

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



New Town Hall Construction Update



As of this week, the foundation and underground utility work at the new Town Hall (located behind the Police Station) is nearing completion. Site work around the building continues, including grading and storm water management piping. Underground plumbing and electric is also in progress. The slab floors are the next item scheduled to be completed, weather permitting. The next major phase will be delivery of a crane and

construction of the steel structure starting in February.

The new Town Hall will be a 72,000 square foot, three-story, energy efficient facility that will consolidate approximately 55,000 square feet of operations currently located in several facilities across town. The new facility will allow the town to house most its services under one roof which will offer a “one-stop-shop” for community members to take care of business such as paying taxes, getting a passport or applying for a dog license at a single location.

The new building will allow for the growth of our Township, which includes better amenities and resources, and will enable Middletown to take on a greater regional role through shared services with smaller surrounding municipalities.

NOTE: Please keep in mind that the current Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) is an active construction site. Those visiting should proceed with caution as construction vehicles are present.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE PHOTOS OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS.

**PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE
TOWNSHIP'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD TRADE
CENTER MEMORIAL FUND**



★ COMMUNITY CALL-TO-ACTION
HELP MIDDLETOWN
HEAL THROUGH HOPE

**BY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR 9/11
20TH ANNIVERSARY
“RISE OF HOPE” FOUNTAIN
AND FIRST RESPONDERS
MONUMENT**

**DONATIONS CAN BE SENT VIA
PAYPAL TO
MIDDLETOWNWTC@GMAIL.COM**

**BUY A 20TH ANNIVERSARY
BANNER, BRICK OR LAWN SIGN**

**CONSIDER ORGANIZING A LOCAL
FUNDRAISER**

**PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND
DONATIONS WELCOME**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 732-615-2287

As we approach the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is raising money to add a fountain called “The Rise of Hope” that will be erected near the end of the memorial pathway, giving a quiet space to pause and reflect.

They will also be honoring the heroism and patriotism of our First Responders with an additional monument. If you would like to contribute to this 501(c)(3), donations can be sent via PayPal to MiddletownWTC@gmail.com. You can also mail a check made payable to Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund, c/o Mayor’s Office, Middletown Municipal Building, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

For more information, please call 732-615-2287.



First Quarter Property Tax Payments Due February 1, 2021

First quarter property tax payments
are due February 1st.

To avoid interest charges, all February property tax
payments must be received by 4:00 PM on or before
February 10, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay your taxes.

Middletown Social Services Encourages Residents to Lend a Hand This Easter Holiday

Easter Basket Donations

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy and gift cards to
create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider
donating the free ham you earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by
March 29th. Please call 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to
ensure someone is there to receive them.





Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, 2/1 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Virtual Workshop Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through Webex Event

Center.

If you will be participating 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 179 201 3279 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

Join Super Bowl Sunday FUNday with Middletown Recreation

2021 SUPER BOWL FUN!

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www.webex.com
Meeting number: 179 871 4156 | Password: football
SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 3PM
A prize will be awarded to the top Trivia Master and to the form entry with the most points!

PARTY PROP GUESSING GAME
Go to www.middletownnj.org/events to open the form and join the fun!
All forms must be submitted by
SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 5PM

Let's tailgate together, Middletown! Get started today on your Super Bowl fun by filling out the *Party Prop Guessing Game* form found on our website (www.middletownnj.org/events)! The form is available now and will be open until 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 7th. The entry that scores the highest will receive a fun tailgating party pack!

Then, join in our live Kahoot! Trivia Game as you start your Super Bowl festivities. Free and fun for the whole family! This Kahoot! game is geared towards the Super Bowl, but you don't need to be a football fanatic to play! The Super Bowl is much more than just football...think commercials, music, and food too!

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 during normal business hours.

Date: Sunday, February 7th

Time: 3:00pm

Meeting

link: <https://middletownnj.webex.com/middletownnj/j.php?MTID=m7f6d0ea093e7078a4b33c4c72c4989ce>

Meeting number: 179 871 4156

Password: football

TELL YOUR MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER STORY!



If the Middletown Arts Center has impacted your life in any way - from their classes, to performances, to special events - they would love to hear from you!

Simply send a short video clip or paragraph sharing your story to artscenter@middletownnj.org.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HELP BACK THE MAC!

Join Middletown Recreation On a Guided Hike Wed., 2/3 or Thurs. 2/4!



Guided Hike: Groundhog Day
Date: Wednesday, 2/3 or Thursday, 2/4
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 we will learn the origins of Groundhog Day, lots about groundhogs, and look ahead to spring! 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!](#)

**MTPL and Senior Center Partner to Offer Project:
Connect for Senior Community**


PROJECT: *CONNECT*

BRING CHEER TO THOSE ISOLATED



Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library
in partnership with the Middletown Township Senior
Center will call Middletown seniors to chat and check-in
during this trying time.

If you know of any seniors who might appreciate a
call, discuss it with them, and, if, interested forward their
name and phone information to kdavis@middletownnj.org.

 Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

 MIDDLETOWN
SENIOR CENTER

2020 RECREATION GEAR ON SALE NOW!



X 2020 MAYOR'S CHALLENGE LONG SLEEVE TEE

LAST CHANCE SALE!



●●● 2020 MIDDLETOWN MONTH BAG / BLANKET ↗

JUST \$5 EACH!

Pick up from Poricy Park - Nature Center. Cash or check made payable to *Middletown Arts Center*. Available while supplies last, pick-up during business hours only, call ahead: 732-615-2260

Don't miss out on picking up a stuffed Middletown Month bag, traveling fleece blanket, or Mayor's Challenge long sleeve tee! All are on sale now for \$5 each! Limited quantities available.

Call ahead for pick-up at Poricy Park - Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Rd., 07701) during normal business hours (Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm). Acceptable forms of payment: cash or check made payable to Middletown Arts Center.

2021 Dog Licensing Information

PLEASE NOTE: Dog license renewals have been extended

through the month of February. Late fees will not be incurred until March 1st.



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.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID Testing at Train Station

Due to the impending snowstorm, testing may need to be canceled on Sunday and/or Monday. For updates, please visit www.middletownnj.org.

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.](#)

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:

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- ✓ 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



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.



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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