

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of 9/11 with Service and Improvements to Memorial Gardens



Middletown Township will be hosting a memorial service on Saturday, September 11th in honor of the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center attack. All members of the community are invited to attend the ceremony that will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens, located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street). This anniversary tribute will honor the 37 residents who perished on that tragic day by bringing together family members and friends of those we lost, religious leaders, dignitaries, first responders, and veterans.

“As decades pass, we must continue to honor all the lives we lost to ensure that they will never be forgotten,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “We hope this

20th anniversary service will enable our community to reflect, remember, and bring a sense of peace and hope as we move forward together.”

To mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is making improvements to the Gardens, which rest under a canopy of trees and feature a landscaped path with benches and a personalized memorial to honor each life.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release for more information about the upcoming service and the improvements being made.

Pick up or Purchase Your 9/11 Remembrance Yard Sign at the Middletown Arts Center Beginning Tuesday, 8/31



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 NOT be selling signs at ShopRite anymore. Signs will be available for pick up or purchase at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) during regular business hours, beginning Tuesday, August 31st. Bring your order confirmation number to the MAC 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



Middletown Remembers

**20th Anniversary of the
World Trade Center Tragedy**

Saturday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

*Please join us to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the
World Trade Center attack.*

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic. Tribute will be held rain or shine.

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 A**

**911 MEMORIAL
5K RACE**

Saturday, September 11, 2021
Middletown Train Station



THE MIDDLETOWN PBA LOCAL 124 IS HOSTING 5K ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS IN MEMORY OF THE 37 MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001. PROCEEDS FROM THE 5K WILL GO TO A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED IN HONOR OF RETIRED DEPUTY CHIEF CAPRIOTTI.



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SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NJ/MIDDLETOWN/911MEMORIAL5K
TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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](#) for more information and to register.



Township Lowers Flags Half-Staff

American flags have been lowered throughout Middletown in honor of the 12 U.S. Marines, Navy Corpsman, and innocent individuals who were killed in the terrorist attack at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan on Thursday, August 26th.

Local Family Donates Pallet Flags in Honor of 9/11



From left: Kayleigh Kaplan, WTC Memorial Gardens Committee Chairperson and former Committeewoman Pat Snell, Adam Kaplan, Avery Kaplan, Irene Kaplan, and Mia Kaplan.



Deputy Chief Paul Bailey gives the Kaplan family a special tour of the Middletown Township Police Department.



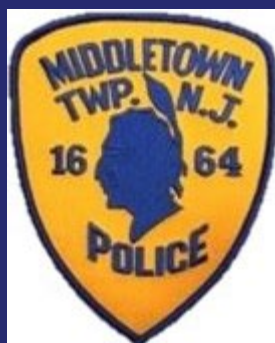
From left: SLEO 1 Officer Chad Bacek, Patrolman Steve Greenwood and K-9 Koda, Adam Kaplan and Mia Kaplan, WTC Memorial Gardens Committee Chairperson and former Committeewoman Pat Snell, Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Kayleigh Kaplan, Irene Kaplan, and Avery Kaplan.

On Friday, August 27th, the Kaplan family stopped by Town Hall and the Middletown Township Police Department to donate two pallet flags that Adam Kaplan created in honor of the upcoming 20th anniversary of 9/11. Adam and one of his daughters met WTC Memorial Gardens Committee Chairperson and former Committeewoman Pat

Snell last weekend when she was selling 9/11 remembrance yard signs at ShopRite. Inspired by the committee's commitment to the Gardens, Adam decided to thank them and the MTPD with pallet flags.

While visiting from Hazlet, the Kaplan family also got a tour of the Middletown Township Police Department by Deputy Chief Paul Bailey. They were able to meet some of our officers, look inside a jail cell, and sit inside a police car. Adam and Irene's three daughters, Avery, Mia, and Kayleigh, all agreed that blaring the police sirens was their favorite part!

Thank you to the Kaplan family for your generous donation!



MTPD Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers: Apply by Friday, 9/24

Middletown Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Middletown Township Police Department continues

to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers October 5th - 28th, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm - 9:30pm, remotely via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted through Friday, September 24th. Please contact Sgt. Kevin Gardiner, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2075 to obtain an application or for additional information.

Click [HERE](#) to download the application.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release for more information.

Register for Middletown Preschool



Middletown Preschool at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue) is still accepting applications for enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year! The PreK3

class still has availability, but the PreK4 class is nearly full. The preschool is offering both full-day and half-day options. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, September 13th.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/preschool for more information and to register.

Bulk Collection: Accepted/Not Accepted Items

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:

- METAL ITEMS** (BIRD GRILLS, WEIGHT BENCHES & WEIGHTS, IRON NAILS, ETC.)
- RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS** (BOWLING, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYHOUSES, PLASTIC SHEETS, ETC.)
- HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES** (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)
- ELECTRONICS** (TVS, COMPUTERS, VIDEOCAS, CELL PHONES, ETC.)
- STYROFOAM**
- YARD WASTE** (BRUSH, GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES)
- CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS** (SLOPPERS, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)
- LANDSCAPING DEBRIS** (SHRUBS, GRASS, STUMP, CONCRETE, PAVERS, WOOD TILES, ETC.)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED BULK AND ARE NOT RECYCLED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:

THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER (52 GARDEN LANE) OR BY CALLING BPW AT 732-455-3000 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP CURBSIDE FOR A FEE. YARD WASTE AND STYROFOAM EXCLUDED. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH REGULAR RECYCLING OR BULK.

THESE ITEMS MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT THE PROPER SOLID WASTE OR RECYCLING FACILITIES.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- UP TO 4 PIECES OF BULK AT 75 LBS MAXIMUM, EACH, ARE PERMITTED FOR BULK DAY. ITEMS MUST BE LESS THAN 8 FEET IN LENGTH.**
- WOOD FURNITURE** (TABLES, CHAIRS, BENCHES)
- MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS** (MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC)
- CARPETING & PADDOING** (ROLLED AND TAPED IN 3FT. SECTIONS)
- COUCHES** (8 FOOT LENGTH MAX)

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

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

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.

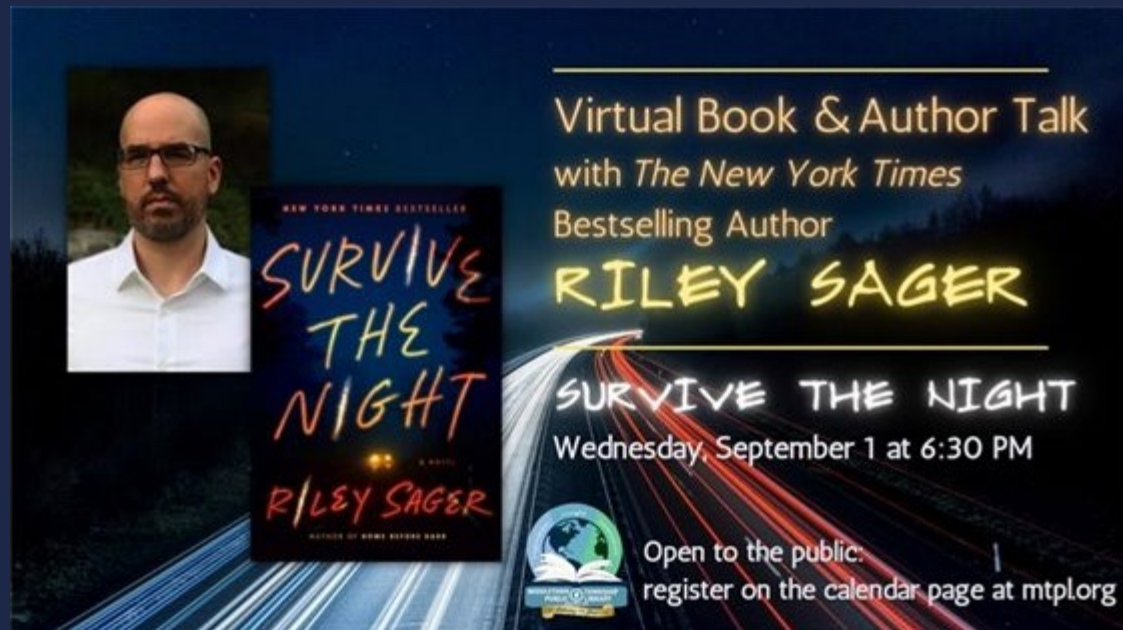
Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on Sunday,
8/29 from 4 - 6 PM



Join the Middletown Arts Center on Sunday, August 29th from 4 - 6 PM for its August singer-songwriters showcase featuring local talents Bob Linton, Marc Tappan, Tim Enny, and Stu Coogan. The concert will take place inside the MAC's theater (36 Church Street). The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.
Click [HERE](#) for more information about the concert.

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



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.

Prepare for College with the MTPL

College Prep!

9/8@ 7:00PM (Virtual)
**Financial Aid with
Rutgers University**



9/16 @ 7:00pm (Virtual)
**College Admission
Essay Tips and Tricks Workshop**



SAT PRACTICE TESTS

9/25 @ 9am

10/26 @ 9am

11/13 @ 9am

12/11 @ 9 am

Visit the Calendar to register and for more information



Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

Looking to go to college? The Middletown Township Public Library is here to help! Beginning in September, MTPL will be hosting programs to prepare you for this next chapter in your life.

Join the MTPL on Wednesday, September 8th to listen to Rutgers University discuss financial aid and answer your questions! The event will begin at 7 PM and take place over Zoom. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the "Financial Aid with Rutgers University" program.



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.COM/MIDDLETOWNNJEMS

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.

Be Prepared: Register for Middletown Emergency Alerts

Please ensure that you OPT IN to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register via email.



**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.

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+.

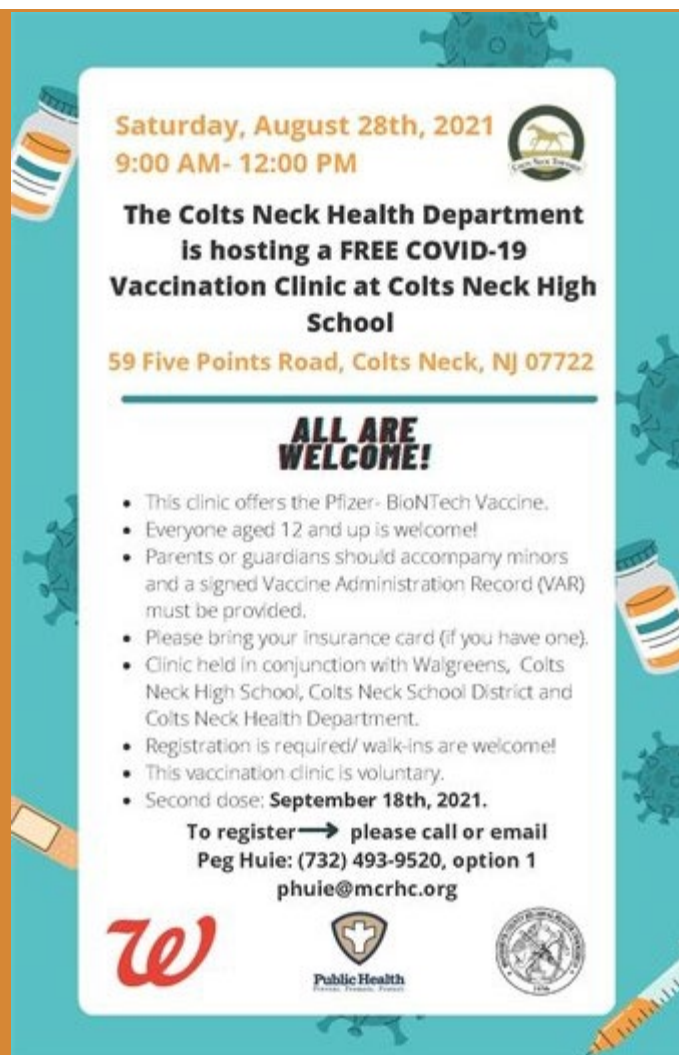
Please check out the graphic to the right for more information about Monmouth County COVID-19 vaccines.



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 Saturday, 8/28
at Colts Neck High School from 9 AM - 12 PM**



[Click on the flyer to view it larger.](#)

Stop by Colts Neck High School (59 Five Points Road) on Saturday, August 28th from 9 AM to 12 PM to receive your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine! Your second dose will be scheduled for Saturday, September 18th. This clinic only offers the Pfizer - BioNTech vaccine and will be open for people ages 12+. To register, please contact Peg Huie at phuie@mcrhc.org or 732-493-9520, option 1.

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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