

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



### Middletown Voters Approve Open Space Referendum



More than 66 percent\* of Middletown voters overwhelmingly supported the Open Space referendum on the November 2020 General Election Ballot. Approval of this ballot question will allow the Township Committee to amend the dedicated Open Space Trust annual collection rate from \$.02 to \$.03 per \$100 in equalized valuation.

The Middletown Open Space Trust was established by the voters of Middletown in 1998 with a dedicated tax levy of \$.01 per \$100 in equalized valuation to ensure that the Township would be able to fund acquisitions and improvements to open space and parkland properties. In 2002, voters supported an amendment to an annual collection rate of \$.02 per \$100 in equalized valuation.

"Earlier this year the Township Committee and I committed to preserving the undeveloped land that we have here in Middletown," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Our residents have made their voices heard and together we will work to protect and preserve Middletown's remaining open space for future generations."

With this approval, the Township Committee will hold a public hearing to determine the allocation of the increased proceeds to the Open Space Trust Fund and officially change the name of the fund to an all-encompassing "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund".

"I am grateful to the voters of Middletown who supported this incredibly important initiative," said Mayor Perry. "We all want to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit the Middletown we enjoy today. Discussions for purchasing well-known properties in every section of Middletown are already underway, and with this approval these acquisitions are now possible."

*\*This was the percentage at the time of publication.*

## Community Options Celebrates Partnership with Middletown in Providing Housing for Those with Disabilities

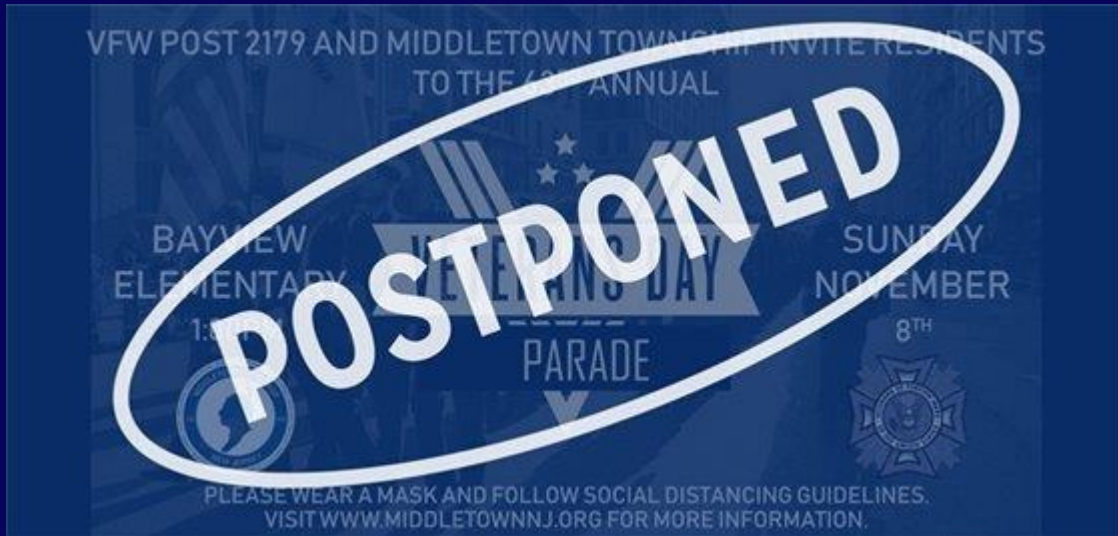


*Mayor Tony Perry met with Vice President of Strategic Operations Wei-Han Zhou and Executive Director Kathryn Bryant of Community Options, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and care those those with disabilities, to take a tour of one of their group-living homes in Middletown.*

**On Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice President of Strategic Operations Wei-Han Zhou and Executive Director Kathryn Bryant of Community Options, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and employment to people with disabilities, gave Mayor Perry a tour of their group home located in Middletown. Middletown was one of the first municipalities in New Jersey to form a partnership with Community Options over a decade ago. Since then, this organization has fostered partnerships with many towns across the state to develop properties that provide community housing to the residents who need it most. Each home has a maximum of four residents and offers in-home care as well as activities, events and social interaction while allowing the residents to live independently.**

***For more information about Community Options, visit [www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org).***

## **THE 11/8 VETERANS DAY PARADE HAS BEEN POSTONED**



*After receiving input from medical professionals regarding the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Township has made the decision to postpone the Veterans Day Parade to ensure the safety of our residents. The Township and VFW Post 2179 will re-evaluate hosting a parade when it is safe to do so.*

**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

**DEADLINE FOR THE MIDDLETOWN ECONOMIC RELIEF  
PROGRAM APPLICATION IS MONDAY, 11/9**

**Middletown**

# **ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM**



***Helping Businesses and Families  
Recover from COVID-19***



If you own a small business in Middletown and you meet the criteria below, we encourage you to apply for the Middletown Economic Relief Program. This program, which can provide up to \$15,000.00 per business, is designed to help local small businesses respond to and rebound from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 and also to assist in being prepared to respond to similar events in the future.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Your business is located in Middletown Township
2. Your business/ nonprofit organization has between 3-40 employees
3. At least 51% of your employees fall at or below designated regional income standards:\*

*\* One (1) employee – maximum, total gross income is \$54,950. This applies for the employee only.*

**[CLICK HERE OR THE PICTURE TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION.](#)**

**Register Now for the Health Department's Free Flu  
Clinic for Middletown Residents on  
Tuesday, 11/10!**

## FREE FLU CLINIC FOR MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS



Tuesday,  
11/10 from  
10:00 AM-noon

Croydon Hall  
Senior Center  
(900 Leonardville  
Road, Leonardo)

Sign up for an appointment  
and download the required  
flu consent and COVID-19  
assessment forms at  
[www.middletownnj.org/  
healthdepartment](http://www.middletownnj.org/healthdepartment).

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 Tuesday, 11/10 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.

After filling out the forms above, click [HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot!

*Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Stacy Krause at 732-615-2167 or Michele Monaco at 732-615-2164.*



## 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.



## Middletown Month Bags are Available!

# 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!

**SPECIAL**  
ONE TIME AFTER  
HOURS PRE-SALE:  
FRIDAY, 10/30  
4PM - 6:30PM

# \$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 are being sold 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!

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE MIDDLETOWN MONTH YOUTUBE CHANNEL!



Help us celebrate all that makes Middletown special by subscribing to the official Middletown Month 2020 YouTube Channel!

Content will be updated regularly throughout the month of November.

**CLICK THE PICTURE TO SUBSCRIBE!**

**Save the Date for the MAC's Virtual Talent Show  
on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM!**

A promotional poster for a virtual talent show. The background is red with yellow stars. At the top, the Middletown Arts Center logo (a stylized bird) is next to the text "MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER". The main title "VIRTUAL MIDDLETOWN'S got TALENT" is in large, bold, white and yellow letters, with a white mouse cursor icon pointing at the word "VIRTUAL". Below the title, the date "NOVEMBER 13, 2020" is in white text on a black rectangular background. To the right, there is a graphic of a clapperboard and a film strip. In the bottom right corner, the "BACK to MAC!" logo is visible. Below the poster, there is a yellow banner with a red text link.

MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

**VIRTUAL** MIDDLETOWN'S *got* TALENT

NOVEMBER 13, 2020

BACK to MAC!

[Click the picture check out all of the MAC Virtual Arts Center offerings!](#)

COMING THIS NOVEMBER: MIDDLETOWN MONTH  
SKILLS CHALLENGE EVENTS!

**MIDDLETOWN  
MONTH 2020**



## **SKILLS CHALLENGE EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 2 - 25**

**[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.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:**

**CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION:**

### **PITCH, HIT & RUN**

**NOVEMBER 2, 4, OR 5**

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!

**Congratulations to the MTPL on being recognized by  
The Asbury Park Press as a Reader's Choice for Best  
Public Library!**



Presented to  
**Middletown Township Public Library**

*As a Readers' Choice winner for Best of the Best*  
**Public Library**

  
Karen A. Gossari  
Regional Vice President  
Advertising & Marketing

## **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.**

**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

# MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING

[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

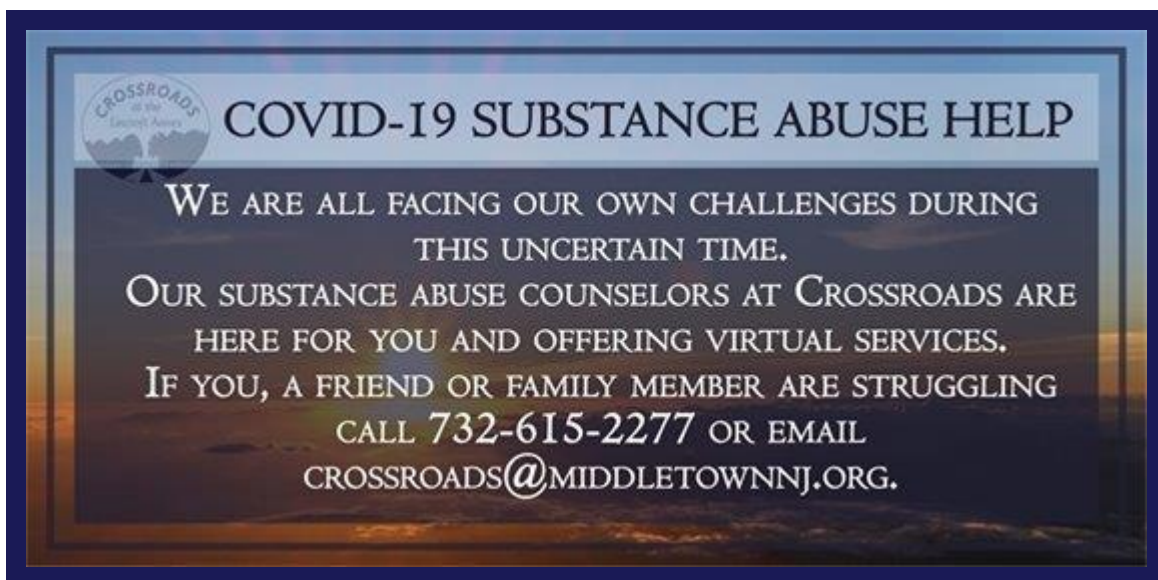


## NJ Poison Control Center Warns Community About Potential Misuse of Hand Sanitizers

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).

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