

As part of the Township's [Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program](#), more than 50 signs have been added township-wide to pay tribute to Middletown veterans who were killed in action from World War I to present. The commemorative sign includes the soldier's full name, an American flag, branch of service campaign served, and a gold star representing the gold star mother and family. The program is managed by the all-volunteer Veterans Affairs Committee with support from the Public Works Department.

Click [HERE](#) to view additional photos from the event.

Middletown Congratulates NJ Blind Citizens Association on 110th Anniversary!



Mayor Tony Perry presented a proclamation recognizing the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association's 110th anniversary to Stacey Stefanski, Director of the NJBCA at the Monday, October 19th Township Committee Meeting.

On Monday, October 19th, the Middletown Township Committee presented Stacey Stefanski, Director of the [New Jersey Blind Citizens Association \(NJBCA\)](#), with a proclamation recognizing the NJBCA for its 110 years of service to the blind, visually impaired and those with deteriorating vision. NJBCA's mission is to provide support and enhance the quality of life for the blind and visually impaired through education, socialization, by fostering an environment of hope and purpose, and to promote acceptance by the public.

NJBCA, also known as Camp Happiness, is located in Leonardo. We encourage the community to support this organization through its 110th Anniversary Campaign, especially during the month of October which is **Blindness Awareness Month**.

NJBCA can only survive and thrive through community support and donations. Please click [HERE](#) or call 732-291-0878 to donate to this organization so they can continue to foster an atmosphere of confidence and empowerment.

Watch the October 19th 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 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM through October 23rd.

**Mayor Perry Presents Game Ball at First Game Played
on New Turf Field at Nut Swamp Elementary School**



Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore were proud to present the game ball for the first game to be played on the new turf field at Nut Swamp Elementary School this past Saturday. Middletown Township's investment in this field and the additional synthetic turf fields being installed at Normandy Park provides our leagues with state-of-the-art facilities as well as the ability to rest and revitalize other fields across town.



Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Special Meeting on Monday, October 26th

The Middletown Township Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM live through WebEx Event Center.

If you will be participating remotely, you can do so by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. Enter the event access code 173 324 6565 followed by #. Enter 2020 if a passcode is required.

Click [HERE](#) to view the October 26th meeting agenda.

**IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE
VIRTUAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE BENEFITING
INFINITE LOVE FOR KIDS FIGHTING CANCER**

October 17- November 30



It isn't too late to join our Virtual Mayor's Challenge with proceeds to benefit *Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer*. This amazing organization could really use some extra support since most of their fundraising events have been canceled due to COVID-19.

This challenge can be completed anywhere. You can run, walk, bike (or even crawl!) the race distance wherever you want until November 30th. We honor ALL miles, so the possibilities are limitless! You can complete them while on vacation, along your favorite trail, doing laps in your backyard, or even at the gym. Sign up to join one challenge, or sign up to join them all! (Discounts are available when you sign up for more than one challenge in a transaction; one shirt per participant.)

For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org/5k.

**Check Out Middletown Recreation's Upcoming
"Spooktacular" Events!**



MTPD Announces Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours & Curfew

The Middletown Township Police Department announced that Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. 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 30th and October 31st.

“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.

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

COMING THIS NOVEMBER: MIDDLETOWN MONTH!



MIDDLETOWN MONTH
NOVEMBER 1 - 30  **MIDDLETOWN TWP. VIRTUAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE**

FOR THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE INFORMATION VISIT:
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNDAY

Our annual fall festival will be transformed into a month-long event, Middletown Month, that will bring each business's name directly into your home this November.

We will be moving full force into the digital world via our Virtual Business Showcase YouTube Channel where we will be hosting live musical entertainment as well as shows for kids and families throughout the month.

Middletown Month bag: \$5, one per household. Each bag contains giveaways from the sponsors, a limited edition picnic blanket, and one Community Value Book.

While supplies last, pick up from Poricy Park - Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Rd).

www.middletownnj.org/middletownday

Click the picture to learn more about Middletown Month and how to participate!

Middletown Arts Center Seeks Local Bands to Feature on Middletown Month YouTube Channel
Send your best music video by 10/30!

Calling all Middletown Bands!

Deadline: Oct 30th

We are looking for your best Music Videos to be premiered in our Middletown Month YouTube Line-up. We are looking for all genres of music from musicians of all ages. There is no time restriction. Videos should be sent as an MOV, An MPEG4 or a WMV.

Email mobrien@middletownnj.org for more information.



The MAC is looking for some local bands to participate in the Middletown Month YouTube lineup! Email mobrien@middletownnj.org for more information.

Register Now for the Health Department's Free Flu Clinic for Middletown Residents on Wed., 10/28!



Middletown Health Department's FREE Flu Clinic is open to Middletown residents, 6 months of age and older. No insurance is needed.

The clinic will be held at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) at the Senior Center on Wednesday, 10/28 from 10a-noon.

Please sign up for an available scheduled time as **no walk-ins** will be accepted. **Masks are required** (no exceptions). The Health Department will not be providing masks.

Click [HERE](#) to download the required Influenza Consent and COVID-19 Assessment forms from our website. Bring the completed forms to your appointment. Due to COVID, forms will not be provided at the clinic.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot!

Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Stacy Krause at x2167 or Michele Monaco at x2164.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Protect Yourself!

The first three months of 2020 saw a 20% increase in cyber fraud as cybercriminals took advantage of the global pandemic, according to the New Jersey Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC), the State's one-stop-shop for cybersecurity information sharing and threat analysis.



Cybersecurity is a collective responsibility and we all need to remain vigilant and do our part to help build a more secure online world.

Middletown's Information Technology Department encourages New Jersey businesses and citizens to report cyber incidents to the NJCCIC's Cyber Liaison Officers. This data will help create alerts and advisories that raise awareness and prevent future incidents. Click [HERE](#) to file an incident report.

The NJCCIC derives its strength from the diversity and breadth of its membership network. Joining is free and carries no obligations. Visit www.cyber.nj.gov to learn more.

Click [HERE](#) or the picture below to view the [Monmouth County Clerk's Office's](#) animated video that provides helpful information about this year's election and how to vote by mail.





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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

38th Annual POW MIA Service

Saturday, November 7th 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 38th 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 Township Public Library Presents:
Virtual Book and Author Talk with Lisa See:
Tuesday, 10/27 @ 7PM**

Book and Author Talk presents

Lisa See

**SPECIAL
EVENT**

zoom
Video Conferencing



Join us as we talk to Lisa See,
author of best-selling books
including *The Island of Sea Women*,
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan,
and *China Girls*.

Registrants will receive a zoom
invitation.

Tuesday, Oct 27th, 7:00 pm

register online @ mtpl.org



Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

Click [HERE](#) or on the image to register.

**MTPD Joins NJ DEA in Operation Take Back New Jersey
Saturday, 10/24**

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY



**Saturday, October 24th between 10:00AM- 2:00PM
at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)**



**We encourage residents to turn in
unused or expired medications for
safe disposal. Officers will be
collecting medication at
Police Headquarters.**

Lincroft Fire Company to Host Blood Drive on Wed., 10/28



BLOOD DRIVE

Lincroft Fire Company

Wed., October 28 12-8pm

601 Newman Springs Rd.

Appointments strongly suggested. Walk-ins accepted only if space allows.
For an appointment go to smarturl.it/NJBS_Drive sponsor code 70286
or call 800-933-2566.

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we do **NOT** test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.


#mybloodcenter
nybc.org

1.800.933.BLOOD

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

MEMBERS NEEDED!

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUXILIARY POLICE



JOIN TODAY!



CALL: 732-615-2075

EMAIL: PDeigert01@Comcast.net

Click [HERE](#) to register!



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FLAG DONATION DROP BOX

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP HAS PARTNERED WITH VFW POST 2179 TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN FLAG DROP BOX AT THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE). AMERICAN FLAGS* THAT ARE WORN, FADED OR DAMAGED CAN BE RESPECTFULLY DISPOSED OF IN THE DROP BOX WHERE MEMBERS OF VFW POST 2179 WILL COLLECT THEM.

*NOTE: ONLY FULL-SIZED AMERICAN FLAGS ARE ACCEPTED IN THE DROP BOX. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ITEMS EMBELLISHED WITH AMERICAN FLAG DESIGNS IN THE DROP BOX, SUCH AS PARTY DECORATIONS, CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES OR MINIATURE FLAGS.



Township Now Offering Free Screened Compost!



The Township is now offering free screened compost 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.

Pick it up at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) during business hours (Thursdays-Mondays 8:30 AM-4:30 PM).

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 and go to the recycling section of the County Reclamation Center's webpage to get session updates and register.

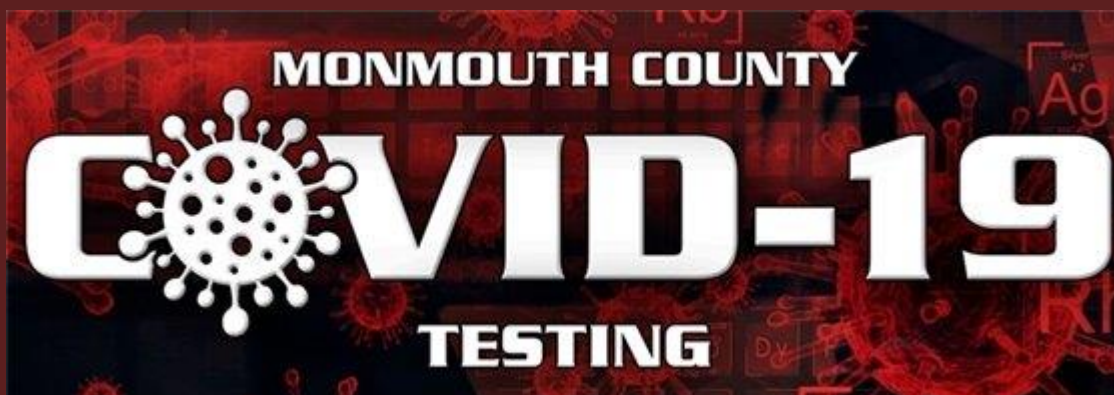
If you are a composting enthusiast, Middletown is now selling Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bins for \$35 at the Township's Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). To purchase an Earth Machine, please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth 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.

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


For general questions about COVID-19 call 211 or 1-800-222-1222. Download the COVID AlertNJ 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@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.


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