



Municipal Offices Closed on Friday, 12/31

Recycling Center Open on Friday, 12/31 and Closed on Saturday, 1/1



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



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

NORTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION POSTPONED UNTIL 1/8

**DUE TO A COVID-19 RELATED STAFFING SHORTAGE AT SOLTERRA,
THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, BULK COLLECTION IN THE
NORTH ZONE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH.**

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



GET THE  APP TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND BULK COLLECTION CHANGES VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.

*Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Apple App Store.
Click [HERE](#) to download Recycle Coach from the Google Play Store.*

**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.

**Pre-register for Free Dog Rabies Clinic Happening on
Wednesday, 1/19 from 5 - 6:30 PM**

FREE DOG RABIES CLINIC

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY, 1/19 FROM 5-6:30PM

CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

*Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult.
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.

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

Christmas Tree Collection Dates
South Zone: Saturday, 1/15 and North Zone: Saturday, 1/22



**MTPL Closing Early on Friday, 12/31 at 12:30 PM and
Closed on Saturday, 1/1**



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.



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.

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.

CHANCES 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](#) for more information about general leaf collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register for MTPL's Tween DIY: Design-Your-Own Calendar on Tuesday, 1/4 at 6:30 PM



Join the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) in the Children's Program Room on Tuesday, January 4th for an afternoon of fun as you design your own calendar for 2022! This is a tween program that is open for participants between the ages of 9 and 12. Registration is required.

Library visitors must follow current health and safety protocols. Patrons over the age of 2 who are not vaccinated are required to wear a mask in the library.

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

Register NOW for Recreation's Weekly Winter Programs!



The poster features a purple and white background with snowflake patterns. At the top, the text "WEEKLY WINTER PROGRAMS" is written in large, bold, purple letters. Below this, the "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" logo is on the left and the "PORICY PARK" logo is on the right. The middle section contains three program descriptions: "Yoga" (Tuesday 6:30p-7:30p at Croydon Hall Gym), "Indoor Volleyball" (Tuesday 7:30p-9:30p at Croydon Hall Gym), and "After-School Science Club" (Tuesday 4:00p-5:00p at Poricy Park). Each program has a circular icon: a person in a lotus pose for Yoga, a pink and purple ribbon for Indoor Volleyball, and a person with arms raised for the Science Club.

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.](#)



Read Middletown Recreation's Winter 2022 Brochure!

Hot off the press! Middletown Recreation's Winter 2022 Brochure has information about fun winter activities at Poricy Park, weekly exercise classes at Croydon Hall, and more!

Check it out online or pick it up at the Middletown Recreation offices located at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road).

[Register for all events](#)

at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

Click [HERE](#) to read the brochure.



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**



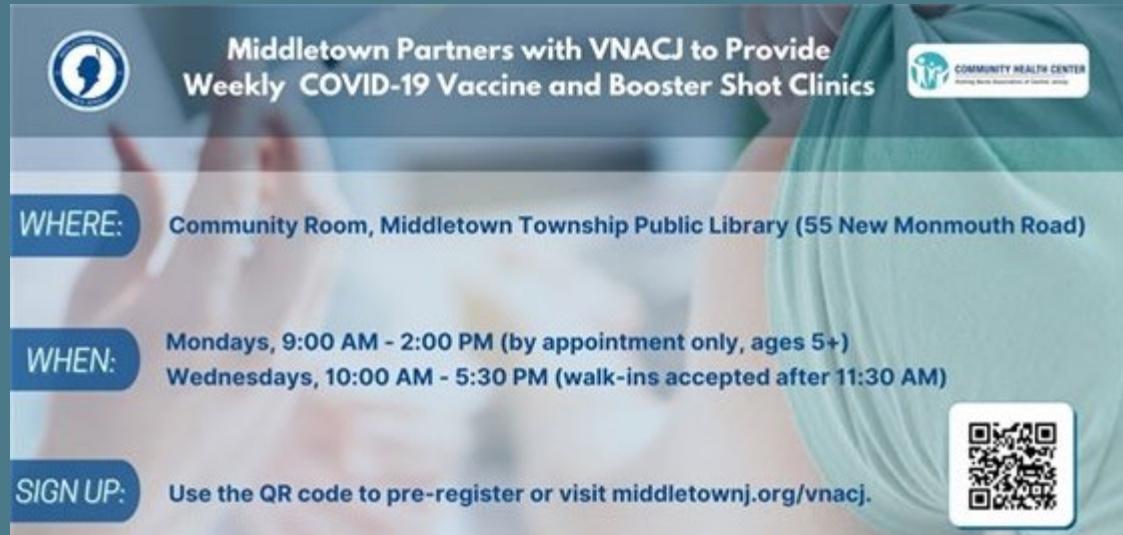
Immediate Care will be offering COVID-19 RT-PCR testing at the Middletown Train Station each week on Monday and Thursday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM, or until the site reaches capacity. Tests will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Results will

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)

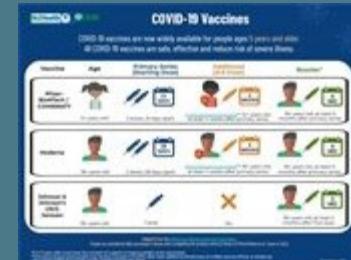
SIGN UP: Use the QR code to pre-register or visit middletownnj.org/vnacj.

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 Offering Free At-home PCR COVID-19 Tests

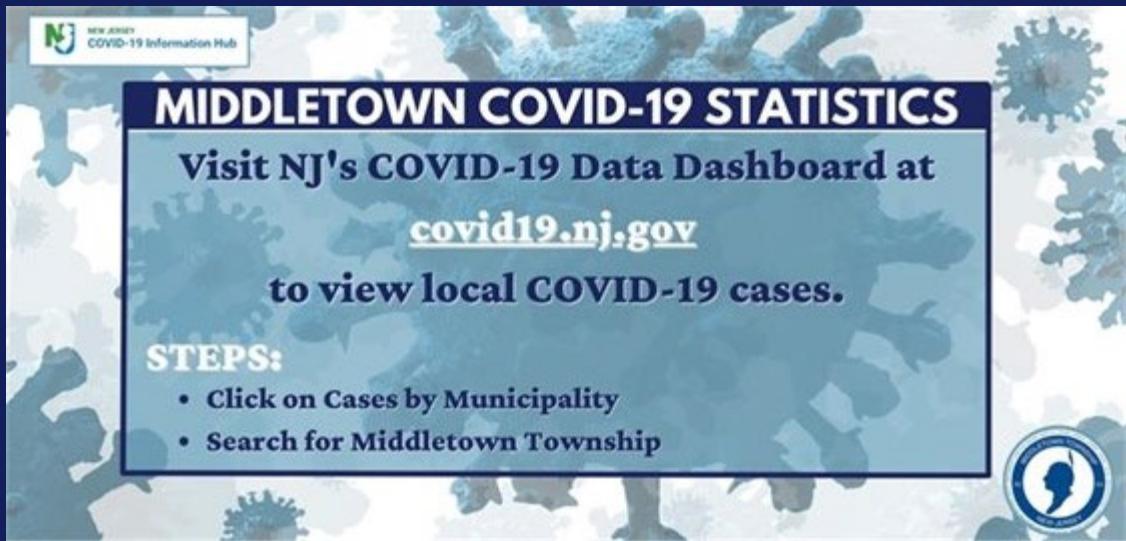
New Jersey is partnering with Vault Medical Services to deliver free COVID-19 tests to New Jersey homes. Residents can request a kit online, which will be shipped through UPS with next-day delivery.

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.



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.](#)
[Click HERE to download the app from the Apple App Store.](#)
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