

## Middletown Honors Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore for 12 Years of Public Service



for his 12 years of dedicated service to Middletown and its residents.

*Pictured from left: Committeeman Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeewoman Pat Snell and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino*

**At the virtual Township Committee Meeting on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee presented the Key to the City to Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore and proclaimed it "Tony Fiore Day" in Middletown in recognition of his 12 years of dedicated service. While Deputy Mayor Fiore will be stepping down from the Committee at the end of the year, he will be forever known for his strength, tenacity and leadership, especially during Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. Freeholder Director Tom Arnone presented a proclamation on behalf of Monmouth County and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, who served on the Township Committee with Fiore for many years, expressed his personal well wishes and congratulated him on behalf of the State. Legislators and Township officials also honored Deputy Mayor Fiore in a heartfelt video message. Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube Channel or catch it on Middletown Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**We thank Deputy Mayor Fiore for his fierce dedication to the community, advocacy for youth sports, commitment to fiscal responsibility, and drive to continue bettering Middletown.**



### **Mayor Perry Joins Middletown Township Public School Administration to Recognize High School North Heroes**

On Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of joining Dr. Patricia Cartier, Principal of Middletown High School North, Superintendent Mary Ellen Walker, and members of MTPS administration on a Google Meet to honor high school freshmen Kieran Foley, Drew Scalice, Ryan Day, Joseph Dietrich and Tyler Armagan for their heroism.

Last week at Beacon Hill, these amazing teenagers formed a chain to save two small children who fell into a frozen lake while sledding. We are so proud and honored to have these young men as a part of our Township.

**[Click HERE to read the full story!](#)**

## **SOUTH ZONE: Friday's Garbage & Bulk Collection Postponed for Christmas Holiday**

**HOLIDAY**

**Garbage & Bulk Collection Schedule**

**Due to the Christmas holiday, SOUTH ZONE garbage and bulk collections for this Friday, 12/25/20, will be postponed.**

**The SOUTH ZONE will have a DOUBLE COLLECTION of GARBAGE on Tuesday, 12/29/20. Residents may leave up to 3 closed garbage bags next to the cart. Please do not block the cart with the bags.**

**The SOUTH ZONE will have a DOUBLE COLLECTION of BULK on your next bulk collection date, Friday, 1/8/21. Residents may leave up to 8 bulk items at the curb.**

**The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be open during regular hours on both Saturday and Sunday following Christmas Day. As a reminder, the satellite Middletown Train Station Recycling Center is open 24/7.**

The logo is circular with a blue background. It features a recycling symbol at the top, a tree in the middle, and a house at the bottom. The text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP" is at the top and "PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING" is at the bottom.

**Thank you for your patience. Happy Holidays from Middletown Public Works!**

## **Middletown Township Sponsors Additional COVID-19 Testing Events Next Week for Community**



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
IS SPONSORING A

**PRE- NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**COVID-19 TESTING**  
*No out of pocket cost*

**MONDAY 12/28 1:00PM-7:00 PM**  
**TUESDAY 12/29 1:00PM-7:00 PM**

*The Township will be sponsoring additional testing events in January.  
Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening](http://www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening) for updates.*

**MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT**  
**MAIN PARKING LOT OFF OF MIDDLETOWN-LINCROFT ROAD**

**VISIT**  
**[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING)**  
**TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.**

**TESTING ADMINISTERED BY SYNERGY LABS IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH CAPITAL HEALTH LABORATORIES  
AND IMMEDIATE CARE OF RED BANK  
WEATHER PERMITTING**

[Click the picture to register and learn more.](#)

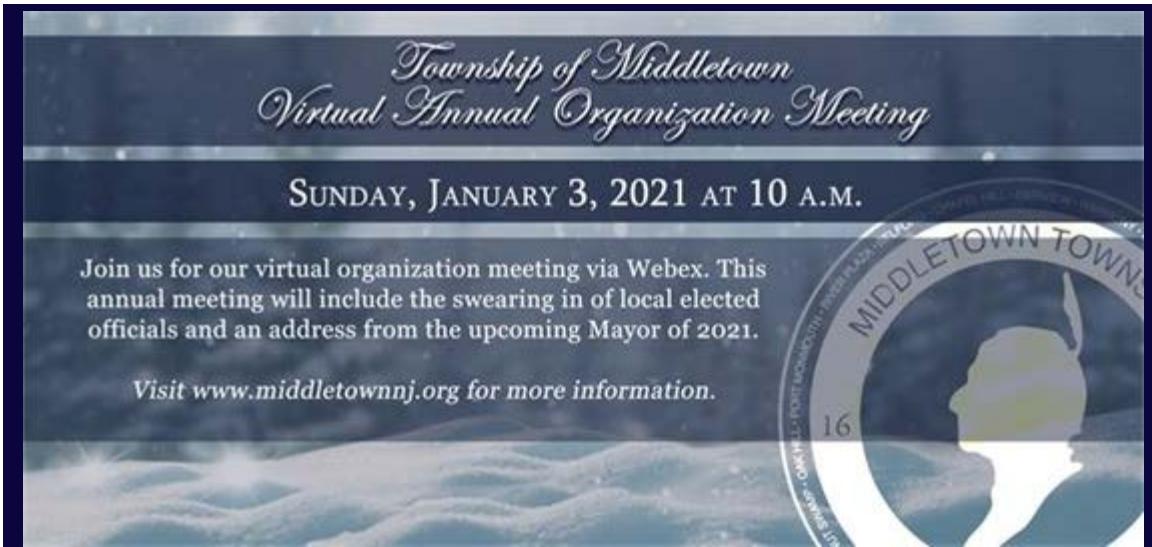
Due to the high demand for COVID-19 testing, the Township will be sponsoring additional testing events next week to help combat increasing COVID-19 cases and potential risks of holiday gatherings.

This will continue to be a drive-thru event held at the Middletown Train Station (unmetered parking lot off Middletown-Lincroft Road) where testing will be administered by Synergy Medical Labs in conjunction with Capital Health Laboratory and Immediate Care of Red Bank. Results will be emailed within 72 hours.

While the testing/screening event is intended for Middletown residents, first responders, Township employees and Middletown Public School District employees, no one will be turned away if they wait in line for a test.

**Visit [www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening](http://www.middletownnj.org/covid19screening) for information and updates.**

**Middletown's Virtual Organization Day Meeting to Be Held  
Sunday, 1/3 at 10:00 AM**



**Our Middletown Elves are proud  
to report that they made sure  
Santa received all of the hundreds  
of letters that were dropped off in  
the mailboxes around town. He  
was pleased to report that the  
Middletown children who wrote  
were all on "Nice" List and he  
looks forward to visiting each and  
every one of them on  
Christmas Eve.  
Merry Christmas to all!**



*Gavin Carr dropping off his  
Christmas letter to Santa at  
the Middletown Arts Center.  
We hope you get everything  
you wished for!*

**GIVE BACK TO THE MAC THIS MONDAY!**



**CLICK THE PICTURE TO DONATE!**

The Countdown to 2021 has started with the New Year being just 18 days away. With only one Monday remaining in 2020, "MAC MONDAYS" will highlight just some of what the Middletown Arts Center has meant to the community this year.

The MAC is still feeling the effects from COVID-19 closures and restrictions, in addition to the devastating flood that damaged the beloved Middletown Arts Center earlier this year and is asking that you please consider making an end-of-year donation to our non-profit to help keep the arts alive in our community in 2021.

**Now is a great time to make that [donation](#).**

**The CARES Act allows taxpayers who don't itemize to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions and also temporarily suspends limits on charitable contributions.**

Your donation of any size will help the MAC continue its mission of enriching the community through arts programming education, entertainment and cultural connection for individuals of all ages and abilities.

**Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Middletown Arts Center.**

**CHECK OUT  
MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION'S  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS AND**



[Click the image to learn more about Middletown Recreation.](#)

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINTER 2021 SEASON!



[Click HERE for Middletown Recreation's Winter 2021 \(January, February & March\) Brochure!](#)

## Middletown Recreation Presents Winter Seasonal Surprises for Seniors!



[Click the image for more information about the Middletown Senior Center!](#)

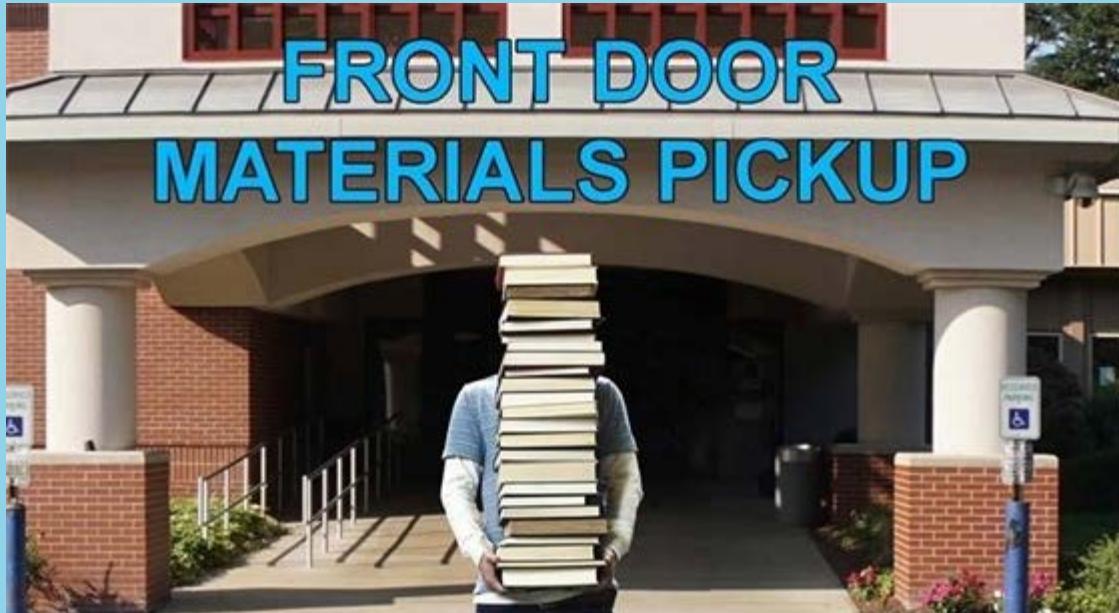
## Listen to Holiday Stories On MTPL's YouTube Channel



[Check out the MTPL's YouTube channel for Holiday Storytime.](#)

Click [HERE](#) or turn on the Township's Municipal TV channel (FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) to watch the MTPL's Winter 2020 Storytime series. Catch it any day at 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM through Christmas Day.

# MTPL OFFERS FRONT DOOR MATERIALS PICK-UP ONLY BEGINNING MON., 12/28



[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

To help flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases, Middletown Township Public Library will convert to FRONT DOOR ONLY PICK-UP beginning Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up hours will be 9:00 am -5:00 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays will be 9:00 am -7:00 pm. For faster service, appointments are recommended.

Walk-ups will be accommodated.

All indoor services will be suspended until further notice. The library staff is happy to help you place holds, offer book recommendations and provide reference services at 732-671-3700. Patrons may put items on hold and select a pick-up time by clicking [HERE](#) (separate line faster service) or stop-by anytime.

Holds may be placed at [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org) or through the mobile app (search for MTP Library in your app store.)

**New Drop Box at Building & Inspection Department**

## Located at Croydon Hall Annex

**The Inspection Department now has a drop box for permits, applications and payments located at the SIDE entrance of the Croydon Hall Annex (900 Leonardville Road). The \*drop box is available 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday-Friday. All items placed in the box MUST be placed in a sealed envelope with an address.**

***\*Please do not use the Letters-to-Santa box in the front of the building.***



The drop box is available Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?

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



[CLICK THE PICTURE FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)

# Senior Freeze Deadline Extended to Dec. 31

More time to apply for the property tax relief you deserve



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.

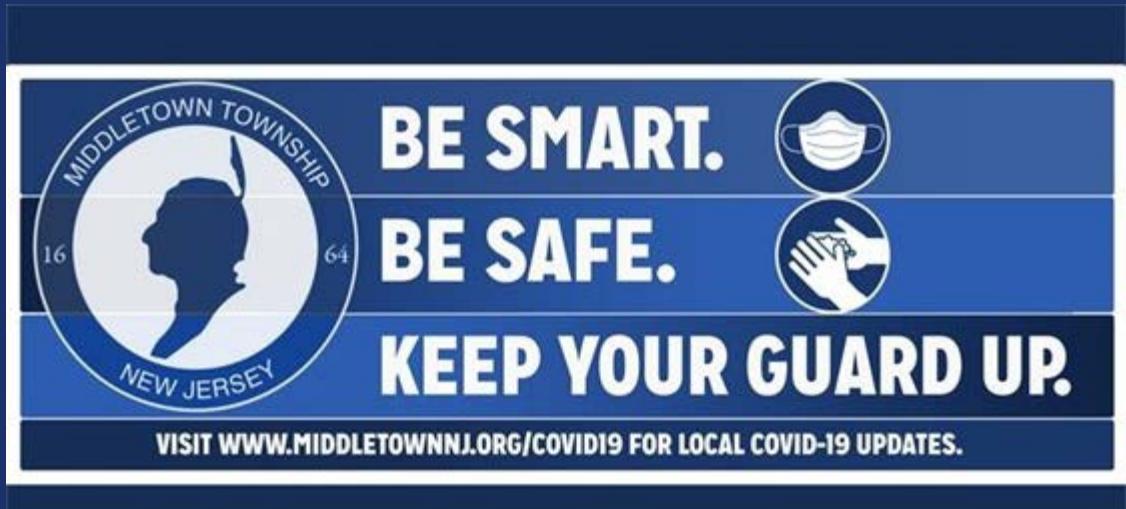
Click [HERE](#) to see if you are eligible.

## FALL 2020 LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE

COLLECTION ZONE	STATUS
A	COMPLETED
B	COMPLETED
C	COMPLETED
D	COMPLETED
E	<i>In progress</i>
F	COMPLETED
G	<i>In Progress</i>
H	COMPLETED
I	COMPLETED
J	COMPLETED
K	COMPLETED
L	COMPLETED

**CLICK THE PICTURE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND CONTINUOUS UPDATES!**

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



**Need Support? Resources for Monmouth County Families and Children**

**If you're struggling with mental health issues, please don't hesitate to reach out for support. Visit Monmouth ResourceNet for a list of hotlines/help lines.**

**Volunteers Needed to Support Victims of Sexual Violence: You Can**



## Make a Difference

Middletown Township Police Department is helping *180 Turning Lives Around* to recruit community volunteers to serve on the Sexual Assault Response Team. There will be a 40-hour mandatory training course via Zoom February 2-25.

Applications are being accepted through Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Click [HERE](#) to read the community advisory for more information.**

## 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](#).**

**Middletown Online Tax Sale is December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR ONLINE TAX SALE  
INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
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](http://www.middletownnj.org/TaxCollection) for more information.

## **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

To locate free COVID-19 testing visit [covid19.nj.gov/freetest](http://covid19.nj.gov/freetest) (insurance accepted but not required; no out of pocket fees). Many of the free testing sites that are run by counties or non-profit organizations may offer limited testing dates and/or times. Additional testing options may be found at [covid19.nj.gov/testing](http://covid19.nj.gov/testing). Testing sites accept most insurance, but if the individual has no insurance, the site may require payment up front and/or charge fees for services involved with testing.

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