



The Middletown Township Public Library will be open on Monday. Visit [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org) for information and updates.

**PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A PERSONALIZED  
BRICK TO SUPPORT  
THE TOWNSHIP'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORLD TRADE  
CENTER MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND**

**HELP MIDDLETOWN HEAL THROUGH HOPE**

The Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is raising funds to erect "The Rise of Hope" fountain, that includes artifacts from the WTC, near the end of the memorial pathway for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. They will also be installing two additional monuments that will be dedicated to the heroism and patriotism of our military and first responders, as well as memorialize our first responders lost from 9/11 illnesses.

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING PROJECT BY PURCHASING A PERSONALIZED 4 X8 BRICK FOR \$150.

**CLICK HERE TO ORDER A BRICK**

**ORDER DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2021**

As we approach the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is raising funds 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 installing two additional monuments that will be dedicated to the heroism and patriotism of our military and first responders, as well as memorialize our first responders lost from 9/11 illnesses. Please consider purchasing a personalized brick with your family name or a message that will be placed along the new walkway to enter the Memorial Gardens.

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR BRICK.\*\*](#)

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.

## Middletown Township Committee Virtual Regular Meeting to Be Held Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>



The Middletown Township Committee Virtual Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be made available live through Webex Event Center.

If you will be participating remotely, you can do so by clicking [this event link](#). To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 179 280 4951 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). If residents are not able to view the meeting live, the recording will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) to view the meeting agenda.

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



### NORTH ZONE TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE: How to Report a Missed Pickup

Due to the continuing snow cleanup, the Township's garbage contractor is doing its best to pick up trash across town. If you live in the North Zone and 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 then report it directly to the contractor.

If your trash has not been picked up, you will have a double collection on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. You can leave up to 3 additional closed garbage bags next to the cart (please do not block your cart). If your garbage cart has been damaged, you can also report it to the recycling email address.

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

Click [HERE](#) to download the Recycle Coach app.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
**POLICE YOUTH WEEK**  
SUMMER 2021

**REGISTRATION OPENS 2/16 AT 10AM**

Online only, visit: [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup)

8-11 YEAR OLD PROGRAM  
**YOUTH WEEK**  
JUNE 28 - JULY 2  
(ALTERNATE WEEK 7/26 - 7/30)  
JULY 19 - JULY 23

12 & 13 YEAR OLD PROGRAM  
**SENIOR YOUTH WEEK**  
AUGUST 9 - 13

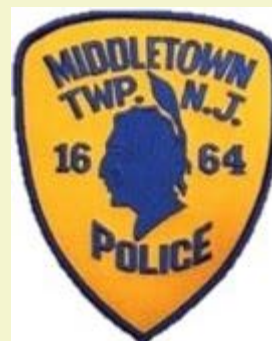


Summer 2021 Police Youth Week applications will be available **ONLINE ONLY**. Due to COVID-19 the Police Department will not be accepting any paper or walk-in registrations this year.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER THROUGH COMMUNITY PASS STARTING AT 10 AM TUESDAY, 2/16!](#)

**Middletown Township Police  
Department Accepting Applications  
for 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 Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) volunteers April 20<sup>th</sup>–May 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, remotely via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact Sgt. Kevin Gardiner, MTPD, DVRT DVLO, at 732-615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

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

## New Jersey American Water to Temporarily Change Water Treatment Process Beginning Monday, 2/15

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.

**Join Middletown Recreation's LIVE Kahoot!  
Music Trivia Game Thursday, 2/18 at 7PM!**



**K! webex TRIVIA**  
**DON'T STOP THE MUSIC**  
www.webex.com  
Meeting number: 179 977 5883 | Password: music  
Thursday ⇨ 02/18/2021 ⇨ 7pm

Trivia night is coming up, Middletown! Join in Middletown Recreation's live Kahoot! game on Thursday, 2/18 at 7:00 PM. It's free and fun for the whole family!

This Kahoot! game is all about music! Different genres for all ages & eclectic tastes.

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 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!

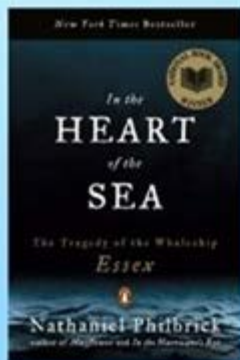
Meeting link:

<https://middletownnj.webex.com/middletownnj/j.php?MTID=m1b90f1940493c3c2e8a1238dd19e1d5a>

Meeting number: 179 977 5883

Password: music

**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!

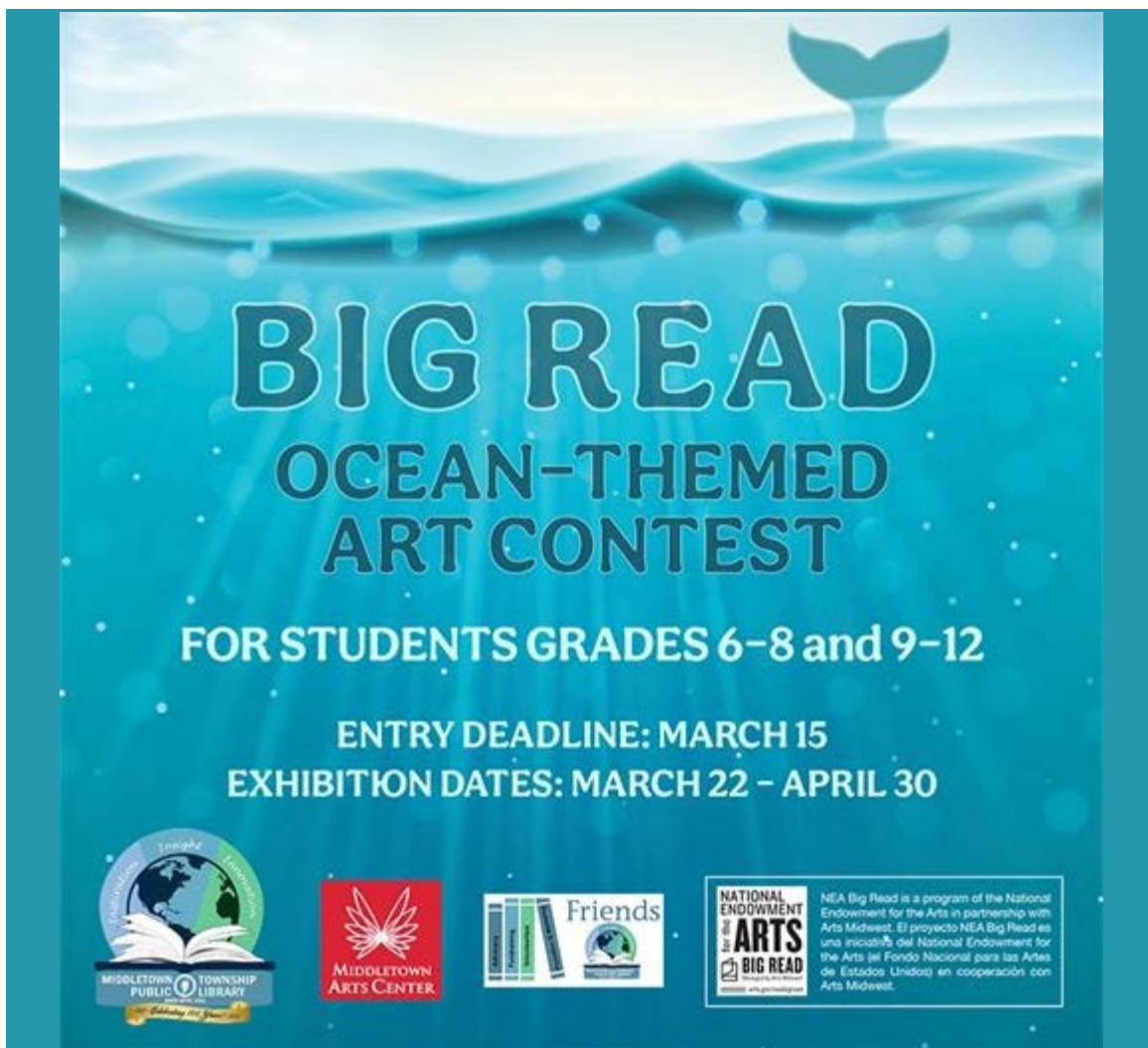


"NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest."

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



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

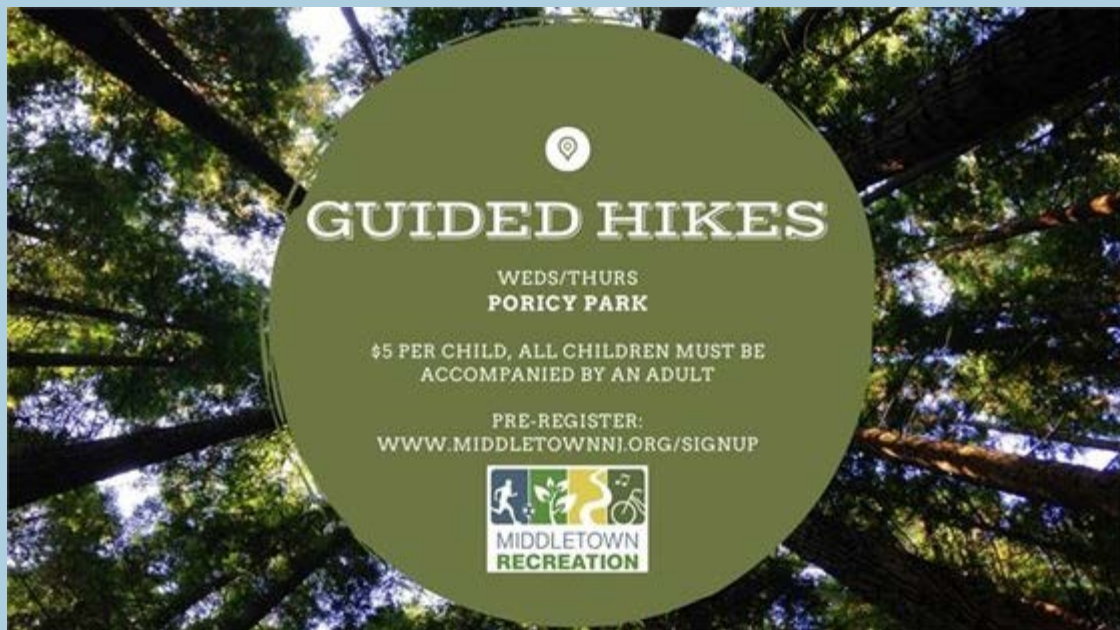
The exhibition is inspired by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant book pick, *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick.

**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).



## Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Collecting Maple Syrup Hike On Thurs. 2/18!



Get out and stretch your legs! Great for all ages. Each week a new topic will be discussed along the trails at Poricy Park. Join Middletown Recreation this week to learn where maple syrup comes from and check in on this season's "harvest". Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome if space permits (no cash accepted). Please note, the hike scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th is **SOLD OUT!** 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)**

**Help Bring Cheer to Seniors Who May Feel Isolated**

# PROJECT: *CONNECT*

BRING CHEER TO THOSE ISOLATED



*Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library* in partnership with the Middletown Township Senior Center will call Middletown seniors to chat and check-in during this trying time. If you know of any seniors who might appreciate a call, discuss it with them, and, if, interested forward their name and phone information to [kdavis@middletownnj.org](mailto:kdavis@middletownnj.org).

 Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)



The Senior Center has partnered with the Middletown Township Public Library to help spread cheer by making daily wellness calls to seniors who may be feeling lonely. If you know someone who would appreciate a call, please let our Senior Center Supervisor Kourtney Davis know! She can be reached at 732-615-2265 or [kdavis@middletownnj.org](mailto:kdavis@middletownnj.org).

**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.



## 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.](#)**

**Due to COVID-19, in-person dog licensing for 2021 is being done at the Health Department (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth) this month by [ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY](#).**

**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 testing updates.](#)

## 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.

## 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: 06 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



**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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