



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

has partnered with the VNACJ to offer registration appointments to Middletown Seniors (ages 65+) for

COVID - 19 VACCINATIONS

VNACJ has secured a limited number of weekly vaccines that are dedicated to our senior community. Call 732-615-3228 or email covid19@middletownnj.org to make your pre-registration appointment!

Due to high volume and COVID-19 restrictions, walk-ins are not accepted.
Only those with an appointment will be assisted.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

A white heart shape containing a black line graph representing a pulse or ECG reading.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR SENIORS THROUGH MIDDLETOWN & VNACJ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERSHIP

760


Residents 65+ registered at Middletown Senior Center
and were given vaccination appointments by VNACJ
Community Health Center

100

Received vaccinations at Luftman
Towers



50

Received Vaccinations at Daniel Towers

60

Received Vaccinations at Tamase Plaza

970 Seniors

Received Vaccination Appointments

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. To date, 970 senior residents have been able to schedule vaccination appointments and they are ongoing for the upcoming week.

To sign up for a pre-registration appointment, please call 732-615-3228 or email covid19@middletownnj.org. All calls and messages will be returned in the order in which they were received. Walk-in appointments will not be available.

REMINDER: If you email the Township for an appointment, please check your inbox frequently to see if you have been scheduled to pre-register. There have been many no-shows from email appointments. Additionally, if you have already been vaccinated elsewhere, kindly let us know.

Click [HERE](#) for information about free transportation to scheduled vaccine appointments arranged through Monmouth County.

20th Anniversary of 9/11

HELP MIDDLETOWN HEAL THROUGH HOPE

Donation Opportunities

MEMORIAL BRICKS
The walkway into our beautiful WTC Memorial Gardens will be lined with bricks bearing messages of support and tributes to loved ones lost or the families they left behind. Donate a brick inscribed with your personalized message. All bricks must be purchased by April 30th in order to be installed for the 20th anniversary remembrance ceremony.


\$150

REMEMBRANCE YARD SIGNS
Let the families and survivors of 9/11 know that we as a community will never forget those lost by displaying a remembrance sign in your yard.


\$40

PERSONALIZED STREET BANNERS
Middletown will line Kings Highway and Church Street leading up to the memorial with beautiful remembrance banners. Add your business or family name to one of these banners to show your support and keep forever.


\$500

VISIT MIDDLETOWNREMEMBERS911.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO DONATE AND PLACE YOUR ORDER.

[Click HERE for information about ways you can help honor the friends, neighbors, and family members we lost on 9/11 through Middletown's 9/11 20th anniversary donation and sponsorship opportunities. For information and updates, visit \[www.middletownremembers911.com\]\(http://www.middletownremembers911.com\) and follow the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund on Facebook @MiddletownRemembers911.](#)

Middletown Receives Grant from NJDEP to Enhance Recycling Program

Middletown Township was recently awarded a grant for \$110,242 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for its impressive recycling efforts.

Each year, the Township reports its recycling tonnage to the state from curbside collection, items collected at the Middletown Recycling Centers ([52 Kanes Lane](#) and Satellite Recycling Center at Middletown Train Station), as well as the Annual Recycling Tonnage reports from our small businesses, institutions, and multi-family developments.

“This grant is proof of the importance of these reports,” said Amy Sarrinikolaou,



Middletown Recycling & Clean Communities Division Head. "We are continuing to increase the accuracy of our numbers for just this purpose. The better our reporting, the more money we will receive to help improve recycling throughout town."

The intention of the grants, which were distributed to municipalities statewide, is to enhance waste reduction and recycling efforts throughout New Jersey.

"Middletown was able to earn this grant due to the Township's concerted effort to increase our sustainability by educating residents about the types of items that can be recycled at our centers, including Styrofoam, plastic toys, and plastic bags," said Mayor Tony Perry. "We have already made plans to continue these efforts and this grant will certainly help us work towards that goal."

One of the Township's main initiatives is to preserve and enhance its sustainability so future generations can enjoy the beauty that we have today. The grant money will be used to continue to enhance Middletown's already award-winning recycling program, such as improvements to the Middletown Recycling Center, increasing the Township's recycling education efforts through videos and on-site education, sponsoring town-wide recycling events, and expanding access to recycling across town.

Click [HERE](#) for Middletown recycling information.

Middletown Recreation Presents: Easter Egg "Hunt" March 27 - April 1 | Free!

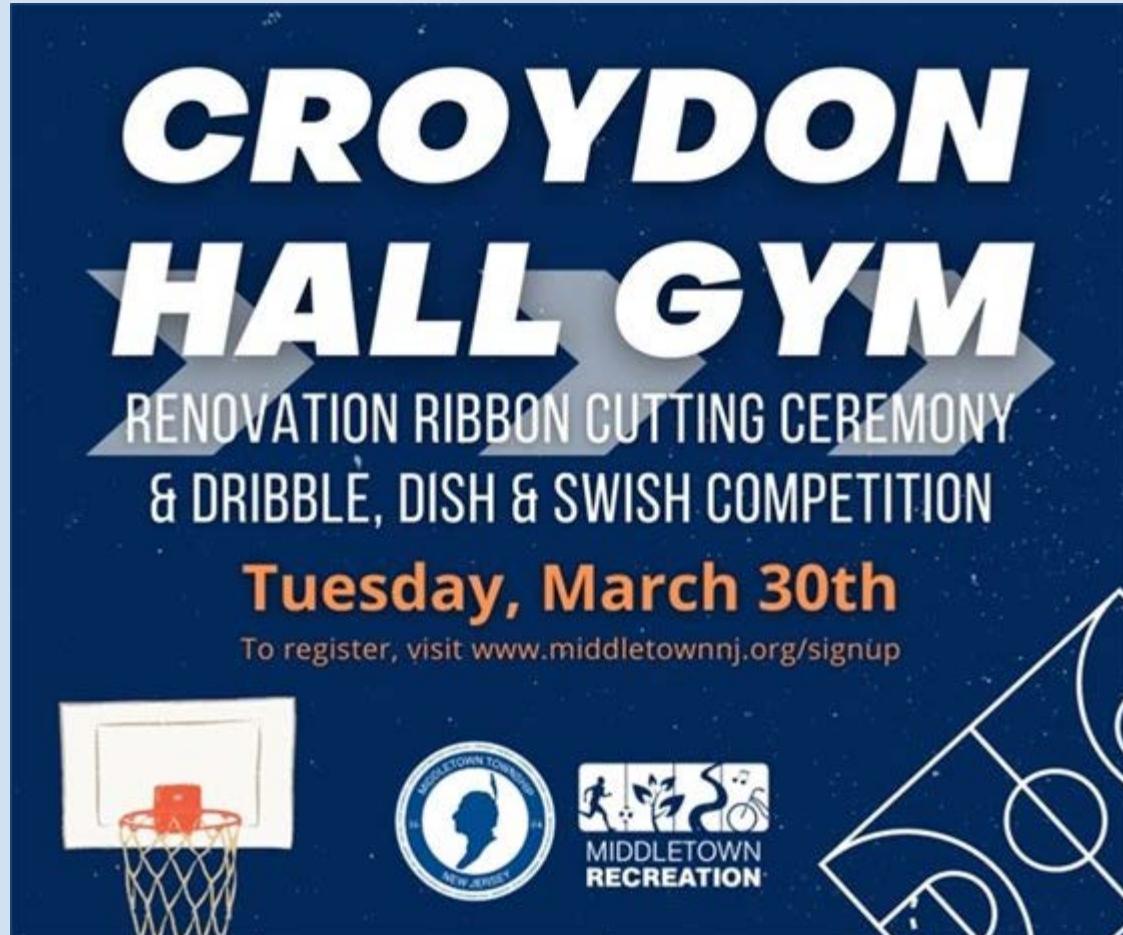


No baskets are needed for this hunt! Starting Saturday, March 27th, take part in Middletown Recreation's Easter-themed Scavenger Hunt by downloading the Scavify app. Once downloaded, open the app, login or sign up to create an account, search for Easter Egg "Hunt" and join the hunt. You have until April 1st to complete all the missions. Catch the bunny on location at Poricy Park Monday, March 29th — Thursday, April 1st from 10am—12pm for a photo opportunity in the Pavilion (weather permitting).

Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Join Middletown Recreation for Croydon Hall Gym Ribbon

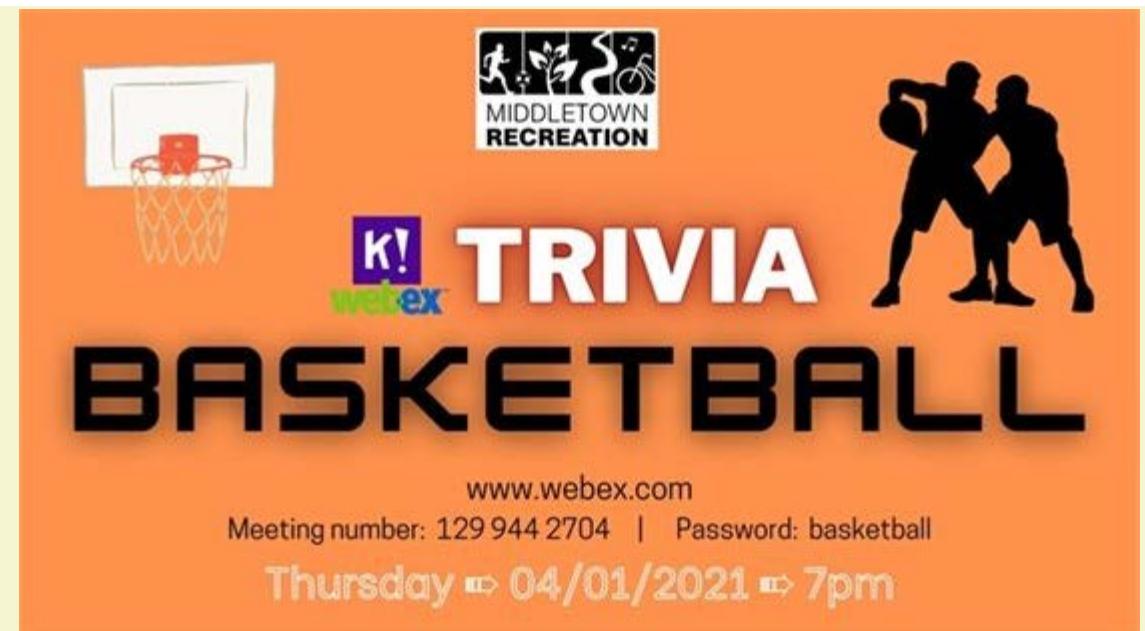
Cutting and Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition
Tuesday, March 30th | 5pm Ribbon Cutting | Various Competition times
from 3pm – 6pm



Croydon Hall Gym has a new look! Be one of the first to play in the new gym by taking part in the 2021 Dribble, Dish & Swish competition! Pre-register and sign up for a time slot to reserve a space in the competition. Ages 6 – Adult. Top competitors in each age group will receive a prize.

[Click HERE to pre-register \(\\$5 + one canned good donation, per entry\).](#)

LIVE Kahoot Trivia – Basketball
Thursday, April 1 | Free! | 7pm



K! webex TRIVIA
BASKETBALL

www.webex.com
Meeting number: 129 944 2704 | Password: basketball
Thursday ▷ 04/01/2021 ▷ 7pm

Join in our live Kahoot game. Free and fun for the whole family! In honor of our newly-renovated basketball courts at Croydon Hall, we'll be quizzing your knowledge on all things basketball!

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!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the meeting link.

Meeting number: 129 944 2704

Password: basketball

**WATCH NOW! BIG READ Ocean-Themed Art
Contest Exhibition**



BIG READ
OCEAN-THEMED
ART EXHIBITION

STUDENTS GRADES 6-8 and 9-12

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

Friends

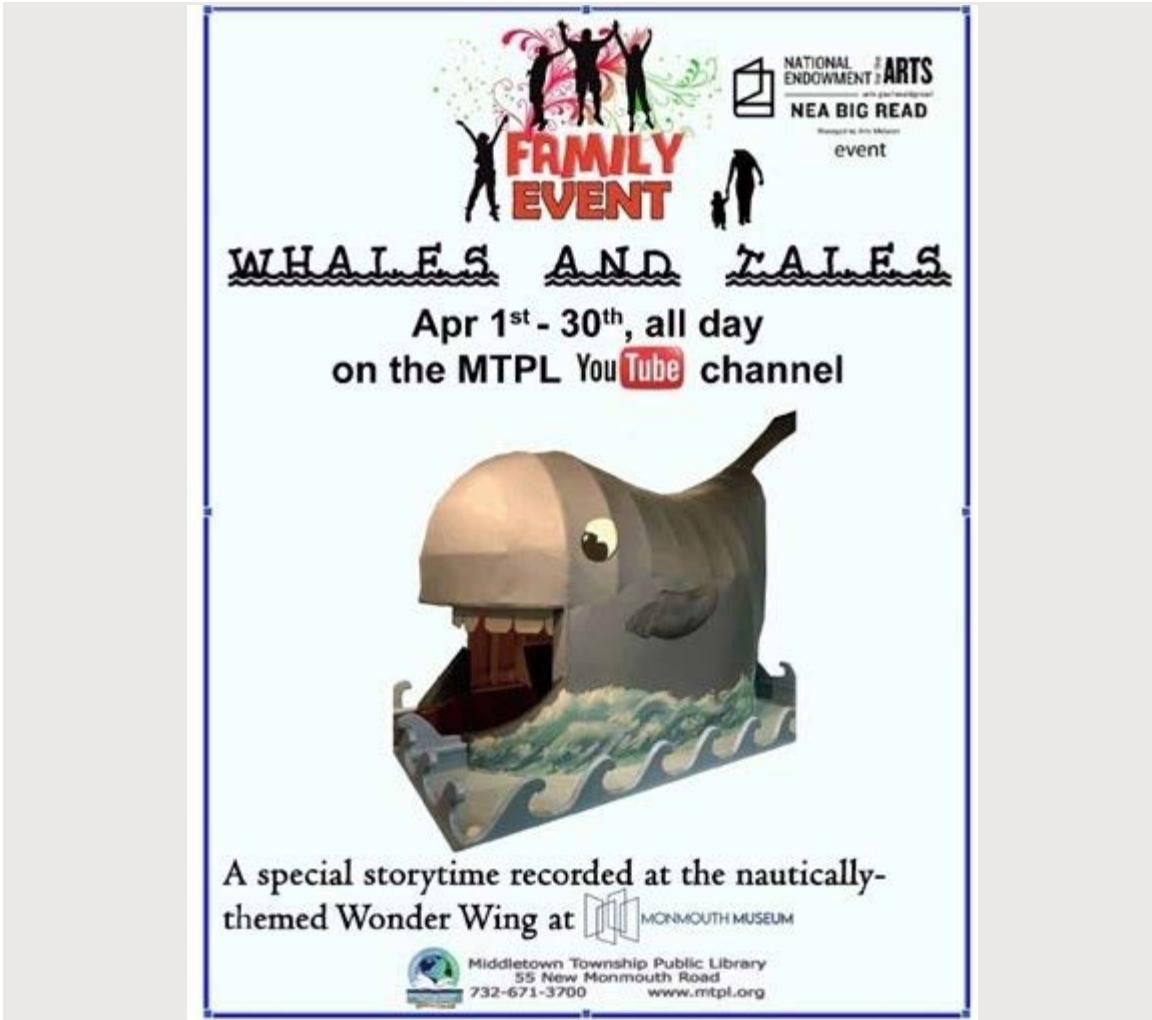
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
BIG READ

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. El proyecto NEA Big Read es una iniciativa del National Endowment for the Arts (el Fondo Nacional para las Artes de Estados Unidos) en cooperación con Arts Midwest.

The show is inspired by the NEA grant book pick, *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick, and is divided into two student groups: Grades 6-8 and 9-12. This exhibition is made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program and is sponsored by the Middletown Township Public Library, the Middletown Arts Center and Friends of the Library.

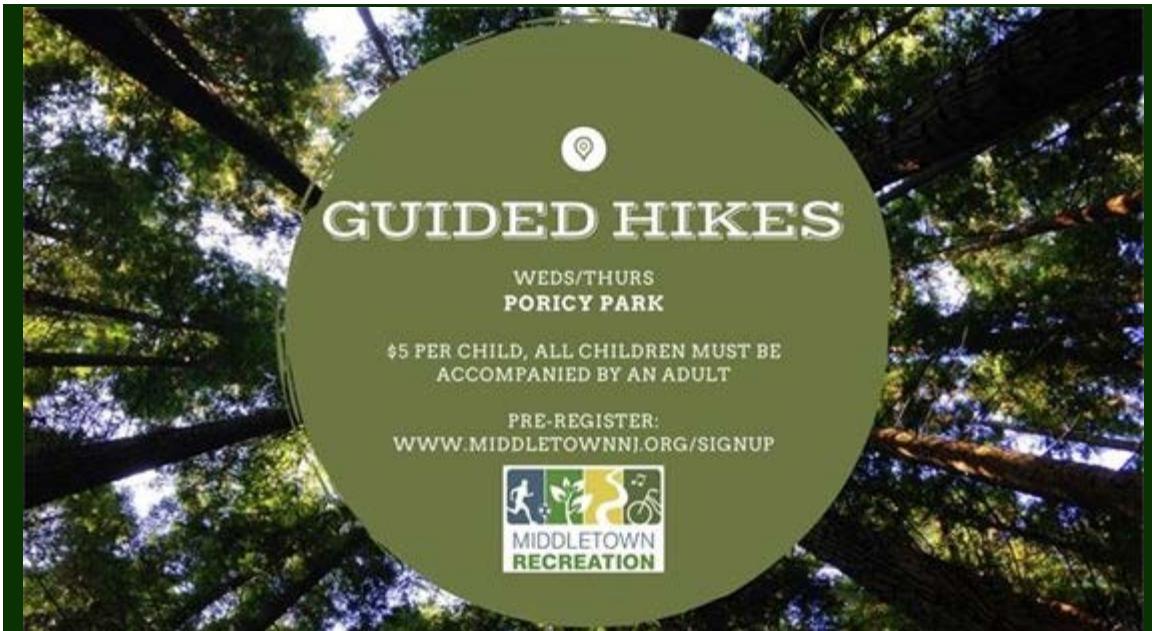
[Click HERE to view the exhibition and see the beautiful artwork from our creative and talented student artists!](#)

**MTPL Presents Whales and Tales Storytime All Day
April 1-30 on YouTube Channel**



[Click HERE to watch "Whales and Tales" on the MTPL's YouTube Channel.](#)

**Middletown Recreation's Guided Hike:
Tricks in Nature**
Wednesday, March 31 | 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. It's almost April Fools' Day, and sometimes Nature can be tricky, too. 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.



MTPS is hiring lunch/recess paraprofessionals for all levels. Come be a part of a community comprised of 16 schools, 9,500 students, and approximately 1,500 staff members! Compensation is \$17.59 per hour.

[Click HERE for more information and to apply.](#)

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



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 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



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.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Today's Numbers



The Middletown Health Department reports that as of 8:00 AM on **Friday, March 26th**:

- Confirmed number of positive COVID-19 cases: 6,241
- This is +43 since yesterday

[**Click HERE to visit the Middletown COVID-19 information hub for daily numbers of positive COVID-19 cases and resources.**](#)

[**With information changing rapidly, please visit often to stay current.**](#)

NJDOH Public Health Update: Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated Persons in Non-Healthcare Settings

On March 8, 2021, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention issued interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People. This guidance may change or be updated as the situation evolves. New Jersey Department of Health has posted guidelines for vaccinated people in non-



healthcare settings as they apply to visitation, travel, quarantine if identified as a close contact, and gatherings. Click [HERE](#) to access the guidelines.

Currently authorized vaccines in the United States are highly effective at protecting vaccinated people against symptomatic and severe COVID-19. Evidence also suggests that fully vaccinated people are less likely to have asymptomatic infection and potentially less likely to transmit SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) to others.

However, we are not in a position at this time to broadly exempt fully vaccinated individuals from existing COVID-19 mitigation efforts, including requirements for indoor and outdoor gatherings outlined in current Executive Orders. This is because we are still learning how long vaccine protection will last as well as how much protection is provided against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants. In addition, since most of New Jersey is not yet fully vaccinated, the chance that someone who is fully vaccinated could inadvertently spread an infection is relatively high. Until more is learned about protection, and vaccination coverage in the state increases, some prevention measures will continue to be necessary for all people, regardless of vaccination status. As with any level of risk, low/minimal risk does not mean no risk exists.

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.](#)

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.

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.

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



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