



Middletown Partners with VNACJ Community Health Center to Offer COVID-19 Vaccines to Seniors

A blue rectangular announcement. At the top left is the text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP". To the right are two logos: one for "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP" featuring a profile of a Native American head, and another for "COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER" with the text "Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey". Below this, the text "has partnered with the VNACJ to offer registration appointments to Middletown Seniors (ages 65+) for" is followed by a large, bold, white text "COVID - 19 VACCINATIONS". Underneath, it says "VNACJ has secured a limited number of weekly vaccines that are dedicated to our community. Register in person to get on the list for these vaccines." and "Call 732-615-3228 today to make your appointment!". To the right is a white heart icon with a blue ECG line inside.

Middletown Township and the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Community Health Center have partnered to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to Township residents who are 65 and older.

The Township will begin accepting pre-registration appointments for next week on Friday, March 5th. To schedule an appointment to pre-register for the vaccine, please call the Middletown COVID-19 vaccine hotline at 732-615-3228 between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or email covid19@middletownnj.org.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Middletown South Wins Mayor's Cup with 5-3 Victory Over Middletown North



Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of dropping the puck for the Mayor's Cup on Tuesday, March 2nd at Middletown Ice World. There were three goals in the final two minutes between rival High School North and South hockey teams, but South secured its second consecutive Mayor's Cup win with a 5-3 victory.

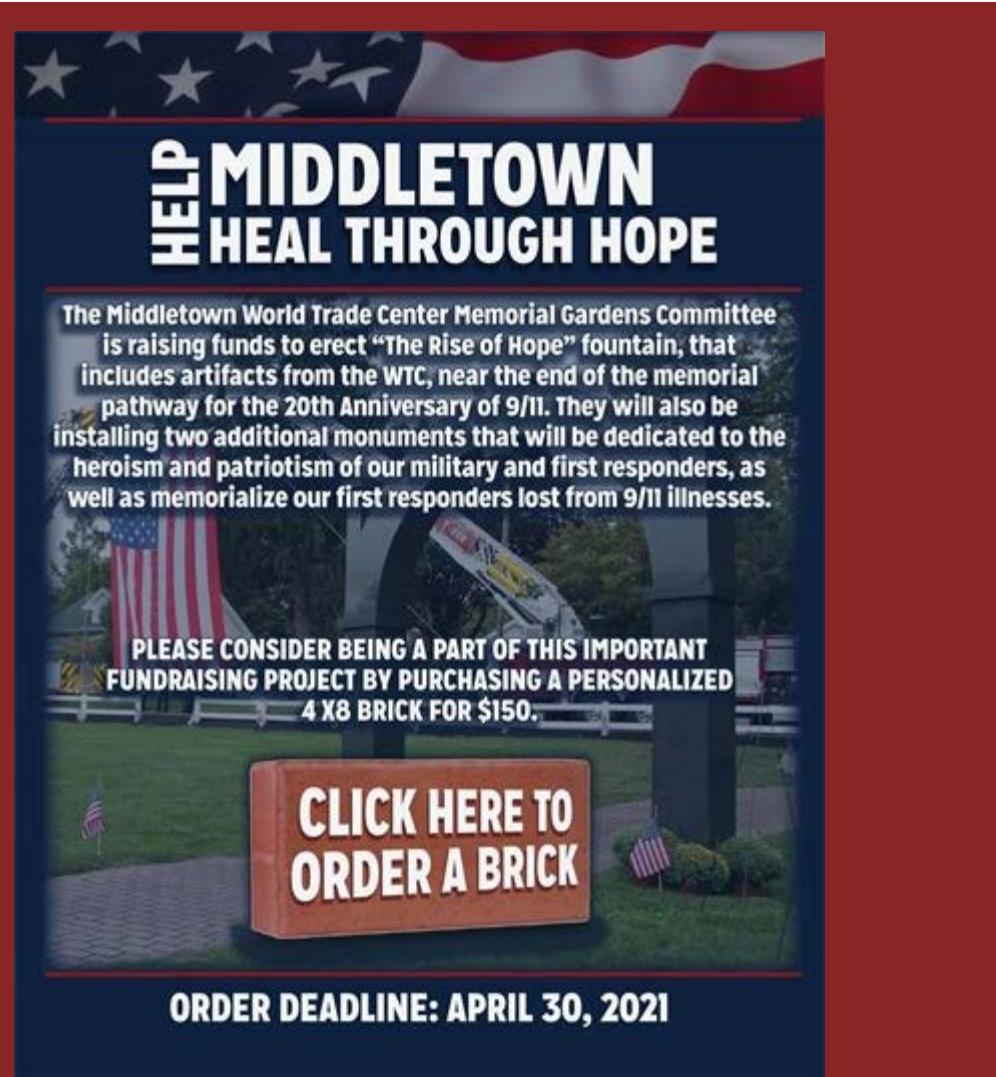
Congratulations to all of the seniors on their outstanding careers!

**Middletown Township Committee
Lights Town Hall Blue in
Remembrance of COVID Victims**

To mark the one-year anniversary of lives lost due to COVID-19, the Township Committee will light Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) blue nightly from March 4th through March 11th. We hope our community will see the blue lights and pause to remember those who have been impacted by this devastating pandemic.



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



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

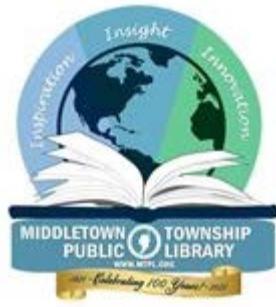
If you would like to contribute to this 501(c)(3), donations can be sent via PayPal to MiddletownWTC@gmail.com. You can also mail a check made payable to Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund, c/o Mayor's Office, Middletown Municipal Building, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

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

Watch the March 1st Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting



Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, March 1st Workshop 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 from March 6th through March 18th.



[Click here to register for NEA Big Read events.](#)

Middletown Township Public Library Celebrates 100 Years of Service

The Middletown Township Public Library kicks off its centennial year with a virtual discussion on the Pulitzer nominated, National Book Award Winner, and New York Times Bestseller *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick. The public can view the discussion anytime between 3/22- 4/30 at <https://www.mtpl.org/nea-big-read/>.

“One hundred years ago when the library started, staff needed to be innovative to implement the library services in this rural community. Today, we are once again reinventing how the library delivers programs and services to the Middletown residents. I am honored to be part of such a treasured institution,” said Library Director Heather Andolsen.

“Our library has been a source of pride for Middletown for decades and we all look forward to celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year,” said Mayor Tony Perry.

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



SPRING 2021 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

"COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT."

COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE
C	MARCH 22
D	MARCH 22
A	MARCH 29
B	MARCH 29
I	APRIL 5
J	APRIL 12

COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE
K	APRIL 19
L	APRIL 26
E	MAY 3
G	MAY 10
F	MAY 17
H	MAY 24

MAXIMUM VOLUME OF BRUSH PILE: 4 CUBIC YARDS (2'Wx3'Hx18'L). MAXIMUM LIMB LENGTH: 3'

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE. BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST- JUNE 1ST. BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DPW Introduces "Where Does It Go?" Recycling Education Video Series



The Middletown Department of Public Works introduces its new "Where Does it Go?" recycling education video series where they demonstrate what happens to different items in the stream after they are dropped off at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane).

This episode highlights what happens to electronics, (including televisions, wires and computers) as they go through the process of being recycled.

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

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 29th. Please call 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



Register Now for Middletown Arts Center Spring Session Classes!

The Middletown Arts Center has an exciting Spring Session lineup of classes with brand new courses including Acting Through Song, Beginning Tap and Adult Tap, as well as classes with your favorite instructors like Doodle Dude, Miss Fish and many more!



The Spring Session is IN-PERSON and will be held in TWO spacious locations - the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) and the ANNEX location at the nearby, Middletown Reformed Church. The session features classes for children, teens, tweens and adults in disciplines such as theatre, dance, art, music and more.

Classes will not meet the Spring Break week of March 29th, but stay tuned for special programming during this time.

Instructors and staff will follow CDC guidelines by practicing social distancing, limiting class sizes and taking temperatures.

Click [here](#) to register!



DID YOU KNOW?
Middletown Preschool
has been holding in-person classes
for the 2020-2021 school year!
Space is available in the PreK - 3 class.

3 Year Old & 4 Year Old Classes

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 12:00pm

Tonya Keller Community Center
50 Bray Ave, Middletown

Space is available in the PreK - 3 class.
Enrollment applications being accepted while space is available.
PreK - 4 class is full. Waitlist applications are welcome.
Contact us to learn more about enrollment, our waitlist and tuition fees.
www.middletownnj.org/preschool || 732-615-3250|| recreation@middletownnj.org

Middletown Preschool has been holding in-person classes this year!
There is currently space available in the PreK - 3 class with an immediate start date. Contact Middletown Preschool to learn about enrollment and tuition fees. Visit: www.middletownnj.org/preschool, call: 732-615-3260, or email: recreation@middletownnj.org.



REC EVENTS

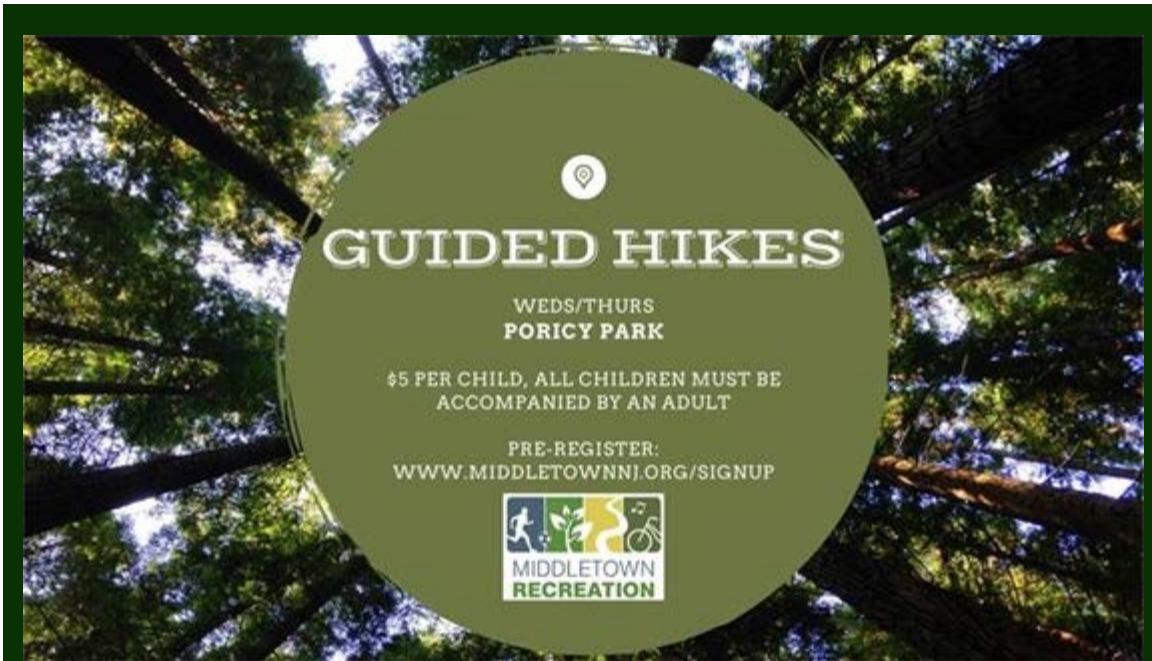
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING!
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Hot off the press! Middletown Recreation presents Spring Programming! See the program online or pick up your copy at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Registration for Spring Programs has started, visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to secure your spot today!

**Middletown Recreation's Guided Hikes:
Wed., 3/10 and Thurs. 3/11**



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 be bird watching for robins.**

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.

Join in the Middletown Senior Center Fun!



Join in the fun! Weekly activities take place virtually all month long. Free to all Middletown residents. Don't miss out, call 732-615-2260 or email kDavis@middletownnj.org to be included in the weekly event updates! Visit www.middletownnj.org/seniors for

the monthly newsletter which highlights all the great upcoming activities!

MTPL Adds Saturday Hours Beginning March 6th!

Change in Hours

Middletown Township Public Library

Beginning March 6th, the library will be open on Saturdays from 9am to 12:30pm

Our hours of operation as of March 6th:

Monday 9am to 5pm
Tuesday 9am to 5pm
Wednesday 9am to 7pm
Thursday 9am to 5pm
Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 12:30pm

Computer use is limited to 1 hour.

Table Reservations are required and limited to 2 hours.

Donations will be accepted starting March 8th.
1 bag per household.



Click [HERE](#) to view the MTPL's March Calendar of Events!

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
TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.



[Click HERE to pre-register and for testing updates.](#)

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:

- ✓ 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/m² 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](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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