



Middletown Minutes

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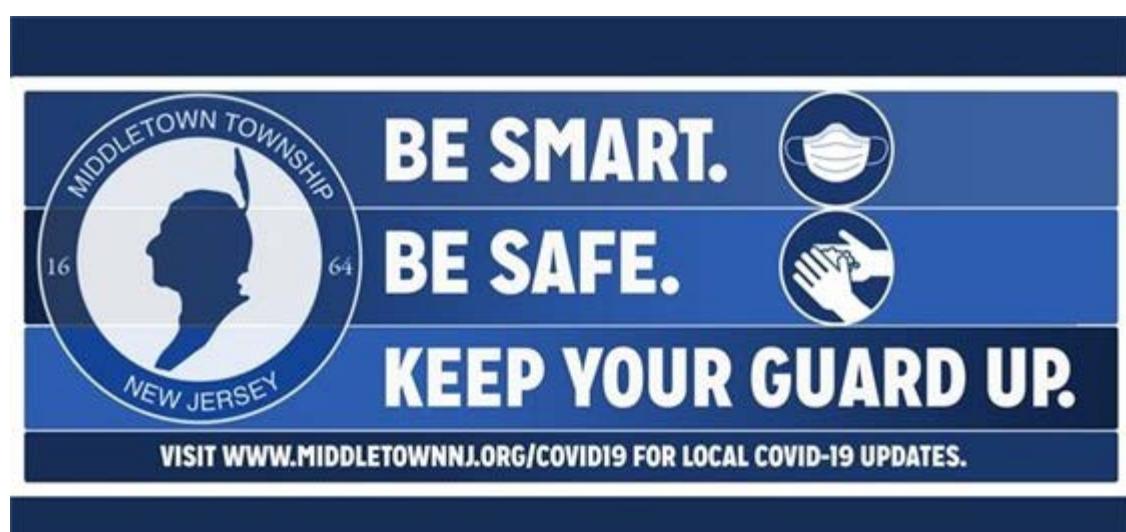




Happy
THANKSGIVING
from Middletown Township

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. 23rd-Nov. 27 (closed on Thanksgiving Day).



**BE SMART.
BE SAFE.
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.**

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19 FOR LOCAL COVID-19 UPDATES.



COVID-19 Update from Mayor Perry



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 over your nose and mouth, wash your hands with soap and water frequently, and keep your guard up to protect yourself and others.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/covid19 for information and updates.

CDC Guidelines for Celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday in a Safe Way



Celebrating Thanksgiving

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 the 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.

6 ft

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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



Small Business Saturday is November 28th!
Shop Small and Dine Local This Holiday Season



Let's continue to support our small businesses by shopping small and dining local this holiday season! Click [here](#) to find local businesses on the **Shop Small** map.

Municipal Offices Open to Public By Appointment Only

MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



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

To help ensure the safety of visitors and employees, municipal offices are now open to the public *by appointment only*. The only exception is 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](#).

Turf Field Adjacent to Nut Swamp Elementary Complete *Improvements Underway at Normandy Park*



New turf field at Nut Swamp Elementary School. Photo credit: Vlad Berson

If you have recently driven past Nut Swamp Elementary School (925 Nut Swamp Road), you will have noticed kids playing on the brand new, full-size synthetic turf field! This new field is a welcome supplement to the turf field built by the Township Committee on school property in 2013. These twin fields, both with full sports lighting, will provide children with a place to play soccer, football, and lacrosse day and night for years to come. Meanwhile, on the main Normandy Park property, new synthetic turf fields are still under construction and nearing completion. These new baseball and soccer fields will also allow for games to be played under the lights. New parking and lighting is also planned for the site with project completion set for the end of the year!

Watch Middletown North & South High School News Programs on Middletown TV!



EXTRA! EXTRA! Tune in to the news programs from the talented students at Middletown High School North and South airing on our municipal TV channel, (FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20).



South's "Eagles On The Air" program will be on at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM and "North News" will be airing at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM now through December 8th!

FOR ONLINE TAX SALE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION.

[The Tax Sale website opens on Monday, November 30. Please visit](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION.)

www.middletownnj.org/TaxCollection for more information.



Join Santa Claus and his Elves for a fun and light-hearted night sharing the spirit of family and friends together! Let's gather together virtually to sing Christmas carols, draw with Doodle Dude, and listen to Santa read a festive favorite! Limited spaces available. This virtual event will last approximately 45 minutes - 1 hour.

LIVE events are signed up by household. Please select parent/guardian when registering on Community Pass. Prior to the event, you will be emailed a link to a WebEx Meeting. Please use same email address for logging in, as it is unique for each participant. Events are not recorded.

Visit [middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to register today!

Middletown Township Public Library Updates!

CHANGE IN HOURS

Middletown Township Public Library

*Beginning November 28th
the Library will be closed on
Saturdays*

Our new hours of operation

Monday-9am-5pm
Tuesday-9am-5pm
Wednesday-9am-7pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-5pm



**DOWNLOAD OUR
NEW MOBILE APP
SEARCH FOR
MTP LIBRARY**



**Outdoor Delivery
begins Monday,
November 30th**

For questions please call 732-671-3700
www.mtpl.org

CHANGE IN SERVICES

Middletown Township Public Library

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www.mtpl.org

Browse: 15 min or less AND
appointments required to enter teen
room.



Borrow: You may check out your materials
at the desk including holds, or use our new
app to arrange outdoor pick-up.

BOOGIE: We love having you
at the Library, but only for
15 minutes or less right now.

To encourage you to boogie,
there are no:
• Programs (only virtual)
• No Seating
• No daily newspapers

If your library requirements are longer than 15
minutes. An appointment is mandatory. Call
Reference, 732-671-3700 Opt. 2 Limited seating
and times available for research, and
computer usage, or librarian by appointment.

*This applies subject to temperature monitoring



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 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. 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

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.

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