

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Earth Day Food Drive earlier today! Middletown Township was honored to partner with local nonprofit Move for Hunger to fight food waste.

According to Feeding America, approximately 40% of high-quality food is thrown away rather than eaten every year. This Earth Day, residents like YOU helped decrease that number by donating good, unused foods!

*Once again, Happy Earth Day from Middletown!*



Mayor Tony Perry and Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Lynn Ticino proudly smile with all the donations from our Earth Day Food Drive with local nonprofit Move for Hunger!

## Township Committee Proclaims April as National Donate Life Month in Middletown



*Pictured from left: Middletown resident Ron Walsh, NJ Sharing Network Volunteer Nancy Buddle, Vice Chair of the NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board Jane Buckiewicz, and Mayor Tony Perry*

**At Monday's meeting, the Township Committee proclaimed April as National Donate Life Month. Two representatives from NJ Sharing Network and one Middletown resident all spoke about the importance of organ and tissue transplantation and how it has directly impacted their lives.**

**One organ donor can save 8 lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others.**

**Today is National Donate Life Blue & Green Day! We encourage our residents to wear blue and green to help bring awareness to this important cause.**

**Click [HERE](#) to watch the Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Township Committee Regular Meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (VerizonFIOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM until Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Check Out the New Edition of Middletown Matters!**

*Ideal Beach*  
Photo by FJM Fine Art Photography

# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS SPRING 2022



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:  
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS).

*Click [HERE](#) to read it online before it arrives in your mailbox.*

## North Zone Bulk Collection Delayed to Monday, 4/25

### DELAY TO NORTH ZONE BULK COLLECTION

DUE TO TEMPORARY STAFFING ISSUES AT SOLTERRA, THE TOWNSHIP'S GARBAGE CONTRACTOR, BULK COLLECTION WAS NOT COMPLETED ON THURSDAY, 4/21. ANY BULK NOT COLLECTED ON THURSDAY WILL BE RECOVERED ON MONDAY, 4/25. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



## We're Hiring: Apply for Recreation's Summer Camp!



the best days are spent at CAMP

# We're Hiring

for 6 weeks of fun!

Virtual Group Interview  
4/28 3pm-4pm



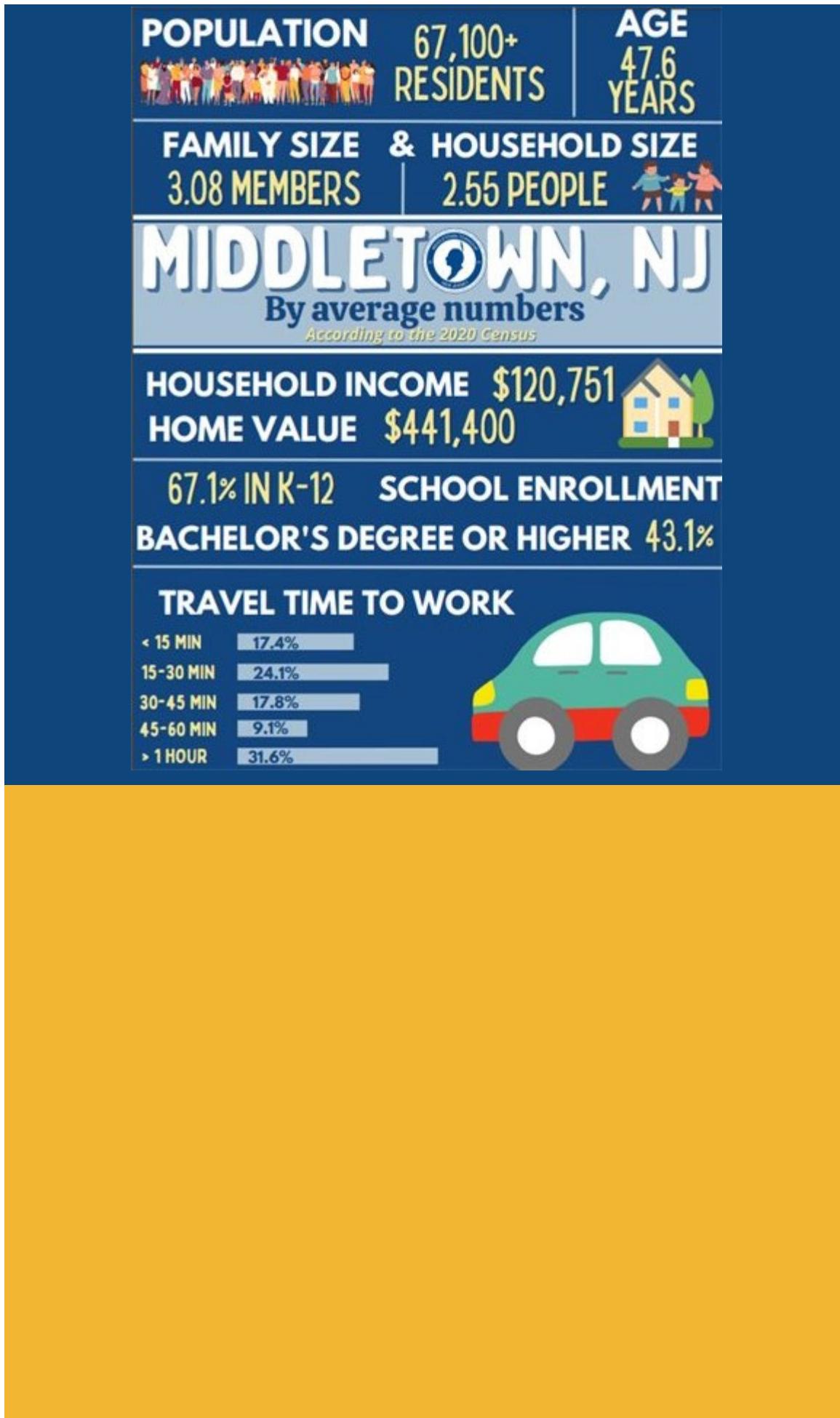
MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION

A graphic for summer camp recruitment. It features two photographs: one of a diverse group of campers (two boys and two girls) and one of a camp counselor (a man) with several campers. The text "the best days are spent at CAMP" is at the top, followed by a large "We're Hiring" heading and "for 6 weeks of fun!". Below that is a box for a "Virtual Group Interview" on "4/28 3pm-4pm" with a cursor icon pointing to it. The Middletown Recreation logo is at the bottom.

Middletown Recreation is hiring summer camp coordinators and counselors! The next virtual group interview is on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 4 PM.

*Click [HERE](#) for full job descriptions and to apply.*

**Check Out Some Interesting 2020 Census Statistics!**



**DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET...**

**LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!**



**The Middletown Township Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their cars and take the key fob inside. Thefts of cars and property are often due to keys being left inside vehicles and failure to lock the doors.**

**REMEMBER**

**LOCKING YOUR DOORS IS AN EASY WAY TO  
PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY!**



**Seeking Employers!**

**Middletown Community Affairs Council to Host 30<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Student Job Fair on Wednesday, 5/4**

# MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FAIR

The Middletown High School Student Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for high school students and employers to meet and discuss employment opportunities in a relaxed and organized environment.

Registration is not required for students and there is no charge for employers who wish to participate. Employer participation is not limited to Middletown businesses. This event is open to students ages 16 and older.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)**



*Employers who would like to join can contact  
Mitch Gotesky (732-915-2445/nycred1@aol.com) or  
John Giordano (732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com)*

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

**Laurel Avenue Closed As of Monday, 4/18**



In response to the bridge strike that occurred last month on Laurel Avenue between Holland Road and Route 35, NJ Transit is performing repairs on the North Jersey Coast Line Bridge that goes over Laurel Avenue in both Holmdel and Middletown. These repairs will cause various lane closures along Laurel Avenue for approximately two months. **As of Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, Laurel Ave. is completely closed. Detours (directing residents to Holland Rd. to Church St. to New Monmouth Rd. to Rt. 35) have been put in place, but we encourage residents to plan alternate

routes. Officers are also present to help regulate traffic.

**Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view a detour map.**  
**Click [HERE](#) to register for instant traffic and safety emergency updates.**



## Rabid Skunk Found in Area of Leonardville Rd. in Leonardo

The Middletown Township Health Department responded to a call about a skunk acting abnormally on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the area of Leonardville Road in Leonardo, between Appleton Avenue and Nautilus Drive. Middletown Animal

Control captured the animal after possible exposure to multiple domestic animals. Lab results confirmed the skunk was positive for rabies.

*Click [HERE](#) to read an advisory with more information and helpful tips.*

## MTPL Introduces Chromebook & Hotspot Kits: Now Available for Patrons!



*New for You  
IN '22*

### CHROMEBOOK & HOTSPOT KIT



Computer and internet access at home -  
FREE with your Middletown Library card!!

*Contact the reference desk for more information  
732-671-3700 ext 320*

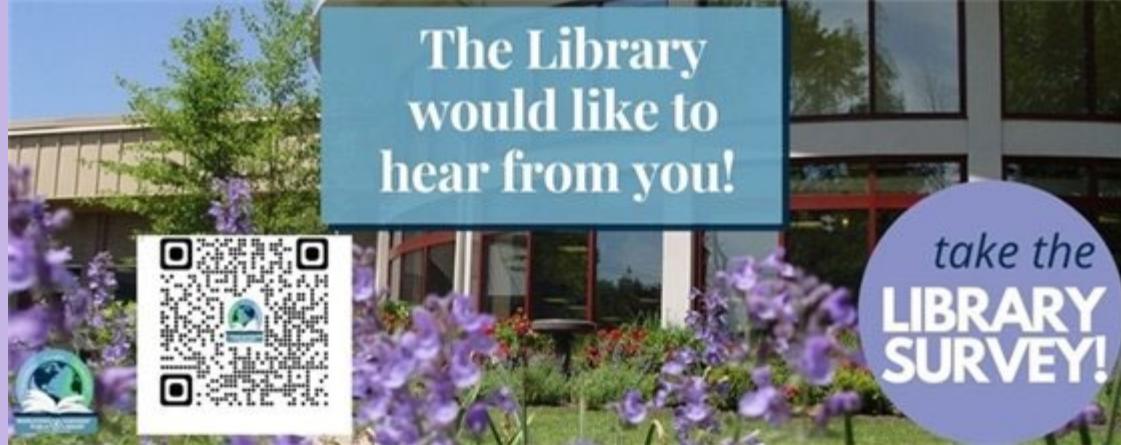
Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

**The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is increasing patrons' web access with its new Chromebook & Hotspot kits!**

These 20 kits, which include a Chromebook and a wireless hotspot for those without internet access at home, will be available to check out for two weeks at a time. Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to use them.

Visit the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) to check them out!

**Complete MTPL's Strategic Input Survey by Monday, 5/31**



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is asking for YOUR input!

Middletown is a growing community and the library wants to hear from you about its current and future services for the public. The library serves as a community hub and plans to reimagine its space to best serve Middletown.

Please fill out the MTPL's survey by Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions should be directed to MTPL's Business Manager, Wendy LaTona at [wlatona@mtpl.org](mailto:wlatona@mtpl.org) or 732-671-3700 ext. 311.

*Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.*

**Participate in MTPD's Operation Take Back NJ on Saturday, 4/30 from 10 AM - 2 PM**

The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in  
**OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY**  
**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**at Police Headquarters (1 Kings Highway)**



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

*Click [HERE](#) to read a press release with more information.*

**Register for MMA's Free Mental Health First Aid Trainings:  
Deadline for Youth Session is Saturday, 4/30**

1 in 5 American teenagers and adults live with a mental illness.



Learn how to help through Middletown Municipal Alliance's

## FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in May and June. Trainings will take place at Crossroads (730 Newman Springs Rd.)

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**  
Saturday, 5/14 - 9 AM to 5 PM  
Register by Saturday, 4/30

**Adult Mental Health First Aid Training**  
Saturday, 6/11 - 9 AM to 5 PM  
Register by Saturday, 5/28

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/mhfa](http://www.middletownnj.org/mhfa) for more information about the program and to apply.

**MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

**MHAA**  
Mental Health Association of Monmouth County  
in Partnership with  
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 5 PM. Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants.

The first session will be the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, which will take place at Crossroads from 9 AM to 5 PM. This training will teach adults how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use orders in children and adolescents (ages 6-18) and help connect them to the appropriate care. *The deadline to register is Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

If you're interested in attending a session, please email Angela Pepe-Lage at [apepe-lage@middletownnj.org](mailto:apepe-lage@middletownnj.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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**Listen to Live Music at the MAC's Music Café on  
Sunday, 4/24 from 4 - 6 PM**



Join the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 PM for its April singer-songwriters showcase featuring local talents Carl Alderson, Michael Askin, Shotgun Bill Anania, and Tommy Q. 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](#) for more information about the concert.*

*Click [HERE](#) to donate to the MAC.*

**Register for Recreation's Fossil Hunt on Sunday, 4/24 at 11 AM and the Open Farmhouse Next Weekend**



## Fossil Hunt



Fossil Hunt - \$5.00 per participant (Age 5 - Adult)  
Hunts last 1 hour.

April  
**24** 11:00am

## Open Farmhouse

April  
**30**

**10:00am - 5:00pm**

May  
**1**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm**

Colonial Murray Farmhouse is part of Weekend at Old Monmouth. Free! Drop-in.



[middletownnj.org/signup](http://middletownnj.org/signup)

Join Middletown Recreation for a guided fossil hunt on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Poricy Park Fossil Beds (345 Oak Hill Road) at 11 AM! Continue your adventures and visit the colonial Murray Farmhouse during Old Weekend at Monmouth on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about these upcoming events.



### 'A Weekend in Old Monmouth' Historic Tour Returns for 2022

The Monmouth County Historical Commission is pleased to announce the return of 'A Weekend in Old Monmouth,' with 49 historic sites throughout Monmouth County, on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 1 from 12 to 5 p.m.

"We are excited about the return of 'A Weekend in Old Monmouth' historic tour, after a hiatus due to the pandemic," said Commissioner Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the Monmouth County Historical Commission. "The tour is organized into four segments and will feature local organizations' museums and historic buildings, which will provide a glimpse of Monmouth County's extensive history. All fees will be waived at the participating sites during the weekend."

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

**Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Visit with Stacy Stokes  
on Wednesday, 4/27 at 7 PM**

**Virtual Author Visit  
Stacy Stokes**

**Wednesday, April 27 @ 7pm**



**Register on the MTPL.org Calendar for the Zoom Link**

 Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

Join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for its virtual author visit with Stacy Stokes! Stacy will be discussing her writing process and new book "Remember Me Gone".

The event will take place at 7 PM via Zoom, but patrons are encouraged to watch it live-streamed in the library's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road). Registration is required.

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

**Register for Recreation's Youth Bike Rodeo on  
Wednesday, 5/4 from 4 - 6 PM**



Mayor Tony Perry invites kids from 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join him at the Youth Bike Rodeo on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 PM, as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and in partnership with the Middletown Township Police Department, Trek Bicycle, and Hackensack Meridian Health!

Participants will have a chance to bring their bikes and helmets as they have fun and practice bike safety. This great event also fulfills boy and girl scouts requirements. Bring your group and sign up!

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

The graphic features the words 'HEALTH' and 'RESOURCES' in large, white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background. 'HEALTH' is on a light blue rounded rectangle and 'RESOURCES' is on a red rounded rectangle. To the right is a circular diagram with a hand holding a smartphone in the center, connected by dotted lines to various icons: a heart with a pulse, a red and white striped flag, a smartphone, a stethoscope, and a bandage. The bottom of the graphic has a yellow bar with the text 'Monmouth County April COVID-19 Clinics'.



**MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS**

**April 2022**

**Free At-Home Testing:**  
Visit [team.vaulthealth.com/nj](https://team.vaulthealth.com/nj) for free saliva tests, shipped directly to your home at no cost.

Visit [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) for free at-home COVID-19 tests for every home in the U.S.

**COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free, & effective**  
Pfizer, Moderna, & Johnson 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 973-275-5555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1 & Monmouth County Division of Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480

**DATES & TIMES**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY**

**Testing and Vaccine Clinics**

- Wed., April 6- Asbury Park: 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, NJ
- Tues., April 12- Freehold: 4pm-7pm, Freehold Borough Fire Department, 49 W Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Wed., April 20- Neptune: 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, NJ 07753
- Wed., April 27- Howell: 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road

**Vaccine Clinics**

- Mon., April 25- Marlboro: 10am-1pm, Marlboro Rec Center, 1996 Recreation Way
- Sat., April 30- Red Bank: 1pm-2pm, Red Bank YMCA, 166 Maple Avenue

**Brookdale Community College Clinic - Vaccine Only**

- Every Tuesday, 2pm-6pm, 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 DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-431-7456**

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