



**Fifth Grader Volunteers Time to Clear Snow Around  
Fire Hydrants to Assist MTFD**



**The Middletown Township Committee and Fire Department would like to give a huge thank you to 11-year-old Blake Morrison for clearing the snow around 11 fire hydrants in the Navesink area! We commend Blake for volunteering her time to help make a difference in our town!**

**If there is a fire hydrant near your house, the MTFD would appreciate your help with keeping it accessible this winter. Please help clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant and shovel a path from the street to the hydrant. This**



will allow the MTFD to quickly locate the hydrants and obtain water for firefighting activities.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Advisory: Appointments Can Only Be Scheduled Through County/State



If you are looking to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination in Middletown, you need to register for an appointment via Monmouth County and/or the State. Offices in the Township do not make appointments for vaccinations.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access important links to County and State information.

Watch the Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Middletown's YouTube or TV Channels



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 February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND BULK COLLECTION ADVISORY:**

**How to Report a Missed Trash Pickup  
South Zone Recycling & Bulk Collection  
Updates**



Due to the continuing snow cleanup, the Township's garbage contractor is doing its best to pick up trash across town. If your trash has not been picked up, please send an email noting your address to [recycling@middletownnj.org](mailto:recycling@middletownnj.org). Our Department of Public Works will report it directly to the contractor. If your garbage cart has been damaged, you can also report it to this email address.

### **REMINDERS:**

- South Zone Recycling is scheduled to be picked up tomorrow, Saturday, 2/6.
- Bulk collection in the South Zone has been postponed until Friday, 2/19. This will be a double bulk collection where residents can put out up to 8 items on the curb. For more information about what is and isn't accepted as bulk items, please [download the Recycle Coach](#) app on your mobile devices.

*For garbage, recycling and bulk collection reminders and updates sent via text or email, please download the [Recycle Coach app](#) on your mobile devices.*

**Join Middletown Recreation's Super Bowl  
Sunday FUNday Kahoot! Trivia Game  
Emceed by Mayor Tony Perry!**





The graphic features a brown background with a large, faint number '50' in the center. At the top left is a red Washington Redskins helmet, and at the top right is a silver and red Tampa Bay Buccaneers helmet. In the center top is the 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION' logo, which includes icons of a person running, a plant, a musical note, and a bicycle. Below the helmets, the text '2021 SUPER BOWL FUN!' is written in a large, white, stylized font. Underneath this, on the left, is the 'K! web' logo with 'TAILGATE TRIVIA' in green block letters. On the right, 'PARTY PROP GUESSING GAME' is written in red and black block letters. Below the trivia logo, the website 'www.webex.com' is listed. Below the guessing game logo, instructions are given: 'Go to [www.middletownnj.org/events](http://www.middletownnj.org/events) to open the form and join the fun! All forms must be submitted by'. At the bottom, two times are listed: 'SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 3PM' for trivia and 'SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 5PM' for the guessing game. A note at the very bottom states: 'A prize will be awarded to the top Trivia Master and to the form entry with the most points!'.

**2021 SUPER BOWL FUN!**

**K! web TAILGATE TRIVIA**  
[www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com)  
 Meeting number: 179 871 4156 | Password: football  
**SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 3PM**

**PARTY PROP GUESSING GAME**  
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 to open the form and join the fun!  
 All forms must be submitted by  
**SUNDAY ⇒ 02/07/2021 ⇒ 5PM**  
 A prize will be awarded to the top Trivia Master and to the form entry with the most points!

Let's tailgate together, Middletown! Get started today on your Super Bowl fun by filling out the *Party Prop Guessing Game* form found on our website ([www.middletownnj.org/events](http://www.middletownnj.org/events))! The form is available now and will be open until 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The entry that scores the highest will receive a fun tailgating party pack!

Then, join our live Kahoot! Trivia Game emceed by Mayor Tony Perry as you start your Super Bowl festivities. Free and fun for the whole family!

This Kahoot! game is geared towards the Super Bowl, but you don't need to be a football fanatic to play! The Super Bowl is much more than just football...think commercials, music, and food too!

To play, you'll need one screen to watch the event and see the questions and answers. Every participant will need their own "signaling device" (any smartphone, tablet, or additional computer). So grab your phones, gather around the dinner table, and see who in your family is a trivia master! Questions range in difficulty, so everyone has a chance to win.

A prize will be awarded to the top trivia master! Prizes will be available for pick-up only at Poricy Park Nature Center during normal business hours.

Date: Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:00pm

Meeting

link: <https://middletownnj.webex.com/middletownnj/j.php?MTID=m7f6d0ea093e7078a4b33c4c72c4989ce>

Meeting number: 179 871 4156

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**PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE  
TOWNSHIP'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORLD TRADE  
CENTER MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND**

**COMMUNITY CALL-TO-ACTION**

**HELP MIDDLETOWN HEAL THROUGH HOPE**

**BY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR 9/11  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
"RISE OF HOPE" FOUNTAIN  
AND FIRST RESPONDERS  
MONUMENT**

**DONATIONS CAN BE SENT VIA  
PAYPAL TO  
MIDDLETOWNWTC@GMAIL.COM**

**BUY A 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
BANNER, BRICK OR LAWN SIGN**

**CONSIDER ORGANIZING A LOCAL  
FUNDRAISER**

**PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND  
DONATIONS WELCOME**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 732-615-2287**

As we approach the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

For more information, please call 732-615-2287.

### **New Jersey American Water to Temporarily Change Water Treatment Process Beginning Week of February 15<sup>th</sup>**



As part of an annual maintenance program for its water distribution system, New Jersey American Water will temporarily change the water treatment process from a chloramine (a combination of ammonia and chlorine) residual to free chlorine residual at the company’s Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune.

The temporary treatment process will begin the week of February 15, 2021 and continue until April 2021. During this period, some customers may notice a slight taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and will only be temporary until the system maintenance is complete. Customers who wish to reduce the taste of chlorine can place water in an uncovered glass container in the refrigerator overnight to dissipate chlorine faster.

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



## **First Quarter Property Tax Payments Due**

**First quarter property tax payments  
were due February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**To avoid interest charges, all  
February property tax payments must be received by 4:00  
PM on or before February 10, 2021.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information about how to pay your taxes.

## **Middletown Social Services Encourages Residents to Lend a Hand This Easter Holiday**

### ***Easter Basket Donations***

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy and gift cards to create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider donating the free ham you earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



**THE MAC PRESENTS:  
BIG READ Ocean-Themed Art Contest  
Entry deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup>**





## FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-8 AND 9-12

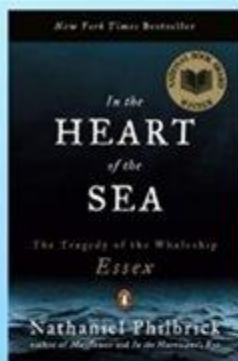
The exhibition is inspired by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant book pick, *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick.

**Entry Deadline: March 15 | Exhibition Dates: March 22 – April 30**

All work submitted will be part of a virtual exhibit and future window exhibit at the Middletown Arts Center. One student from each of the two categories (Grades 6-8 and

Grades 9-12) will be chosen to receive a \$50 gift certificate donated by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please email [artscenter@middletownnj.org](mailto:artscenter@middletownnj.org).

**THE MTPL PRESENTS: An Interview with  
Nathaniel Philbrick, Author of National Book  
Award Winner, *In the Heart of the Sea*  
*Submit your interview questions by February 19<sup>th</sup>!***



Have you read the National Book Award winner, *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick?

Submit your first name and a question about the book or the author by 2/19/21 to [refmtpl@gmail.com](mailto:refmtpl@gmail.com)

Tune in anytime beginning 3/22/21 to view our interview with the author, to learn about the book, themes, and possibly hear the answer to your question!



"NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest."

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**MTPL INCREASES CAPACITY:  
APPOINTMENTS NO LONGER NEEDED**

**BROWSE\*BORROW\*BOOGIE BEGINNING 2/5/21 UPDATE**

**Middletown Township Public Library**

55 New Monmouth Rd.  
Middletown, NJ 07748  
mtpl.org 732-671-3700

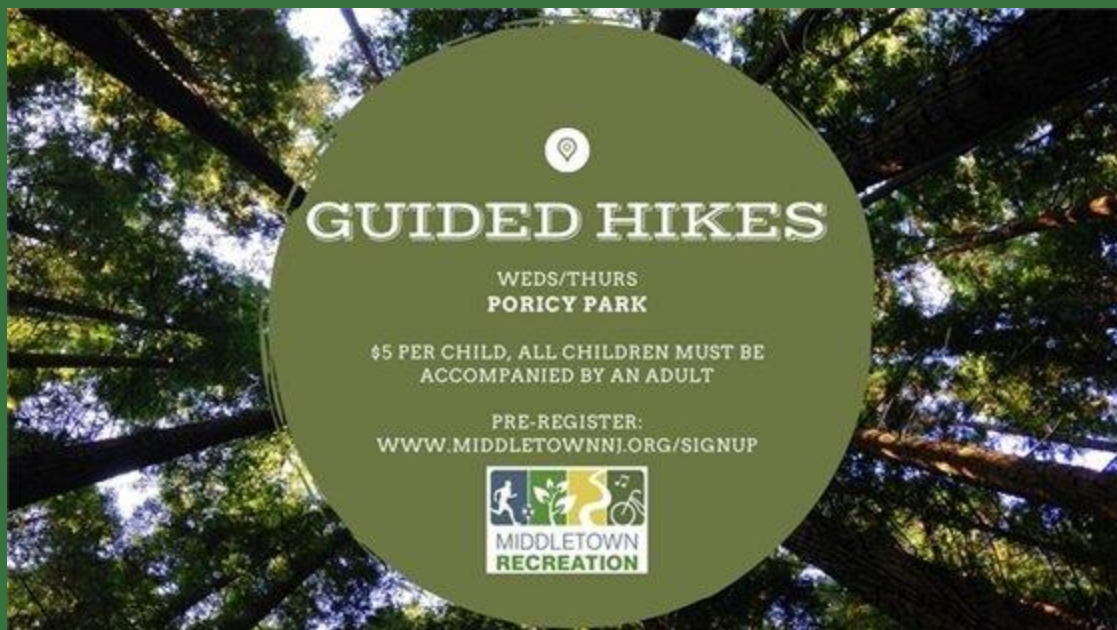


The library is increasing building capacity and appointments are no longer needed. We are asking for cooperation in limiting your time inside the library.

Our Front Door Service will continue. Patrons may schedule a pick-up at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org). We ask that you call 732-671-3700 opt. 2 when you arrive.

Patrons entering the building may be subject to temperature checks and must be able to answer NO to all posted COVID questions.

**Join Middletown Recreation On a Guided Hike Wed., 2/10 or Thurs. 2/11!**



### **Guided Hike: Groundhog Day**

**Date: Wednesday or Thursday, February 10th or 11th**

**Time: 4:00pm – 4:30pm**

Get out and stretch your legs! Great for all ages. Each week a new topic will be discussed along the trails at Poricy Park. This week we will learn the origins of Groundhog Day, lots about groundhogs, and look ahead to spring! Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome if space permits (no cash accepted). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine, dress for the weather.

**[Click HERE to Pre-Register!](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)**

## **2021 Dog Licensing Information**

**PLEASE NOTE: Dog license renewals have been extended through the month of February. Late fees will not be incurred until March 1<sup>st</sup>.**





## 2021 IN-PERSON PET LICENSING



Due to COVID-19, in-person dog licensing for 2021 is being done at the Health Department Building (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth) BY ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please adhere to the following guidelines when you arrive for your appointment:

- 🐾 Be on time
- 🐾 Wear a facemask on Township property
- 🐾 Call when you arrive to be allowed into the building

CLICK [HERE](#) TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

[CLICK THE PICTURE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.](#)

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Click [HERE](#) to access the online pet licensing portal.

# COVID-19 RESOURCES

**COVID Testing at Train Station Sundays,  
Mondays & Fridays**

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IS SPONSORING WEEKLY

# COVID-19 TESTING

(BEGINNING 1/3)

**SUNDAYS 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**  
**MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 1:00-7:00 PM**  
*No out of pocket cost*

**MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION  
PARKING LOT**  
*MAIN PARKING LOT OFF OF  
MIDDLETOWN-LINCROFT ROAD*

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING)  
TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.



[Click HERE to pre-register and for additional information.](#)

## Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Raising Indoor Capacity Limits from 25 Percent to 35 Percent for Certain Businesses

Effective 8:00 AM Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Phil Murphy increased indoor capacity limits from 25 percent to 35 percent for several businesses, including food and beverage establishments and entertainment and recreational businesses.



The Executive Order also lifted the 10:00 p.m. curfew for in-person indoor restaurant service, however local officials may continue to regulate the hours of operation of indoor restaurant service and indoor operations of other non-essential businesses after 8:00 p.m., as they have been able to since November 12<sup>th</sup>. The prohibition on seating at indoor bar areas remains in effect.

Religious ceremonies or services, political activities, wedding ceremonies, funerals, and memorial services that are currently limited to 25 percent of the room's capacity up to 150 people will now be limited to 35 percent of the room's capacity up to 150 people. Performances at entertainment centers, including movie theaters and performing arts centers, and concert venues, will similarly be capped at 35 percent up to a maximum of 150 people. Indoor meetings of addiction groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, will also be limited to 35 percent up to 150 individuals.

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

A copy of Executive Order No. 219 can be found [HERE](#).

## COVID Vaccine Eligibility Information

There are numerous sites throughout the state that are currently administering the vaccine to [qualified individuals](#). If you prefer, you can [reach out directly to a site near you to attempt to schedule an appointment](#). Please note that many of these sites may be fully-booked. No professional or medical documentation is required.

As of January 14, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine: PREPARED: ON JAN 13, 2021

- ✓ Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting
- ✓ Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings
- ✓ Frontline first responders
- ✓ Persons aged 65 and older
- ✓ Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic Kidney Disease
  - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
  - Down Syndrome
  - Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
  - Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your doctor)
  - Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher)
  - Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Smoking
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

For a list of open vaccination sites nearest to you and register for a COVID-19 vaccine visit

**NJ Health**  
New Jersey Department of Health

### If you are eligible to receive a vaccine, there are generally three ways to get vaccinated:

1. You can make an appointment directly with one of the many designated vaccination sites across the state. [Click here to view a full list of these designated vaccination sites](#).
2. You can pre-register for the vaccine on the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System. This online portal enables prioritized groups of individuals, and eventually the general public, to find a vaccination site, pre-register, and schedule an appointment when one is available. [Click here to visit the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#).
3. Select healthcare facilities, including many hospitals, are offering vaccines to directly to their employees and volunteers. If you work

at one of the facilities, you can contact your employer to learn if the vaccine is available to you.

*If you don't qualify for a vaccine at this time, register on the [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#) and they will notify you when the vaccine is available for you.*

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## **Need Support? Resources for Monmouth County Families and Children**

**If you're struggling with mental health issues, please don't hesitate to reach out for support.**

**Visit [Monmouth ResourceNet](#) for a list of [hotlines/help lines](#).**

**Municipal Offices Open to Public By Appointment Only**



## **MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**



**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF DEPARTMENT  
PHONE NUMBERS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

To help ensure the safety of visitors and employees, municipal offices are now open to the public *by appointment only*. The only exception is for in-person tax payments at the [Tax Collector's Office](#).

Employees and visitors must wear a face mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you can reach the various departments at the phone numbers listed [HERE](#).

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