

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



### *Middletown* *Remembers*

## 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Trade Center Tragedy

Friday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.

*Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.*

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens  
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748  
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic. Tribute will be held rain or shine.

## New Town Hall Construction Update



Over the last month, you may have noticed the demolition project happening at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The Johnson-Gill Annex has been torn down, making way for the foundation of our [new municipal complex](#). The Police Garage, visible from Route 35, was demo'd this week. The new Town Hall will be a 72,000 square foot, three-story, energy efficient facility that will consolidate approximately 55,000 square feet of operations currently located in several facilities across town. The new facility will allow the town to house most its services under one roof which will





Mayor Tony Perry was honored to "flip the switch" on the new solar panel project at Shadow Lake Village this week. This effort, which was spearheaded by Shadow Lake Village Board President Deborah Herr along with the Board of Trustees, did not cost the residents of the association a single penny and will reduce the electric bills of their community.

We are always thrilled to see initiatives that reduce the carbon footprint of Middletown which will help preserve its beauty for generations to come!

**Pre-Register for September  
Cat-Only Rabies Clinic by 9/22**



# FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SATURDAY, 9/26 FROM 9-10:30AM  
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Due to COVID-19, pre-registration, facemasks and social distancing are required. Cats must be accompanied by owner and in its own carrier. Please visit [www.middletonnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletonnj.org/rabies) or call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.



[Click the picture to pre-register now!](#)

**Virtual Middletown Month is Coming Up in November**  
**Check Out Our Sponsorship Opportunities and Spread the Word About Your Business!**



[www.middletonnj.org/middletownday](http://www.middletonnj.org/middletownday)

As our community weathers and rebuilds from this year's challenges, Middletown Day is going to take a different shape in 2020. Our annual fall festival will be transformed into a month-long event, Middletown Month,

that will bring your business's name directly into homes this November.

Click [HERE](#) to see the detailed list of sponsorship opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to download the Virtual 2020 Middletown Month Registration Form. Deadline to register is September 1<sup>st</sup>!

## Middletown Township Shines A Light On International Overdose Awareness Day



Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee proclaimed August 31, 2020 International Overdose Awareness Day in Middletown at Monday night's meeting. The Township has partnered with the Opioid Task Force of the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to support this cause by displaying 99 purple flags around the municipal building to remember each life that has been lost in the County due to drug overdose as of June 30. Town Hall will be lit up purple through September 4 in remembrance of those affected as well as to celebrate those in recovery.

We encourage the community to reach out to the Middletown Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex should they or a loved one need help with battling addiction. Call 732-615-2277 or email [crossroads@middletownnj.org](mailto:crossroads@middletownnj.org).

## Middletown's Supplemental Residential Curbside Brush Collection Continues

**DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF THE TROPICAL STORM, THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL RESIDENTIAL BRUSH PICKUP BEGINNING AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

**VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BRUSH](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/BRUSH) FOR DETAILS.**



- Brush collection began Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. **All brush needed to be placed curbside on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- The Township has been divided into three zones (see below). Each zone started on August 17<sup>th</sup> and collection will occur simultaneously. Once a zone is completed, that crew will assist the other two zones.
  - North of Rt. 36
  - Between Rt. 36 and Rt. 35
  - South of Rt. 35
- Residents may only dispose of brush from their own property.
- Please do not combine leaf piles, grass clippings or other non-vegetative debris with your brush.
- Logs and stumps in excess of 8 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length cannot be collected. Please call a professional service if this is needed.

**Residents may also bring their brush to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Thursdays through Mondays. *The Recycling Center is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.***

*Landscapers/ Contractors are not permitted to dispose of brush at the DPW / Recycling Center at this time.*

**THE MAC PRESENTS: MUSICAL THEATER SUMMER INTENSIVE! (Ages 13+)**



This exciting opportunity is for older performers, ages 13 and up, with more advanced techniques. Using a professional conservatory approach, the students will take individual classes in Acting, Voice and Dance. Under the expert instruction of our professional theater artists and visiting Master Class teachers, the students will explore their creativity and develop their confidence and skills in a fun and nurturing Zoom environment. The program will culminate with a virtual performance.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & TO REGISTER!](#)

**THE MTPL PRESENTS: ZOOM Author Talk with  
Jenny Milchman**

**Book and Author Talk**  
**presents**  
*Jenny Milchman*

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**zoom**  
Video Conferencing



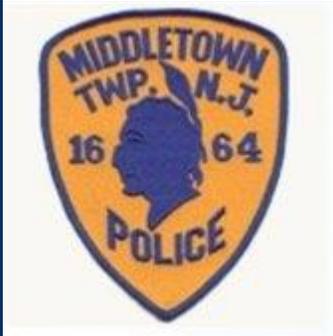
Join us as we chat with Jenny Milchman about her new psychological thriller.

Registrants will receive the zoom link invitation prior to the event. [register online @ mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org)

**Tuesday, Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 pm**

Join the MTPL via ZOOM as they chat with USA Today bestselling author Jenny Milchman about her newest psychological thriller, "The Second Mother".

**CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO REGISTER!**



**Volunteers Needed for Middletown Township Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team**

Middletown Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Middletown Township Police Department

continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for DVRT volunteers October 6 - 29, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact Sgt. Kevin Gardiner, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at 732 615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

**CLICK HERE TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.**

## How to Report Tree Problems to JCP&L

Before the next storm hits, check your surrounding area to make sure that trees aren't growing too closely to any of JCP&L's power lines.

If you notice a problematic tree near wires, please click [HERE](#) to report it.

**Jersey Central**  
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# GET AHEAD OF THE STORM

**Text MiddletownNJ (no spaces) to 888-777  
or visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle)  
to receive storm alerts.**

## MIDDLETOWN AUXILIARY POLICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! RECEIVE FIRST HAND EXPOSURE TO POLICE WORK

### REQUIREMENTS:

- MINIMUM OF 18 YEARS OLD
- NO CRIMINAL RECORD
- GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION
- COMMIT TO 160 HOURS TO THE AUXILIARY ACADEMY
- MINIMUM OF 150 HOURS A YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY
- WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONG HOURS IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS



FOR INQUIRIES CALL THE SGT. KEVIN GARDINER AT 732-615-2075 OR EMAIL AUXILIARY CHIEF DAVE DEIGERT AT PDEIGERTO1@COMCAST.NET.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES



### NJ Poison Control Center Provides Tips for Navigating Daily Life While Protecting Your Health

Preventing people from getting sick and slowing the spread of COVID-19 is all we can do to help keep our community safe until there is an approved vaccine, cure, or treatment. As COVID-19 continues to pose a significant risk to the health and well-being of all

residents, public health officials recommend you and your loved ones consider the following when making the decision to participate in daily activities or events.

**Practice health behaviors that prevent infection** – There is no cure, treatment, or vaccine for COVID-19. The best way to stay healthy is to prevent exposure to infected respiratory droplets which are projected into the air or land on surfaces when talking, laughing, sneezing, coughing, singing, yelling, etc. Simple [prevention measures](#) can greatly reduce your risk of infection and stop the spread of COVID-19.

**Wear a face covering/mask whenever social distancing is not possible** – Distance helps prevent respiratory droplets from reaching others. In the event keeping your distance is not possible, the next best option is to wear a face covering that covers your mouth and nose. Masks have been found to be incredibly effective in keeping sick individuals from spreading the virus — some recent studies have found that traditional surgical masks may reduce respiratory droplets/particles by as much as 75 percent.

**Know before you go** – In order for recreation/outdoor areas, businesses, and other venues to remain open, they are required to have specific safety protocols in place to protect visitors, customers, and staff from COVID-19 infection. It's important to be

prepared; be aware of the establishment's protocols before you plan your outing. Face coverings/masks are required in all indoor and outdoor areas when social distancing is not possible (except when eating or drinking). If you plan to travel, check [travel advisories](#), restrictions, and suggested quarantine guidelines for the place you are visiting and also for when you return back to your state. It is important to stay updated on this information as it changes often.

**Assess your risk of infection** – Certain settings and activities may increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19. Higher risk activities: indoors, close contact for long periods of time, lots of people in small space, no distance between people. Less risk activities: outdoors, no close contact, less people in a big space, more distance between people.

**Have the 'COVID talk'**– COVID-19 can quickly, effectively, and silently spread through communities with no warning given the following factors — it's spread through respiratory droplets and touching contaminated surfaces, the virus has a long incubation period (anywhere from 2-14 days) which means it has lots of time to spread to others, and there are many asymptomatic patients (showing no symptoms of illness but still spread the virus). Before gathering/spending time with people you do not live with (friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc.) take time to discuss how to best prevent infection; i.e., gathering outdoors, stay 6 ft apart; wear a face covering if you cannot distance, avoid large gatherings, refraining from hugging/touching, etc.

**Cooperate with public health contact tracers** – When someone tests positive for COVID-19, he/she may have spread the virus to others without knowing it. Those individuals could now be infected with the virus and putting their loved ones at risk as well as others in their community. This is how we get widespread infection across the state. [Contact tracing](#) is the key to stopping the spread of COVID-19 and protecting your loved ones and neighbors. If you are called by a contact tracer, it is so important that you answer the phone. Contact tracers will let you know about the risk to you and your family and provide you with information to protect your loved ones and your community. Contact tracers will not ask for social security numbers, bank or credit card information, health insurance information, immigration status, or criminal history.

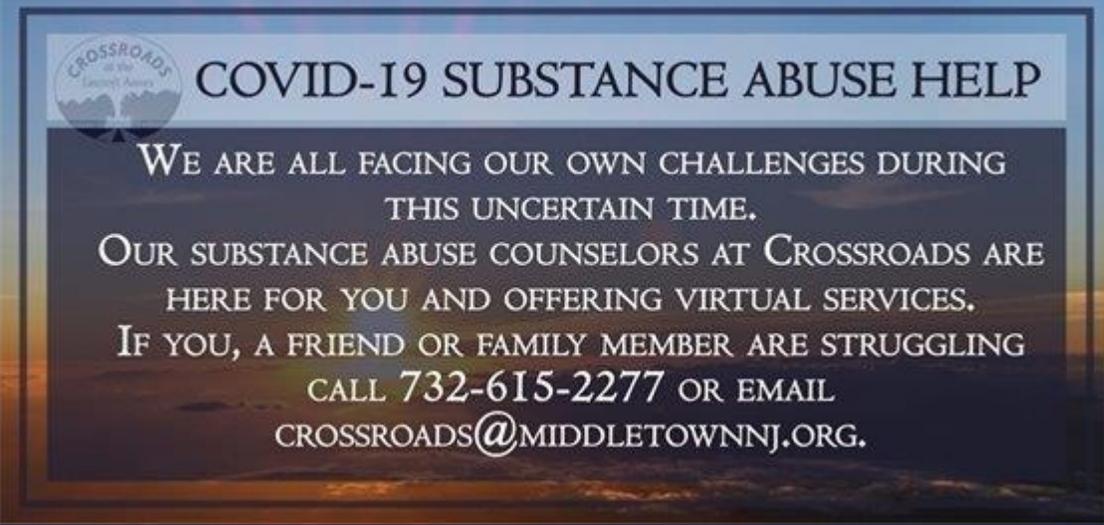
**Get all information from credible public health sources** – Since COVID-19 remains an emerging health crisis, information changes day to day. Be sure you are getting and sharing credible information. Misinformation is dangerous to the health and well-being of communities. Information shared via social media, word of mouth, or by media outlets may be incorrect or outdated. In New Jersey, credible public health resources were established to provide the general public and healthcare professionals with important COVID-19 information; the Coronavirus Hotline at the New Jersey Poison Control Center at 1-800-962-1253 for medical-related information; 2-1-1 for general COVID-19 information; text **NJCOVID** to **898-211** to receive alerts; and visit [New Jersey COVID19 Information Hub](#) for FAQs and more.

**[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ THE FULL PRESS RELEASE.**

**What is the recommendation for wearing a face covering/mask inside while patronizing a business?**

According to the New Jersey Department of Health, accommodations can be made if someone is not able to wear a face mask due to a medical condition. Essential businesses that never closed (e.g. a grocery store or a pharmacy) cannot refuse entry to someone who has a medical condition and can't wear mask. They may offer options, such as to provide curbside delivery and limit time spent inside store, but the person must be allowed to enter.

If the person doesn't have a medical condition, but refuses to wear a mask, essential businesses *can* refuse entry but must arrange curbside delivery or provide a mask, if available. No one can be asked for medical documentation due to various laws that already existed, so people do not need to "prove" why they can't wear a mask.



**CROSSROADS**  
at the  
Leitch Annex

## 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.

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