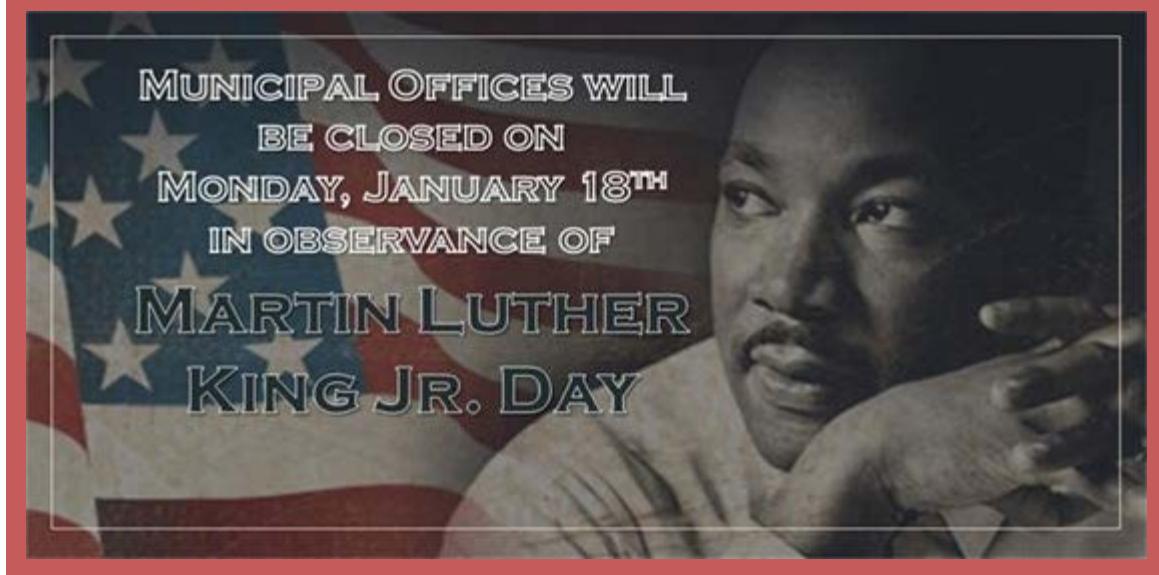




Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter





MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY

COVID Vaccine Eligibility Information

There are numerous sites throughout the state that are currently administering the vaccine to [qualified individuals](#). If you prefer, you can [reach out directly to a site near you to attempt to schedule an appointment](#). Please note that many of these sites may be fully-booked. No professional or medical documentation is required.

As of January 14, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- ✓ Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting
- ✓ Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings
- ✓ Frontline first responders
- ✓ Persons aged 65 and older
- ✓ Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
 - Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your doctor)
 - Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m² or higher)
 - Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Smoking
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

For a list of open vaccination sites nearest to you and register for a COVID-19 vaccine visit

NJ Health
New Jersey Department of Health

If you are eligible to receive a vaccine, there are generally three ways to get vaccinated:

1. You can make an appointment directly with one of the many designated vaccination sites across the state. [Click here to view a full list of these designated vaccination sites.](#)
2. You can pre-register for the vaccine on the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System. This online portal enables prioritized groups of individuals, and eventually the general public, to find a vaccination site, pre-register, and schedule an appointment when one is available. [Click here to visit the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System.](#)
3. Select healthcare facilities, including many hospitals, are offering vaccines to directly to their employees and volunteers. If you work at one of the facilities, you can contact your employer to learn if the vaccine is available to you.

If you don't qualify for a vaccine at this time, register on the [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#) and they will notify you when the vaccine is available for you.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



COVID Testing Site at Middletown Train Station Open Sunday & Monday

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IS SPONSORING WEEKLY

COVID-19 TESTING

(BEGINNING 1/3)

SUNDAYS 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 1:00-7:00 PM
No out of pocket cost

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

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING
TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.



[Click HERE to pre-register and for additional information.](#)

**Middletown Township Committee to
Host Virtual Regular Meeting on
Tuesday, January 19th**

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through Webex Event Center.



You can participate remotely by [clicking this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 179 947 5699 followed by #. Enter 2021 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.](#)



[Click HERE to watch a video that includes an excerpt from Mayor Perry's speech from the Organization Day](#)

"I am incredibly honored to have once again been chosen to help lead Middletown. While we are so proud of all that we have been able to do over these past two years, the job is not finished yet, but I am confident that the best is yet to come!"

An Organization Day highlight video is being aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) at 8:00 AM, Noon, 7:00 & 11:00 PM or you can click [HERE](#) to

[meeting and features lots
of community photos!](#) [watch it.](#)

Middletown Township Public Schools Offer Rewarding Employment Opportunities: Apply Now!



The image is a screenshot of the Middletown Township Public Schools website. The header features the school's logo, a circular emblem with a tree and the text 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS', and the tagline 'A Learner-Centered Community'. Below the header, a banner reads 'Middletown Township Public School District' and 'Now Offering Rewarding Employment Opportunities'. A callout box highlights that they are the largest K-12 district in Monmouth County, listing several facts: 16 schools, over 9,000 students, student-centered learning, Future Ready distinction, and exceptional professional development opportunities. Another callout box lists positions accepting applications: Substitute Teachers, Substitute Paraprofessionals, and Contracted Paraprofessionals. A third callout box provides the website for applications: www.middletownk12.org/employment. The footer contains two small circular icons.

Click the picture to learn more and apply!

South Zone Christmas Tree Collection Tomorrow, 1/16



Middletown Township Public Library Presents: Bright Star Theatre's MEET DR. KING

Monday, January 18th - Monday, February 1st



Click the picture to go to the calendar event.

Meet Dr. King is a much-anticipated production for young audiences that celebrates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in an accessible and easy to follow story.

Students will learn about key moments in the life of Dr. King, from his childhood in Atlanta, Georgia and the important lessons passed down by his father, to some of his greatest moments as an inspiring leader.

Meet Dr. King is the perfect introduction to an American hero and will encourage young audiences to use peace, leadership and conflict resolution in their own schools and communities.

This is a recorded performance which may be viewed any time between 1/18/2021-2/1/2021. Link will be posted. Recommended for children in Grades K-5.

The library will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Monday, January 18th. Visit www.mtpl.org for information and updates.

Live Kahoot Trivia Game: All About Disney! Free and Fun for the Whole Family

Thursday, January 21st

Time: 7:00pm

[CLICK HERE FOR MEETING LINK](#)

Meeting number: 179 686 9258

Password: disney



This Kahoot game is five rounds of multiple choice questions all about Disney! Test your knowledge on the music, movies, and characters.

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.

A prize will be awarded to the top trivia master! Prizes will be available for pick-up only at Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road) during normal business hours.

NEW In-Person Classes at the MAC:

Sign Up for Ballet and Tap Class NOW!



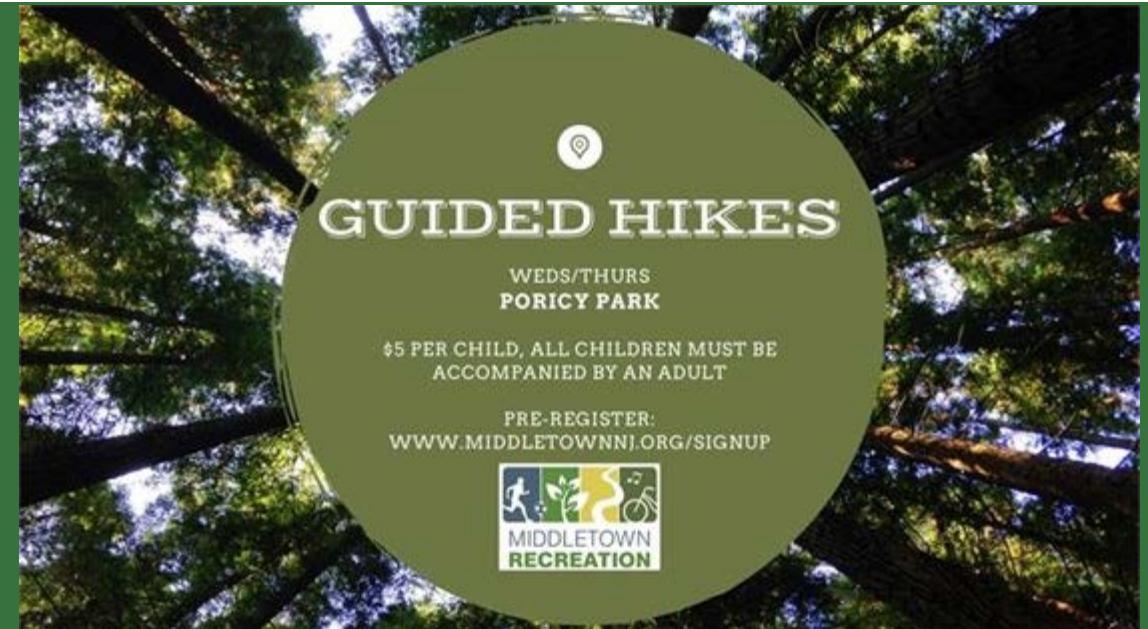
**WINTER SESSION
(IN-PERSON) CLASSES**

**INDOOR CLASSES IN DANCE AND THEATRE BEGIN
NEXT WEEK!**

Great news for those looking to improve their moves on the dance floor! *Ballet + Tap* and *Hip Hop* classes have new starting dates while a few spots are still available in *Acting with Felicia Russell (& Kathy Connolly)* and *Beginning/Intermediate Tap*.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Join Middletown Recreation On a Guided Walking Tour Wed., 1/20 or Thurs. 1/21!



Guided Hike: Letters in Branches

Date: Wednesday or Thursday, January 20 or 21

Time: 4:00pm – 4:30pm

Get out and stretch your legs! Great for all ages. Each week a new topic will be discussed along the trails at Poricy Park. This week offers a nature photography lesson by looking for the letters of your name in branches. An iPad will be provided for each registered participant, but you're welcome to bring your own device if you'd like to save your pictures. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome if space permits (no cash accepted). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine, dress for the weather.

[Click HERE to Pre-Register!](#)

AARP Income Tax Services Not Available at MTPL Due to COVID



AARP TAX PROGRAM

Due to the current ongoing COVID health crisis, the AARP Income Tax services will not be available at the library this year. Please watch our website and social media platforms for any additional updates.

Call the reference desk @ MTPL for more information and if you have any additional questions.
732-671-3700 ext. 320

[Visit www.mtpl.org for any additional updates.](http://www.mtpl.org)

2021 Dog Licensing Information



2021 IN-PERSON PET LICENSING

Due to COVID-19, in-person dog licensing for 2021 is being done at the Health Department Building (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth) BY ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please adhere to the following guidelines when you arrive for your appointment:

- Be on time
- Wear a facemask on Township property
- Call when you arrive to be allowed into the building

CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

[CLICK THE PICTURE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.](#)

Due to COVID-19, in-person dog licensing for 2021 is being done at the Health Department (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth) this month by [ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access the online pet licensing portal.

**Volunteers Needed to
Support Victims of Sexual**

Violence

MTPD is helping 180 Turning Lives Around 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 22nd.



Please consider volunteering.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Community Survey About Traveling in Monmouth County



TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY

Take our brief online survey and tell us how you travel throughout Monmouth County and what areas of concern you see, and what improvements you recommend.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

What could make it easier for you to get to where you are trying to go in Monmouth County, whether you're traveling to a store or spending a day at the shore? *Monmouth Within Reach* is a study being led by transportation planners from Monmouth County and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, with professional assistance from Stantec and Stokes Creative Group, Inc.

Monmouth Within Reach is a federally funded study to develop strategies

and best practices to reduce congestion related to tourism and events by using the resources we have to more effectively manage the demands on our transportation network. A study like this needs your input, so please help by taking this survey about your experience traveling in the County on heavy travel days.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the study and to take the survey.

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 to 3:00 PM Monday-Friday. All items placed in the box MUST be placed in a sealed envelope with an address.



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

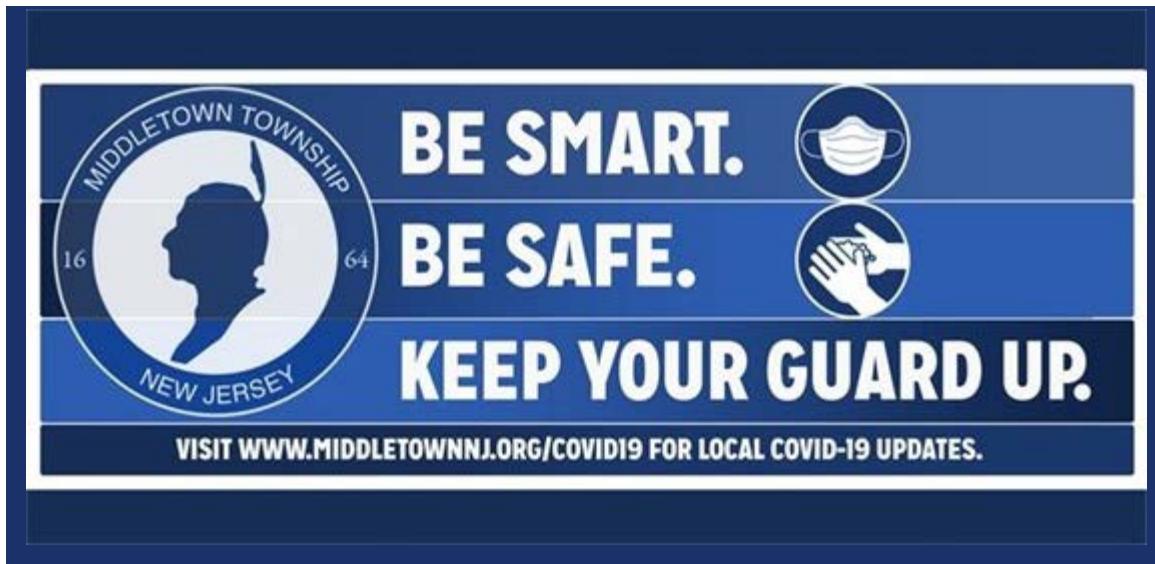
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?

**VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PROPERTYTAXES
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



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

COVID-19 RESOURCES



EMACC Collaborates on Monmouth County's #KeepMonmouthSafe Campaign



[Click the picture above to learn more about the #KeepMonmouthSafe campaign.](#)



[Click the picture to learn more about the Eastern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce.](#)

Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone announced a new "Keep Monmouth Safe" social messaging campaign for Monmouth County residents and visitors to address pandemic fatigue with the goal of helping our local businesses continue to encourage Public Health & Safety protocols.

The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) worked with the County to develop the #KeepMonmouthSafe campaign messaging for businesses.

The campaign is being advertised on billboards along Monmouth County roadways. There is also signage for businesses to download and print and frames to share on social media. The campaign messaging includes:

**No mask. No entry. #MaskUpMonmouth
Keep Distant, Keep Healthy. #6feetapart
Wash Your Hands, Guard Your Health. #washhands**

To download and display Keep Monmouth Safe business signage, visit www.KeepMonmouthSafe.com. Let's respect businesses and each other by continuing to do our part to stop the spread of the virus.

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.

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](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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