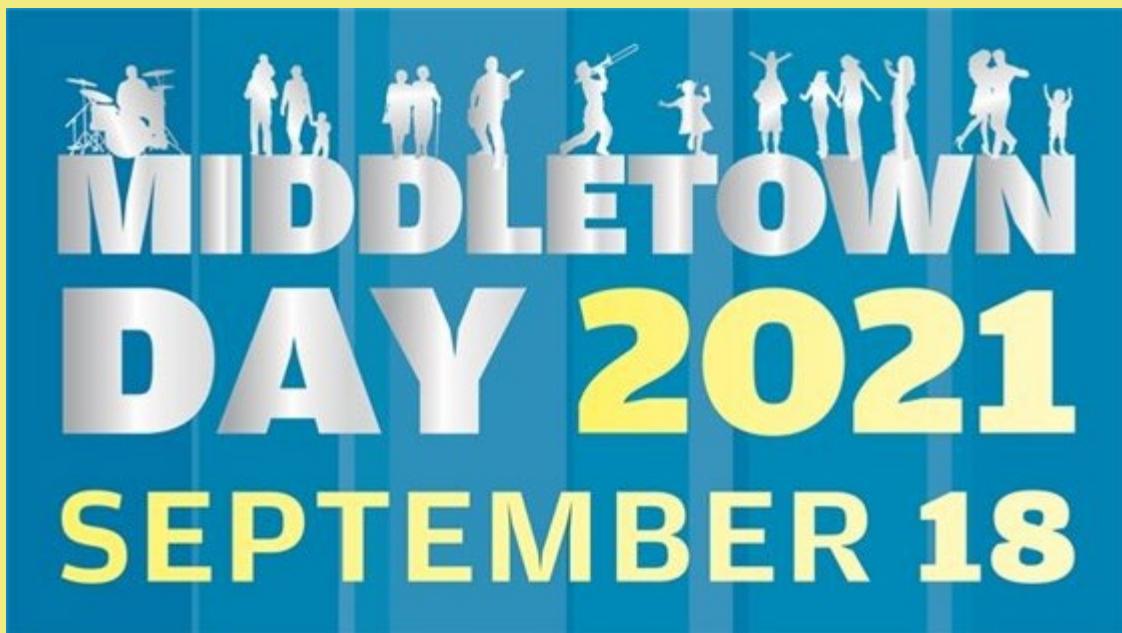




Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

Join Us at Middletown Day on Saturday, 9/18
from 11 AM - 5 PM!



We are thrilled to announce that Middletown Day will return to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) this year on Saturday, September 18th from 11 AM - 5 PM! As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, let us come together to celebrate the resiliency of our community and all that makes Middletown so exceptional.

The 2021 festival will feature the return of the popular Business and Community Showcase as well as many familiar favorites, redesigned with safety in mind, including a food court, first responder demonstrations, live entertainment, a petting zoo, and more.

Again this year, the Township is offering a sponsorship opportunity for its very successful Mayor's Challenge 5K Race and 1-mile Fun Run to be held on Saturday, October 23rd at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). This event will raise money to benefit the 501c3 organization, Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Event is rain or shine.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/middletownday for more information.

Middletown Commemorates 20th Anniversary of 9/11 with Patriotic Ceremony and Thoughtful Additions to Memorial Gardens



Middletown Township held a memorial service at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens, located next to the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street), on Saturday, September 11th in honor of the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks.

“Twenty years ago, Middletown tragically lost 37 residents – our community and our Nation rushed to their side,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “This year’s anniversary ceremony brought us back together to honor and remember those individuals and keep their spirits, and the spirit of patriotism, alive.”

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release about the ceremony.
Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the service.

Girl Scout Troop 127 Dedicates Leonardo Beach Signs



From left: Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Maureen Raisch (a representative of the Mayor's Office), and Maureen's dog, Spike, proudly stand with Girl Scout Troop 127 in front of one of the two beautiful Leonardo Beach signs!

Last weekend, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Maureen Raisch (a representative of the Mayor's Office), attended Girl Scout Troop 127's sign dedication at Leonardo Beach. The troop worked through our Clean Communities Mini Grant Program to install the two signs, as part of their efforts toward a Journey Badge. The group of seven, led by Stacy Slater, fundraised by participating in a beach cleanup at Leonardo Beach in July. Inspired by the 250 pounds of trash they recovered, the new signs read "Leave only footprints of love and kindness wherever you go."

After six months of hard work, the girls accomplished their goal of earning their Journey Badges and adding these two wonderful signs! Thank you Girl Scout Troop 127 for making a positive impact in our community!

Visit www.middletownnj.org/minigrants for more information about our Clean Communities Mini Grant Program.

Congratulations to Joint Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine (40 Old Country Road) on their Grand Opening!

Visit jointphysicaltherapy.com for more information about their services.



Pictured from left: Gary Mulligan, Patricia Oulette, Chief Clinical Officer Susan Medford, Mayor Tony Perry, Chief Operations Officer Brian Simon, and Tricia Simon.

[Click HERE to visit Joint Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine's website.](#)



Middletown Township Committee to Host In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, 9/20

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM will be open to the public and 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 2348 334 7250 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](#). The recording of the meeting 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.](#)

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



CLERK'S OFFICE LAUNCHES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING PORTAL

The Township Clerk's Office launched a new portal that enables residents to easily search Township Committee meeting minutes and agenda packets.

Videos of Township Committee Workshop and Regular Meetings will also be available.

Visit middletown-nj.municodemeeetings.com to access the new portal.

Click on the graphic to access the meeting portal.

Pre-Register Now for Free Cat Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, 9/21 from 5 - 6 PM

FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUESDAY, 9/21 FROM 5-6PM
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)
Cats must be accompanied by owner and in its own carrier.
Please visit www.middletownnj.org/rabies or call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.
Due to COVID-19, face masks are recommended.

The Middletown Township Health Department is holding a cats-only Rabies clinic on Tuesday, September 21st from 5 - 6 PM at the Croydon Hall Gym Parking Lot (900 Leonardville Road).

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register.

TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS
MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

Start the School Year with School Bus Safety Tips

**Middletown Township Reminds
Drivers to Follow School Bus
Traffic Laws!**

Do not pass a school bus with flashing red lights.

Stop at least 25 feet away if traveling on a two-lane road or on a multi-lane highway. Slow down to 10 mph if traveling on a dual highway, if on the opposite side of a safety island or a raised median.

STOP

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School buses are equipped with yellow, amber or red flashing lights. Yellow or amber lights before the bus stops, and red lights go on when it has stopped.

When the bus stops, motorists traveling behind or approaching the bus must stop at least 25 feet from the school bus. Watch for children, and then proceed slowly at 10 mph.

If a school bus has stopped directly in front of a school to pick up or let off children, pass from either direction at no more than 10 mph.

A violation of these laws results in a \$100 fine and up to 15 days in jail or up to 15 days community service for a first offense. For subsequent offenses, violators can receive a \$250 fine or more and up to 15 days in jail. Five points are added to a driver's record for each offense.

Information taken from the New Jersey Traffic Law Center



Navesink River Road Closed for Bridge Replacement

Navesink River Road is currently closed to traffic to replace the bridge over McClees Creek. The bridge is being replaced due to age and normal deterioration from vehicular traffic during its years in service. The work is anticipated to be completed by spring 2022.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release from the County.

Upcoming Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.

Exercise with Recreation through Our Fall Exercise Programs Beginning Tuesday, 9/21



FALL EXERCISE PROGRAMS



Yoga
Tuesdays
6:30p-7:30p



Indoor Volleyball
Tuesdays
7:30p-9:30p



Youth Running
Tuesdays / Thursdays
4:30p-5:30p



Middletown Recreation is excited to announce its fall exercise program! Classes begin on Tuesday, September 21st. Yoga and volleyball will take place at the Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) and Youth Running will be held at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

Yoga classes are for adults and presented weekly by Hot and Soul Yoga on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Sign up for 6 weeks at a time – beginners welcome! Indoor Volleyball has adult co-ed teams, picked every Tuesday, for great exercise and fun socialization from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Youth Running is presented by Gone Running, LLC for grades 3-10. The eight-week season includes a t-shirt, end-of-season competition, and awards. Youth Running will take place on both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM.

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

Embark on a Guided Fossil Hunt at Poricy Park on Sunday, 9/26 at 11 AM



Guided Fossil Hunt

SUNDAY

9.26.2021

11:00am - 12:00pm

www.middletownnj.org/signup

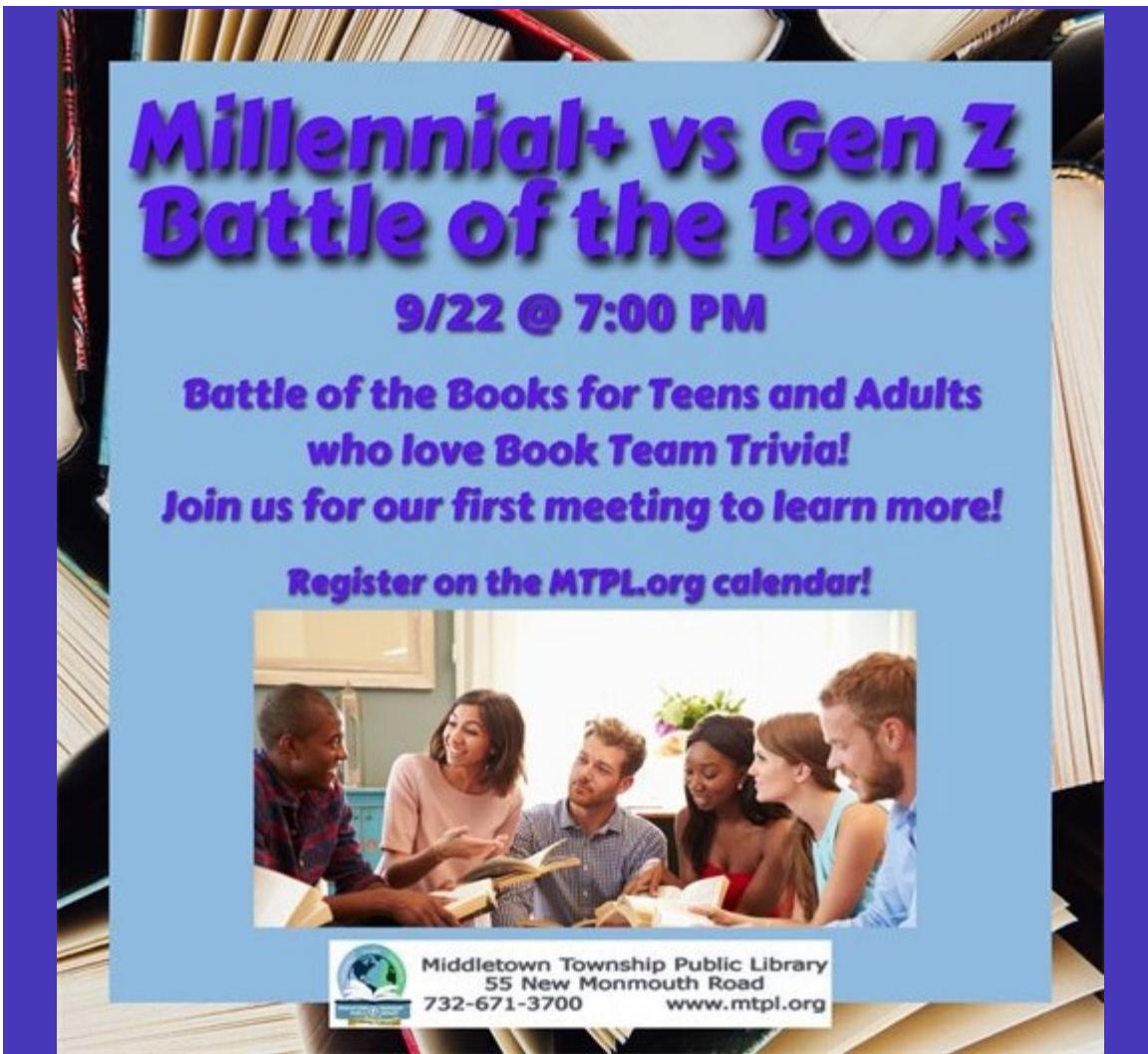
Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds (1803 Middletown-Lincroft Road) on Sunday, September 26th from 11 AM - 12 PM. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago.

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 is open to participants ages 5+ and costs \$5 per person.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Compete in the Millennial vs. Gen Z Book Trivia Battle at the MTPL on Wednesday, 9/22 at 7 PM



**Millennial+ vs Gen Z
Battle of the Books**

9/22 @ 7:00 PM

**Battle of the Books for Teens and Adults
who love Book Team Trivia!**

Join us for our first meeting to learn more!

Register on the MTPL.org calendar!

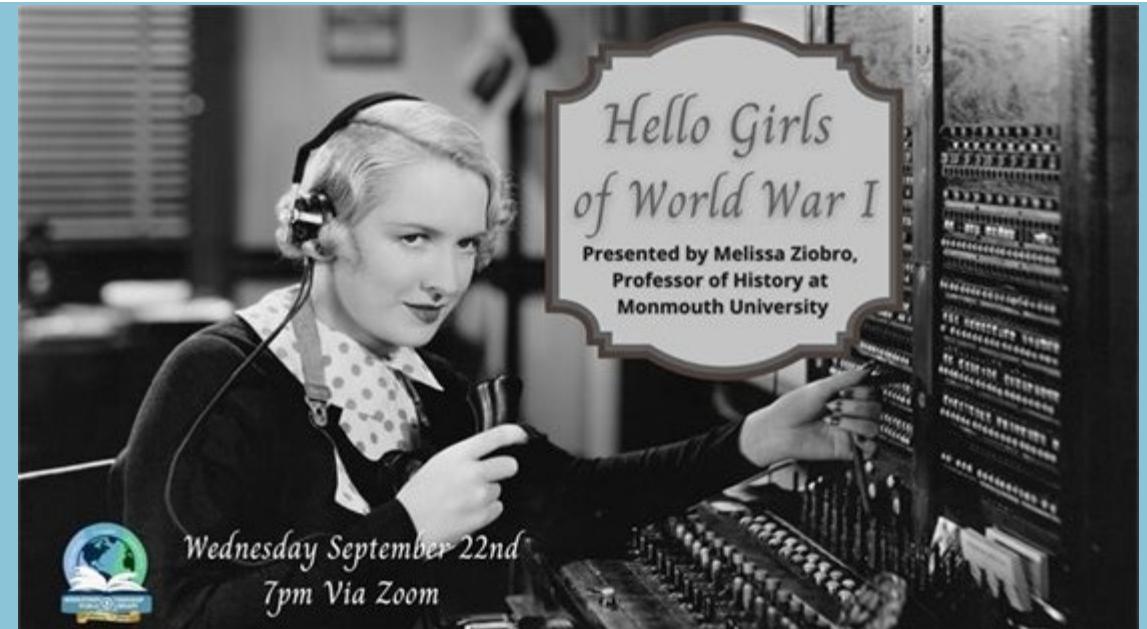


Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

Visit the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) on Wednesday, September 22nd for an epic trivia battle between generations! All teens and adults are welcome to attend. The event will begin at 7 PM and take place at the library's computer lab. Registration is required.

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

**Learn about the "Hello Girls" from WWI with the MTPL on
Wednesday, 9/22 at 7 PM**



Join the Middletown Township Public Library via Zoom on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 PM for an informative and empowering program about the "Hello Girls" from World War I. Professor Melissa Ziobro from Monmouth University will be leading the virtual lecture about how the US Army Signal Corps employed women as telephone switchboard operators during WWI.

The pioneering "Hello Girls" worked long hours to ensure battlefield communications, sometimes at great personal risk. After the war, they fought for veteran status and are being considered for a Congressional Gold Medal today. The head Hello Girl, Grace Bunker, was from New Jersey!

Registration is required.
Please register in advance to receive the Zoom link.

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

**Register for Fall 2021 Classes at the MAC on
Tuesday, 9/21 at 9 AM**



The Middletown Arts Center is thrilled to announce that registration for fall in-person classes opens on Tuesday, September 21st at 9 AM. This year, the MAC will continue to have two locations: the MAC (36 Church Street) and the MAC Annex (121 Kings Highway). Both locations are just minutes apart from each other and feature easy drive-thru drop-off and pickup. Instructors and staff will follow all state and CDC guidelines.

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

Honor Our Fallen Heroes at the Give2Those Stride & Ride Relay on Monday, 10/4 at 1 PM



Updated COVID-19 Information

LOCATION CHANGE



The County's Brookdale vaccination site will be moving to the Montessori Children's Learning Center (CLC) located between Lots 4 and 5 on the Brookdale Community College campus starting Tuesday, Sept. 14



Walk-in COVID-19 vaccination appointments were previously being offered at Brookdale Community College and are now being offered at the Montessori Children's Learning Center, located between Lots 4 and 5 at the Brookdale Community College campus (765 Newman Springs Rd.), on Tuesdays from 2- 6 PM. The site is vaccinating peoples ages 12+.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/covid19 for more information and resources about COVID-19.

Click [HERE](#) for weekly reports about COVID-19 variants.



Bulk Collection: Accepted/Not Accepted Items

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:

METAL ITEMS (BBQ GRILLS, HEAVY RENCHES & WEIGHTS, NED NAILS, ETC.)	RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS (SOFALES, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYHOUSES, PLASTIC SHEIRS, ETC.)	HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)	ELECTRONICS (TVS, COMPUTERS, STERIOS, CELL PHONES, ETC.)

STYROFOAM	YARD WASTE (BUSHES, GRASS, CLIPPINGS & LEAVES)

THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER (25 AGAINST LAKE) OR BY CALLING 732-652-3000 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP & REMOVED FOR A FEE (YARD WASTE AND STYROFOAM EXCLUDED). PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH REGULAR RECYCLING OR BULK.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

WOOD FURNITURE (TABLE, CHAIR, BENCHES)	MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS (MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC)

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS (BRICK, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)	LANDSCAPING DEBRIS (DIRT, GARDEN, STONE, CONCRETE Pavers, WOOD TIES, ETC.)

CARPETING & PADDING (UNROLLED AND TIED IN 3FT. SECTION)	COUCHES (6-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

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](#).



A Spotted Lanternfly egg mass found on a tree.

Spotted Lanternflies begin laying their eggs in September. If you see an egg mass, please scrape it off and destroy it immediately.



Stages of life for a Spotted Lanternfly.

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



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

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT
SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

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.



[You can also click on the graphic 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 happening 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.

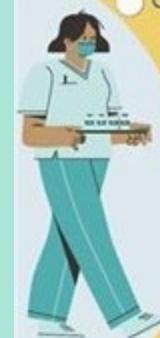
Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's OEM.

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

Upcoming Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

SEPTEMBER 2021



COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free & effective

Walk-ins welcome ages 12 & older

ID documentation and health insurance not required. No impact on immigration status

For free transportation to your vaccination, enter "VAXRIDE" promo into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1



DATES & TIMES

- Wed., September 1- Asbury Park- 4-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza
- [This site is available for testing and vaccination](#)
- Wed., September 8- Neptune- 4-7pm, Neptune Senior Ctr., 1607 State Rt. 33
- [This site is available for testing and vaccination](#)
- Fri., September 10- Keyport- 12-4pm, Keyport First Ald, 1927 Atlantic St.
- Sun., September 12- Asbury Park- 11am-4pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church, 1201 Asbury Ave
- Wed., September 15- Keyport- 4-7pm, Keyport Sr Center, 110 2nd St.
- [This site is available for testing and vaccination](#)
- Sat., September 18- Aberdeen- 12-4pm, Aberdeen Day at Matawan Regional High School, 450 Atlantic Ave
- Tues., September 21- Freehold Borough- 4-7pm, Freehold Boro Fire Dept., 49 W Main St
- [This site is available for testing and vaccination](#)
- Sat., September 25- Howell- 3-8pm, Howell Day at Soldier Memorial Park, 793 Lakewood Farmingdale Rd.

Every Tuesday from 2PM-6PM at Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft [Montessori Children's Learning Center \(MCLC\) Parking Lots 4 & 5](#)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRIES, VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH OR CALL 732-431-7456

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

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



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