

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



**BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE  
OPEN TO PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**



**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF DEPARTMENT  
PHONE NUMBERS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

**Beginning Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, municipal facilities will be open to the public by appointment only. The only exception will be for in-person tax payments at the \*Tax Collector's Office.**

**Employees and visitors must wear a face mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you can reach the various departments at the phone numbers listed [HERE](#).**

**\*The outdoor drop box is available for tax payments and will be checked throughout the day. It is located by the front door of the Croydon Hall Municipal Offices (900 Leonardville Road). Due to the Township's Accelerated Tax Sale, only certified funds or money orders can be left in the drop box. All personal checks will be returned so please call the Tax Collection Office for an amount before placing a payment in the box. The phone number is 732-615-2086.**



## COVID-19 Update from Mayor Perry Be Smart. Be Safe. Keep Your Guard Up.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Mayor Tony Perry's update concerning the rise of COVID-19 cases in Middletown and across the state. Please continue to remain vigilant this holiday season: Wear your mask properly, wash your hands frequently, and keep your guard up to protect yourself and others.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/covid19](http://www.middletownnj.org/covid19) for information and updates.

## Middletown Gets A New Mayor (for a Day)!



On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry welcomed Tyler Sjöholm of Bayview Elementary School to Town Hall where he was

**sworn in as “Mayor for a Day”! As part of his duties, Mayor Tyler signed an Oath of Office and joined the rest of the Township Committee in an Executive Session meeting where he discussed some of the ideas he planned on implementing at his school, like extending recess and no homework for the day.**

**Thanks for your help running the town, Mayor Tyler!**

**[Click HERE for more photos!](#)**

## **Middletown Receives Recycling Award from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection**



**This week, Mayor Tony Perry and members of Middletown Department of Public Works & Engineering participated in a virtual ceremony to accept the Recycling Award from the Department of Environmental Protection in the Government category for increasing its recycling rate from 65% to 75% throughout town. This was accomplished through single stream curbside recycling, the two recycling centers in town, which offer a convenient way to recycle a variety of materials, the new leaf compost recycling initiative, as well as being the only town in the State of New Jersey to recycle Styrofoam/polystyrene.**



Congratulations to the recycling education team and our community for improving our recycling efforts to keep Middletown beautiful for future generations!

*Pictured from left: Recycling Assistant Supervisor Joe Puzzo, Recycling & Clean Communities Division Head Amy Sarrinikolaou, Mayor Tony Perry, Public Works Director Ted Maloney and Deputy Public Works Director Lory Hubbard*

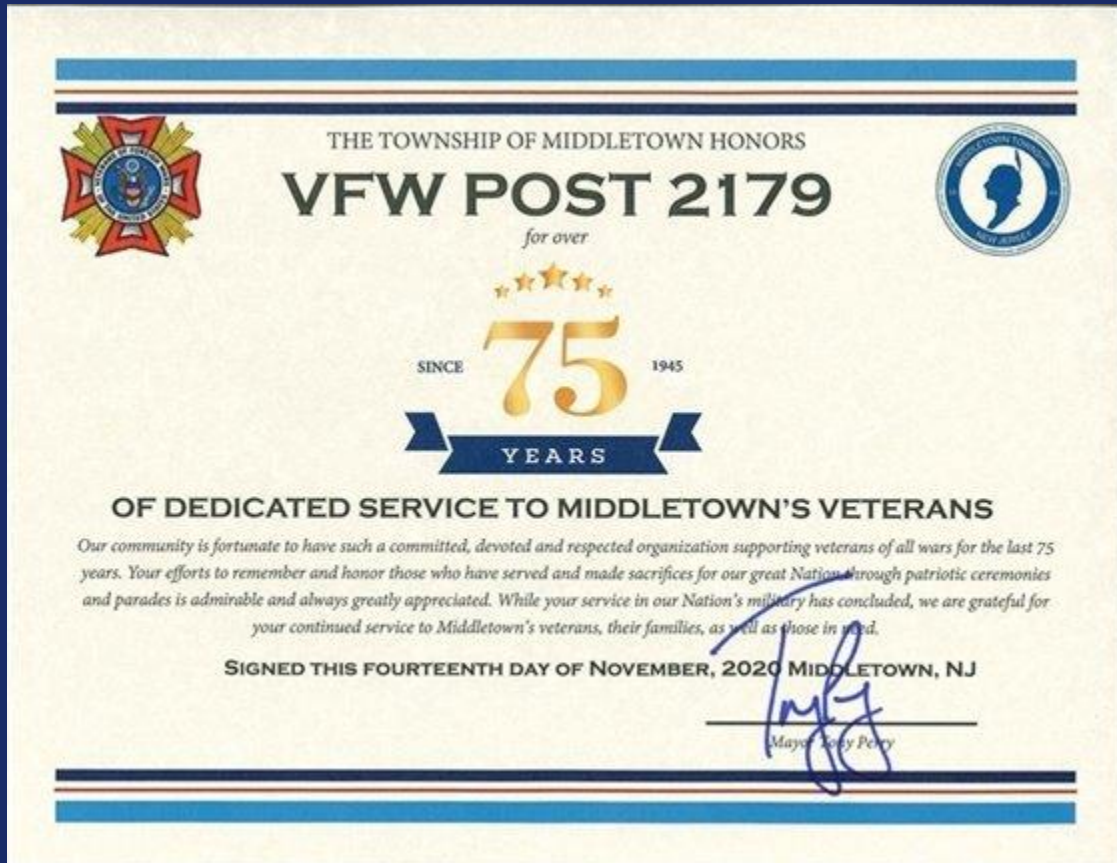
## JCP&L Donates Funds to MTFD to Purchase PPE to Help Fight COVID-19



*Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Deputy Fire Chief John Friedmann, Mayor Tony Perry, JCP&L Regional External Affairs Consultant Frank Luna, Fire Chief Russell Mount and Committeeman Rick Hibell*

On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, JCP&L Regional External Affairs Consultant Frank Luna presented a generous donation to Middletown Township Fire Department Chief Russell Mount III and Deputy Chief John Friedmann to assist with purchasing PPE for the fire department. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our volunteer firefighters have faced an increased risk of contracting COVID-19 on top of risking their lives to protect our community when danger calls. This donation will go a long way in providing PPE and other equipment to help keep our amazing volunteers safe!

## Middletown Celebrates VFW Post 2179's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !



On Saturday, November 14th, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2179 in Port Monmouth to recognize its 75th anniversary. Our community is very fortunate to have such a committed, devoted, and respected organization supporting our veterans of all wars, their families, and those in need for the last 75 years.

**Congratulations to the  
"Middletown's Got Talent" Show Winners!**



MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

BACK  MAC!

VIRTUAL 

# MIDDLETOWN'S got TALENT

**THE WINNERS ARE:**

AGES 5-9

**SEAN NEWCOMB**

AGES 10+

**BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
JAZZ BAND**

The virtual "Middletown's Got Talent" show premiered live on the Middletown Month YouTube Channel on Friday, November 13th. There were so many amazing acts, but the public could only choose two winners!

Congratulations to Sean Newcomb who won the 5-9 age bracket for his rendition of 'Ode to Joy' on the violin. The Bayshore Middle School Jazz Band won the 10+ age bracket for their instrumental, 'Crank It Up'.

Congratulations to the winners and all of the talented participants! You can stream the show anytime at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFIV8ikm9iE>.

**Middletown Month Skills Challenge –  
Punt, Pass and Kick**



**Day: Monday - Wednesday**

**Date: 11/23 - 11/25**

**Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm (timeslot signup required)**

**Locations: Croydon Turf (Monday), Nut Swamp Turf (Tuesday), Croydon Turf (Wednesday)**

**Fee: \$5.00 (plus suggested donation of a canned good or unwrapped toy)**

**Register: [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) (look under the "Middletown Day 2020" season)**

**MIDDLETOWN  
MONTH 2020**



## **SKILLS CHALLENGE EVENTS**

# **PUNT, PASS & KICK**

**CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION:**

**11/23: CROYDONTURF**

**11/24: NUT SWAMP TURF**

**11/25: CROYDON TURF**

**AGES 6+**

**REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE**

**\$5 PER ENTRY + CANNED**

**GOOD OR UNWRAPPED TOY**

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

Can you punt, pass and kick? Put your skills to the test in this Middletown Month Skills Challenge. Scores are based on distance and accuracy. Medals awarded by age, 6 to adult. Winners will be announced during the Wednesday night Kahoot Trivia Game. Pick a time slot and location at registration (\$5.00 per entry). 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!

**Middletown Recreation Hosts  
Live Kahoot! Soccer Trivia Game  
Wednesday, 11/25 at 7:00 PM!**



**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER  
25 | 7<sup>PM</sup>**

**Join in a live  
Virtual Kahoot!  
Trivia Game!**

**THIS WEEK'S THEME: FOOTBALL**

**webex**  

*Start your Thanksgiving football early with us by joining Middletown's virtual trivia night. Free and fun for the whole family!*

Each Kahoot game is four rounds of multiple choice questions. One round about this week's theme (football), one round of Middletown trivia, one round of Disney trivia, and one round of mystery questions!

To play, you'll need one screen to watch the event and see the questions and answers. Every participant will need their own "signaling device" (any smartphone, tablet, or additional computer). So grab your phones, gather around the dinner table, and see who in your family is a trivia master! Questions range in difficulty, so everyone has a chance to win. What will your



strongest category be?

Date: Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Link:

<https://middletownnj.webex.com/middletownnj/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3572335>

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Event Number: 173 779 8296

Event Password: middletown

This event is presented as part of Middletown Month. This festival includes in-person sports challenges, arts presentations on our special YouTube channel ([www.middletownnj.org/middletownmonth](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownmonth)), the sale of Middletown Day Bags (pre-stuffed with vendor goodies), and more! Check it all out at [www.middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletownday).



### **NEW MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER ANNEX!**

The Middletown Arts Center is excited to announce the opening of its new Annex in the Middletown Reformed Church Education Building right at 121 Kings Highway (and around the corner from the MAC)!

The building's first floor classroom space with many windows for added ventilation make it an ideal location for their classes and programs while the MAC is being repaired. They have equipped each classroom with a medical grade air purifier, hand sanitizing stations, and a state-of-the-art electrostatic disinfectant sprayer to help keep you safe and comfortable. Visit [www.middletownarts.org](http://www.middletownarts.org) for updates!

Please note, the Fall 2020 Leaf Collection schedule has been consolidated into three zones (see chart below). Click [HERE](#) to find your zone.



## FALL 2020 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
F, K, H	Monday, 11/23
A, B, C, D, J, L	Tuesday, 12/1
I, G, E	Thursday, 12/10

**NEW FOR 2020:**

The Fall 2020 Leaf Collection Schedule has been consolidated into three zones (see chart). Collection dates of individual zones may vary. Please note there will be only one collection in each zone.

**LEAF COLLECTION ONLY – NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!**

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before your zone's start date as it creates a hazard for pedestrians & drivers. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Brush is accepted year-round.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.





# Happy

# THANKSGIVING

from Middletown Township

MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, 11/26 AND FRIDAY, 11/27  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

**The Middletown Township Public Library holiday hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> (closed on Thanksgiving Day).**





## Thanksgiving Day NORTH ZONE Garbage Collection - CANCELLED

Next garbage collection for the North Zone is Monday, 11/30/20.

*Please note that the Middletown Recycling Center will be closed on Thanksgiving in observance of the holiday.*

**CDC Guidelines for Celebrating the  
Thanksgiving Holiday in a Safe Way**



# Celebrating Thanksgiving

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays-thanksgiving.html>



Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Follow these tips to make your Thanksgiving holiday safer.

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, take steps to make your celebration safer.

## Everyone Can Make Thanksgiving Safer

### Wear a mask

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Make sure the mask fits snugly against the sides of your face.



### Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.
- Keeping 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



### Wash your hands

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are unable to wash your hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[Click the picture to enlarge and read additional information.](#)

**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!](#)

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

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

# MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING SITES

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and  
The Grunin Foundation have partnered to bring  
FREE COVID19 Testing to your community.

No appointment necessary, simply walk up during the  
times listed below and a health professional will  
conduct the test.

**You do not have to be symptomatic**

The test consists of a nasal swab

## **Howell**

**Old Municipal Building, 316 Old Tavern Road:**

**Monday, November 23, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon**

## **Long Branch**

**Bucky James Community Ctr., 231 Wilbur Ray Ave.:**

**Tuesday, November 24, 4 - 7 p.m.**

## **Neptune**


**Neptune First Aid, 5 Neptune Blvd.:**

**Wednesday, November 25, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon**











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**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> 

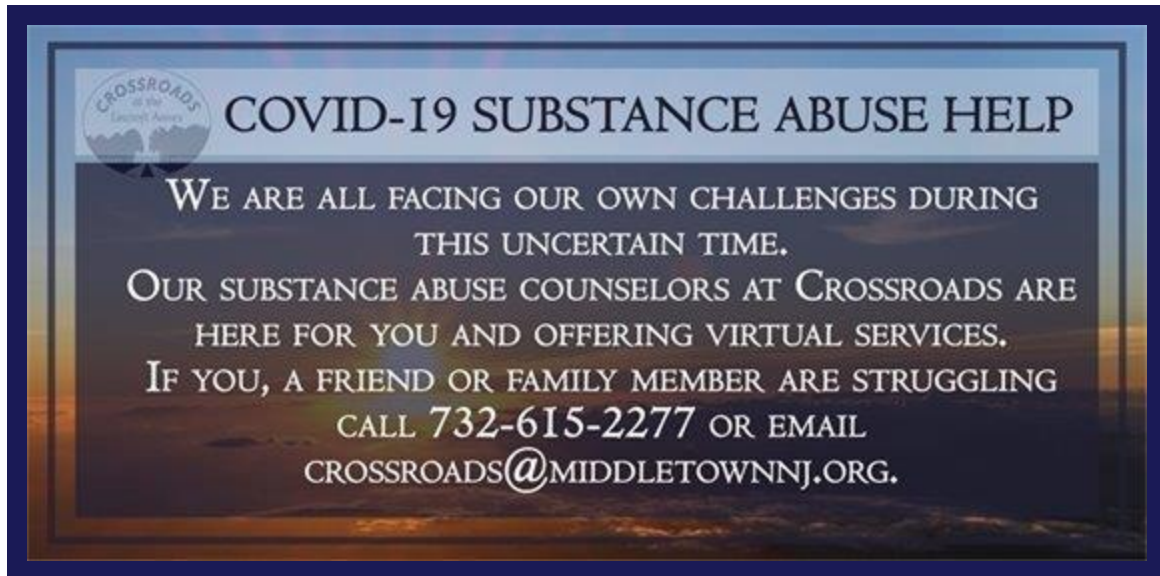
For general questions about COVID-19 call 211 or 1-800-222-1222. Download the COVID AlertNJ app: [covid19.nj.gov/app](https://covid19.nj.gov/app). October 7, 2020



## 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.





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