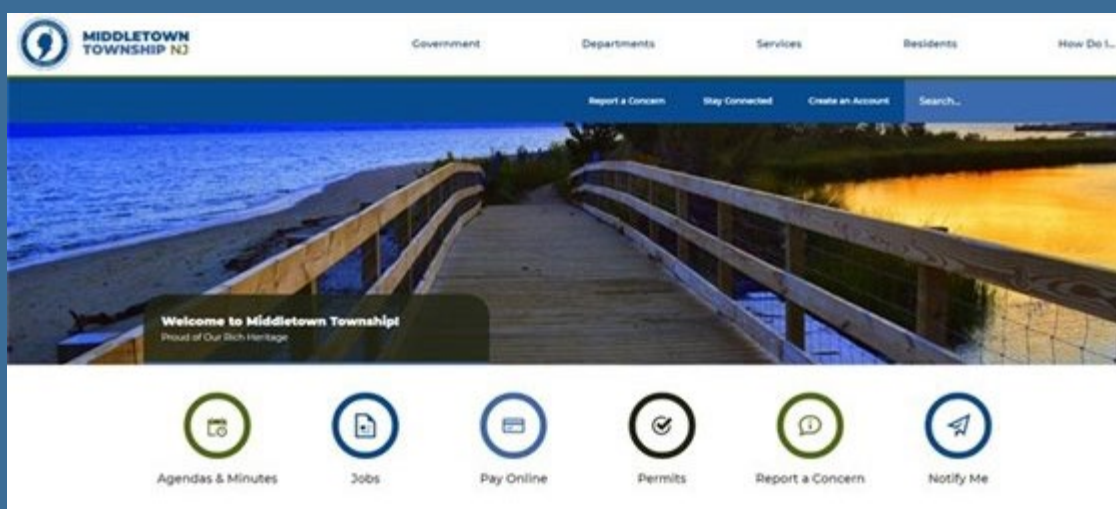


Middletown Minutes

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Middletown Launches Newly-Designed Website and Mobile App



The mobile app is available on Apple and Google Play app stores.

Today, Middletown Township launched its newly-designed website (middletownnj.org) and mobile app created by government website provider CivicPlus.

“The majority of our residents rely on our website for timely and critical information, so it’s imperative that we have the most up-to-date technology to ensure a more intuitive and seamless experience for everyone,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “Both the website and app have a clean, user-friendly layout that will make it quicker and easier for both residents and businesses to access the information they need.”

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

Middletown Township Officially Opens New Ecological Garden



From left: Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino, Mayor Tony Perry, Public Works & Engineering Director Ted Maloney, Public Works & Engineering Deputy Director Lory Hubbard, and Recycling & Solid Waste Division Head Eric Maggio with Girl Scout Troops 127 and 61124.

The Township of Middletown celebrated the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Ecological Garden located at the Department of Public Works & Engineering (52 Kanes Lane) on Wednesday, September 22nd. The Ecological Garden was created to serve as an extension to the Recycling Center tours the Township provides to children of all ages to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

To kick off the event, the Township invited two local Girl Scout Troops, Troop 127 from Leonardo Elementary School and Troop 61124 from Nut Swamp Elementary School, to take the first tour. The girls had the opportunity to walk through the “Garbage Garden” to see the creative ways items that were discarded at the Recycling Center can be repurposed.

“I am so grateful to work in a town that values sustainability and education,” said Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino. “It is only through education that we can make a lasting change, and we hope this garden will inspire children to be proactive and innovative in their approach to sustainability and recycling.”

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.
Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the ribbon cutting.

Run (or Walk!) for a Cause in Third Annual Mayor's Challenge on Saturday, 10/23 at Poricy Park



Join Middletown Recreation for its third annual Mayor's Challenge, with all proceeds benefiting local non-profit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer. Come to Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) on Saturday, October 23rd for either a 5K Fitness Walk, a family-friendly 1-mile Fun Run, or gear up for the 5K Race - the choice is yours!

The schedule is as follows:

8:45 am: 5K Fitness Walk
9:00 am: 1mi Fun Run
9:30 am: 5K Race

Please keep in mind that this trail run includes single track, bridges, woods, and many hills. The course is not suitable for strollers. Registration includes a long sleeve shirt (while supplies last), bib with timing chip, and a medal.

Click [HERE](#) to view the trail map and to register.

**Middletown Will Never Forget:
Watch 9/11 20th Anniversary Ceremony Video**



A screenshot from the YouTube video

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. Thank you Cine Selector, a local production company, for capturing the heartfelt ceremony.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video on our YouTube channel.

VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary Honor POW/MIA with 39th Annual Candlelit Service



From left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Mayor Tony Perry came together to honor our missing military members. Photo courtesy of Carmen S Peterson.

Last week, VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary hosted its 39th annual POW/MIA candlelit service to remember the prisoners of war and military members who never returned. As always, we are thinking of our missing soldiers and their families.



Pictured above are military tag necklaces decorating a tree. The tags symbolize soldiers who never returned home from war. Photo courtesy of Carmen S Peterson.

Old Village Fire Company Station 11 Dedicates Retired Fire Truck to Late Firefighter Christopher Roland



Members of the MTFD and Middletown Township Committee unveil the plaque dedicated to late firefighter Christopher Roland in front of his family.



Middletown business, Uras Monuments, donated the plaque for the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit.



Michelle Borghese wears a "Team Chris" t-shirt as she looks at the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit and reflects on her cousin's lasting legacy.

Last weekend, members of Old Village Fire Company Station 11, the Middletown Township Committee, and family and friends came together for the dedication of the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit. Christopher was a firefighter with the MTFD for thirteen years before he lost his battle with Huntington's Disease in 2018. His loved ones fondly remember his positive demeanor and love for life.

Going forward, the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit will carry fallen firefighters to their final resting place. Christopher is the first Middletown firefighter to be memorialized in this way.

There will be a New Jersey Team Hope Walk to fundraise for the Huntington's Disease Society of America on Saturday, October 2nd at 11 AM in Edison, NJ.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the upcoming walk and how you can support Team Chris.

Troop 122 Boy Scouts Spread their Wings and Soar to Eagle Scout Rank



Mayor Tony Perry shakes hands with Eagle Scout Rian M. McCusker while congratulating him and Eagle Scout Sean P. Purcell. Photo courtesy of The McCusker Family.

Last weekend, two Boy Scouts from Troop 122 were promoted to Eagle Scouts at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor that took place at VFW Post 2179. Eagle Scouts Rian M. McCusker and Sean P. Purcell dedicated an impressive amount of hard work and time to earn this promotion. Read below about the community service projects they completed to achieve this rank.

Rian revamped VFW Post 2179's kitchen by cleaning and painting it. VFW Post 2179 uses the kitchen on a weekly basis to serve food for dinners, monthly breakfasts, and special events. The kitchen's functionality allows post members to host fundraisers to support operations.

Sean refurbished VFW Post 2179's outdoor picnic area. He repaired and repainted picnic tables, as well as polished and fixed the grill. The outdoor area is a place where VFW Post 2179 and American Legion Post 515 hold their annual summer picnic, as well as other communal events.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts Rian and Sean! Thank you for making a difference in our community and for assisting our veterans.

Saker ShopRites, Inc. Receives Middletown's First Green Business Award



Pictured from left: Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino, Mayor Tony Perry, CEO of Saker ShopRites, Inc. Richard Saker, and Public Works & Engineering Director Ted Maloney.

Saker ShopRites, Inc. received Middletown's first Green Business Award at the Township Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 20th.

Saker ShopRites, Inc. opened its new Middletown ShopRite (1361 NJ-35) in June. The company has implemented environmentally-friendly practices throughout all its locations, especially at the Kings Commons shopping center that used 90% of the existing Sears structure in the construction of the current building on the property.

The ShopRite of Kings Commons was also built with the latest in energy-efficient technology, including LED lighting in the store and parking lot, and an HVAC system that uses demand ventilation, which adjusts to the changing environment maximizing efficiency. The store also features in-floor radiant heating, which uses reclaimed waste heat from the store's refrigeration system, a parking lot that uses bioswales to capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water runoff, as well as doors installed on refrigerated cases to reduce energy consumption up to 75%.

Saker ShopRites, Inc. also has a robust multi-stream recycling program and processes expired products through an onsite bio-digester in an effort to minimize waste. Any excess prepared foods or expiring food that can be frozen is donated to local food banks.

Congratulations, Saker ShopRites, Inc.! Thank you for your commitment to sustainability and for helping us preserve the beauty of our town for future generations.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, September 20th 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 Sunday, October 3rd.

Township Installs Water Fountain in Roosevelt Park for People & Pets



Front of the water fountain at Roosevelt Park

The Township is continuing to make upgrades to our local parks. Last week, a new ADA compliant stainless steel, outdoor water fountain was installed at Roosevelt Park (371 Port Monmouth Road). The water fountain features a bottle filler, pet fountain, and hose bib. Stop by to get hydrated!



Back of the water fountain at Roosevelt Park

Upcoming Events

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

Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on Sunday, September 26th from 4 - 6 PM



Join the Middletown Arts Center on Sunday, September 26th from 4 to 6 PM for

its September singer-songwriters showcase featuring local talents Denise Miller, R.G. Evans, Jenny Cat, and TheSunkenCity. 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.

Register Now for Fall Exercise Programs



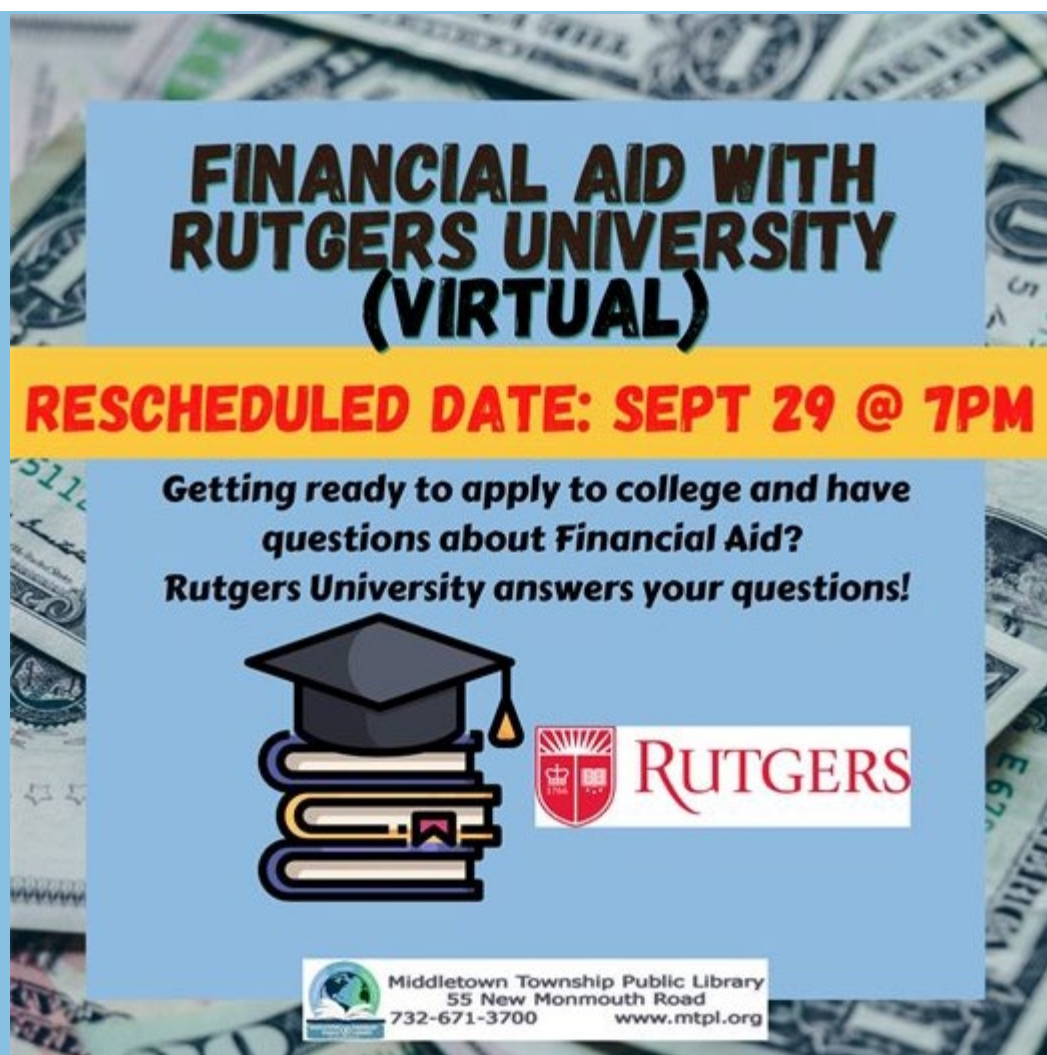
Middletown Recreation is offering fall exercise classes. Drop-in registration is available for both Yoga and Indoor Volleyball – come on down to Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) to try!

Yoga classes are for adults and presented weekly by Hot and Soul Yoga on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. 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. The program takes place on Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Registration has been extended for one week so it's not too late to sign your child up! Youth Running takes place at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

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



Prepare for College with the MTPL and Rutgers University on Wednesday, 9/29 at 7 PM


A poster for a virtual financial aid session. The background is a collage of US dollar bills. The main text is in a light blue box. The title 'FINANCIAL AID WITH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (VIRTUAL)' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'RESCHEDULED DATE: SEPT 29 @ 7PM' in red. The text 'Getting ready to apply to college and have questions about Financial Aid? Rutgers University answers your questions!' is in black. Below this is an illustration of a graduation cap on a stack of books, and the Rutgers University logo. At the bottom is the Middletown Township Public Library logo and contact information.

**FINANCIAL AID WITH
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
(VIRTUAL)**

RESCHEDULED DATE: SEPT 29 @ 7PM

**Getting ready to apply to college and have
questions about Financial Aid?
Rutgers University answers your questions!**



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

Getting ready to apply to college and have questions about financial aid? The Middletown Township Public Library is here to help!

Join the MTPL on Wednesday, September 29th to listen to Rutgers University discuss financial aid and answer your questions! The event will begin at 7 PM and take place over Zoom. Library visitors must follow current health and safety protocols. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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

Middletown Township is proud to welcome the Give2Those



STRIDE & RIDE RELAY EVENT

to Honor & Remember Our 9/11 Victims,
First Responders, Military & Veterans Lost During Any Era

Monday, 10/4 at 1:00 PM

**Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens
36 Church Street (next to the MAC)**



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

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Elmood Ave. to be Repaved between Monday, 9/27 and Tuesday, 9/28

Elmwood Avenue, between Leonardville Road and Oakland Avenue, is scheduled to be repaved on Monday, September 27th and Tuesday, September 28th, weather permitting. On-street parking on Elmwood Ave. will be prohibited for the duration of this work. Please follow posted traffic detours. Residents will be able to access their driveways on

Elmwood Ave. on Monday, September 27th, with intermittent disruptions.

On Tuesday, September 28th from 8 AM - 5 PM, there will be no vehicular access to or from Elmwood Avenue as the new asphalt is put in place. Please remove vehicles prior to 8 AM on September 28th. Parking will be available on adjacent streets.

If you have any concerns with access during construction or require special accommodations, please contact Lt. Neal Hansen, Traffic Division Commander, Middletown Township Police Department at (732) 275-7447.

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.

FALL 2021 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A, B, C, D, J, L	Monday, 11/22
I, G, E	Monday, 11/29
F, K, H	Friday, 12/10

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATES OF INDIVIDUAL ZONES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before your zone's start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) from Nov. 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round.

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

THE MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS SEEKING

SEASONAL WORKERS

IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

ROAD MAINTENANCE • PARK MAINTENANCE • BUILDING MAINTENANCE
FLEET MAINTENANCE • RECYCLING & CLEAN COMMUNITIES

 VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOBS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Bulk Collection: Accepted/Not Accepted Items

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:

METAL ITEMS
(GRILL, WEIGHT BENCHES & WEIGHTS, BEE HIVE, ETC.)

RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS
(COOLERS, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYGROUNDS, PLASTIC SHEDS, ETC.)

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES
(REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)

ELECTRONICS
(TVS, COMPUTERS, STEREOS, CELL PHONES, ETC.)

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

STYROFOAM

YARD WASTE
(BRUSH, GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES)

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
(BLOCKS, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)

LANDSCAPING DEBRIS
(DIRT, GRAVEL, STONE, CONCRETE, MULCH, WOOD, ETC.)

THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER (52 HANES LANE) OR BY CALLING 8PM AT 732-655-3090 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP. CONSIDER 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 & PADDING
(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](mailto: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.

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Upcoming Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS



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 Aid, 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 & INQUIRES,
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





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




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