



MTFD Firefighter Robert A. Carhart Awarded Key to the Township for 50 Years of Service



Key to the Township recipient Robert A. Carhart proudly stands with First Assistant Fire Chief John Waltz, Committeeman and Ex-Chief Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, Ex-Chief John Gorsegner, Jr., and Deputy Mayor and Ex-Chief Rick Hibell.

Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee presented volunteer firefighter Robert "Bobby" A. Carhart with a plaque and Key to the Township for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Middletown Township Fire Department Company #1 at the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, November 15th. Bobby led Company #1 as both Captain and President, and is one of the founders of the Special Services Unit. He continues to make an impact by serving on the Fire Safety Unit and Office of Emergency Management.

Bobby has become an integral person to the MTFD and the township, and we thank him for his exceptional volunteerism and for keeping our community members safe!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the meeting.

Township Committee Proclaims November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month



Mayor Tony Perry stands with Claire Garland, director of the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association, after recognizing November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month in the Township of Middletown.

The Township Committee proclaimed November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month for the first time in the Township's history at the meeting held on Monday night. Claire Garland, director of Lincroft-based Sand Hill Indian Historical Association, accepted the proclamation.

Claire, a member of the Sand Hill Band of Lenape, is a tireless advocate for Native American history and rights. She is also the co-chair of the New Jersey Historical Commission of Indigenous People and the New Jersey American Indian Affairs Commission Resource Person. During the meeting, Claire provided important historical information about local Native American history, including the Lenni-Lenape Native Americans who were the original settlers of Middletown. She

also presented a Native American ceremonial peace pipe made by her family.

We encourage residents to join us in honoring Native American Heritage Month and thanking those responsible for laying the groundwork for our community.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the meeting.

Congratulations to Salus (1680 NJ-35)
on its Grand Reopening!



Visit www.salusnj.com for information about Salus and its services.

Last week, Mayor Tony Perry was invited to celebrate the grand re-opening of Salus (1680 NJ-35), along with the owners, staff, and supporters! Salus is a barbell club that focuses on CrossFit and nutrition. Salus originally came to Middletown in 2013 as CrossFit Salus and then rebranded as Salus in 2020. The company has moved locations several times, but has now found its home in Fountain Ridge Plaza.

We wish Salus all the best!

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Salus and its services.

**Leaf Collection Begins Monday, 11/22:
How to Find Your Zone**



FALL 2021 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A, B, C, D, J, L	Monday, 11/22
I, G, E	Monday, 11/29
F, K, H	Friday, 12/10

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATES OF INDIVIDUAL ZONES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before your zone's start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from Nov. 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round.

Curbside leaf collection is beginning this Monday! This collection is **ONLY** for leaves. Brush will be picked up in the spring. Please do not put leaves on the curb more than seven days prior to the start date for your zone. Please also refrain from blocking storm drains because that can cause flooding.

Click [HERE](#) to find your zone.
Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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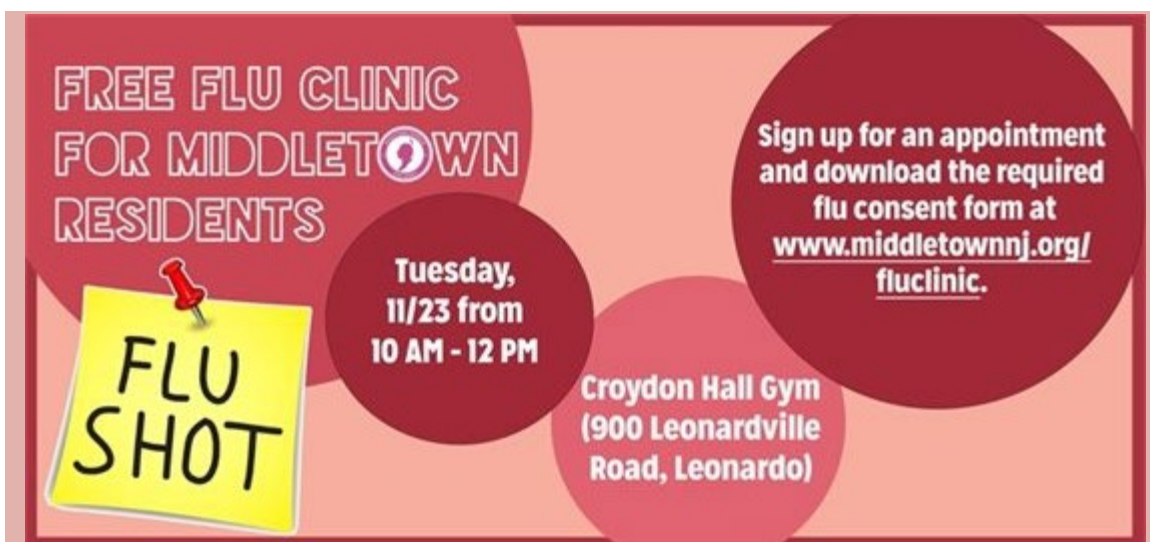


Think you've got the best penalty kick in town? Put it to the test at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout & Food Drive TOMORROW! This fun activity will begin at 10 AM at Normandy Park (900 Nutswamp Road).

Help give our fellow residents a fantastic Thanksgiving by bringing a nonperishable food item. Middletown Social Services will distribute the donations to residents in need. Pre-registration is preferred, but not required.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event.

Register Now for Middletown Health Department's Free Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, 11/23 from 10 AM - 12 PM

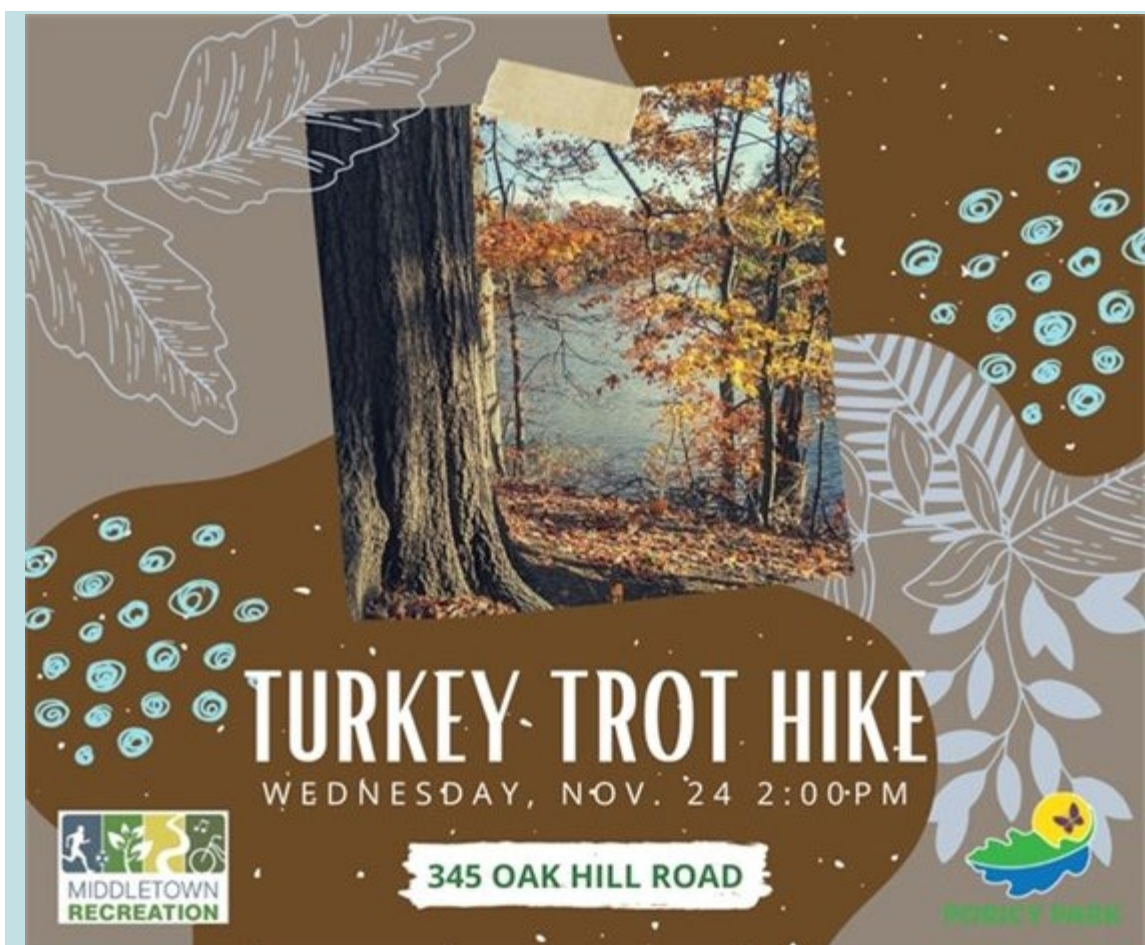


The Health Department is hosting a free flu shot clinic for Middletown residents, ages 6 months and older, on Tuesday, November 23rd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road).

Due to COVID-19, face masks are mandatory.
A completed flu consent form is also required.

Click [HERE](#) to register.
Click [HERE](#) to download the flu consent form.

**Pre-Register to Participate in Recreation's Turkey Trot
Hike on Wednesday, 11/24 at 2 PM**



Come and stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Join Middletown Recreation on Wednesday, November 24th at 2 PM to hike the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road), enjoy the beautiful scenery, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife (maybe you'll even spot a wild turkey)! This free hike will take about an hour and cover roughly 2.5 miles.

Adults are required to stay with all children. Geared more for participants ages 5+, however younger hikers are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the event.

**Join the MAC for a Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting
on Sunday, 11/28 at 4:30 PM**



Stop by the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on Sunday, November 28th to celebrate the beginning of Chanukah! The event will start at 4:30 PM with a small party inside the Gallery Room and will end outside with a Menorah lighting. There will be Chanukah-inspired arts and crafts, latkes and donuts available! Bring loved ones and enjoy this festive event with your family and friends!

**Pre-Register for Recreation's Annual Dodgeball
Tournament Happening from 12/13 through 12/17**



Middletown Recreation's annual dodgeball tournament is back! Come on out for a jolly good time from Monday, December 13th through Friday, December 17th and consider donating a toy this holiday season! All toys collected will be given out to Middletown residents in need this holiday season via Middletown Social Services.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation for more information.
Use your Community Pass account and click [HERE](#) to register.

"Letters to Santa" Mailboxes are Out NOW!



Our Middletown elves are collecting letters and delivering them directly to the North Pole! Drop off a letter in one of our special boxes to receive a personalized letter from Santa in return. Below are the mailbox locations:

- Croydon Hall, outside the Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road)
 - Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
- Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)
 - Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue)
- Town Hall, outside the Clerk's Office entrance (1 Kings Highway)

To ensure delivery, mailboxes will be removed on December 16th. Letters are free, but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this magical delivery.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.

Donate to the MTPL's Holiday Gift Drive through Wednesday, 12/22



Spread the love and support local families in need through the Middletown Township Public Library's (55 New Monmouth Road) "We Are Loved" Holiday Gift Drive! The library is collecting unwrapped new gifts and gift cards for children of all ages until Wednesday, December 22nd.

Please leave unwrapped gift donations in the gift-wrapped donation box near the "Staff Recommendations" bookshelf, which is across from the circulation desk.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!



Weekly COVID-19 Testing at Middletown Train Station Mondays (3 - 7 PM) and Fridays (10 AM - 2 PM)

MIDDLETOWN COVID-19 TESTING CENTER AT TRAIN STATION RE-OPENS

COVID-19 TESTING
\$150/TEST UNLESS MEDICALLY NECESSARY
(EXPOSURE, SHOWING SYMPTOMS, ETC.)

FRIDAYS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MONDAYS 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.




Click [HERE](#) to pre-register.

Monmouth County Regional Health Commission November COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics




Click on the graphics to view them larger!
Click [HERE](#) for information about upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Pre-Register Now for COVID-19 Vaccine & Booster Clinics on Wednesdays at the MTPL




Middletown Partners with VNACJ to Provide Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinics



WHERE: Community Room, Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

SIGN UP: Use the QR code to pre-register or visit middletownnj.org/vnacj.



To ensure that there are enough COVID-19 vaccine doses, please pre-register for your appointment at www.middletownnj.org/vnacj.

The VNACJ is also offering self-scheduling via that link. You do not need to be a Middletown resident to register. Those seeking vaccines should bring their ID and insurance card if they have one. Those seeking boosters should also bring their vaccine card.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register for or self-schedule your appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccine Currently Available at the MTPL (Updated 11/13/21)

Vaccine	Availability	Notes
Moderna	Available for all ages 18 and older	Requires a 2-dose series. Second dose due 28 days after the first dose.
Pfizer	Available for all ages 16 and older	Requires a 2-dose series. Second dose due 21 days after the first dose.
Janssen	Available for all ages 18 and older	Requires a single dose.
AstraZeneca	Available for all ages 18 and older	Requires a 2-dose series. Second dose due 12 weeks after the first dose.

Click on the graphic for information about vaccine availability and accompanying requirements.

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