



## **Township Officials Cut Ribbon For Newly-Renovated Croydon Hall Gym**



*Pictured from left: Recreation Director Janet Dellett, Building & Grounds Superintendent Gal Lavid, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Matt Hubbs of Gillespie Floors, Deputy Public Works Director Victor Wymbs, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Deputy Public Works Director Lory Hubbard, and DPW Director Ted Maloney*

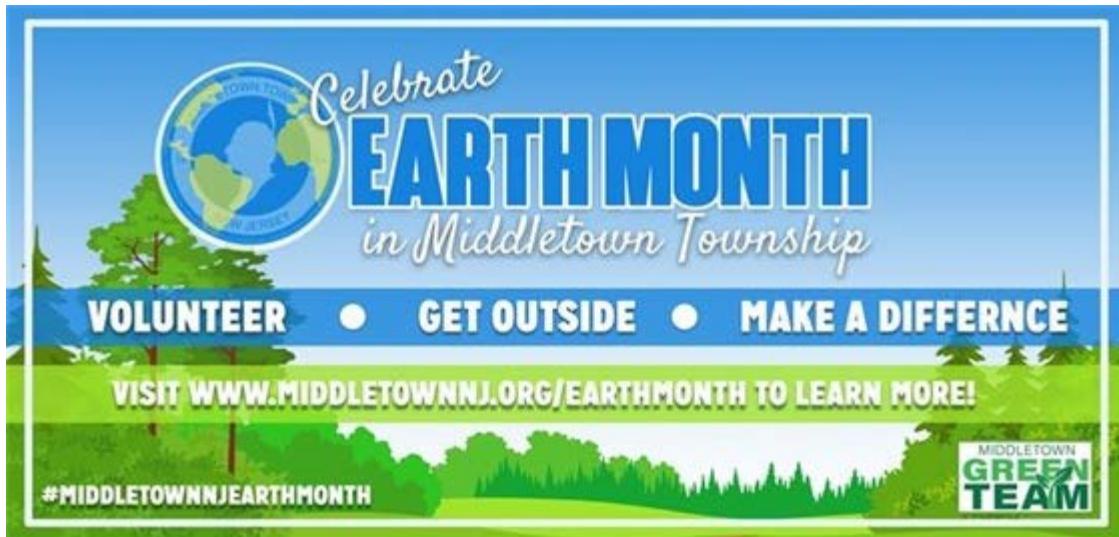
Township officials were thrilled to cut the ribbon on the newly-renovated Croydon Hall Gymnasium (900 Leonardville Road) on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The new maple floor features the Township logo and is lined to provide for overlapping full-size basketball and volleyball courts as well as two additional short-sided basketball and volleyball courts. In addition to the new floor, the gym's roof was replaced, the interior was painted, and new bleachers that have adjustable seat areas along the lower row to provide ADA access when needed will be arriving in May.



[Middletown Recreation is ready to welcome everyone back for sports and wellness programs! Click on the picture to see more photos from the ribbon cutting.](#)

## **Middletown Township Announces Mini Grant Clean Communities Program in Recognition of Earth Month Offers Opportunity for Non-Profits to Receive \$500 Grant!**



In recognition of Earth Month, Middletown Township launched its Mini Grant Clean Communities Program which will provide local non-profits the opportunity to receive a \$500 grant to remove litter from an area in town in need of a little spring cleaning. The program is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through November. These are one-time cleanup events that non-profit groups will be assigned to, such as cleaning up a local park, beach, roadway, or bus stop area.

“We encourage our non-profits to adopt a spot in town that they would like to spruce up,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “It’s easy to participate and an opportunity to give back to nature while spending some time outdoors and working together for a cause you believe in.”

Click [HERE](#) for more information!



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

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

# COVID - 19 VACCINATIONS

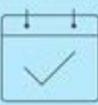
VNACJ has secured a limited number of weekly vaccines that are dedicated to our senior community. Call 732-615-3228 or email [covid19@middletownnj.org](mailto:covid19@middletownnj.org) to make your pre-registration appointment!

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





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

<b>967</b> 	Residents registered at the Middletown Senior Center and were given vaccination appointments by VNACJ Community Health Center to help serve senior population
<b>100</b> Received vaccinations at Luffman Towers	 <b>110</b> Received Vaccinations at Daniel Towers and Tomaso Plaza
<b>45</b> Will receive vaccinations at Conifer Village on Tuesday, 4/6	<b>1,222 People</b> Received Vaccination Appointments

Middletown Township sent over 200 names to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Community Health Center this week to be scheduled for COVID-19 vaccinations. Through this partnership, the VNACJ Community Health Center will also be heading to Conifer Village housing community to vaccinate 45 residents on Tuesday.

Middletown residents age 65+ can sign up for a pre-registration appointment by calling 732-615-3228 or emailing [covid19@middletownnj.org](mailto: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.



Middletown Recreation needed to delay Summer Camp Registration due to issues when testing the site. Potential campers should [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the website for updated information and the new registration start date.



[Click HERE for additional information.](#)

## Middletown Township Committee to Host Virtual and In-Person Workshop Meeting on Monday, 4/5

The Middletown Township Committee Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public with social distancing measures in place and made available live through WebEx Event Center.

If you plan on attending the meeting in person, please note that the maximum occupancy in the Courtroom due to COVID-19 is 40 people. There are stickers placed in the pews directing people where to sit.

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 129 449 8530 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

[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.

**Tuesday, April 6 | 9:00am – 10:00am | For Adults, 18+**

Spring is a time of change as nature reawakens from the cold dormancy of winter. Join Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park for this program of walking, noticing, and wondering. Discover how nature journaling can improve your observational skills. Each session will include one-hour walks at an easy pace and 30 minutes of optional journaling/sharing time. Whether you are interested in wildflowers, pollinators, birding, or weather, there's plenty to see in the spring!

**This program is for adults only, space is limited. Six-week program price includes a blank journal.**

**Location: Meet at Poricy Park, Nature Center - Pavilion (345 Oak Hill Road)**  
**Fee: 6 weeks: \$25.00 (R) | \$30.00 (NR) per adult or Drop-in: \$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR)**  
**per adult**

**Join the MAC's PASS THE SHARPIE Video Project! |  
Deadline to submit: April 12th at 5 pm**



What does art mean to you? World Art Day 2021 is April 15th, and the MAC is celebrating it in a whole new way this year with the PASS THE SHARPIE PROJECT!

This collaborative video project and virtual exhibition aims to celebrate how much art means to us, and YOU! The video will feature short clips sent in by students, MAC instructors, and patrons sharing what art means to them.

**[Click HERE to learn more and download an entry form.](#)**



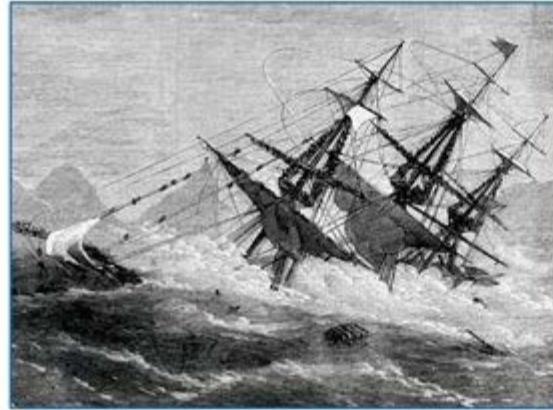
Middletown Senior Center is preparing a Spring Seasonal Surprise Bag for resident members who belong to the Center. These activity bags are filled with fun surprises for the Spring season for the months of April-June.

Virtual programming and the distribution of seasonal bags began over the summer and was met with great success. The Senior Center staff have loved the opportunity to connect with their members. They continue to see new faces and new members joining the Center online and taking advantage of their virtual programming. While this is not optimum for all, the Senior Center staff really appreciates that many have pivoted to this new platform!

Please call 732-615-2265 to register or click [HERE](#). After registering, you will receive an email when your bag is ready to be picked up.

**Middletown Township Public Library Presents:  
NEA Big Read Middletown - History of Jersey Shore  
Shipwrecks, led by the NJ Historical Divers Association**

## Jersey Shore Shipwrecks



presented by  
**New Jersey Historical  
Divers Association, Inc.**

*"Dedicated to preserving New Jersey Shipwreck and Maritime History."*

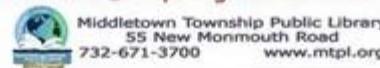
Tuesday, Apr 6th, 7:30 pm

There have been nearly 5,000 documented shipwrecks off New Jersey's coast.

Join Dan Lieb as he discusses the history of the Jersey Shore shipwrecks.



register online @ [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) to receive zoom link



**Click HERE to register for the Zoom link!**

**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



### 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 MIDDLETON 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

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



[The testing site will be closed Easter Sunday and re-open on Monday, April 5th. 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.

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