

A purple circular graphic is centered over a background of red tulips. The text inside the circle reads: "Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday." Below the circle, a smaller text block states: "\*While public access to Municipal buildings has been restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Township employees are still reachable by phone and email during regular business hours." At the bottom of the purple area, a note says: "Please note the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kaness Lane) will be closed on Sunday, April 12th in observance of the Easter holiday." The entire section has a dark purple background.

## Middletown Welcomes Home Major Matthew Zilinski with Vehicle Procession



On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the Township held a vehicle procession for Army Major Matthew Zilinski who was returning home from an 11-month tour of duty in Kosovo. The procession started at Town Hall where Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee presented Major Zilinski with a flag that was flown in his honor.

Community members along the route displayed celebratory and patriotic

**signs, banners and flags welcoming him home. We imagine the greatest welcome home of all were the hugs he received from his wife and three children.**

**A big thank you to the MTPD and MTFD for their assistance in coordinating this event!**

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PHOTO ALBUM.](#)**

**Restricted public access to Municipal facilities has been extended through Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Visit [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus) for updates.**



### **Township Parks to Remain Open with Social Distancing Measures in Place**

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Governor Phil Murphy signed an Executive Order that closed all State parks and forests as well as County parks to help flatten the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of April 8<sup>th</sup>, [Township parks](#), including Ideal and Leonardo beaches, will remain open provided the community maintains social distancing.

"During this time, it is important to get fresh air and continue to exercise to improve both your physical and mental wellbeing," said Mayor Tony Perry. "We will keep our parks open as long as we can, but we need the community's support in remaining cautious and sensible in how they use them."

As a reminder, all play structures/playgrounds remain closed, fields and courts are closed to any organized or unorganized team play, practices or training, and all field permits have been canceled and lights have been turned off.

**We urge our community members to practice safe social distancing. For the most up-to-date information Township information regarding COVID-19, please visit [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus).**

### **4/9/20: MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY**

***Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 122, all non-essential construction projects are to cease at 8:00 PM on Friday, April 10, 2020. "Essential"***



***construction projects include the following for homeowners and businesses:***

**Homeowners:**

- Projects already underway (meaning you have a building permit) involving individual single-family homes, or an individual apartment unit where an individual already resides, with a construction crew of 5 or fewer individuals. This includes additions to single-family homes such as solar panels. Examples of projects that are still permitted: Landscaping and lawn care, painting, roofing/siding, sheds under 200 sq. feet, pool opening/closing, etc. Call 732-615-2014 for more information.
- Any emergency repairs necessary to ensure the health and safety of residents (i.e. gas, water or sewer leaks, electrical issues, tree damage, etc.)

**[Click here for more information.](#)**

A graphic with a blue background and white text. It features the Middletown Township seal on the left, a heart outline on the right, and the text "THANK YOU!" in large white letters. Below this, in a white box with a blue border, is the text: "Thank you to all of our community members who are on the front lines of this pandemic. We truly appreciate your hard work and sacrifice!"

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**Middletown Township Holds Virtual Township Committee Workshop Meeting**





**On Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> the Middletown Township Committee held a virtual Workshop Meeting that enabled residents to participate remotely. Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube Channel.**

**The next virtual Township Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Middletown Township Eliminates Cash Payments During COVID-19 State of Emergency**



The Middletown Township Committee announced that the Township will not accept any cash payments during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The Committee voted to pass this resolution at the Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Virtual Workshop Meeting.

“The Township has been conducting essential governmental services while reducing or eliminating as much in person contact as possible due to potential exposures to COVID-19,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “In the interest of public safety, we want to eliminate any contact with cash since it changes hands multiple times a day and increases the risk factor.”

There are many easy alternatives available to make payments without any personal contact. As second quarter tax payments are due May 1, 2020, we ask that residents please put checks in the drop box located at the entrance by the playground at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo). The drop box is checked daily.

Payments can also be mailed to Township of Middletown, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 (do not mail payments to Croydon Hall). For your convenience, taxes can be paid online through the Township’s payment portal. Click [HERE](#) to pay online. Please note there is an additional 3rd party fee when paying by credit card.

Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/taxcollection](http://www.middletownnj.org/taxcollection) for any updates.

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## Local Business Guide: What's Open Or Closed

The Middletown Patch put together a guide with details on what businesses are open or closed and how you can best help them during these challenging times: [Middletown Local Business Guide](#).



## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### Holidays and COVID-19: Why NOT To Gather:

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*Aggressive social distancing efforts in New Jersey were implemented through Governor Murphy's Executive Orders No. 104 and No. 107. The orders prohibit gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events not otherwise authorized.*

*And now that we've been home away from others for a long time it's tempting to get together during a special time like a birthday, Easter, Passover, Yaisaaki or Ramadan. But seeing others can endanger you and your loved ones and potentially involve law enforcement. Are YOU willing to take that gamble?*

**STAY APART THIS  
HOLIDAY  
YOU CAN ALL BE  
TOGETHER LATER**

### Why practice social distancing and self-quarantine?

Both social distancing and self-quarantine prevent the spread of illness. Staying home or more than 6 feet away from others limits the ability for droplets to travel from person-to-person from sneezing, coughing, or even talking. Additionally, staying home reduces risk of exposure to surfaces that may have droplets from an infected person. There is currently no vaccine or specific medication to treat COVID-19, so the only way reduce the number of cases and flatten the curve is social distancing and self-quarantining.

### Spreading the virus without knowing it

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, typically between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). People are thought to be most contagious when they are symptomatic (fever, coughing, shortness of breathe). The CDC reports that COVID-19 can also be spread up to three days before people show symptoms, which makes holiday gatherings more dangerous.

### Visiting older family members or friends

If you must visit those who are over the age of 60, be sure that you protect them and yourself by following social distancing guidelines, such as: **washing hands before and after your visit; using hand sanitizer; maintaining at least six feet of distance when possible; avoid touching your face; and coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue and then washing your hands.** If you have early signs of a cold please stay home and away from your older loved ones.

### Avoid risking getting family members ill

There are heartbreaking accounts of entire families falling ill because one person was sick at a family gathering. The very nature of family or friend gatherings are to be in close proximity to the people you love for long periods of time. If one person is sick, it can easily spread to extended family members and friends as they converse around a feast. During this chaotic time it is ok to break social norms and **stop gatherings**, your family and friends may be relieved and appreciate the efforts you are making.

### Overwhelming the health care system

By now you have heard of "flattening the curve." The idea is to spread out over a long period of time the number of positive cases rather than have them all become sick during a short period of time. The faster the infection curve rises, the quicker the local health care system gets overloaded beyond its capacity to treat people. There is also the risk of getting our frontline healthcare providers ill and that leaves our health care system more vulnerable.

### Do your part to reduce the spread

**If everyone does their part and takes responsibility to stay home seriously, the New Jersey could see numbers of cases going down. But without your efforts to stay home and avoid others, a big spike in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths will happen.**

[Click HERE for a printable version of this information from the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1.](#)

## Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams Shares Ways to Create Your Own Face Covering In a Few Easy Steps




[Click the picture to watch the video.](#)

Click [HERE](#) to read more information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about how to wear cloth face coverings properly.

**Are you a senior or know a senior in need?**

**Call Middletown Social Services for help at 732-615-2085.**





**COVID-19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP**

WE ARE ALL FACING OUR OWN CHALLENGES DURING THIS UNCERTAIN TIME.

OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS AT CROSSROADS ARE HERE FOR YOU AND OFFERING VIRTUAL SERVICES.

IF YOU, A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER ARE STRUGGLING CALL 732-615-2277 OR EMAIL CROSSROADS@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.

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.**

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## 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 Kaness 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 KANESS LANE, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748  
732-615-2109  
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLING

BRUSH ZONE	START DATE*	STATUS
A	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETED
B	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	COMPLETED
C	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	COMPLETED
D	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	COMPLETED
J	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Started
K	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
L	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
E	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
G	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
F	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
H	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started
I	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Not Started

\* Start dates are approximate and weather dependent

## 2020 Brush Collection Update

4/8/20

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Township employees are working an alternating-week schedule, effectively reducing staff by 50%. Crews continue to work diligently to collect brush while still providing other public works essential services during this unprecedented time. We ask for the community's patience as we collect brush in the remaining zones as quickly as possible. Please continue to monitor this web page for updates.

MAX. VOLUME OF BRUSH PILE ACCEPTED = 4 CY (2'W X 3'H X 18'L)  
MAX. LENGTH OF TREE LIMBS ACCEPTED = 3 FT

[www.middletownnj.com/collection](http://www.middletownnj.com/collection)

## NJ American Water Changes Treatment from Free Chlorine to Chloramines Beginning 4/20



*Temporary Scheduled Water Treatment*



## ***Change to End in Monmouth and Ocean Counties***

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, New Jersey American Water will resume using chloramines in water treatment at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune.

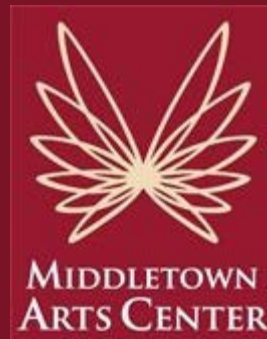
In February, as part of an annual routine maintenance program for its water distribution system, New Jersey American Water temporarily changed the water treatment process from a chloramine (combination) residual to free chlorine residual. The ten-week planned changeover to free chlorine residual enabled the company to perform routine maintenance.

[Click HERE to read more.](#)

## **Middletown Arts Center Offers Virtual Resources to Keep Community Connected to Arts**

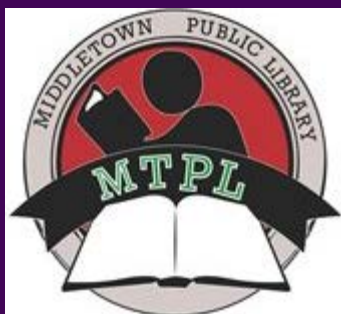
The MAC is doing their best to keep you connected to the arts.

Doodle Dude, along with many of their awesome instructors, are creating free online sessions. They are setting up a page on the website for their new MAC Academy Online where you will be able to access great resources and experiences, including a virtual gallery slide show of the beautiful artwork from Middletown Public School students in their current exhibit "Through Our Eyes".



With extra time to be creative, make sure you also check out their ["One Act" Competition](#) and ["Make it Together" project](#) on the [website](#).

## **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MTPL'S DIGITAL RESOURCES**



**[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF DIGITAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE MTPL INCLUDING DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS, E-BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS, ONLINE CLASSES & MORE!](#)**

**THE MTPL IS ALSO OFFERING A BOOK RECOMMENDATION FORM TO**

HELP YOU PICK WHAT TO READ NEXT! [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

## 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](http://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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