

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## MIDDLETOWN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL HEROES RECEIVE LIFE SAVING VALOR AWARD



The Middletown Township Committee was honored to present five Middletown High School North freshmen with a Life Saving Valor Award at the virtual Township Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. In December, these brave young men formed a human chain to rescue two children who had fallen into a frozen pond while sledding.

Congratulations to Kieran Foley, Tyler Armagan, Ryan Day, Drew Scalice and Joseph Dietrich (not pictured) on your incredible act of heroism. We commend them for being role models and hope that their selfless actions will inspire fellow citizens to go above and beyond to help others.

*You can read more about this amazing story [HERE](#).*

**Watch the Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Meeting on Middletown's YouTube or TV Channels**



**Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting, which includes the virtual presentation of the Life Saving Valor Awards, on the Township's YouTube Channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Help Support Small Businesses Through Luigi's Famous Pizza's Sweatshirt Fundraiser!**



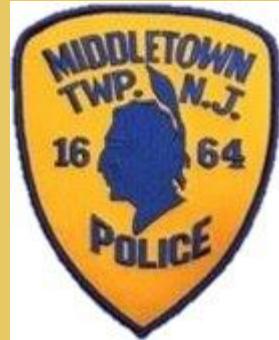
*Pictured from left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Luigi's Co-Owner Kelly Emerson, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Ryan Clarke and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell*

The Middletown Township Committee and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger stopped by Luigi's Pizza in Lincroft on Thursday night for some delicious food and to support their Luigi's Queso Grill sweatshirt fundraiser benefiting the Barstool Fund. This fund is raising money to help small businesses across the country impacted by COVID-19. A big thank you to owners Kelly and Jason Emerson for their generosity!

**Click [HERE](#) to purchase a sweatshirt and help support small businesses that are struggling during this pandemic.**

## Middletown Named 17<sup>th</sup> Safest Town In Nation

Middletown Township has yet again been named one of the safest towns in the United States! The report, which was published by [MoneyGeek](#), cites Middletown as one of the safest small cities in the nation based on the violent and property crime rates.



Being ranked one of safest towns in the nation doesn't happen without the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the Middletown Township Police Department. We thank them for their service to our town!

Congrats to Middletown Recreation's Disney Kahoot! Trivia and "Like, Share, Tag & Win" Contest Winners



A Trivia Master was born during this week's LIVE Kahoot! Trivia Game. Disney was the theme, and while there were a few leader board changes, the Welch family dominated and took first place, answering 41 correct questions out of a possible 47!

Middletown Recreation also held a “Like, Share, Tag & Win” contest through Facebook (@middletownrec). One winner was chosen at random from those who participated and followed all of the directions. Congratulations to Tammy Marie! She shared that during the winter she likes to take walks in the snow, go sleigh riding, and shovel snow! Congratulations to both winners! Reach out to Middletown Recreation to schedule a pick-up of your prizes at 732-615-2260 or [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org).

**THE MTPL PRESENTS: NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER:  
Learn how to use "Reference Solutions" database  
to kickstart your career!**

**Friday, January 29, 2021  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

In this Zoom webinar, learn how to use the "Reference Solutions" database tool to chart your career. \*Registration required. "[Reference Solutions](#)" is available via the [MTPL website](#). Select "Research & Learn" on the top toolbar, then "A-Z Databases" and then select "Reference Solutions".



**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER!](#)**

**Middletown Senior Center Offers Fun  
Programs & Activities**

**Middletown Senior Center**

Join in the fun!

- Paint & Sip Classes
- Fitness Classes
- Bingo
- Trivia
- ...& more!

FREE TO MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS  
[WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://WWW.MIDDLETONNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)  
OR CALL 732-615-2265 FOR SUPPLIES  
& REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

**MIDDLETOWN SENIOR CENTER**  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

The Seasonal Surprise Bags continue this winter and feature pocket Kleenex, a face mask, hand sanitizer, mask lanyard, a 14 month doodle planner, an exercise band and Sudoku.

The Senior Center will be offering crafters a separate bag to do on those cold weather days when you are tucked inside. Both bags are offered on a first come, first served basis to a limited number of participants, aged 60+. These bags are available to registered members who are Middletown residents and have been funded through the Cares Act Grant from the Monmouth County Office On Aging to support older adults during the COVID-19 emergency.

Weekly event options include a book club with Middletown Township Public Library, art lessons, bingo and trivia events to win prizes, craft tutorials, and fun fitness workouts.

Each event that you participate in online will earn you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize at the end of the season. The more you participate, the more chances you have to win!

**Click [HERE](#) to submit your free registration or call 732-615-2265 for assistance.**

**Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Senior Center.**

## **NEW In-Person Classes at the MAC: Sign Up for Ballet and Tap Class NOW!**



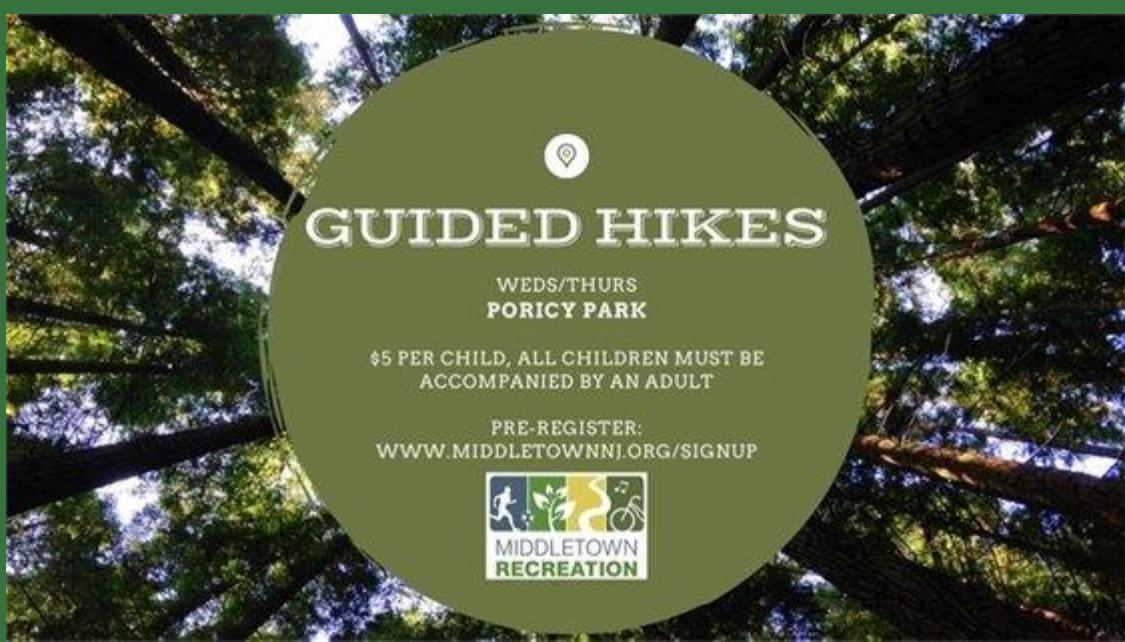
**NEW! In-Person Classes at the MAC - Winter Session!**

The MAC is thrilled to announce Winter Session of IN- PERSON classes in Theater, Dance, Art, Music and more! Classes will take place INDOORS at the wonderful new ANNEX LOCATION at the Middletown Reformed Church! (121 Kings highway - right around the corner from the MAC!)

**Space is limited so REGISTER TODAY!**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)**

**Join Middletown Recreation On a Guided Hike Wed., 1/27 or Thurs. 1/28!**



### Guided Hike:Owls

Date: Wednesday or Thursday, January 27th or 28th

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 (345 Oak Hill Road). This week we will look for owls and examine owl pellets. 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!**

**LINCROFT FIRE COMPANY SPONSORS BLOOD  
DRIVE WEDNESDAY, 1/27**



# BLOOD DRIVE

**Lincroft Fire Company**

**Wed., January 27 11am-7pm**

**601 Newman Springs Rd.**

**Appointments suggested. Walk-ins accepted only if space allows. For an appointment go to smarturl.it/NJBS\_Drive sponsor code 70286 or call 800-933-2566**

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19

- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we do **NOT** test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.



1.800.933.BLOOD

**▲ New Jersey Blood Services**

**CLICK THE PICTURE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT (SEE SPONSOR CODE ABOVE).**

**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!](#)**

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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.*

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

**Get a COVID Test at Middletown Train Station on Sundays, Mondays & Fridays**

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



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

## 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/m<sup>2</sup> 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



**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.*



**EMACC Collaborates on Monmouth County's  
#KeepMonmouthSafe Campaign**

## #KeepMonmouthSafe

*Communication is key to keeping Monmouth County Safe and Open!*

*#KeepMonmouthSafe is a collaborative initiative to streamline CoVid communication and messaging for all businesses and residents.*

**Download Business Safety Signage Here**

[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](http://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](#).

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