



## Supplemental Leaf Collection for Early Pickup Zones Begins TOMORROW, 12/18

A graphic with a background of fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a dark border. Inside the box, the text "TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES SUPPLEMENTAL LEAF COLLECTION FOR EARLY PICKUP ZONES" is written in a bold, serif font, all in capital letters. Below this, a dark red banner contains the text "COLLECTION WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEW YEAR'S EVE (WEATHER PERMITTING)".

Due to the changes in weather this fall season, the first leaf collection zones will have a supplemental collection due to their early scheduled pickup.

The additional collection will begin in the following zones on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:

**ZONES A, B, C, D, J & L**

To find your leaf collection zone, visit [www.middletownnj.org/zonemap](http://www.middletownnj.org/zonemap).

**LEAF COLLECTION ONLY- NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING**

- Place leaves in a neat row at the curb, not in the road.
- Do not bag leaves. Bagged leaves will not be collected.
- Do not mix brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage.
- Do not set out leaves after your zone has been collected. Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection.

Residents can continue to bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanies Lane) until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Brush is accepted year-round. Contractor/Landscaper drop-off of leaves and brush is prohibited.

**CHANGES TO NEXT YEAR'S LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE:**  
The Township is planning to adjust next year's leaf collection schedule to address a potential extended fall season in 2022.

The recycling logo for Middletown Township is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic. It is a circular emblem with a blue background. Inside the circle, there are symbols for recycling: a chasing arrows triangle, a tree, a person walking, and a recycling bin. The text "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP" is at the top and "RECYCLING" is at the bottom.

Due to changes in the weather this fall season, the first leaf collection zones will have a supplemental collection due to their early scheduled pickup. This additional collection will begin in the following zones on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: A, B, C, D, J, L. Please have your leaves curbside before this Saturday.

This collection is expected to be completed by New Year's Eve (weather permitting).

As a reminder, this collection is ONLY for leaves. Brush will be picked up in the spring. The Township is planning to adjust next year's leaf collection schedule to address a potential extended fall season in 2022.

[Click HERE to find your zone.](#)

[Click HERE to read the original press release about this collection.](#)

[Click HERE for more information about general leaf collection.](#)

## Congratulations to the Newly-elected 2022 Middletown Township Fire Chiefs!



*Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, 2022's Third Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly, Second Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti, First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr., Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, Mayor Tony Perry, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell*

Volunteers of the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD), along with friends, family, and members of the Township Committee attended the 2022 Fire Chiefs Election at Belford Engine Fire Company on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr., First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Second Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti, and Third Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly on their appointments.

Thank you for leading the MTFD and for your commitment to serving and protecting our community!

As this year comes to a close, we would also like to thank 2021 Fire Chief John Friedmann for his incredible leadership and his devotion to our all-volunteer Fire Department, as well as our residents.

## Congratulations to Middletown Fire Academy's Graduates!



*Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, 2022 First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., 2021 Fire Chief John Friedmann, MTFD graduates and newest recruits Ashley Glenn, Francis Szklarski, Matt Morton, Steven Rodermann, Russell Levi, James Franzek, Mayor Tony Perry, 2022 Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, and 2022 Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr.*

**Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were honored to attend the Middletown Fire Academy's graduation earlier this week. This program lasts for five months and trains incoming firefighters throughout Monmouth County. Seven out of the seventeen graduates are Middletown residents and will be serving the Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD).**

***Congratulations to all the graduates!  
Please stay safe and thank you for serving our community!***

## MTPD Participates in National "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign This Holiday Season

Middletown Township Police Department and state law enforcement officials will be conducting saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints looking for motorists who may be driving while intoxicated through January 1, 2022.



### ● ● ● Advice for the Holiday Season ● ● ●

- Take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity or party is held.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement.
- Always buckle-up, every ride.
- Be responsible. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel.
- If you are intoxicated or traveling on foot, the safest way to get home is to take a cab or have a sober friend or family member drive or escort you to your doorstep.

Law enforcement officials will be cracking down on drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs as part of the annual end-of-year "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. The national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" effort endeavors to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving through a combination of high-visibility enforcement and public education.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release about this important campaign.

## Bayview Elementary School Students Sing Christmas Carols at Town Hall



Ms. Mary Pat Harrington, with the help of her colleagues and students, teaches members of the Township Committee and



Mayor Tony Perry enjoys Christmas carols as Ms. Mary Pat Harrington signs the lyrics in ASL.



Mayor Tony Perry expresses his gratitude after one of the students came to center of the room to offer the \$200 they

MTPD how to sign "Merry Christmas" in ASL.

raised, which was enclosed in a handmade, paper veteran and envelope!

Earlier this week, 26 students from Bayview Elementary School brought some holiday cheer to Town Hall by singing and signing Christmas carols for members of the Township Committee, Middletown Township Police Department, and Township staff. Four teachers and thirteen paraprofessionals accompanied the students from Ms. Amy Jennings, Ms. Amanda LaGuardia, and Ms. Nicole Rotendella's three multiple disability classes (Grades K-5) for this cheerful celebration. These fun visitors also taught Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Deputy Police Chief John Kaiser how to sign "Merry Christmas" in ASL. Ms. Mary Pat Harrington, who teaches sign language at Bayview Elementary, interpreted everything in ASL.

After singing and signing, the students presented Mayor Perry with \$200 they raised for the incoming veterans-only affordable housing complex that will be located at 37-45 Leonardville Road. They presented the money in an envelope and paper soldier they designed, which will be featured at the housing complex.

The students and staff raised this money through the Heroes Cafe, an idea Ms. Amy Jennings and her students implemented at Bayview Elementary earlier this year.

Now, all three classes volunteer at the Heroes Cafe together. The students sort orders and prepare ready-to-brew cups for free, and patrons could pay this act of kindness forward by donating money to an important cause. In the past, they donated money to No Limits Cafe, a Middletown-based café that employs individuals with development disabilities.

*Thank you to these three classes for spreading some holiday spirit with their Christmas carols and generous donation!*



## Middletown Township Committee to Host In-person and Virtual Regular Meeting on Monday, 12/20

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, December 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 2347 381 4461 followed by #. Enter 2021 if a passcode is required.

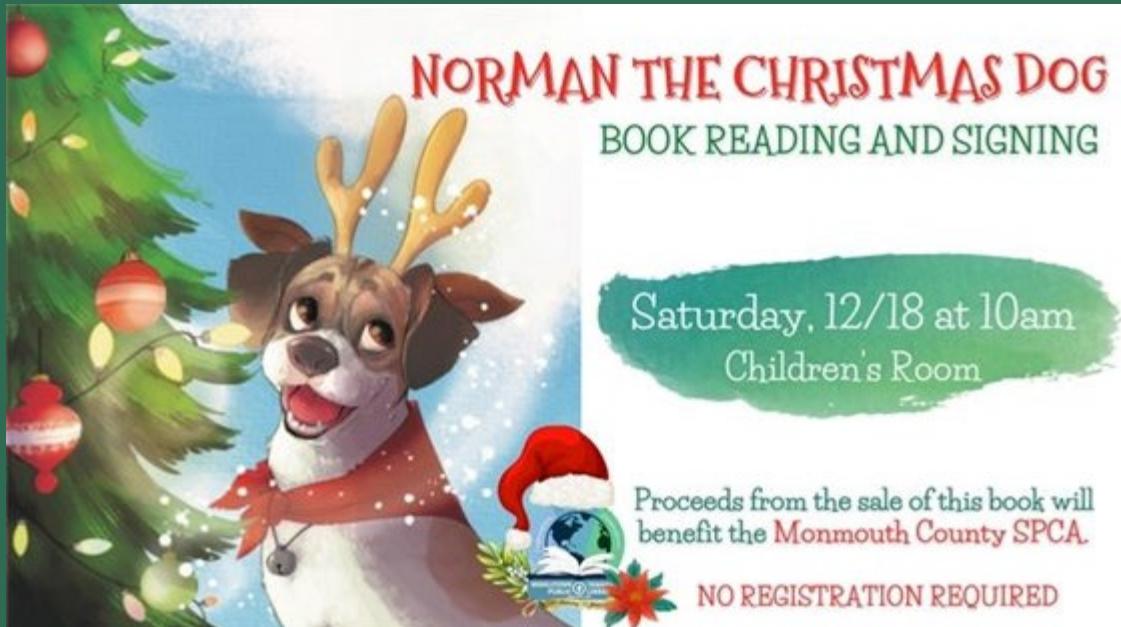
Prior to the Township Committee Meeting, the event link will be published on the Township's [Facebook page](#). The recording of the meeting will be aired on the Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and YouTube channel.

**Click [HERE](#) to view the meeting agenda.**  
**Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Support the Monmouth County SPCA and Attend a Book Reading and Signing for "Norman the Christmas Dog" at the MTPL on Saturday, 12/18 at 10 AM**



Join the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) this Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for a fun and festive family pop-up program! Come to the Children's Room at 10 AM to meet Norman the Christmas Dog and hear his Christmas story! Norman the Christmas Dog is a children's book about the true story of one dog's Christmas wish to be rescued and find a family of his very own. After the reading, the books will be on sale and autographed.

Proceeds will benefit the Monmouth County SPCA. Registration is NOT required.

*We hope to see you at this PAW-some event!*

**Purchase Tickets to Watch *It's a Wonderful Life* at the MAC on Sunday, 12/19 at 2 PM**

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
**A LIVE RADIO PLAY**

Sunday  
December  
19th - 2pm  
Tickets \$12  
Online or at  
the door

**MIDDLETOWN  
ARTS CENTER**

**Middletown Arts Center**  
36 Church St., Middletown, NJ 07748  
[www.middletownarts.org/events](http://www.middletownarts.org/events)  
732-706-4100

**Presented by**

**CLASSIC  
RADIO  
ROAD  
SHOW**

Enjoy this holiday presentation of *It's a Wonderful Life*, based on the 1946 Christmas classic, by the Classic Radio Road Show at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM! Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. General admission costs \$12, but the show is free for those who are blind and visually impaired.

*It's a Wonderful Life*

An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

*Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets.*  
*Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

**Pre-register for Recreation's Moonrise Hike on  
Monday, 12/20 at 4:30 PM and Stories by Candlelight on  
Thursday, 12/23 at 4:00 PM**

The graphic features two main sections. The left section is for the 'Moonrise Hike' at Poricy Park, showing a night scene with a full moon and pine trees. The right section is for 'Stories by Candlelight' at Murray Farmhouse, showing a candlelit scene with snowflakes. Both sections include event details and logos for Poricy Park and Middletown Recreation.

**Poricy Park**  
**Moonrise Hike**  
December 20, 4:30 PM | FREE!

**Murray Farmhouse**  
**Stories by Candlelight**  
December 23, 4:00 PM | \$5.00

Pre-Registration Required:  
[www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup)

### **Moonrise Hike**

Join Recreation for a hike on the longest night of the year on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>! This free event will begin at 4:30 PM. Bundle up and enjoy beautiful Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) in the early evening. The hike will take approximately 1 hour and cover 1.5 miles of easy terrain, with only one large hill. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Warm up after with hot cocoa by the fire and then watch the moon rise. Pre-registration is recommended.

*[Click HERE for more information.](#)*

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

### **Stories by Candlelight**

Celebrate the holidays at the Murray Farmhouse in Poricy Park! Join Recreation's costumed interpreter on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> in reading stories of the season, sipping hot cider, and enjoying the warmth of the hearth fire. Stories by Candlelight will begin at 4 PM and is fun for all ages! Pre-registration is required. Tickets cost \$5 per participant.

*[Click HERE for more information.](#)*

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

**Register NOW for Recreation's Weekly Winter Programs!**



**WEEKLY WINTER PROGRAMS**

**MIDDLETOWN RECREATION**

**PORICY PARK**

**Yoga**  
Tuesdays | 6:30p-7:30p  
Croydon Hall Gym

**Indoor Volleyball**  
Tuesdays | 7:30p-9:30p  
Croydon Hall Gym

**After-School Science Club**  
Tuesdays | 4:00p-5:00p  
Poricy Park

Start the new year with some new, healthy habits by registering for Recreation's weekly winter programs! Yoga classes (adults only) meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM and are presented by Hot and Soul Yoga. Indoor Volleyball (adult co-ed teams, picked new each night) meets on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Both programs take place at the Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road). Drop-in registration is available for both.

Don't wait for next summer to continue your Poricy science adventures! We've got STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and fun to be had! Each week features a different topic and will include an outdoor hike (weather permitting). After-School Science Club (Grades K-3) meets on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 PM at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

All three activities begin on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Use your Community Pass account to sign up.

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

**Donate to the MTPL's Holiday Gift Drive through Wednesday, 12/22**



Spread the love and support local families in need through the Middletown Township Public Library's (55 New Monmouth Road) "We Are Loved" Holiday Gift Drive! The library is collecting unwrapped new gifts and gift cards for children of all ages until Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please leave unwrapped gift donations in the gift-wrapped donation box near the "Staff Recommendations" bookshelf, which is across from the circulation desk.

*Thank you in advance for your generous donation!*



Middletown-Lincroft Road, from West Front Street and Nutswamp Road, will close to vehicular traffic from 9 AM on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to 3 PM on Tuesday,

December 21<sup>st</sup> to replace the pedestrian bridge over Crooked Run Brook. The bridge is being replaced due to age and normal deterioration.

Middletown-Lincroft Road will remain open to pedestrians and local traffic only up to the point of the closure. All other motorists should follow the posted detours. All traffic should expect travel delays throughout the entire project.

**Click [HERE](#) to register for emergency and traffic alerts.**

**Click [HERE](#) to read the original press release from Monmouth County.**



## COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinic at MTPL Now Open on Mondays and Wednesdays: Pre-Register Now!

A graphic for a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. It features a background image of a person's hands. Text on the left includes "Middletown Partners with VNACJ to Provide Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinics", "WHERE: Community Room, Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)", "WHEN: Mondays, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (by appointment only, ages 5+) and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM (walk-ins accepted after 11:30 AM)", and "SIGN UP: Use the QR code to pre-register or visit [middletownnj.org/vnacj](http://middletownnj.org/vnacj)". A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

The vaccine clinic at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) will now also be administering COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots, by appointment only, for people ages 5+ on Mondays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in addition to its regular hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Walk-ins can receive their vaccines and booster shots on Wednesdays between the hours of 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

You do not need to be a Middletown resident to register. Those seeking vaccines should bring their ID and insurance card if they have one. Those seeking boosters should also bring their vaccine card.



**Click on the graphic for information about vaccine eligibility.**

[Click HERE to read the full press release.](#)  
[Click HERE to pre-register for your appointment.](#)

## Weekly COVID-19 Testing at Middletown Train Station Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 7 PM

MIDDLETOWN COVID-19 TESTING CENTER AT TRAIN STATION RE-OPENS

# COVID-19 TESTING

\$150/ TEST UNLESS MEDICALLY NECESSARY  
(EXPOSURE, SHOWING SYMPTOMS, ETC.)

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MIDDLETOWN TRAIN  
STATION PARKING LOT  
MAIN PARKING LOT OFF OF MIDDLETOWN-LINCROFT ROAD

VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COVID19SCREENING)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE.



Immediate Care will be offering COVID-19 RT-PCR testing at the Middletown Train Station each week on Monday and Thursday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. Results will be emailed within 48-72 hours. Testing is covered by insurance unless a test is deemed not to be medically necessary (i.e. you are not showing symptoms or have been exposed).

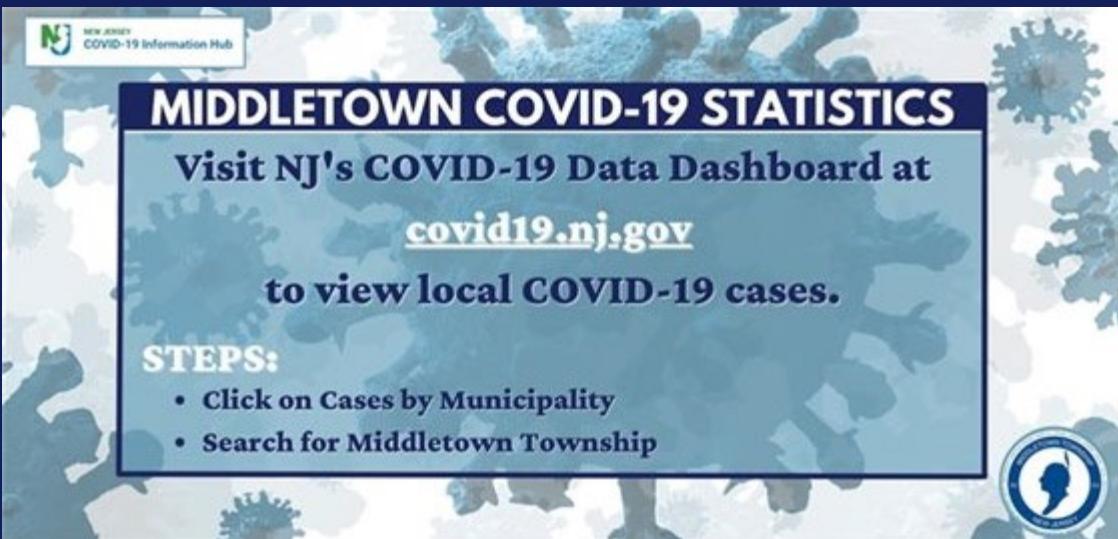
[Click HERE to pre-register.](#)

**MIDDLETOWN COVID-19 STATISTICS**

Visit NJ's COVID-19 Data Dashboard at  
[covid19.nj.gov](http://covid19.nj.gov)  
to view local COVID-19 cases.

**STEPS:**

- Click on Cases by Municipality
- Search for Middletown Township



[Click HERE to view the state's data dashboard.](#)

Monmouth County Regional Health Commission  
Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

## MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

DECEMBER 2021

- COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free & effective
- Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen available for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & booster doses
- Walk- ins welcome ages 5 & up
- 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., December 1- Asbury Park- 4pm-7pm, Asbury Parking Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza  
This site is available for testing and vaccination
- Thurs., December 2- Hazlet- 10am-1pm, James C. Cullen Community Center, 1776 Union Ave
- Sat., December 4- Howell- 8am-12pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Rd
- Mon., December 6- Holmdel- 10am-1pm, Holmdel Senior Center, 6 Crawford's Corner Rd
- Wed., December 8- Millstone- 3:30pm-6pm, Millstone Middle School, 5 Dawson Ct
- Wed., December 8- Neptune- 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 Corlies Ave  
This site is available for testing and vaccination
- Thurs., December 9- Hazlet- 2pm-3:30pm, Baytuliman Academy, 311 Laurel Ave
- Sat., December 11- Neptune- 8:30am-11:30am, Neptune Midtown School, 1155 Corlies Ave
- Mon., December 13- Red Bank- 4pm-6:30pm, Red Bank Primary School, 222 River St
- Wed., December 15- Keyport- 4pm-7pm, Keyport Senior Center, 110 2nd St  
This site is available for testing and vaccination
- Thurs., December 16- Marlboro- 10am-1pm, Marlboro Recreation Center, 1996 Recreation Way
- Wed., December 29- Howell- 8am-12pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Rd

**+** Every Tuesday from 2PM-6PM at Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft Children's Learning Center (CLC).  
Parking Lots 4 & 5

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRIES, VISIT  
[WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH](http://WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH) OR CALL 732-431-7456



*Click on the graphic to view it larger.*  
*Click [HERE](#) for Township COVID-19 information and updates.*



Screenshot of the MCHD app

## Monmouth County Launches Health Department App

The Monmouth County Health Department (MCHD) has launched its new app which will look to provide residents and visitors to Monmouth County with real-time news and information about services available through the County Health Department.

The "Monmouth County Health Department" app is available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. For more information, call MCHD at 732-431-7456 or go to [www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com).

*Click [HERE](#) to read the County's full press release.*  
*Click [HERE](#) to download the app from the Apple App Store.*  
*Click [HERE](#) to download the app from the Google Play Store.*

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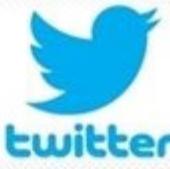


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