

**MIDDLETOWN WELCOMES STRIDE & RIDE RELAY
TACTICAL TEAM TO WTC MEMORIAL GARDENS**



On Tuesday, October 6, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Pat Snell and the Middletown Township Police Department welcomed the Stride and Ride Relay Tactical Team at the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street).

For the third consecutive year, Middletown welcomed the Give2Those Stride & Ride Relay Tactical Team, which included a procession of vehicles and motorcycles, to our WTC Memorial Gardens so they could pay their respects to the 37 residents we lost on 9/11. The relay, which spans 911 miles from Boston, Massachusetts to Arlington, Virginia, is held at the beginning of October to honor our military servicemen and women who deployed October 7, 2001.

With the beautiful backdrop of a large U.S. flag erected by some of our volunteer firefighters from Station 2 Brevent Park in Leonardo, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell led the Stride and Ride team, Middletown first responders, Township officials, and members of the community through the Memorial Gardens. A memorial flag containing over 10,000 images of 9/11 victims as well as first responders, military members and veterans lost during any era was carried through the memorial.

Mayor Tony Perry opened up the speaking portion of the program with some words about the importance of coming together as a community during difficult times. Give2Those.org founder Heather Viveiros delivered a powerful reminder to honor those who perished on 9/11, those we have lost at war, including the men and women who have died from military PTSD and the invisible wounds of war, and to support those currently serving, our veterans, first responders and their families.

Doug Pickel, President of the “We the People Giving Back Project” then presented Mayor Perry with a custom made wooden flag plaque to honor the 37 Middletown residents who perished on 9/11. Their names will be forever etched on this plaque made with "purpleheart" lumber.

Per the mission of the organization, when we recognize the sacrifices they have made for us, we keep our promise to never forget them. To view photos from the event, please click [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) for more information about Give2Those and the Stride & Ride relay.



Please Consider Donating to Middletown's 9/11 20th Anniversary Fountain and First Responders Monument

As we approach the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is raising money to add a fountain called “The Rise of Hope” that will be erected near the end of the memorial pathway, giving a quiet space to pause and reflect. They will also be honoring the heroism and patriotism of our First Responders with an additional monument.

If you would like to contribute to this 501(c)(3), donations can be sent via PayPal to MiddletownWTC@gmail.com. You can also mail a check made payable to Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund, c/o Mayor’s Office, Middletown Municipal Building, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.



FBI Crime Report Reveals Middletown Has Lowest Crime Rate in New Jersey

Middletown, NJ has once again achieved the lowest crime rate in New Jersey for communities with a population over 50,000, according to statistics from the [2019 FBI Uniform Crime Report \(UCR\)](#) released last week.

The UCR calculates the crime rate based upon the number of incidents of Part I crimes reported per 1,000 residents. Part I crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. While Middletown ranked first, townships such as Parsippany-Troy Hills, Jackson, Howell and Old Bridge were in the top five.

Index crimes are down 7.5 percent over the last year and 55 percent since 2009, according to Chief of Police R. Craig Weber.

“These statistics showcase the professionalism of the men and women of our world-class Police Department,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “Middletown is continually recognized as one of the safest places to live because of their dedication and community-oriented approach to policing.”

“This is the lowest crime rate in Middletown since the inception of the UCR,” said Police Chief Craig Weber. “Our agency’s proactive approach in targeting crime, along with the community’s support, has proven to be an effective strategy in safeguarding our town.”

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release.

MIDDLETOWN MONTH KICKS OFF WITH VIRTUAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH!



MIDDLETOWN MONTH
NOVEMBER 1 - 30

MIDDLETOWN TWP. VIRTUAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE

FOR THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE INFORMATION VISIT:
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNDAY

Our annual fall festival will be transformed into a month-long event, Middletown Month, that will bring each business's name directly into your home this November.

We will be moving full force into the digital world via our Virtual Business Showcase YouTube Channel where we will be hosting live musical entertainment as well as shows for kids and families throughout the month.

Middletown Month bag: \$5, one per household. Each bag contains giveaways from the sponsors, a limited edition picnic blanket, and one Community Value Book.

While supplies last, pick up from Poricy Park - Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Rd).

www.middletownnj.org/middletownday

[Click the picture to learn more about Middletown Month this November and how to participate!](#)

Register Now for Virtual Mayor's Challenge to Benefit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer October 17- November 30





Run, Walk, or Bike

OCT 17 - NOV 30

JOIN US FROM VIRTUALLY ANYWHERE

Benefiting Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer
WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/5K

Join us for our second annual Mayor's Challenge with proceeds to benefit [Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer](#). New for 2020, we will be heading into the virtual world. Options for this will include runners,

walkers and bikers too!

This virtual challenge is one that can be completed anywhere. Participants can run, walk, bike, or even crawl the race distance wherever they want during the suggested race dates. We honor ALL miles. The possibilities are limitless: miles can be completed on vacation, along your favorite trail, doing laps in your backyard, or even at the gym. Sign up to join one challenge, or sign up to join them all! (Discounts are available when a participant signs up for more than one challenge in a transaction. Only one shirt per participant.)

For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org/5k.

Watch the October 5th Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting



Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube Channel or catch it on Middletown Township's TV station (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 7:00 PM and 8:45 PM through October 13th.

Click [HERE](#) or the picture below to view the [Monmouth County Clerk's Office's](#) animated video that provides helpful information about this year's election and how to vote by mail.



Where to Find Election Ballot Boxes in Middletown

Check out Mayor Perry's [YouTube video](#) about where to cast your mail-in ballot in Middletown.

Ballot Drop-Off Box Locations include:

- Middletown Town Hall (1 Kings Highway, Opposite the MTPD entrance)
- Croydon Hall Municipal Building (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video and learn more.



Help preserve and protect our land in Middletown for future generations by voting "Yes" for the Open Space referendum on the November 2020 General Election Ballot.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Fire Prevention Bureau Provides Propane Pedestal Heater Guidance For Restaurant Owners

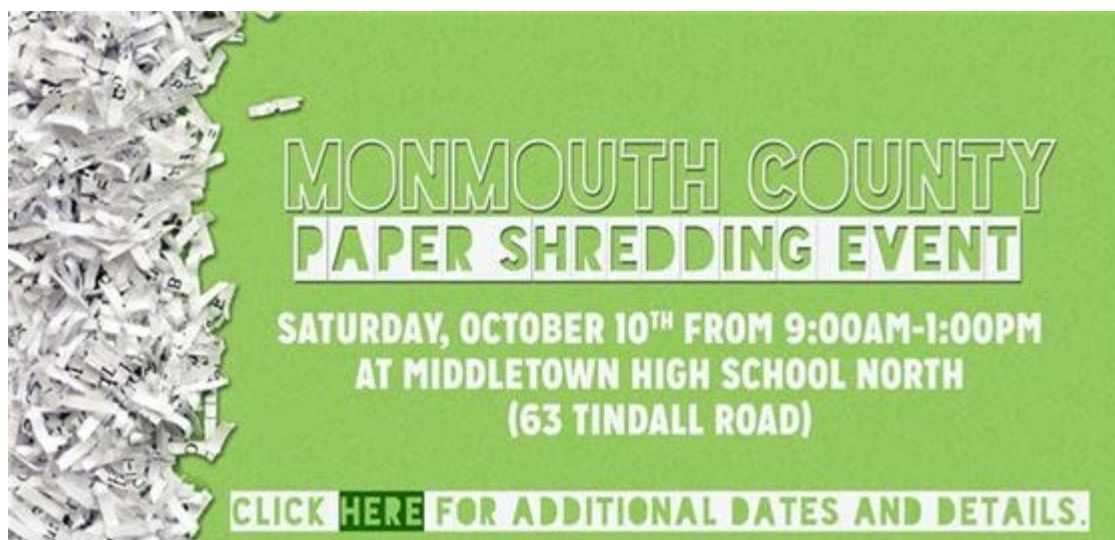
As COVID-19 has led to an increase in restaurants offering outdoor dining that will likely extend into the colder months, Middletown Fire Prevention Bureau has assembled a list to aid in your restaurant's decision to use these heaters safely. Please use [this fact sheet](#) as a guide, as well as refer to the manufacturer's instructions for safe maintenance and operation. *If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Fire Official at (732) 615-2272.*



Trick or Treat! Halloween Guidance from New Jersey Department of Health



UPCOMING EVENTS



**Middletown Township Public Library Presents:
Scary Fun Musicals via ZOOM: Saturday, 10/17 @ 3PM**

SCARY FUN MUSICALS

zoom
Video Conferencing

presented by
Sam and Candy
Caponegro

Musicals can be thrilling, filled with wonder and whimsy, and occasionally filled with a touch of horror or a bit of the macabre.

Travel with us on a creepy-crawly journey as our hosts show and discuss film clips.

We DARE you not to enjoy it!



AND MANY
MORE!!

Register online @ mtpl.org. Event link will be emailed on October 15th. Zoom account is required. For assistance in creating a Zoom account, contact the Reference Desk at 732-671-3700 Ext. 328.

Saturday, October 17th, 3:00 pm

Middletown Township Public Library
33 State Street, Middletown, NJ
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Outdoor MAC Music Café Under the Tent Featuring Top-Notch Musicians!

Sunday, Oct 18th, 4-6 pm

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JERRY SMITH
MARCH TAPPAN
NEIL KESSLER
TOM FLYNN

MIDDLETOWN ART CENTER
music
#cafe

The MAC is thrilled to welcome back the Music Café showcase with an outdoor concert under its spacious tent featuring local top-notch musicians Jerry Smith, March Tappan, Neil Kessler and Tom Flynn.

[Click on the image to learn more.](#)

**Pre-Register for Dog-Only Rabies Clinic by
Wednesday, 10/21 at 4:00 PM**



FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SATURDAY, 10/24 FROM 9-10:30AM
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

Due to COVID-19, pre-registration, facemasks and social distancing are required. Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult.
Please visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies or call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.



Click [HERE](#) or the picture for information and to pre-register.



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
FLAG DONATION
DROP BOX**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP HAS PARTNERED WITH VFW POST 2179 TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN FLAG DROP BOX AT THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE). AMERICAN FLAGS* THAT ARE WORN, FADED OR DAMAGED CAN BE RESPECTFULLY DISPOSED OF IN THE DROP BOX WHERE MEMBERS OF VFW POST 2179 WILL COLLECT THEM.

*NOTE: ONLY FULL-SIZED AMERICAN FLAGS ARE ACCEPTED IN THE DROP BOX. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ITEMS EMBELLISHED WITH AMERICAN FLAG DESIGNS IN THE DROP BOX, SUCH AS PARTY DECORATIONS, CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES OR MINIATURE FLAGS.



Love Composting? Purchase an Earth Machine Compost Bin at the Middletown Recycling Center!

ATTENTION MIDDLETOWN & MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTS

Earth Machine Compost Bins can be purchased at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) for \$35. Please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.

Free workshops will be offered through the County to learn how to reduce your yard and household waste and improve your soil through backyard composting. For information, visit www.visitmonmouth.com and go to the recycling section of the County Reclamation Center's webpage to get session updates and register.

If you are a composting enthusiast, Middletown is now selling Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bins for \$35 at the Township's Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). To purchase an Earth Machine, please call 732-615-2109 to check for availability and hours for pickup. Checks can be made payable to the Monmouth County Grant Fund.

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Township Now Offering Free Screened Compost!

The Township is now offering free screened compost that can be used as a natural, organic way to repair and enhance your yard and garden.









This compost is created from our own leaf collection and is a wonderful way to avoid using harsh chemical fertilizers while keeping Middletown green.

Pick it up at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) during business hours (Thursdays-Mondays 8:30 AM-4:30 PM).

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Why You Can't Test Out of COVID-19 Quarantine* 

*Quarantine = staying home/away from others for 14 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19 to make sure you don't get sick/infect others.

<p>Possibly exposed to COVID-19?</p> 	<p>Quarantine at home for 14 days.</p> 	<p>You cannot test out of quarantine.</p> 	<p>Even if you test negative, stay home for 14 days.</p> 
<p>A negative test only shows you are not infected on the day tested during the 14 day quarantine.</p> 	<p>You can still test positive and/or become sick during the 14 day quarantine.</p> 	<p>It is important to complete the entire 14 day quarantine.</p> 	<p>After 14 days if you have no symptoms, your quarantine is over.</p> 


For general questions about COVID-19 call 211 or 1-800-222-1222. Download the COVID AlertNJ app: covid17.nj.gov/app. October 7, 2020



NJ Poison Control Center Warns Community About Potential Misuse of Hand Sanitizers

In the COVID-19 era, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not just a household staple, they are an everyday necessity. Since becoming part of our daily defense against coronavirus infection, these products are kept just about everywhere — from vehicles to handbags/backpacks to lunchboxes. Although hand sanitizers play an important role in preventing infection and slowing the spread of COVID-19, these products can result in potentially serious health consequences. In fact, hand sanitizers carry a potential for misuse, abuse and accidental exposure which can lead to alcohol overdose (poisoning).

Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

 **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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