



Pick up or Purchase Your 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at ShopRite on Saturday, 8/21 from 9 AM to 12 PM



The Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is selling 20th anniversary 9/11 remembrance yard signs to help raise money that will go toward renovations and improvements to our WTC Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street). The committee will be selling signs at ShopRite (1361 NJ-35 South) on Saturday, August 21st from 9 AM to 12 PM until the signs are sold out. Another order for signs has been placed and should arrive next week. Bring your order confirmation number to ShopRite if you already placed an order. Yard signs will be available for \$40.

Visit www.middletownremembers911.com for more information or call (732) 615-2287 if you have any questions.

**Middletown Invites Community to 20th Anniversary of 9/11
Memorial Service on Saturday, 9/11 at 6:30 PM**



**Run for a Cause in PBA Local 124's First Annual 9/11
Memorial 5K Race on Saturday, 9/11 at 8:30 AM**



The Middletown PBA Local 124 is hosting their first annual 9/11 Memorial 5K Race on Saturday, September 11th. The event will begin at 8:30 AM at the Middletown Train Station (22 Church Street). The route will start at the train station and go out 1.55 miles and back on Middletown-Lincroft Road. The turn around will be Thompson Middle School. The Middletown PBA is partnering with The Shore Athletic Club to create the 5K course. There will also be a half mile kids' race.

Proceeds from the 5K will go to a memorial scholarship fund created in honor of late MTPD Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti. As "keeper of the list" of the 37 Township residents we tragically lost on 9/11, Capriotti personally notified every single Middletown family who had lost a loved one that day. As a result of his response to Ground Zero, he contracted cancer and lost his battle in June 2019. The memorial scholarship fund was created as a way to pay tribute to the tremendous impact he has made to the families of the victims and to our community.

Registration for the 5K Run and Walk costs \$30. Registration for the Kids' Race costs \$10. All registered participants receive a shirt.

Click [HERE](https://www.runsignup.com/race/nj/middletown/911memorial5k) for more information and to register.

Township Officials Observe Microgrid Facility at Work



Mayor Tony Perry checks out the battery backup system at the microgrid facility at Philadelphia's Naval Shipyard.

On Wednesday, August 18th, Mayor Tony Perry, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Township Engineer Ted Maloney, and Public Works Engineer Susan Molzon along with Naval Weapons Station Earle Commander Ed Callahan and Community Liaison Dennis Blazak, visited Gloucester Township to view their power-producing solar array.

The group then headed to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to observe a microgrid facility at work to determine if a similar operation would be beneficial to Middletown. This microgrid system, which includes natural gas generators and battery backups, provides supplemental energy to the shipyard business community and electricity to the power company grid during outages and on high-demand days.

Middletown Recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day at Township Committee Regular Meeting



Town Hall is shining purple throughout August in recognition of Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st.



From left: Crossroads at Lincroft Annex Director Angela Pepe-Lage, Mayor Tony Perry, and Middletown Municipal Alliance Chairperson Kim Kratz.



In honor of Monmouth County residents lost to overdose, 51 purple flags wave along Highway 35 in front of Town Hall.

The Middletown Township Committee recognized International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31st) with a proclamation at the Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 16th. Angela Pepe-Lage, who is the director of Crossroads at Lincroft Annex, and Kim Kratz, a chairperson for the Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA), accepted the proclamation together.

Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex is a New Jersey licensed facility that provides alcohol and drug abuse service to all Middletown residents. MMA is a community-based volunteer organization that works to prevent substance abuse and other at-risk behaviors through education and awareness.

Middletown is taking additional measures to raise awareness about substance abuse. Town Hall has been illuminated purple throughout this entire month of August. There are also purple flags being displayed along Highway 35 in front of Town Hall. The Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County set up these flags to honor the 51 lives lost to overdose in Monmouth County as of March 31st this year.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, August 16th Regular 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 through August 31st.

New Town Hall Construction Update



Within the last three weeks, our new Town Hall building has undergone a lot of change. Most of the windows are now installed and the exterior brick is continuing to move along. The interior walls are nearly complete and about half of them already have their first coat of primer. Some of the ceiling grids are being installed in the smaller rooms in preparation for lighting fixtures and ceiling tiles. The senior staff are currently in the process of selecting colors, floor coverings, and furniture.

Town Hall Construction Progress Over Six Months



February 2021



March 2021



April 2021



May 2021



June 2021



July 2021

Visit www.middletownnj.org/municipalcomplex for updates!

Navesink Hook & Ladder Company Dedicates Train Depot to Parker Family



From left: John O'Neil (Parker Family), Tom O'Neil (Parker Family and Navesink Fire Co.), Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, MTFD Chief John Friedmann, 1st Asst. Chief John Waltz, 2nd Asst. Chief William Kane, Scott Sieh (NFC), Joe McCarron (NFC), Tim Sodon (NFC). Seated: Pamela Lee Marcellus and Patricia Parker Schenck (Parker's daughters). Photo courtesy of Suzanna Cuccurullo.

Last Friday, members of the Middletown Township Committee attended the Parker Station Unveiling and Dedication ceremony presented by the Navesink Hook & Ladder Fire Company (NFC). NFC named the train depot for its well-known Cannonball train ride "Parker Station", a sentiment to Lee and Jessie Parker. Lee Parker was a longtime NFC firefighter before he was tragically killed in an accidental explosion at a U.S. Army Nike base in the Chapel Hill part of the township on May 22, 1958. His wife, Jessie, served with the company's Ladies Auxiliary until she passed away in 2001.

Lee and Jessie's daughters, Patricia Parker Schenck and Pamela Lee Marcellus, were there for this momentous occasion. Mayor Tony Perry was proud to speak at the event and to help ensure that the Parkers will never be forgotten in our town.

The Results Are in From the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run!



Last Friday, Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Youth Athletic Association hosted the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition! This national initiative gives boy and girls, ages 7-14, the chance to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities and to emphasize the "FUN" element of baseball/softball. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell joined in on the fun and showed off his pitching skills!



Our awesome Middletown athletes watch Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell throw the perfect pitch!

All winners have been submitted to the MLB. The winners of our age divisions are:

- 7/8: Gabriel L (baseball) & Bryn M (softball)
- 9/10: Evan M (baseball)
- 11/12: Justin K (baseball) & Sadie P (softball)
- 13/14: Aldo G (baseball) & Hailey K (softball)

Middletown OEM Monitoring Effects of Tropical Storm Henri



Our Office of Emergency Management is monitoring potential weather issues due to

the effects of Tropical Storm Henri. Keep an eye out for storm-related updates on the Township's website and social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)).

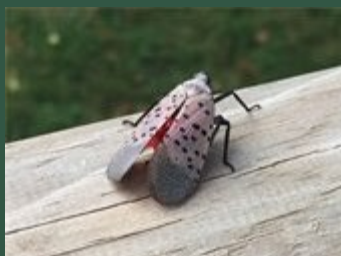
Bulk Collection: Accepted/Not Accepted Items

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:				ACCEPTED ITEMS:		DOWNLOAD  recycle coach FOR UPDATES SENT VIA TEXT OR EMAIL INCLUDING: ✓ PERSONALIZED COLLECTION CALENDARS ✓ EMERGENCY COLLECTION NOTIFICATIONS ✓ WHAT GOES WHERE LOOK-UP TOOL VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACHAPP TO DOWNLOAD ON APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICES 
 METAL ITEMS <small>(GRILL, WEIGHT BENCHES & WEIGHTS, IRON NAILS, ETC.)</small>	 RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS <small>(COOLERS, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYHOUSES, PLASTIC SHEET, ETC.)</small>	 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES <small>(REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)</small>	 ELECTRONICS <small>(TVS, COMPUTERS, STEREO, CELL PHONES, ETC.)</small>	 WOOD FURNITURE <small>(TABLES, CHAIRS, BENCHES)</small>	 MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS <small>(MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC)</small>	
 STYROFOAM <small>THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER (SEE HANDBOOK) OR BY CALLING ASPW AT 732-455-3090 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP. CONSIDER FOR A FEE (STAND-WASTE AND STYROFOAM EXCLUDED). PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH REGULAR RECYCLING OR BULK.</small>	 YARD WASTE <small>(BRUSH, GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES)</small>	THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED BULK AND ARE NOT RECYCLED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:  CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS <small>(BLOCKS, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)</small> <small>THESE ITEMS MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT THE PROPER SOLID WASTE OR RECYCLING FACILITIES.</small>		 LANDSCAPING DEBRIS <small>(STUMPS, GRAVEL, STONE, CONCRETE, PAVERS, WOOD TRIM, ETC.)</small>	 CARPETING & PADDING <small>(ROLLED AND TAPED IN 3FT SECTIONS)</small>	 COUCHES <small>(16-FOOT LENGTH MAX)</small>

STILL NOT SURE IF YOUR ITEM IS BULK? EMAIL A PICTURE TO BULK@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.

Please be aware of the following rules regarding what is and is not accepted in bulk collection. For sanitary purposes, please wrap your mattresses and box springs in plastic. Still not sure if your item is considered to be bulk? Email a picture to bulk@middletownnj.org.

For more information or to view your collection schedule, download the [Recycle Coach app](#) or visit www.middletownnj.org/bulk.




State Authorities Urge Residents to Report Invasive Spotted Lanternflies

After increased sightings in Monmouth County, the Middletown Health Department advises the community to be aware of the Spotted Lanternfly. The Spotted Lanternfly is a serious invasive pest that feeds on sap from over 70 different plant species. It excretes honeydew while feeding, which results in mold covering the plant and anything nearby. While Spotted Lanternflies do not directly hurt humans or animals, they can negatively impact our agriculture, economy, and everyday life.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, take a photo of it and [report it to the NJ Department of Agriculture](#) (NJDA) or call 833-4BADBUG (833-422-3284). The NJDA is urging anyone who comes across the insect to report and destroy it immediately to help slow the spread.

For more information about the Spotted Lanternfly, visit the [New Jersey Department of Agriculture's website](#). For additional resources from the NJDA about the invasive bug and how to help control the spread, [visit the NJDA's Homeowner Resources](#).

Save the Date for Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/18!



MIDDLETOWN DAY 2021 SEPTEMBER 18

For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday.

**The MAC Musical Theatre Academy Summer Series
Concludes with Singin' in the Rain JR. This Weekend**



Musical Theatre Academy
Summer Series!
with KATHY CONNOLLY

WILLY WONKA	Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 JR.	Annie	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR.
JULY 23 & 24 2 PM & 7 PM	JULY 30 & 31 2 PM & 7 PM	AUG 13 & 14 2 PM & 7 PM	AUG 20 & 21 2 PM & 7 PM

 **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**
▶ GET TICKETS AT MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG
ADULTS \$10 SENIOR/STUDENT \$5

The MAC's Musical Theater Academy, helmed by Theater Education Director Kathy Connolly, is wrapping up its summer series after bringing four Summer Camp student productions to the stage at Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)! Singin' in the Rain JR. will be performed on Saturday, August 21st at 2 PM and 7 PM. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students. Performances are indoors at the MAC theatre. The MAC strongly encourages audience members to wear masks during the show, but does not require them.

Singin' in the Rain JR.

The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in *Singin' in the Rain JR.* Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue, and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make *Singin' in the Rain JR.* a guaranteed good time for performers and audience members alike.

Click [**HERE**](#) for more information and to purchase tickets!

**Join Middletown Recreation at Sunset Movie in the Park
on Thursday, 8/26**

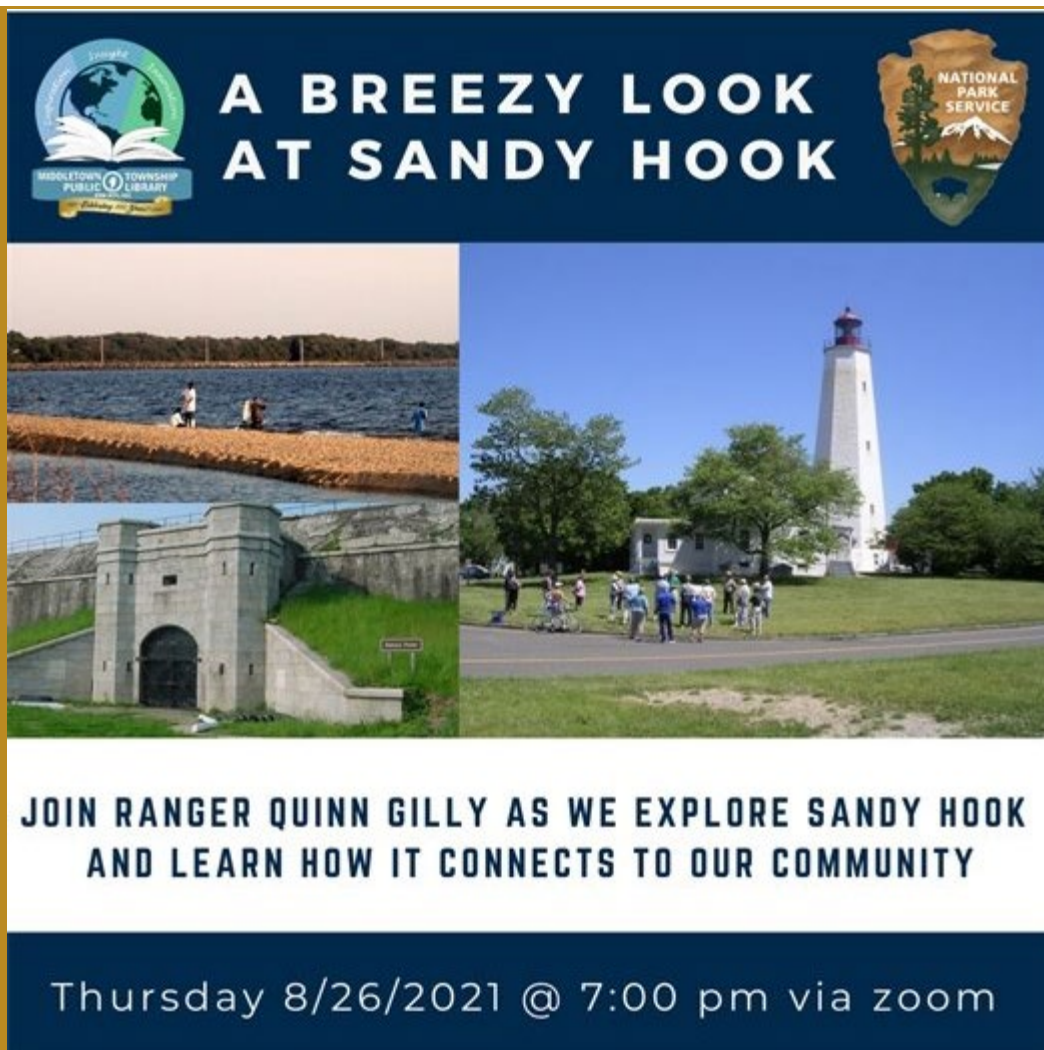


Join Recreation on Thursday, August 26th at the Middletown Arts Center's lawn (36 Church Street) to watch this great family film in the park! Make sure to pack your chairs and blankets. Movie snacks are welcome. The film will begin at sunset, which is expected to be around 7:30 PM.

Featured Movie: Raya and the Last Dragon (PG)

Kumandra is a place where humans and dragons peacefully coexist. When sinister monsters called the Druun threaten the community, however, the dragons readily make a sacrifice to save the human race. Hundreds of years later, the same threat returns. It is up to Raya, a lone warrior, to stop them once and for all. She tracks down the last dragon alive. But as she embarks on her journey, she realizes that it will take more than a dragon and its magic to save her world.

**Take a Breezy Look at Sandy Hook with the MTPL on
Thursday, 8/26 at 7 PM**



The poster features a dark blue header with the Middletown Township Public Library logo on the left and the National Park Service arrowhead logo on the right. The title "A BREEZY LOOK AT SANDY HOOK" is centered in large white letters. Below the header is a collage of three images: a beach with people, a stone fortification, and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. The text "JOIN RANGER QUINN GILLY AS WE EXPLORE SANDY HOOK AND LEARN HOW IT CONNECTS TO OUR COMMUNITY" is centered below the images. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text "Thursday 8/26/2021 @ 7:00 pm via zoom" in white.

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AT SANDY HOOK**

**JOIN RANGER QUINN GILLY AS WE EXPLORE SANDY HOOK
AND LEARN HOW IT CONNECTS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

Thursday 8/26/2021 @ 7:00 pm via zoom

Accompany the Middletown Township Public Library on Thursday, August 26th to learn about the historic connections between Middletown Township and Sandy Hook, as well as Sandy Hook's impact on the local community. This event will be presented by Park Ranger Quinn Gilly and take place at 7 PM via Zoom. Registration is required.

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

**Submit Artwork to DPW and MAC's Trash & Recycling
Sculpture Art Contest by Friday, 8/27**



The Middletown Department of Public Works and the Middletown Arts Center are seeking trash sculptures to display at the Township's new outdoor Ecological Garden at DPW (52 Kanes Lane). Winners will receive a gift bag that includes a MAC gift certificate and they will also have their artwork showcased at Middletown Day as an example of a creative way to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Please see contest rules in the flyer above.

Email jticino@middletownnj.org for more details and to enter the contest. Click [HERE](#) to download the contest's entry form.

**Embark on a Guided Fossil Hunt at Poricy Park on
Sunday, 8/29 at 11 AM**



Guided Fossil Hunts

Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures.

www.middletownnj.org/signup

Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds (1803 Middletown-Lincroft Road) on Sunday, August 29th from 11 AM - 12 PM. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago.

Meet directly at the Poricy Park Fossil Beds for a short orientation before getting right into the fossil beds. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures. Please wear rubber boots or old sneakers, as your feet will get wet. Sandals, flip-flops, and other slip-on footwear are prohibited. The event costs \$5 per participant. The hunt is open to participants ages 5+.

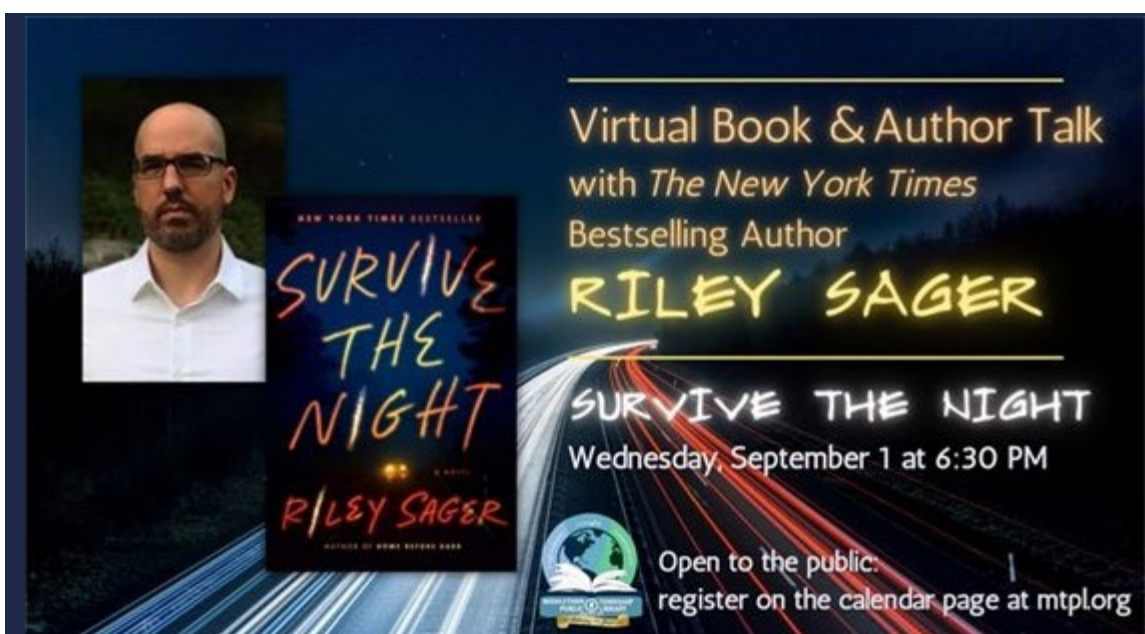
Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



Committeewoman Pat Snell's grandchildren attended the most recent guided fossil hunt. This hands-on, family-friendly event is truly fun for everyone!



Attend MTPL's Virtual Book & Author Talk with Riley Sager on Wednesday, 9/1 at 6:30 PM



Virtual Book & Author Talk
with *The New York Times*
Bestselling Author
RILEY SAGER

SURVIVE THE NIGHT
Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 PM

Open to the public:
register on the calendar page at mtpl.org

The poster features a portrait of Riley Sager, the book cover for 'Survive the Night', and a background of light trails on a road at night. A small logo for the Middletown Township Public Library is also present.

End your summer with a bang! Middletown Township Public Library will host a virtual visit on Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM with Riley Sager, pseudonym for author of bestselling books “Final Girls”, “The Last Time I Lied”, “Lock Every Door”, and “Home Before Dark.” He will talk about his latest thriller, “Survive the Night”, which is slated for release on June 29th. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the event.

Volunteer for the Middletown EMS Department



**MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS**

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT
SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

Facebook logo and [FACEBOOK.COM/MIDDLETOWNNJEMS](https://www.facebook.com/middletownnjems)

The poster has a dark blue background with yellow and white text. It includes a Facebook logo and the department's website.

The Middletown Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department is searching for volunteers! The department consists of five all-volunteer first aid squads: Fairview First Aid & Rescue Squad, Leonardo First Aid & Rescue, Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad, Middletown First Aid & Rescue, and Port Monmouth First Aid Squad. EMS responds to an average of 12 emergency medical calls every day.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown EMS.
Click [HERE](#) to download a volunteer application.

Last weekend, the Fairview First Aid & Rescue Squad were wrapping up an emergency call when they were made aware of a possible overdose. The crew rushed to the scene and provided first aid to an older man whose heart eventually stopped beating. Thanks to their efforts, the man is now recovering.

Click [HERE](#) to read a Patch article about how EMS helped save this man's life.

**Middletown Office of Emergency Management Shares
Hurricane Survival Guide**
Volunteers Wanted



Volunteers Wanted

Emergency Management

Monthly Meeting Train Online

732-615-2129



The Middletown Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is looking for volunteers to join its team! OEM is responsible for the Township's all-hazard Emergency Operations Plan, which outlines how Middletown will function during emergency or disaster conditions. With peak season for hurricanes in New Jersey approaching from mid-August through October, now is the perfect time to volunteer and support your community! OEM volunteers train online and meet monthly. Please call (732) 615-2129 if you are interested in volunteering.

In case of an emergency, there is a Middletown Emergency Radio station. Please tune in to 1620 AM for emergency and community information.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's OEM.

Click [HERE](#) for OEM's guide to help you prepare for emergencies.

NOW HIRING



SEASONAL LABORERS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOBS
OR CALL 732-615-2017 TO APPLY.

This position is ideal for someone who likes to help others, enjoys being outdoors, and doesn't mind a little exercise! Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour.

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

Updated COVID-19 Information

The Middletown Health Department has recently updated its website with additional COVID-19 information and resources.

Brookdale Community College (765 Newman Springs Road) is offering walk-in vaccination appointments for people ages 12+.

Please check out the graphic to the right for more information about Monmouth County COVID-19 vaccines.



Click on the image to view the flyer in a larger format.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/covid19 for more information and resources.

**Upcoming Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Sunday, 8/22
at Parish of Saint Mary from 9 AM - 12 PM**

Monmouth County Regional Health Commission



Free COVID-19 Vaccinations Parish of Saint Mary

**Sunday, August 22, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



- Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines available on site.
- This clinic is open to ages 12 years and older.
- Please bring your insurance card (if you have one).
- Clinic held in conjunction with the Parish of Saint Mary and Colts Neck Health Department.
- Second dose is scheduled for **Sunday, September 19, 2021.**

***Pre-registration required: contact Peg Huie @ phuie@mcrhc.org or (732) 493-9520, option 1**



Parish of Saint Mary
1 Phalanx Road,
Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722

For more information, please call (732) 493-9520

Stop by Parish of Saint Mary (1 Phalanx Rd, Colts Neck) on Sunday, August 22nd from 9 AM to 12 PM to get your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine! Your second dose will be scheduled for Sunday, September 19th. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available. The clinic will be open for people ages 12+. Pre-registration is required. Contact Peg Huie at phuie@mcrhc.org or 732-493-9250, option 1 to pre-register.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/covid19 for information about upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Monmouth County.

Receive Your COVID-19 Vaccine Booster if Eligible!

COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS

People with compromised immune systems who already received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines can now get a third shot to boost their protection from COVID-19.

There is no booster for J&J at this time.



Contact your physician to determine eligibility and have your vaccine card handy.

How To Recover a Lost COVID-19 Vaccine Card

What to do if you lose your vaccine card

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

1. Via phone - download & register with "**Docket**" app to obtain an electronic record of your vaccination.
2. Via mail - visit web address below, PRINT and fill out the 1-page form, mail to the address at the top of the form.


www.state.nj.us/health/forms/imm-46.pdf





For printed forms or additional assistance, visit the Middletown Township Public Library Reference desk or Town Hall.




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