



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

Middletown Residents Ages 50+ Can Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccine Through Township

A promotional graphic with a green background. On the left, it says "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP". On the right, it says "NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS AGES 50+" with an arrow pointing left. Below this, it says "has partnered with the VNACJ to offer registration appointments to Middletown residents ages 50+ for COVID - 19 VACCINATIONS". It then provides information about the vaccines and how to make pre-registration appointments. At the bottom right are logos for "COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER" and "Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey".

Middletown Township has partnered with the VNACJ Community Health Center to offer COVID-19 vaccines to Middletown residents ages 50 and older. The Township is scheduling pre-registration appointments - no vaccines will be given at this appointment. In order to sign up for a pre-registration appointment, please email covid19@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-3228 (if you don't have computer access). Please only contact the Township one time. All messages will be returned in the order in which they were received. Walk-in appointments will not be available.

REMINDER: If you email the Township for an appointment, please check your inbox frequently to see if you have been scheduled to pre-register. Additionally, if you have already been vaccinated elsewhere, kindly let us know.

Click [HERE](#) for information about free transportation to scheduled vaccine appointments arranged through Monmouth County.

**Middletown Township Committee
Executes Town-Wide Improvements
Through Open Space Trust Fund**



More than 67 percent of Middletown Township residents voted in favor of the Open Space referendum on the November 2020 General Election Ballot that increased the annual collection rate from \$.02 to \$.03 per \$100 in equalized valuation. Due to this support, the Township is now able to utilize the Open Space Trust Fund to acquire open space, as well as make upgrades and improvements to the more than 60 parks across Middletown.

"Thanks to the voters of Middletown, the Township is able embark on an aggressive campaign to not only preserve open space and historic farmland across town, but also make the necessary upgrades to our recreational facilities," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Over the course of the next several years, Middletown is set to make significant improvements and upgrades to 10 of our parks and playgrounds all across the township."

The Department of Public Works will also continue to make improvements to the remainder of Township parks.

Click [HERE](#) to read the April 2021 Parks and Facilities Upgrades Report.

Celebrate Earth Month In Middletown Township!



Click [HERE](#) to check out how you can volunteer through the Township and give back to our planet!

Temporary Change in Bulk Collection in North and South Zones Beginning Saturday, April 17th



through the end of May.

Due to a number of employees being impacted by COVID-19 at Solterra, the Township's garbage contractor, North and South Zone bulk collection will take place on the Saturday after your regular recycling day beginning Saturday, April 17th

For more information about changes to your garbage, recycling, and bulk collection schedules, please [download the Recycle Coach app](#) on your mobile devices.

For additional updates, you can also visit www.middletownnj.org and the Township's social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Click [HERE](#) for the new April/May bulk collection dates.

Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Township Committee Present Life Saving Valor Award to Matt Deickmann



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Life Saving Valor Award recipient Matt Deickmann, Mayor Tony Perry, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke at Community Fire Company on Monday, April 12th

Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Township Committee presented Middletown Township volunteer firefighter Matt Deickmann with the Life Saving Valor Award on

Monday, April 12 at Community Fire Company. Matt rescued an elderly woman from a burning home in the North Middletown section of the township on January 29th. He was returning home from running errands when he heard about the dire situation. Without hesitation and equipment, he drove to the elderly woman's house and saved her life. We thank Matt for his swift and selfless actions!



Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual and In-Person Regular Meeting on Monday, 4/19

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, April 19th at 7:00 PM will be open to the public with social distancing measures in place and made available live through Webex Event Center.

If you plan on attending the meeting in person, please note that the maximum occupancy in the Courtroom due to COVID-19 is 40 people. There are stickers placed in the pews directing people where to sit.

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 129 150 9381 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

Watch a Time-lapse Video of the Town Hall Construction!



Click [HERE](#) to watch the time-lapse video of the construction of the new Town Hall building as of this week.

Township Discusses Ideal Beach Initiatives at Neighborhood Meeting



The Ideal Beach neighborhood meeting was held in person and livestreamed on the [Ideal Beach Community Association's \(IBCA's\) Facebook page](#) on Tuesday, April 13th. Mayor Tony Perry, as well as members of the Township Committee, Administration, and the Police Department, discussed future improvements to Ideal Beach, such as new fencing and plantings, changes in seasonal traffic patterns, and security measures that will be put in place this summer.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on IBCA's Facebook page.



Click [HERE](#) for information about ways you can help honor the friends, neighbors, and family members we lost on 9/11 through Middletown's 9/11 20th anniversary donation and sponsorship opportunities. For information and updates, visit www.middletownremembers911.com and follow the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund on Facebook [@MiddletownRemembers911](#).

Check Out the Latest "Where Does it Go?" Recycling Education Series Featuring Styrofoam Recycling!



The Middletown Department of Public Works "Where Does it Go?" recycling education series highlights what happens to different items in the stream after they are dropped off at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). This episode features Mayor Tony Perry explaining what happens to Styrofoam/EPS as it goes through the process of being recycled and turned into picture frames and molding.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video on our Township's YouTube channel!



Register for the Mother - Son Cornhole Tournament by Wednesday, April 21st



A graphic of a wooden cornhole board with three blue bags on it. Below the board is a logo for Middletown Recreation featuring a stylized sun, a tree, a wave, and a bicycle, with the text "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" underneath.

Grades K - 5
**Mother - Son
Cornhole Tournament**
April 30 | 4:30pm

Space is still available! Team up with mom for an exciting afternoon of cornhole! Games will be played on the Croydon Hall Turf Field, with a possibility of playing under the lights as the sun sets. Double elimination format guarantees each team at least 2 games. A custom cornhole set will be awarded to the top mother-son team in each grade (K-5)! Registration includes a boxed dinner.

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Middletown Recreation's LIVE Kahoot Trivia: Video Games
Thursday, April 22nd at 7 PM

LIVE KAHOOT TRIVIA:
VIDEO GAMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:00PM

Meeting Number: 129 378 5812
Meeting Password: gamer

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Join Middletown Recreation's live Kahoot trivia game on Thursday, 4/22 at 7:00 PM to test your video game knowledge! Free and fun for the whole family!

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 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!

Click [HERE](#) to go to the meeting link.
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Password: gamer

The Mayor's Wellness Campaign Kicks off April 28th with Wellness Wednesday!

MAYOR'S
Wellness
CAMPAIGN

KICK OFF
each month in a
virtual chat with a
professional in the
health & wellness
community!

Virtual meetings are held via
Webex at the end of each
month, 7:00pm start time.

Visit our website for additional
events and more information
www.middletownnj.org/wellness

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Join a virtual chat each month with a professional in the health & wellness community featuring different topics. This month, we'll chat with Hackensack

Meridian Health – Riverview Medical Center about Healthy Eating! The virtual event will be held via Webex at 7:00 PM. Click [HERE](#) for upcoming campaign events and more information.

Click [HERE](#) to go to the meeting link.
Meeting number: 129 289 1905
Password: health

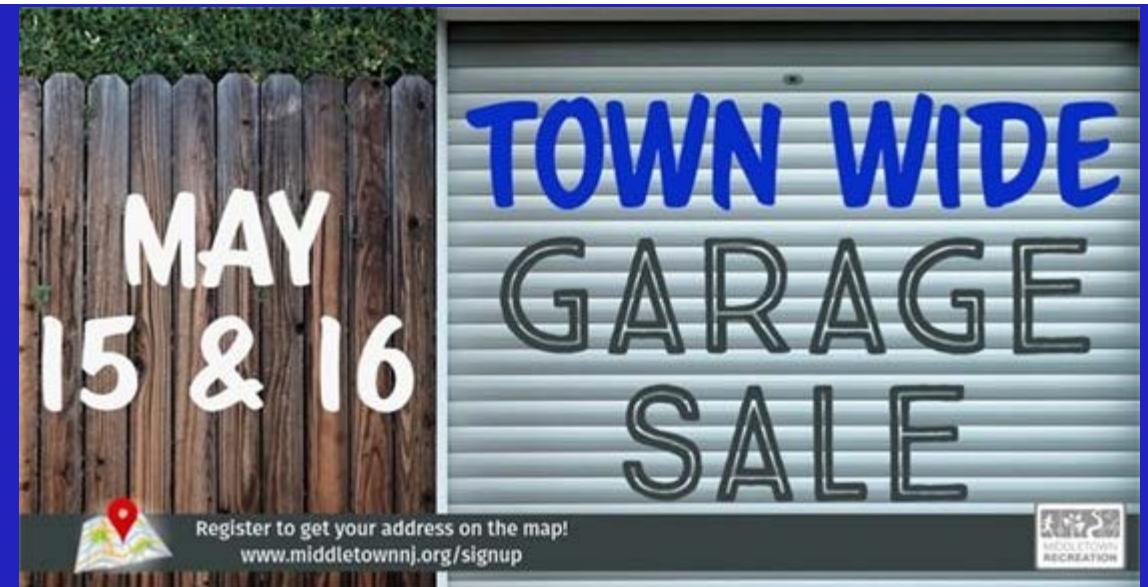
Middletown Recreation's Mario Kart Tournament Starts Saturday, May 1st



Rev up your B Dasher and get ready for the 2021 Mario Kart Tournament hosted by Middletown Recreation!

Registered players will compete in the *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* game on Nintendo Switch. Players will join the tournament from their home based on their chosen timeslot and compete for the top spot. Please note, players must have the Nintendo Switch console and Mario Kart game in order to play. Middletown Recreation will not be providing consoles or game cards to participate. Top competitors (ages six to adult) in each age bracket will receive a prize. Families with multiple competitors will need to register separately, sign up for separate time-slots, and will need to have their own unique Nintendo Account ID.

Free for Middletown residents. Click [HERE](#) to reserve your spot in the tournament.



Homes are popping up on the [Google Map](#)! Take a look to see who's participating and what they will be selling.

Want to participate? Include your home! By registering for this event, you'll be able to enter your featured items to our database. Price includes a lawn sign and your items featured on a mobile-friendly webpage to advertise your sale. Sellers have the option to participate in Saturday, Sunday or both dates. In case of poor weather, you can decide whether or not to continue with your sale.

Click [HERE](#) to register to get your address on the map.

**Please note, COVID restrictions will apply based on the guidance at that time.*

Club MAC is Back! Register Now for "Spring Fling with Miss Maria" Event!



Decorate your own clay pot and plant seeds in it to take home! Watch "Tangled", enjoy pizza, and play games.

Dates: Friday, May 14

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Only 20 spots available! Pizza, drinks and snack included. Price \$25 for one child, \$15 each additional child.

[**Click HERE**](#) for more information and to register.

**MTPL Presents All-Day Whales and Tales Storytime
on YouTube Channel Through April 30th**



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
NEA BIG READ
Managed by Arts Midwest
event

WHALES AND TALES

Apr 1st - 30th, all day
on the MTPL YouTube channel



A special storytime recorded at the nautically-themed Wonder Wing at  MONMOUTH MUSEUM

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Wales and Tales Storytime on the MTPL's YouTube channel.



SPRING 2021 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE
C	MARCH 22
D	MARCH 22
A	MARCH 29
B	MARCH 29
I	APRIL 5
J	APRIL 12

COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE
K	APRIL 19
L	APRIL 26
E	MAY 3
G	MAY 10
F	MAY 17
H	MAY 24

MAXIMUM VOLUME OF BRUSH PILE: 4 CUBIC YARDS (2'Wx3'Hx18'L). MAXIMUM LIMB LENGTH: 3'

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE. BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST- JUNE 1ST. BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Updated Travel Quarantine Guidelines from New Jersey Department of Health



Consistent with CDC's recommendations, the NJDOH has updated guidance for fully vaccinated persons as it relates to travel. Fully vaccinated persons should get tested 3-5 days after returning to the United States from international travel, but no quarantine following travel or test before travel (unless required by the destination) is needed. For domestic travel within the U.S., no quarantine or test before or after travel is needed for fully vaccinated travelers.

Travel recommendations for persons recently recovered from COVID-19 have also been updated. Similar to fully vaccinated travelers, persons who clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months do not need to quarantine after travel. In addition, they do not need to be tested before or after travel, domestic or international.

All travelers should continue to wear a mask while traveling, stay 6 feet from others and avoid crowds, wash hands often or use hand sanitizer, self-monitor for symptoms during and after travel, and self-isolate should symptoms develop. For unvaccinated travelers, or travelers who have not recently recovered from COVID-19, the self-quarantine is voluntary, but compliance is expected.

Updated Documents:

- [Current Restrictions on Travel](#)
- [Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes](#)
- [Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons in Non-Healthcare Settings](#)

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](#) for a link to the current Monmouth County vaccine clinic list. The County is posting a certain amount of appointments directly on [its website](#) and they will be scheduling the rest of their existing waitlist.

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](#).

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



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