



Join Us for Middletown's Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Drive By This Sunday, 12/6 at 5 PM!



Don't miss out on this LIVE stream of the Township's Christmas Tree Lighting! First, watch as **Santa and his friends drive through Middletown to help light the Christmas Tree at the Middletown Arts Center. The tree lighting will be followed by holiday performances and a festive family game of Kahoot Trivia! Don't miss out on this virtual event that will be sure to get you in the holiday spirit! Follow [Middletown Recreation's Facebook page](#) for updates.**

CLICK [HERE](#) TO TRACK SANTA'S ROUTE THROUGH TOWN!

Mayor Perry Meets with Cub Scouts to Discuss Community Leadership



On Wednesday, November 25th, Mayor Tony Perry participated in a virtual meeting with Cub Scout Den 1 Pack 122 of New Monmouth Elementary School to discuss what it means to be a community leader. Den leader Alyssa Spigai arranged this conversation since the scouts are working towards their "Arrow of Light" rank. Part of earning this rank is meeting with local leaders to learn how to better serve their community. Mayor Perry reminded the boys that they don't need to be a mayor to make a difference; they can do it by standing up for others, doing their best in school, and most importantly by helping their parents!

Virtual Township Committee Workshop Meeting To Be Held Monday, 12/7

The Middletown Township Committee Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through WebEx Event Center.



If you would like to participate remotely, you can do so by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is

179 806 3313 followed by #. Enter 2020 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). If residents are not able to view the meeting live, the recording will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube](#) channel.

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

THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER PRESENTS: LETTERS TO SANTA!



Letters to Santa

Drop off your letter by December 20th for guaranteed response before Christmas

Suggested donation of \$5 per letter: middletownarts.org/donate

Santa Mailbox Locations:
Middletown Arts Center • Town Hall • Middletown Public Library
Croydon Hall Annex • Tonya Keller Community Center

This year, Santa has asked for a little help from the elves at the Middletown Arts Center and Arts Council to once again make sure all of the letters from Middletown children are delivered to the North Pole by setting up mailboxes throughout town (see letter drop off locations listed in the image above)!

Your child will receive a personalized letter back from Santa if you include a complete return address along with your child's name, age, and any related



[Need a little help with writing a letter to Santa? Click the image for some help!](#)

information that Santa might find helpful! To receive a response before Christmas, please drop your letter(s) in any of Santa's special mailboxes across town before December 20th.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A SAMPLE LETTER TO SANTA!

Although there is no cost, parents are encouraged to make a suggested donation of \$5 per letter by visiting middletownarts.org/donate to help pay for reindeer food and the long trek to the North Pole!

Virtual Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Thursday, 12/10 at 7:00 PM!



The poster features a dark blue background with white stars and yellow stars. On the right side, there is a stylized menorah with five lit candles. The text is centered and includes the event title, date, time, and contact information. Logos for the Middletown Arts Center and Middletown Recreation are at the bottom left.

JOIN US FOR MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP'S

virtual
Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

December 10, 2020 | 7:00pm

Join us via Webex: www.webex.com
Meeting #: 179 507 4814
Password: Menorah2020

Don't miss out on this virtual stream of the Township's **Hanukkah Menorah Lighting!** First, watch as a special blessing is recited and the first candle on the menorah is lit to celebrate the season of Hanukkah. Be sure to stay tuned, the lighting will be followed a festive family game of Kahoot Trivia! Visit [Middletown Recreation's Facebook page](#) for updates!



Municipal Offices Open to Public By Appointment Only



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](#).

Latest Episode of "Monmouth In Focus" Airing on Middletown TV



Be sure to check out the December 2020 episode of "Monmouth in Focus" on the Township's Municipal TV channel (FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20). Host Freeholder Director Tom Arnone interviews various guests about local news and events in Monmouth County. Catch it any day at 1:00 PM through December 17th!

JCP&L Helicopter Pre-Flight Notification

Haverfield Aviation will be assisting in the completion of various JCP&L maintenance items on either **Sunday, December 13th or Monday, December 14th**, weather permitting. The helicopter will either be seen transporting line workers and equipment to and from the work area(s) or will be seen hovering extensively while in the work area(s) as a line worker performs repair work via platform that is attached to the helicopter.

The pilot will be in communication with any local airports, when in their airspace. The helicopter is a black MD500 helicopter with red tail number N4265J (see photo).



**Middletown Online Tax Sale is
December 29th**

**FOR ONLINE TAX SALE
INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION.](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION)**

Click on the image for tax sale information that can be viewed free of charge. Please visit www.middletownnj.org/TaxCollection for more information.

Middletown Township Public Library Presents:

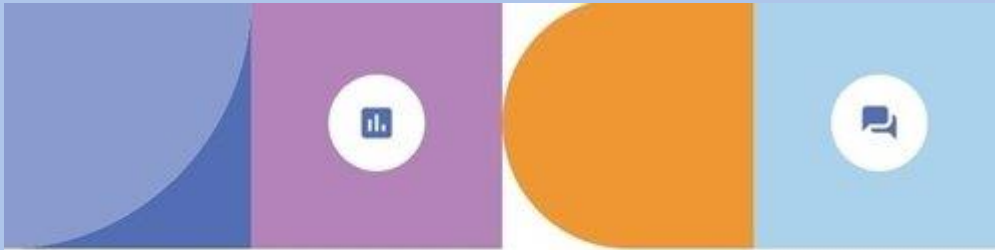
**New Jersey Career Network Job Seeker
Community Introduction**

Wednesday, January 13th at 1:00 PM

Are you looking for advice and ongoing support for your job search? Join NJCN to learn more about its online Job Seeker community, a FREE online community where you can participate in daily events, connect with other job seekers and get support for the search.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the event.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the NJCN Job Seeker Community.



Are you a New Jersey resident and looking for work?

Do you want to be part of a community of job seekers and volunteer coaches who want to support and encourage each other along the way? If so, consider joining the **NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community** today!

What is the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community?

A FREE online community to help you in your job search and to connect you with other people who are looking for jobs and with our volunteer coaches. This community offers a supportive network so you know where to turn with your questions and concerns. Volunteer experts and your peers will be here to help you navigate your job search and cope with all aspects of searching for work.

Why should you join?

The job seeker community will share resources, facilitate conversations, and welcome questions about looking for a job. You will gain access to exclusive community member-only events when you join. We also understand that your job search will not be successful unless you are okay, both physically and mentally. That's why the community will be a place for you to share challenges that get in the way of or discourage your job search.



NJ Career Network
Job Seeker Community

What this community is:

- A safe space to ask questions and share your concerns.
- A chance to connect with your peers.
- A place to participate in conversations and events.
- A place to share and contribute your knowledge and expertise to your fellow community members.
- A place to figure out solutions to problems.
- A network to offer support for your overall well-being.
- An opportunity to help yourself and others looking for employment.

What this community is not:

- A job board or other impersonal networking.
- Networking that ignores the rest of your life.
- A place to just get information without participating.

I'm in! Now what?

Please visit nj-career-network-jobseeker-community.mn.co and join us! One of our coaches or moderators will reach out to answer any questions you may have and to help you get started!

We are using the Mighty Networks online platform to host the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community. When you join the online community, any references to Mighty Networks are in regard to the community's hosting platform service.

[Click the picture to enlarge the flyer.](#)

CHANGE IN HOURS

Middletown Township Public Library

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

Our new hours of operation

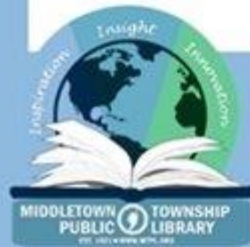
Monday-9am-5pm

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

For questions please call 732-671-3700
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 service subject to temperature monitoring.*

Middletown Arts Center

Annex

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!

Senior Freeze Deadline Extended Through December 31st

This was a turbulent year. If you forgot to apply for the Senior Freeze property tax reimbursement, don't worry. The deadline has been extended to Dec. 31, 2020. Take advantage of the extra time to get the RELIEF you deserve.

Click [HERE](#) to see if you are eligible.

Senior Freeze Deadline Extended to Dec. 31

More time to apply for the property tax relief you deserve




Treasury

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

Monmouth County COVID-19 Testing
Sites for December

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING

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

Monmouth County Residents Only! 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

Monmouth County Testing Locations: Monmouth County Residents Only!

Asbury Park – Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza:

Tuesday December 1 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Thursday December 10 - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday December 21 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Freehold – Freehold Boro Fire Department (Main Building), 49 W Main St:

Thursday December 3 - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday December 15 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Wednesday December 23 - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Keansburg – New Point Comfort Firehouse, 192 Carr Avenue:

Wednesday December 2 - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday December 12 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Tuesday December 22 - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Long Branch – Bucky James Community Center, 231 Wilbur Ray Avenue:

Tuesday November 24 - 4 p.m - 7 p.m., Tuesday December 8 - 4 p.m - 7 p.m.
Thursday December 17 - 4 p.m - 7 p.m.

Neptune – Neptune First Aid, 5 Neptune Blvd.

Wednesday November 25 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Wednesday December 16 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon


Neptune – Neptune Senior Center, 1607 Hwy. 33

Saturday December 5 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon



GRUNIN

[Click the picture to enlarge and see other COVID-19 testing sites across New Jersey.](#)



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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