



Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 12/24

**Recycling Center Closing at 2 PM on Friday, 12/24 and
Closed on Saturday, 12/25**

Happy Holidays
from Middletown Township

Municipal offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Day and Friday, December 31st in observance of New Year's Day.

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Ln.) will close at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 24th, and will be closed on both Saturday, December 25th and Saturday, January 1st. The Center will hold regular business hours on Friday, December 31st.

Township Committee Honors Local Heroes with Life Saving Valor Awards and Recognizes Assistant to the Mayor Maureen T. Raisch for 20 Years of Dedicated Service to Middletown



Pictured from left: 2022 MTFD Second Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti, First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Mayor Tony Perry, and Life Saving Valor Award recipients Arthur Kaylor, Justin Lombardi, and Anthony Watterson

At Monday's Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, along with Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) Chiefs Anthony Fulciniti and William Kane Jr., presented Life Saving Valor Awards to three Middletown residents who worked together to rescue individuals from a house fire on Thanksgiving morning.

Arthur Kaylor was driving home because he forgot some belongings when he saw a house on fire. Anthony Watterson happened to drive a different route home, which led him in the direction of the flames. The two strangers worked together, alongside Justin Lombardi who was inside the house, to break a door and get both Justin and the homeowner to safety.

Middletown is proud to have residents whose first instincts are to help others. Thank you Arthur, Anthony, and Justin for this true act of heroism!



Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Assistant to the Mayor Maureen Raisch, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino

The Township Committee also honored Assistant to the Mayor Maureen Raisch with a proclamation and an engraved clock to recognize her 20 years of dedicated service to the Township and our residents. Maureen will be sworn in as Monmouth County's Surrogate next month. We thank her for the time she has spent assisting our community and we wish her all the best!

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, December 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 Friday, December 31st.

Annual Reorganization Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, 1/2 at 10 AM in Courtroom at New Town Hall



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Remember to Renew Your 2022 Dog License Between Saturday, 1/1 and Monday, 1/31



Attention All Dog Owners: **2022 Dog License Renewals Beginning 1/1/2022**

Look out for your dog license renewal paperwork in the coming weeks. It will be mailed and emailed to you (if you have an email address on file). Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1st and January 31st. Late fees begin February 1st.

Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 or visit middletownnj.org/petlicensing.

All dog licenses expire on December 31st of each year. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail between January 1st and January 31st. Late fees begin February 1st.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about our pet licensing policy.

**A Christmas Book Reading
Benefiting a Great Cause**

Last Saturday, community members of all ages attended a special reading of "Norman the Christmas



"Dog" at the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL). Author Candace Faust, Illustrator Morgan Spicer, and Norman, the dog who inspired it all, were there to read, sell, and sign books! Proceeds went to the Monmouth County SPCA.

"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.

"Norman the Christmas Dog" can be found at several stores, including Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

We hope everyone enjoyed this paw-some event!

MTPL Closed on Friday, 12/24 and Saturday, 12/25

A graphic titled "Holiday Week Library Schedule" in large red letters. The schedule is listed in a table with icons and dates. The background features a light blue color with white snowflakes and a snowman on the right side. The library's logo is in the bottom left corner.

 FRIDAY, 12/24	CLOSED- Merry Christmas Eve!
 SATURDAY, 12/25	CLOSED - Merry Christmas!
 FRIDAY, 12/31	HALF DAY -9 AM - 12:30 PM
 SATURDAY, 1/1	CLOSED- Happy New Year!

 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
Norman the Dog Story

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.



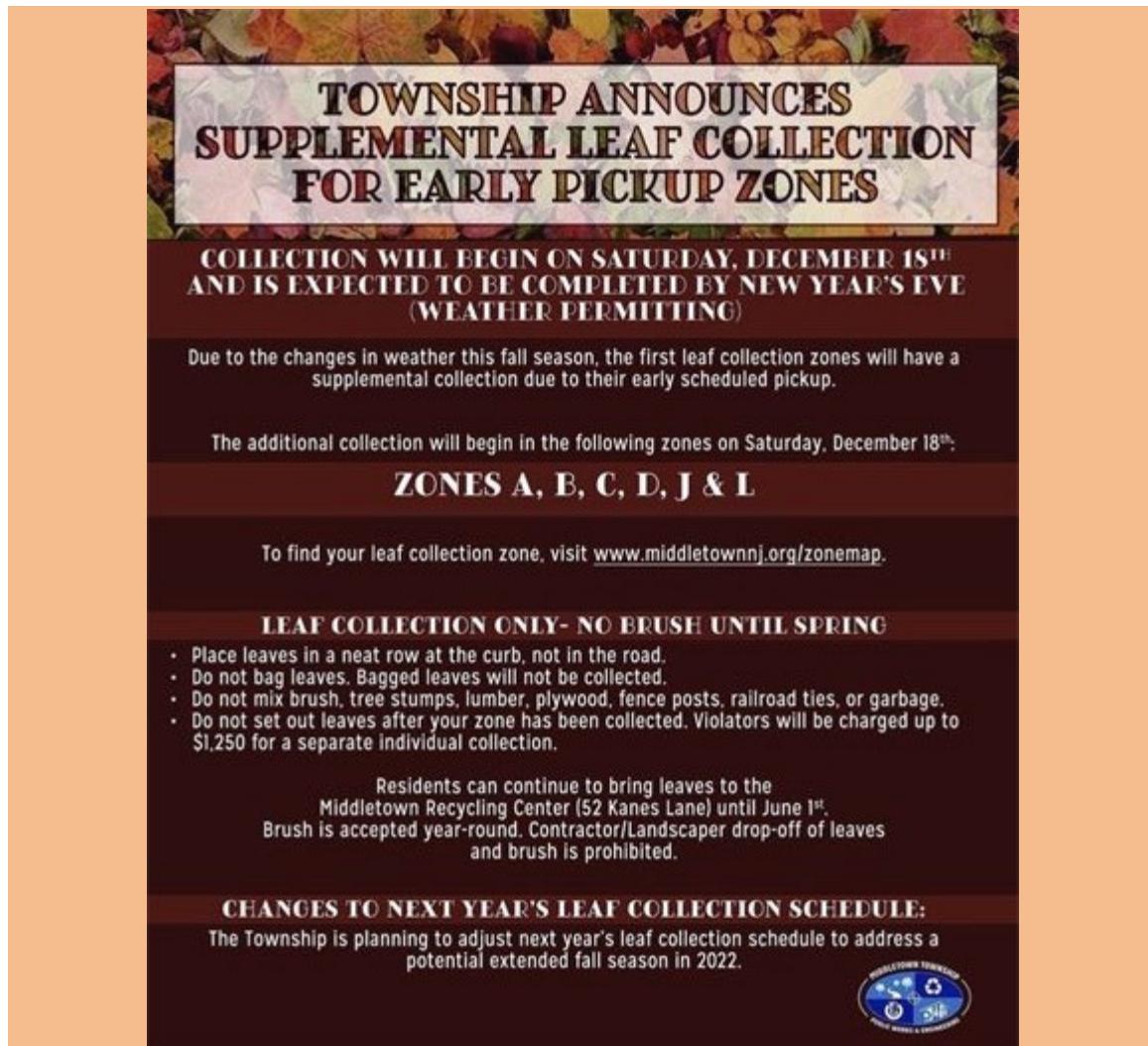
● ● ● Advice for the Holiday Season ● ● ●

- 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.

Supplemental Leaf Collection for Early Pickup Zones Continues Through New Year's Eve



**TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES
SUPPLEMENTAL LEAF COLLECTION
FOR EARLY PICKUP ZONES**

**COLLECTION WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
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 18th:

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

To find your leaf collection zone, visit 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 Kanes Lane) until June 1st. 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.



Due to changes in the weather this fall season, the first leaf collection zones are having a supplemental collection due to their early scheduled pickup. This additional collection began in the following zones last weekend: A, B, C, D, J, L.

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.



NJ Poison Center Advisory: Hidden Hazards of Holiday Season

The holidays are an exciting and busy time of year! Whether you're traveling near or far, hosting or attending a gathering, or just cozying up at home, it's

important to be aware of hidden holiday hazards that can potentially cause serious injury.

Anything can be poisonous if used in the wrong way, in the wrong amount, or by the wrong person. Hidden dangers involve more than just medicines and

chemicals. It's important to note that accidents happen to everyone, not just kids and pets.

The holidays are also a time to be aware of the increased risk of illness. Holiday activities carry a high risk for spreading germs causing colds, flu and COVID-19. This year choose safer ways to celebrate, including becoming fully vaccinated and getting a COVID-19 booster.

Click [HERE](#) to read safety tips in the original press release by the New Jersey Poison Control Center.



Register NOW for Recreation's Weekly Winter Programs!



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 4th. Use your Community Pass

account to sign up.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the yoga classes.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Indoor Volleyball.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the After-School Science Club.

Click [HERE](#) to register for any of the above programs.

Register Your Children for MAC's Day Off From School Program Next Week, Monday, 12/27 - Friday, 12/31



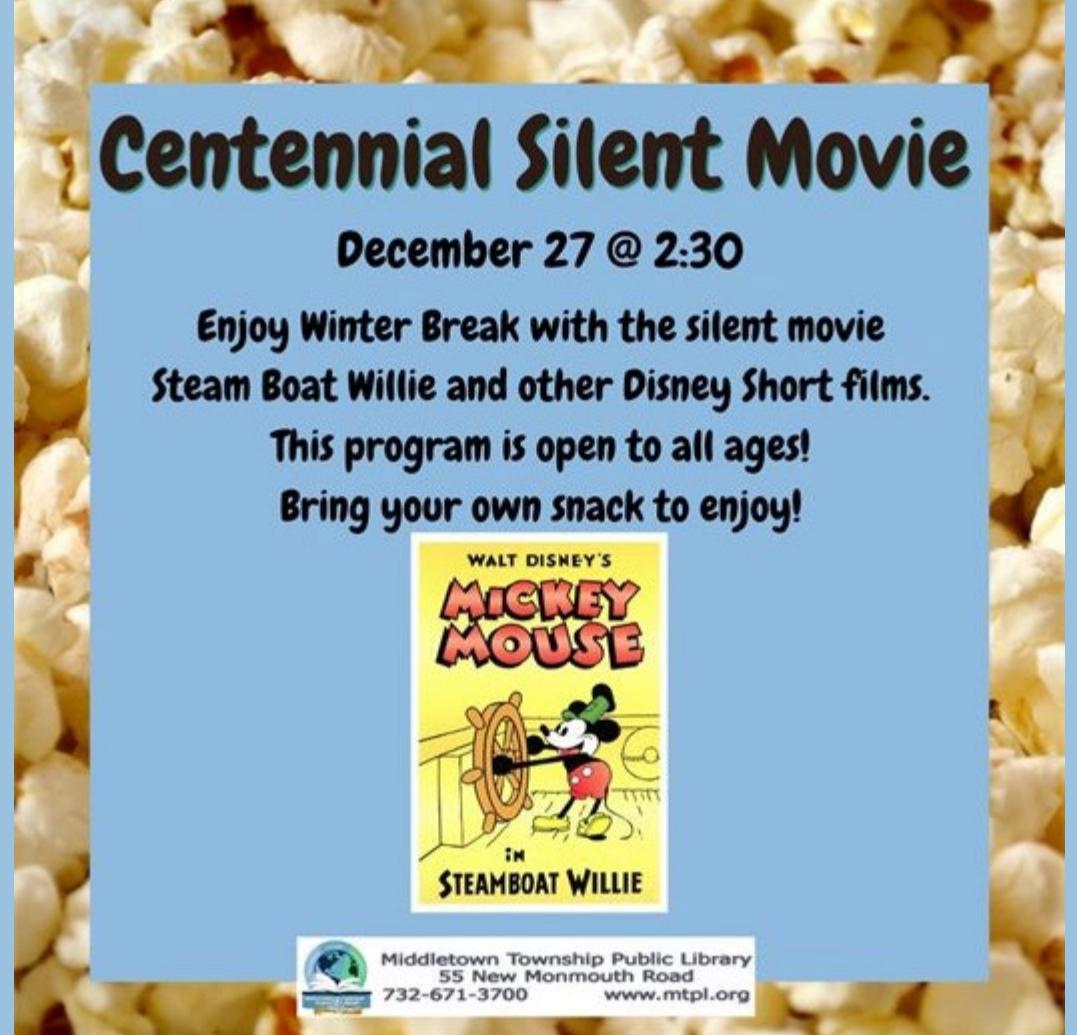
Are your children in elementary school and on winter break? Register them for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Day Off From School Program!

The MAC is offering day-camp programming for elementary school students when the Middletown school district is closed. Creative activities will fill the half and full-day options led by Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude and friends! Day camp will take place at the MAC Annex at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway).

The MAC will be offering full-day programs from Monday, December 27th to Thursday, December 30th. Friday, December 31st will be a half-day.

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

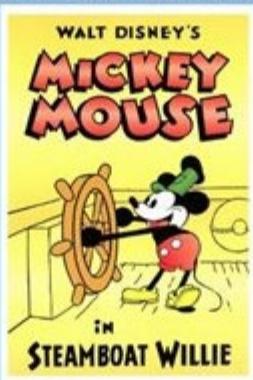
Register for MTPL's Centennial Silent Movie on Monday, 12/27 at 2:30 PM



Centennial Silent Movie

December 27 @ 2:30

**Enjoy Winter Break with the silent movie
Steam Boat Willie and other Disney Short films.
This program is open to all ages!
Bring your own snack to enjoy!**



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

Looking for something fun to do over winter break? Come to the Middletown Township Public Library on Monday, December 27th to watch Mickey Mouse's silent movie, *Steam Boat Willie*, and other Disney short films!

This program is open to all ages, and will take place in the Community Room at 2:30 PM. Bring your own snacks to munch on while you enjoy the movies! Registration is required.

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



TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP

Click [HERE](#) to register for emergency and traffic alerts.
Click [HERE](#) to read the original press release from Monmouth County.



**Weekly COVID-19 Testing at Middletown Train Station
Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 7 PM (or Until Capacity
is Reached) on First-Come, First-Served Basis**



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, or until the site reaches capacity. Tests will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. 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](#) for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to fill out a form prior to taking the test.*

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



**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+)
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM (walk-ins accepted after 11:30 AM)

SIGN UP: Use the QR code to pre-register or visit middletownnj.org/vnacj.



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



[Click on the graphic for information about vaccine eligibility.](#)

NJ Health
New Jersey Department of Health

NJ Offering Free At-home PCR COVID-19 Tests

New Jersey is partnering with Vault Medical Services to deliver free COVID-19 tests to New Jersey homes. Residents can request a kit online, which will be shipped through UPS with next-day delivery.

A Vault healthcare professional will assist you with the test via Zoom. The test itself can take between 10-15 minutes. You can then mail the completed test back in pre-paid packaging with UPS' next-day delivery. Results should be received within a day or two.

Please visit learn.vaulthealth.com/nj to order a test and read more information about this new service.

The New Jersey Department of Health is partnering with Vault Medical Services to deliver free COVID-19 tests to residents.

[Click HERE to order a test and read more about this new service.](#)

MIDDLETOWN COVID-19 STATISTICS

Visit NJ's COVID-19 Data Dashboard at 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

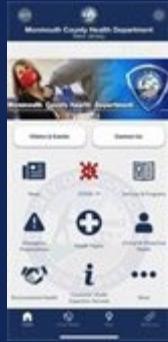


- Wed., December 1- Asbury Park- 4pm-7pm, Asbury Parking Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza This site is available for testing and vaccination
- Thurs., December 2- Hazlet- 10am-1pm, James C. Cullen Community Center, 1776 Union Ave
- Sat., December 4- Howell- 8am-12pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 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 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.

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