



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Happy THANKSGIVING
from Middletown Township

MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, 11/24 AND FRIDAY, 11/25
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no North Zone Garbage collection on Thursday, 11/24. Collection will resume on Friday, 11/25 in the South Zone.

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and reopen at 8:30 AM on Friday, 11/25. The Middletown Recycling Center drop-off at the train station will remain open.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY THANKSGIVING!**



First Round of Leaf Collection Begins Monday, 11/28



FALL 2022 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I	MONDAY, 11/28
J,K,L	THURSDAY, 12/8

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.
COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before 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 November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of FAQs, updates, and more information.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanksgiving Week Library Hours

WEDNESDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
THURSDAY	CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!
FRIDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Property Tax Assessment Resources & Information



Assessment postcards were mailed on November 23rd detailing the new assessment for 2023.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/assessment for information and resources to help you better understand the reassessment process.

Middletown Township Recertified by Sustainable Jersey at the Silver-Level



Mayor Tony Perry, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, and Township employees from both the Planning Department and the Department of Public Works & Engineering show off Middletown's recertification!

Sustainable Jersey representatives recently announced that Middletown has met

the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey recertification at the silver-level. This is the second time the Township has been recognized with a silver-level certification since 2019.

"I am honored that Middletown is being recognized for its ongoing efforts to focus on building a sustainable future for our community," said Mayor Tony Perry. "Our dedicated employees and volunteers have embarked on several initiatives over the last few years, including renovating our Recycling Center and creating an ecological garden to engage visitors, launching our Community Garden, purchasing electric vehicles, and creating educational materials to share with our residents. These actions will have a lasting impact and better our quality of life from generation to generation."

*Click **HERE** to read our press release for more information.*

MHSS Girls Soccer Team Wins Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship!



Mayor Tony Perry huddles in for a group picture with Assistant Coach Jody Smith and players!

Congratulations to the Middletown High School South (MHSS) Girls Soccer Team on its recent victory! The Township Committee recognized the players, coaches, and managers at Monday's meeting for winning the 2022 Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship.

*Click **HERE** to watch the meeting 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 Sunday, December 4th.*

Celebrate Small Business Saturday By Supporting a Local Business!

**SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY.**

SHOW SMALL BUSINESSES SOME  ON

Small Business Saturday

— Saturday, November 26th —

Middletown Township

**Stefan Gerin and Nicholas Madden of Troop 246
Earn Eagle Scout Rank**



Pictured from left: Scoutmaster Michael Mead, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Eagle Scouts Stefan Gerin and Nicholas Madden, and Assistant Scoutmasters Daniel Kon, James Sigua, and Vincent Hallisay. Photo courtesy of Robyn Gerin

Last weekend, Stefan Gerin and Nicholas Madden from Troop 246 advanced to the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Committeeman Ryan Clarke, who is also an Eagle Scout, attended their Court of Honor ceremony to personally congratulate them with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

Eagle Scouts must complete service projects to earn this title. Stefan built two raised garden beds and two large planter boxes with lattice out of cedar wood for Christ Church. He also prepared the beds for planting and laid a stone border with gravel for access to the water/hose. The church's garden is used for the Sunday School classes to participate in the Abundant Life Garden Project, which teaches students about water, seeds, soil, animals, and harvest. The students also grow produce there and donate it to the Calico Cat Pantry.

Nicholas built a goat playground for Oasis Farms of OASIS tlc, a local nonprofit whose mission is to promote autism inclusion and acceptance by employing autistic adults to work on its farm. As an avid skateboarder and skier, Nicholas understood the need for outdoor activity, so he decided to build this playground for the goats since they originally had little to do in their pen. The playground needed to be constructed from untreated wood since the goats would eventually chew on it. Nicholas chose cedar as it is one of the most durable and heaviest types of lumber. The structure was 10ft x 2ft x 3ft and includes a separate balance beam.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts Stefan and Nicholas!

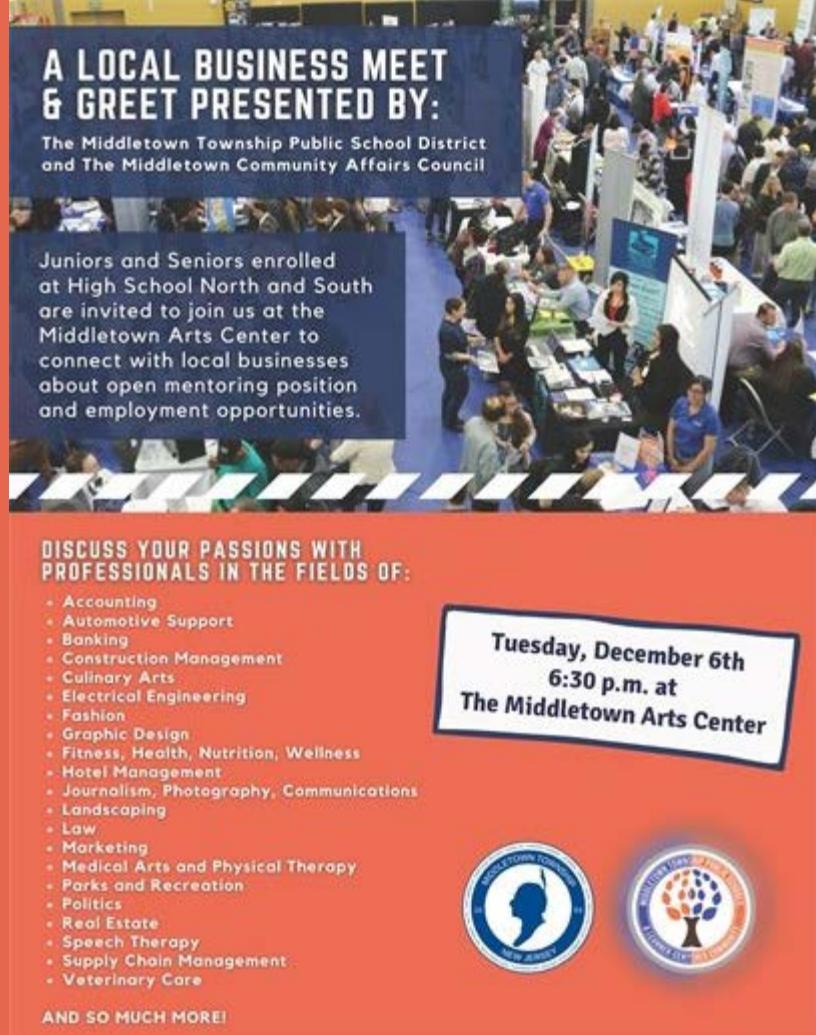
Cub Scout Pack 205 Meets with Mayor Perry



Cub Scout Pack 205 shows off the large thank you note they made for Mayor Perry and his staff! The note has the scouts' signatures and details about what they love most about Middletown, such as the parks, people, and pets!

On Monday, Cub Scout Pack 205 of Nut Swamp Elementary School stopped by Town Hall to fulfill their requirement of meeting with a local government leader. The scouts met with Mayor Tony Perry in the Mayor's Conference Room and discussed leadership qualities, how they can be good residents, and how they can get involved in our community.

High School Juniors & Seniors: Save the Date for Local Business Meet & Greet at MAC on Tuesday, 12/6 at 6:30 PM



A LOCAL BUSINESS MEET & GREET PRESENTED BY:

The Middletown Township Public School District and The Middletown Community Affairs Council

Juniors and Seniors enrolled at High School North and South are invited to join us at the Middletown Arts Center to connect with local businesses about open mentoring position and employment opportunities.

DISCUSS YOUR PASSIONS WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELDS OF:

- Accounting
- Automotive Support
- Banking
- Construction Management
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Engineering
- Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Fitness, Health, Nutrition, Wellness
- Hotel Management
- Journalism, Photography, Communications
- Landscaping
- Law
- Marketing
- Medical Arts and Physical Therapy
- Parks and Recreation
- Politics
- Real Estate
- Speech Therapy
- Supply Chain Management
- Veterinary Care

AND SO MUCH MORE!

**Tuesday, December 6th
6:30 p.m. at
The Middletown Arts Center**



Juniors and seniors enrolled at Middletown High School North or South are invited to a meet & greet at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) to network with professionals, explore different fields, and learn about career opportunities!

This event will be hosted by the Middletown Township Public School District and Middletown Community Affairs Council on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM.

There are already some prominent local businesses committed to participating, including Voyant, Molly Pitcher and Oyster Point Hotels, the Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey, Stillitano Consulting LLC, Red Bank Wealth Management, Automated Building Controls, and professionals representing law, real estate, land surveying, and many others.

If you are a business owner and would like to participate in this networking event, please contact Dr. Patricia Vari-Cartier at cartierp@middletownk12.org by Wednesday, November 30th.

**Purchase Discount Christmas Spectacular Tickets with
Middletown Recreation's Black Friday Sale**



Watch the Radio City Rockettes in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, then see them live on Sunday, December 11th! Middletown Recreation is selling Rockette tickets at a DEEPLY discounted price. Purchase through Middletown Recreation's link to save over \$70+ per ticket! A very limited amount remain, so buy them today!

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

Hop Into the Holiday Spirit at Middletown Recreation's and the MAC's Tree Lighting on Sunday, 12/4 from 5 - 7 PM



Look who's coming to town! Catch Middletown Recreation's and the MAC's (36 Church Street) Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 4th! This festive event will begin with a special holiday chorus concert from the B Naturals and Thorne Band inside the MAC's theater at 4 PM.

The tree lighting festivities will then commence at 5 PM! Bring the whole family to get a photo with Santa, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, enjoy crafts, watch our ice sculptor, and more! There will be a FREE giveaway to the first 300 children.

Give Back this Giving Season with Social Services' Holiday Food Drive & Adopt-a-Family Program

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH MIDDLETOWN'S



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

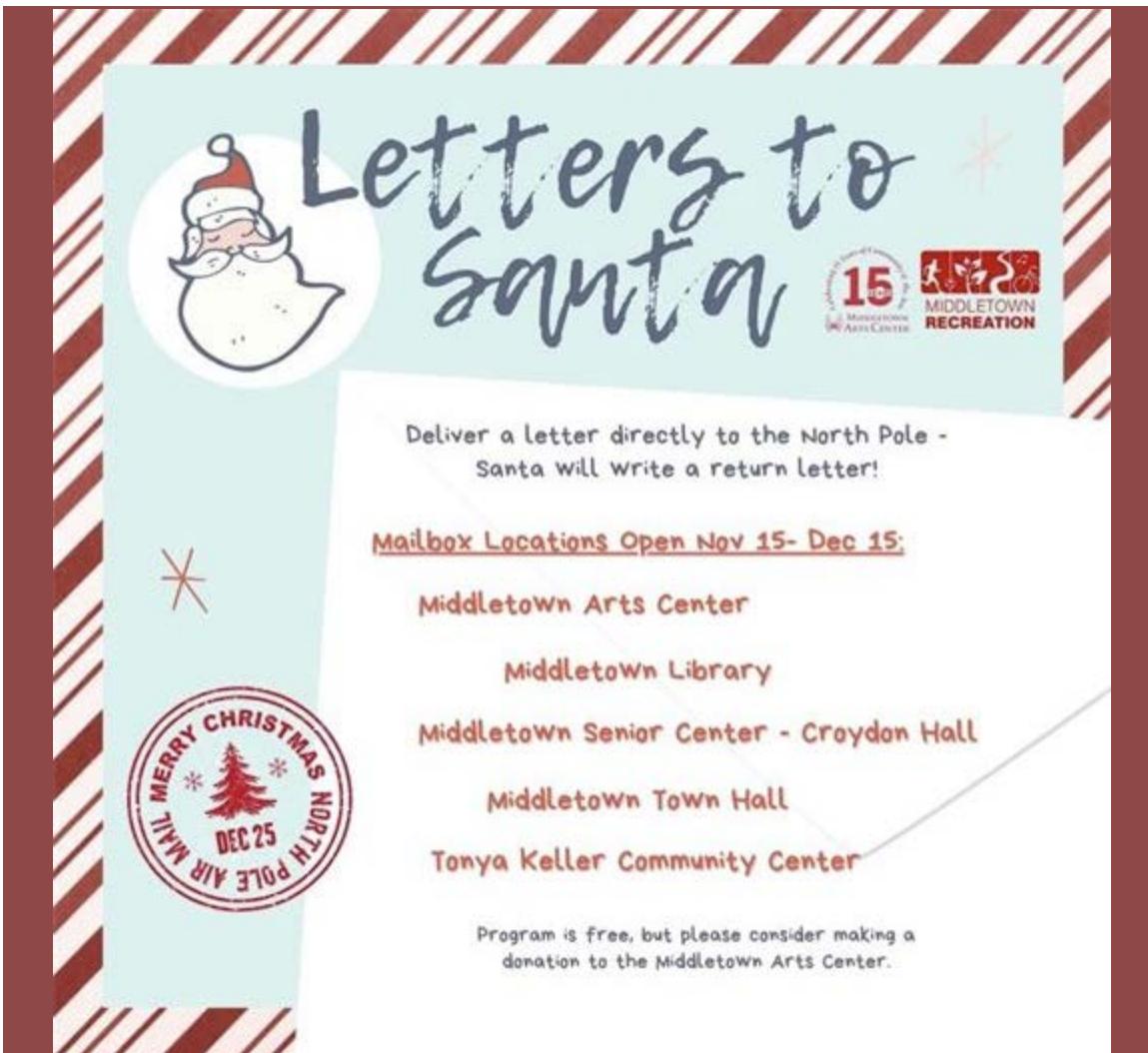


Middletown Social Services is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to "adopt" underprivileged households during the holiday season. Social Services will provide a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, we ask that you 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 Social Services (180 Main Street). Questions? Call 732-615-2085.

There are still many families that need to be "adopted" and could use your help! Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 to be assigned a family.

[Click HERE for a list of food pantry items that are needed.](#)

**Our Middletown Elves are Collecting Letters to Santa:
Drop One Off by Thursday, 12/15!**



Letters to Santa

Deliver a letter directly to the North Pole - Santa will write a return letter!

Mailbox Locations Open Nov 15- Dec 15:

- Middletown Arts Center
- Middletown Library
- Middletown Senior Center - Croydon Hall
- Middletown Town Hall
- Tonya Keller Community Center

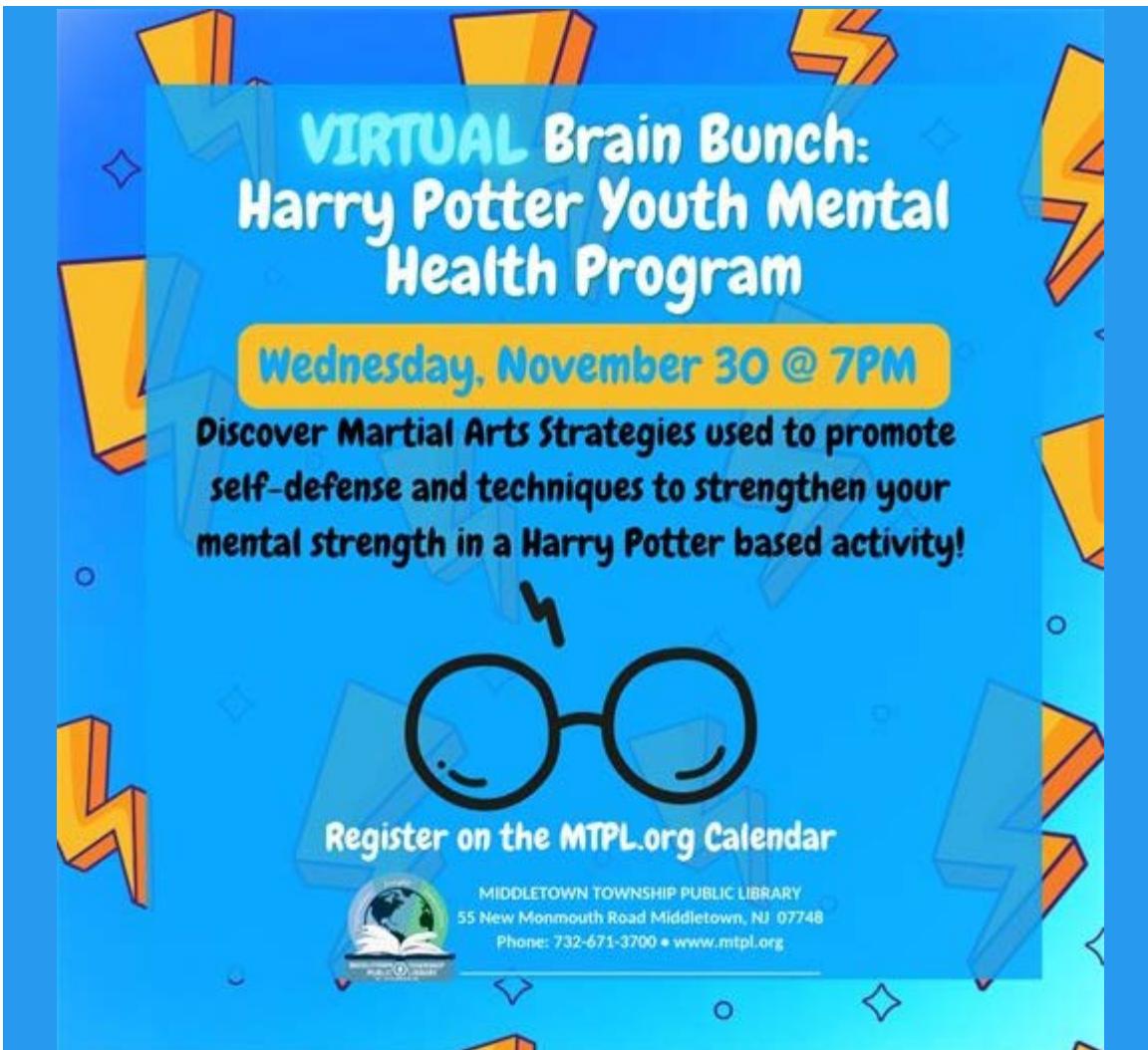
Program is free, but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center.

[Click HERE](#) for more information about how to drop off a letter.
[Click HERE](#) for a list of topics that children can write about.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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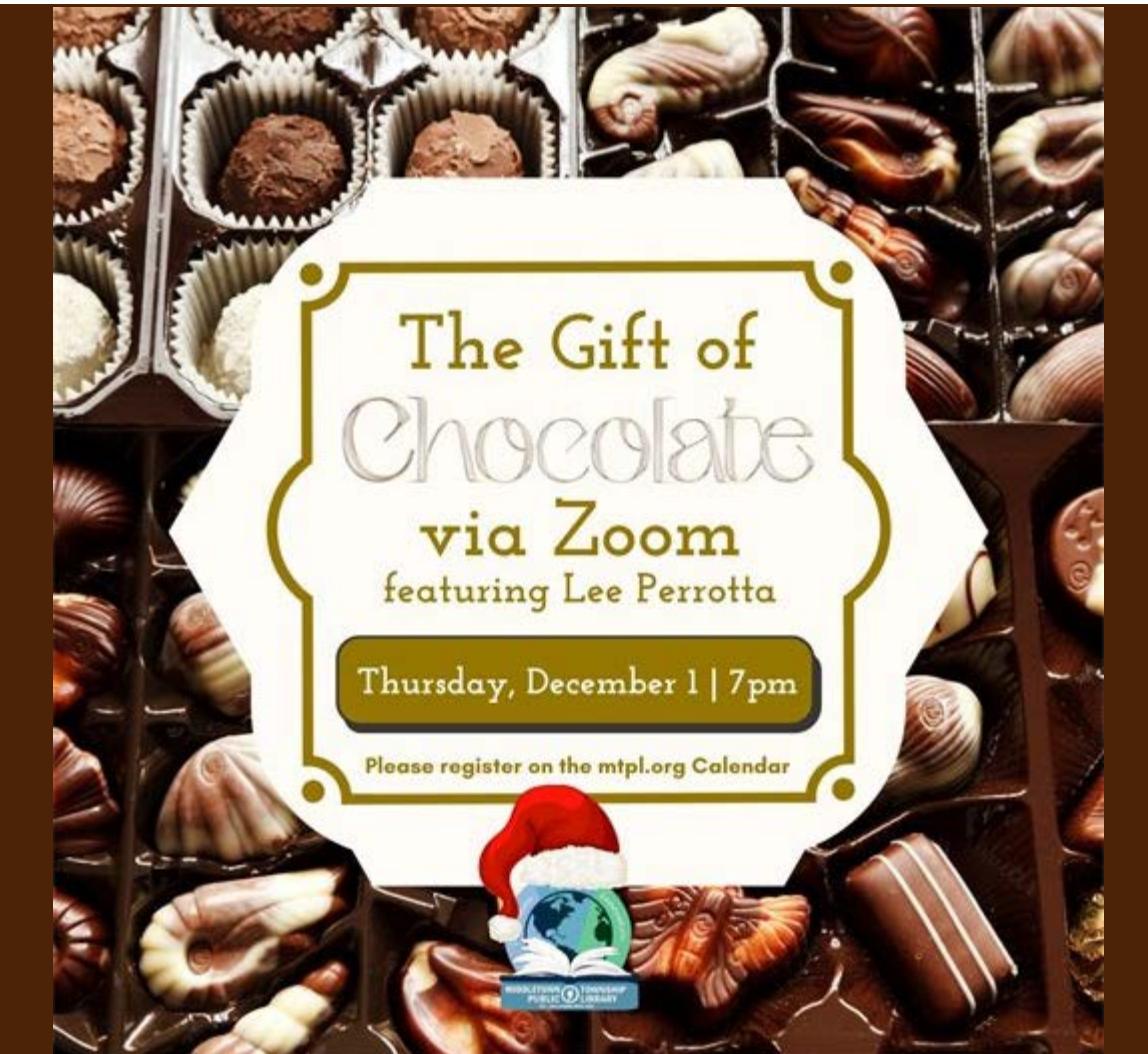
Tweens & Teens: Check Out the MTPL's Harry Potter-Themed Mental Health Program on Wednesday, 11/30 at 7 PM



Tweens and teens are invited to join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) for its virtual Harry Potter-themed event on Wednesday, November 30th! Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.

**Create Chocolates with the MTPL via Zoom
on Thursday, 12/1 at 7 PM**

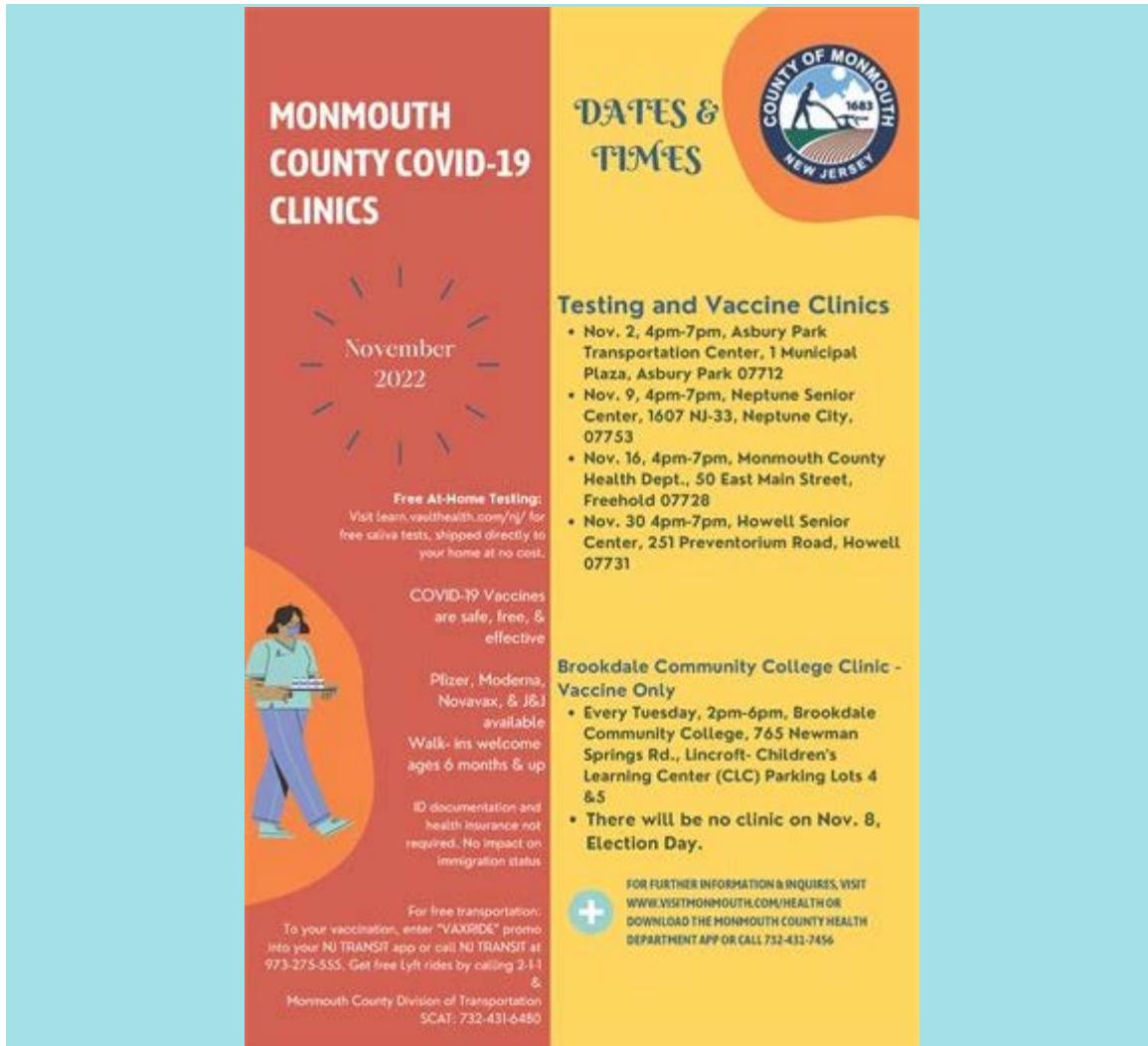


Learn to make mouth-watering chocolate gifts for the holidays! Join the MTPL virtually on Thursday, December 1st to make fudges, ganache, chocolate dessert cups, and quick truffles all from the comfort of your home! Patrons will also get fantastic packaging and unique gift wrapping ideas. Registration is required.

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



Monmouth County November COVID-19 Clinics



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Visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

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