



## Senior Residents of Daniel Towers and Tomaso Plaza Receive COVID-19 Vaccines



*Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Middletown Senior Health Planner Stacy Krause, and Executive Director of Daniel Towers and Alice V. Tomaso Plaza Susan Thomas stand with Dorothy Winsten, RN and Kathleen Bourlos, RN, Care Managers with the VNACJ Community Health Center who were administering the COVID-19 vaccine to senior residents on Thursday.*

**Nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Community Health Center were vaccinating senior residents of Daniel Towers and Tomaso Plaza on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Through the Township's partnership with the VNACJ Community Health Center, already more than 1000 of our senior residents have pre-registered for their vaccination, and 400 have received it. They will be vaccinating seniors at Luftman Towers in the coming days. Middletown residents**

age 65+ can call the Township at 732-615-3228 to pre-register for the vaccine or email their contact information (name & phone number) to [covid19@middletownnj.org](mailto:covid19@middletownnj.org).

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



The poster features a blue background with white text and logos. At the top right, there are two logos: the Middletown Township seal and the Community Health Center logo for the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. The main text reads: 'MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP has partnered with the VNACJ to offer registration appointments to Middletown Seniors (ages 65+) for COVID - 19 VACCINATIONS'. Below this, it states: '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. Call 732-615-3228 today to make your appointment!'. A heart icon with a pulse line is in the bottom right corner.

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

The Township is scheduling pre-registration appointments - no vaccines will be given at this appointment.

In order to sign up for a pre-registration appointment, please email [covid19@middletownnj.org](mailto:covid19@middletownnj.org) or call 732-615-3228. Please only call or email one time. All calls and messages will be returned in the order in which they were received. Walk-in appointments will not be available.

New Jersey has created a call center for seniors who do not have computer access or email to register for the COVID-19 vaccine.  
Call 855-568-0545.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## Croydon Hall Gymnasium Improvements Underway and Ready for Spring Sports Programs



*Roof replacement and restoration for the entire building was completed in July 2020.*

*Following the roof work the interior of the gym was painted.*



*The bleachers will be a four-tiered system that also features adjustable seat areas along the lower row to provide ADA access when needed. Our bleachers will be gray with black railings.*

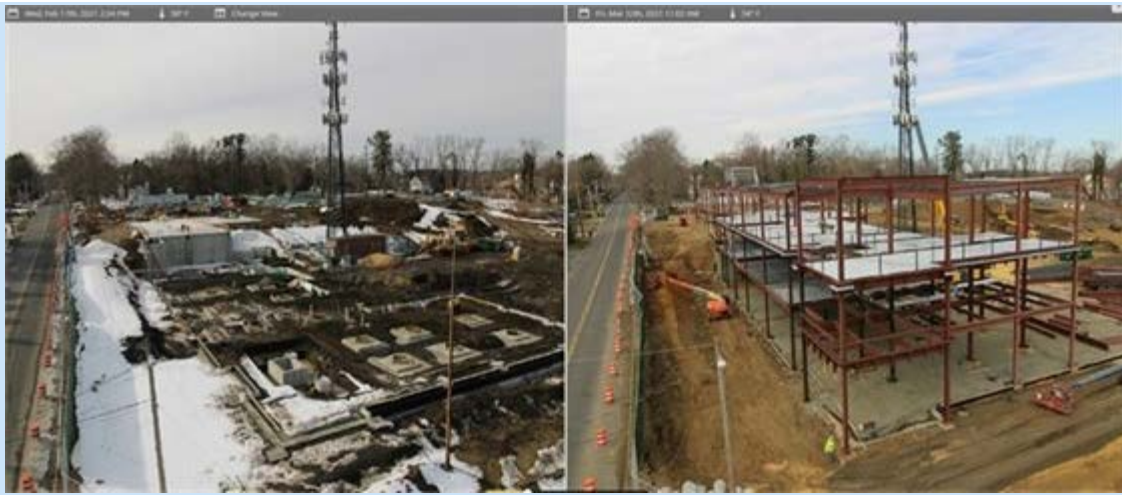


*The new maple floor is down, has been sanded and has received a few clear coats.*

**The new gymnasium floor at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) is expected to be complete by the end of March! It will be lined to provide for overlapping full-size basketball and volleyball courts as well as two additional short-sided basketball and volleyball courts. The posts holding volleyball nets will be sleeved into the floor eliminating the need to roll out portable nets each game. Permanent safety pads will be installed on the wall at the north end of the gym and more safety padding will be hung along the stage once the floor is complete. Based on the remaining work items, the gymnasium should be open for use in early April with new bleachers arriving in May.**

**We are all looking forward to wellness and sporting programs starting up again!**

## **New Town Hall Steel Skeleton and Decking Almost Complete**



These two photos show the building progress of the new Town Hall over the last 23 days, including the snow storms, freezing temps and wind. The steel skeleton and decking is almost complete. The roof trusses are scheduled for delivery next week.

## **Mayor Tony Perry & Middletown Elks Honor Child Ambassador Wyatt Hendricks at Annual Charity Ball**



**Mayor Tony Perry joined members of Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179 in honoring Wyatt Hendricks at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Children's Committee Charity Ball on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wyatt was commended for being a true warrior who has fought to overcome challenges with boundless energy and positivity! "Despite so much adversity, Wyatt's smile lights up the room and fills you with such optimism," said Mayor Perry. Congratulations, Wyatt! Keep on being the amazing kid that you are!**

**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**

[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, call 732-615-2287.

**Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Contest  
Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown: Apply  
by April 7<sup>th</sup>!**



## Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the **2020 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.**

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/publicinformation](http://www.middletownnj.org/publicinformation) to apply!

Click [HERE](#) to apply. For more information, students should check with their school or call the Mayor's Office at (732) 615-2024.

## Library accepting applications for Conover-Wihtol Scholarship!



Interested in a career in Library Science? Click here to apply for the Conover-Wihtol Scholarship!

Applications are due by July 1st, 2021.

For more information, please call 732-671-3700 ext. 311



## Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, 3/15

The Middletown Township Committee Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, March 15, 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 129 654 4742 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.

**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.**



**MIDDLETOWN RECREATION**

**2021 SPRING BROCHURE**

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

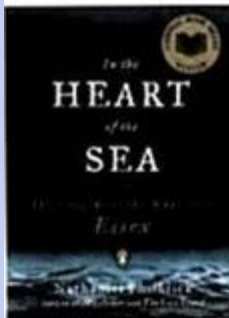
**Middletown Recreation presents Spring Programming!**  
See the program [online](#) or pick up your copy at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Registration for Spring Programs has started, visit [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to secure your spot today!

**MTPL Kicks Off 100th Year Anniversary with Ocean-Themed Programming From 3/22 - 4/30**



Mar 22 @ 2:30 pm - NEA Big Read - Middletown **zoom** kickoff conversation with Nathaniel Philbrick, author of *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*.



His book tells the true story that inspired Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*. It won the 2000 National Book Award for Nonfiction and was adapted as a major motion picture in 2015.

The conversation will be available on the Library's YouTube channel through Apr 30.

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NEA BIG READ is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. #NEABigRead.

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**March 22 - April 30, 2021**

The 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/>.

Click [HERE](#) to check out upcoming events for all ages in the MTPL's NEA Big Read brochure.

**There's Still Time to Register for Spring Classes at the Middletown Arts Center!**





**Spring Session classes at the MAC start next week! You still have time to register for their exciting lineup of classes. They have added new spots to SOLD OUT classes like the Doodle Dude's Spring Spectacular, so if you missed your chance to register before, you can now.**

**Click [HERE](#) to check out all the classes and 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**  **Tonya Keller Community Center**  
9:00am - 12:00pm 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](http://www.middletownnj.org/preschool) || 732-615-3250 || [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto: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: \[www.middletownnj.org/preschool\]\(http://www.middletownnj.org/preschool\), call: 732-615-3260, or email: \[recreation@middletownnj.org\]\(mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org\).](#)

## Middletown Recreation's Guided Hikes: Wed., 3/17 and Thurs. 3/18



**GUIDED HIKES**  
WEDS/THURS  
**PORICY PARK**  
\$5 PER CHILD, ALL CHILDREN MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
PRE-REGISTER:  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/SIGNUP)  
  
MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION

Get out and stretch your legs! Great for all ages. Each week a new topic will be discussed along the trails at Poricy Park. [Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Middletown Recreation - we're on the search for leprechauns! 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. \\*Please note, the Guided Hike on Wednesday, 3/17 is SOLD OUT.](#)

## 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.



## Join in the Middletown Senior Center Fun!

**Middletown Senior Center**

Join in the fun!  
Free to Middletown Residents

- Paint & Sip Classes
- Fitness Classes
- Bingo
- Trivia

...& more!

CALL 732-615-2265 OR EMAIL [KDAVIS@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG](mailto:KDAVIS@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG) TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WEEKLY EVENT UPDATES!

Paint & Sip: 2/26  
Paint & Sip: 3/26

Find a monthly newsletter online:  
[www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors)

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](mailto:kdavis@middletownnj.org) to be included in the weekly event updates! Visit [www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors) for the monthly newsletter which highlights all the great upcoming activities!



## SPRING 2021 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

\*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE	COLLECTION ZONES	START DATE
C	MARCH 22	K	APRIL 19
D	MARCH 22	L	APRIL 26
A	MARCH 29	E	MAY 3
B	MARCH 29	G	MAY 10
I	APRIL 5	F	MAY 17
J	APRIL 12	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 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>. BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# COVID-19 RESOURCES

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information



The Middletown Health Department compiled COVID-19 vaccine information from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) to help residents navigate this process. Click [HERE](#) for eligibility information and ways to get vaccinated.

**Recent Updates on the New Jersey Department of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Page:**

- [General Information](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccines: Know the Facts [[English](#)]
- COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Facts [[English](#)]

**Click [HERE](#) for a link to the current Monmouth County vaccine clinic list. The County is posting a certain amount of appointments directly on [its website](#) and they will be scheduling the rest of their existing waitlist.**

## 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 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/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



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**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**

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**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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