



**Municipal Offices Closed on Thursday, 11/25 and
Friday, 11/26 in Observance of Thanksgiving**



**Shop Small and Support Local Businesses on
Saturday, 11/27!**



Small businesses are the **heart** of our community and economy. Please show small businesses some love this Saturday, November 27th in support of Small Business Saturday!

Click [HERE](#) to visit the County's "Made in Monmouth" interactive vendor directory, which includes over 200 local vendors.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the County's "Grown in Monmouth" online portal to find local Christmas Tree farms, garden centers, restaurants, and more!



Photo courtesy of Scott Anderson from Patch.

Middletown Veterans Display American Flags on Garden State Parkway Overpass

The American flags are back over the Garden State Parkway in Middletown, and they shall remain there permanently!

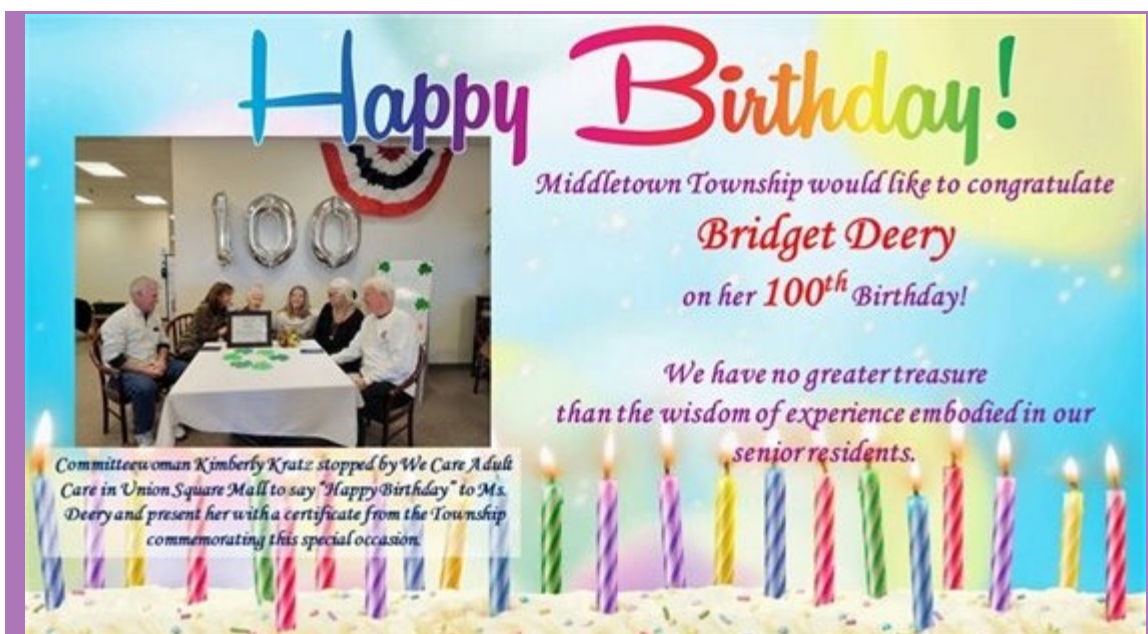
The flags were hung by three members of the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee: Rich Furlong, Bob Siemer and Dennis Beauregard, all Vietnam combat veterans who served with the U.S. Army and are members of VFW Post 2179.

"About a year ago this time we tried to hang the flags at the Red Hill Rd. overpass. Well, we put them up and then they were mysteriously taken down just a few weeks later," said Furlong.

Furlong said with the help of *Star Ledger* transportation reporter Larry Higgs, he and other Middletown vets learned they had to apply for a permit from the Turnpike Authority to fly the America flags. These patriots were the first in the state to get a permit to display the flags, and they will now be there for good.

"These men protected our flag in Vietnam and continue to this day," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Could not be more proud of this town and the patriotism of our residents."

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article by the Patch.



**Purchase a \$10 Luminaria Kit TODAY to Participate in
Middletown Luminaria Night on 12/11**

Middletown
LUMINARIA NIGHT

is hosting its first annual Middletown Luminaria Night on Saturday, December 11th. The charity is selling luminaria kits to raise money for "Middletown Helps Its Own" and our all-volunteer Middletown Fire Department. Each kit costs \$10 and includes supplies for 10 luminarias. To pay via cash/check, email MiddletownLuminariaNight@gmail.com. You can also pay via Venmo by sending money to @MiddletownLuminariaNight. The charity will send information about pick-up dates and times in the near future.

The deadline to purchase a kit is Wednesday, November 24th.



Please join Middletown Township and shine a light for these important causes!

For further details about the event:
scan the QR code below or visit middletownnj.org/luminaria.



SCAN ME

"With Light Comes Hope"

Middletown Luminaria Night is hosting its first annual Middletown Luminaria Night on Saturday, December 11th. The charity is selling \$10 luminaria kits to raise money for local non-profit "Middletown Helps Its Own" and our all-volunteer Middletown Fire Department. TODAY (November 24th) is the last day to purchase a kit.

*Please join us and shine a light for these important causes!
Email @MiddletownLuminariaNight for any additional questions.*

North Zone Garbage Collection Moved to Monday, 11/29

NORTH ZONE GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no garbage collection in the North Zone on Thursday, 11/25. North Zone residents will have a double garbage pickup on Monday, 11/29. Residents may leave up to 3 additional closed garbage bags next to the cart. Please do not block the cart with the bags and leave approximately 3 feet of clearance on both sides of the cart.

The Middletown Recycling Center will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day (11/25) and will reopen on Friday, 11/26.

Have a wonderful holiday!



Leaf Collection Begins: How to Find Your Zone

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH MIDDLETOWN'S

Holiday Food Drive & Adopt-A-Family

WHAT TO DONATE

All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham, especially the free ones you may earn through supermarket promotions, to a family in need.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Middletown Social Services is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to "adopt" underprivileged households during the holiday season. Social Services will provide a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, we ask that you kindly provide a few of the listed items or gifts cards, in hopes that your adopted family may have a special holiday season. Donations are accepted at the Health Department's office (180 Main St.). Questions? Call 732-615-2085.

Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**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!

MTPL Closed on Thursday, 11/25 for Thanksgiving

A graphic with a dark brown, textured background featuring pinecones and autumn leaves. The title "Thanksgiving Week Library Hours" is written in a white, cursive font. Below the title is a white rectangular box containing the library's hours for the week. At the bottom center of the box is the Middletown Township Public Library logo, which includes a globe and the text "Middletown Township Public Library".

WEDNESDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
THURSDAY	CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
FRIDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

**Save-the-Date for Our Santa & Friends Drive-By and
Christmas Tree Lighting: Sunday, 12/5**



Look who's coming to town! Join us from virtually anywhere or visit one of our viewing stations along the way. If you decide to leave the house, be sure to not block traffic or park in the roadways. The vehicles driving through will not be stopping, so figuring out your viewing location early is key! Remember, no matter how you watch, be sure to tune in and join us online to catch the Middletown Arts Center Tree Lighting followed by a Christmas-themed Kahoot Trivia Game! Trivia is projected to start at 7:00 PM.

**Register for the MTPL's Medicare Enrollment Workshop on
Tuesday, 11/30 at 2 PM**

Medicare Enrollment Workshop

with Samantha White



Explore Medicare options, plan choices, costs, benefits and supplemental options!

- Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 2:00 PM
- The Computer Lab

Register Now at
MTPL.ORG



Stop by the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) on Tuesday, November 30th to join experienced State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor Samantha White of Family & Children's Services to explore Medicare from plan choices, costs, benefits, and supplemental options. This in-person program will begin at 2:00 PM in the Computer Room.

**Attendance is limited and registration is required.
Library visitors must follow current health and safety protocols.**

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

**Pre-Register for Recreation's Annual Dodgeball
Tournament Happening 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!



Cooper Rd. will be closed periodically on Sunday, November 28th from 8 AM - 12 PM for a charity road race. Please expect delays, plan alternate routes, and watch for runners in the road.

Click [HERE](#) to register for emergency and traffic alerts.



Monmouth County Launches Health Department App

The Monmouth County Health Department (MCHD) has launched its new app which will look to provide residents and visitors to Monmouth County with real-time news and information about services available through the County Health Department.

The "Monmouth County Health Department" app is available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. For more information, call MCHD at 732-431-7456 or go to www.visitmonmouth.com.

Click [HERE](#) to read the County's full press release.

Click [HERE](#) to download the app from the Apple App Store.

Click [HERE](#) to download the app from the Google Play Store.

**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 Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics



**Monmouth County
Regional Health
Commission No. 1**

**COVID-19
Vaccination Clinic**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Saturday, November 20th, 2021
Saturday, December 11th, 2021
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
1540 West Park Avenue, Suite 1
Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724

**AGES 5 AND UP BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY!**

To register:
Call (732) 493-9520, option 1 or email jbautista@mcrhc.org

All vaccine formulations will be offered on site.

Parents or guardians must accompany minors.


Please bring your vaccination card.

Please bring your insurance card (if you have one).




Click on the graphic to view it 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 10/22/21)

Vaccine	Age Group	Notes
Moderna	18 and older	Two-dose series, 28 days apart. Booster shot available 6 months after second dose.
Pfizer	16 and older	Two-dose series, 21 days apart. Booster shot available 6 months after second dose.
Janssen	18 and older	Single-dose vaccine. Booster shot available 2 months after first dose.

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

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



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