

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19,

PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CORONAVIRUS.](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CORONAVIRUS)

Please visit www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 related updates, closures, cancellations and more.



Middletown Health Department Reports Total of 51 COVID-19 Cases

The Middletown Township Department of Health and Social Services reported a total of 51 COVID-19 cases as of 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 26th. Direct contact persons, organizations and workplaces will be notified by health officials as they receive information from the patients. To date, the Health Department has received 136 negative cases from laboratory reports. As more information becomes available, it will be shared with the public and the media.

News updates and information regarding Township events and programs affected by COVID-19 are posted at www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus.

If you have further Township-related COVID-19 questions, call the Health Department at 732-615-2095 or email covid19@middletownnj.org. We also encourage residents to register for state alerts by texting NJCOVID to 898-211 and Township emergency alerts by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777 so you can receive information as quickly as possible.

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Monmouth County officials held a press conference on Wednesday, March 25th to request donations for desperately needed supplies and announce a donation drop-off site at Thompson Park in Lincroft.

Supplies needed:

- Nitrile examination gloves
- Surgical or N95 masks
- Protective gowns
- Protective face shields
- Multi-function no-contact infrared thermometers
- Hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes

Donations are being accepted at Thompson Park (805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. For additional information, or to arrange the drop-off of personal protective equipment, please call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312. The phone number is staffed every day, including weekends.

A Message from the Middletown Township Fire Prevention Bureau:

Our Fire Prevention Bureau has received numerous call from residents with chemical burns due to making cleaning products at home.

In general, it is not safe to mix any sort of store-bought cleaning products. Even household chemicals, like ammonia and bleach, should never be mixed because they produce

chlorine, which can be deadly. Other chemicals that should never be mixed include bleach and vinegar, drain cleaner and ammonia, or oven cleaner and Comet.

For your own protection, please do the following:

- Keep cleaning products in their original containers with their original labels.
- Try to use less bleach and ammonia in your home.
- If you use bleach or ammonia, make sure to rinse thoroughly with plenty of water, and use in a well ventilated space. After use open a window or door for fresh air.
- Never mix bleach with other household cleaning products.
- Maintain safety standards, and always follow the instructions as indicated by the manufacturer.
- Keep all cleaning products out of the reach of children.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly at 732-615-2272 or email bskelly@middletownnj.org.

DO NOT MIX THESE CLEANING PRODUCTS

BLEACH + VINEGAR

Bleach and vinegar mixture produces chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, burning and watery eyes.



BLEACH + AMMONIA

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes shortness of breath and chest pain.



BLEACH + RUBBING ALCOHOL

Bleach and rubbing alcohol makes chloroform, which is highly toxic.



HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + VINEGAR

This combination makes peracetic/peroxyacetic acid, which can be highly corrosive



The Diabetes Foundation is Offering Two-Week Diabetes Backup Emergency Supply Kits

Join the wait list

Two-week Diabetes Backup Emergency Supply Kit and Diabetes Emergency Insulin Administration Supply Kit

NJ residents in need of back up diabetes supplies who test their blood sugar or inject insulin are eligible. **Supplies are limited and available on a first come first serve basis**

APPLY NOW (English)

APPLY NOW (Spanish)

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY: Sewerage Authority Reminds Residents About What Is and Isn't Flushable

Proper Use of Sewer Lines

The Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) would like to remind residents that the flushing of improper items can result in costly backups on your property and/or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant. Listed below are some items that should not be flushed down the toilet:

- Medical Waste
- Disinfecting sanitary wipes
- Wipes and diapers
- Rags and towels
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy wrappers
- Clothing labels
- Cleaning sponges
- Toys
- Any plastic items
- Aquarium gravel
- Kitty litter
- Latex gloves

- Cigarette butts
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Underwear
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Dental floss

Disposable Does Not Mean Flushable

Even if the label reads “flushable,” you will have fewer backups and be environmentally correct if you properly dispose the item. These “disposable” items tend to block your sewer lines, which can result in costly backups and overflows. Since property owners are responsible for their property’s sewer pipes, improper flushing can be expensive to repair and cost you money.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY COVID-19 JOBS AND HIRING PORTAL



The State of New Jersey has developed a centralized resource to match talent with opportunities in industries on the front lines of serving New Jerseyans during the outbreak.

Did you lose your job or have your hours reduced as a result of COVID-19? Businesses across New Jersey need thousands of workers for immediate hire. Learn more about who is hiring in your community.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE NJ HIRING PORTAL.](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

If you are feeling stressed about the novel coronavirus and would like to talk with a mental health professional, here are some helpful phone numbers.

The NJ Department of Human Services operates a toll free “warm line” which is a resource for people seeking mental health service. The warm line is activated during events that impact the mental health of New Jersey residents. The warm line is available 24 hours and has language access; (877) 294-HELP (4357). NOTE: The “warm line” does not replace 911 and is not used to report emergencies.

Mental Health Hotline: 866-202-4357

NJ Hopeline (Peer Support & Suicide Prevention Hotline): 1-855-654-6735

@NJVET@VET: 1-866-838-7654 For more information:

- Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- Visit the New Jersey Department of Health website at <https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtm>

PNC BANK ARTS CENTER IS NOW OPEN AS A COMMUNITY BASED COVID-19 TESTING CENTER

COVID-19 UPDATE

**NEW: THE PNC BANK ARTS CENTER
COVID-19 COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING CENTER
WILL OPEN MARCH 23, 2020 AT 8:00 AM**

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING, YOU MUST BE:

- A CURRENT NEW JERSEY RESIDENT
- EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Gates at @PNCArtsCenter will not open until 8:00 a.m. and individuals will not be permitted to line up along the Garden State Parkway. The commuter lots will be closed.

PNC BANK ARTS CENTER

HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY



To be eligible for testing, you must be:

- A NJ resident

- Experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness

Testing will begin at 8:00 AM & continue while supplies last.

CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE.

**Middletown Parks Are Open!
COVID-19: Social Distancing in Public Parks**



Middletown Township encourages our residents and community to stay healthy which includes regular exercise. However, please follow these guidelines when using our parks:

- Do not use parks if you are experiencing symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidelines on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks.
- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.
- All Township and BOE playgrounds are closed.
- All field and court permits have been canceled – no organized or unorganized games, practices or trainings permitted.
- If you arrive at a park and another family is already using that space ensure that you continue to utilize social distancing.

As a reminder, all group gatherings of 10 or more people is prohibited. The MTPD continues to enforce that restriction, so please be responsible.



TAKEOUT THURSDAYS



ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESSES:

Want to be included in Middletown's "Takeout Thursdays" list?

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your business!

#TakeoutThursday #MadeinMiddletown #MiddletownNJ

****Important Message from the Middletown Township Fire Department****



If you are calling 911 for any police, fire or medical emergency and have a fever, cough, or any flu-like symptoms, PLEASE let the dispatcher know.

If you are quarantined (mandatory or self-imposed) in your home or business due to possible or confirmed COVID-19 exposure, PLEASE notify 911 when you call and advise the dispatcher.

We also ask that you place a sign/note on your front door to alert our firefighters, EMTs, and law enforcement officers to take infection-prevention precautions before prior to entering your home or business. It is imperative that we protect our crews so that they will be able to continue to meet the emergency needs of the community.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP OPENS SATELLITE RECYCLING CENTERS

IN LIGHT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER HOURS ARE RESTRICTED TO WEEKENDS ONLY. THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SATELLITE DROP OFF LOCATIONS.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER: OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY TO RESIDENTS

52 Kanes Lane
Middletown, NJ 07748
Hours of Operation:
8:30AM - 4:30PM

MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION RECYCLING DROP OFF

Main Parking Lot of Train Station
off Middletown-Lincroft Road
Hours of Operation: 24/7

BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL RECYCLING DROP OFF

(TEMPORARY LOCATION)
834 Leonardville Road
Leonardo, NJ 07737
Hours of Operation: 24/7



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
52 KANES LANE, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748
732-615-2109
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLING

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, text your zip code to 898-211.



NJ 211 has been activated to assist with handling COVID-19 calls from NJ residents. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

Register Now for Township Emergency Alerts

Please ensure that you OPT IN to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register via email.



We strongly encourage each and every resident to register for Township emergency alerts. In the event that something needs to be communicated quickly, including any emergency information about COVID-

19, we need to be able to reach you. Please register for alerts by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

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