

# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter



**Line the Streets and Show Your Support for Veterans at  
65<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, 11/6 at 1 PM**

 VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
INVITE RESIDENTS TO THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



# VETERANS DAY PARADE

 Bayview Elementary  
(300 Leonardville Rd.)

 1:00 pm

 Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

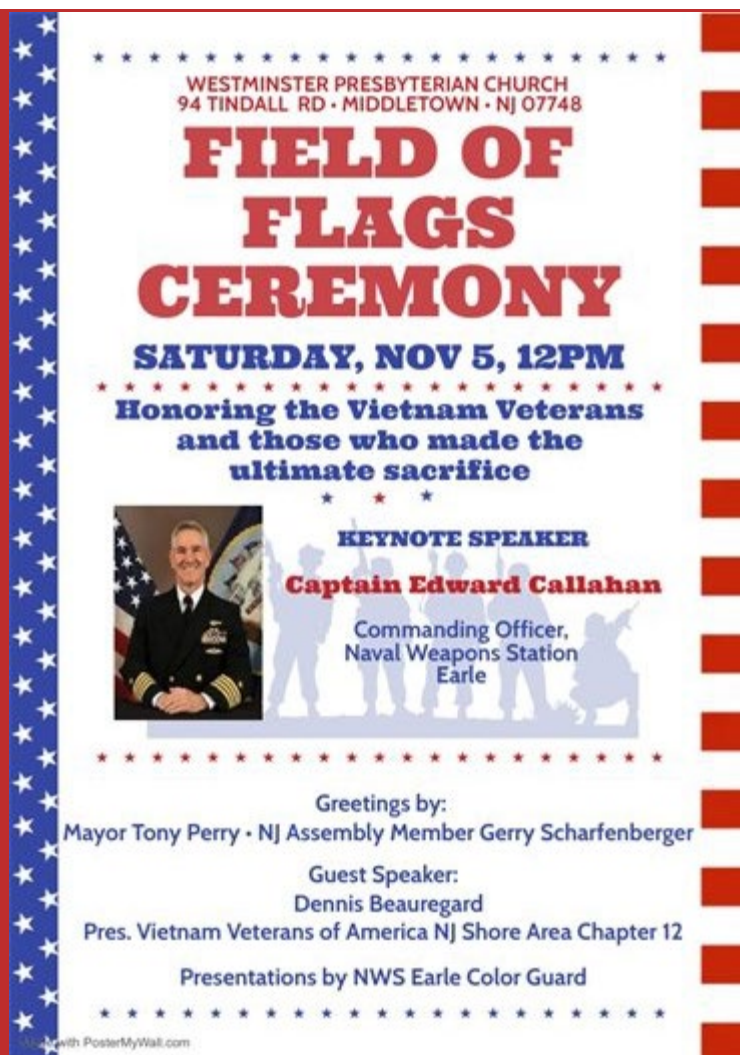
The parade's approximately 2.3-mile route will begin at Bayview Elementary School, travel down Leonardville Road and proceed through Campbell's Junction, turn right at Cherry Tree Farm Road, turn right onto Wilson Avenue, and turn right at Garrett Place, ending at the rear entrance to VFW Post 2179.

The theme of this year's parade is "For Those Who Fought for Our Tomorrows". Refreshments will be served at VFW Post 2179 (1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth) immediately following the parade.

The reviewing stand will be located at the Township's future veterans housing location across the street from Carvel on Leonardville Road in Belford.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/parade](http://www.middletownnj.org/parade) for more information.

**Honor Our Fallen Heroes at WPC's Annual Field of Flags  
Ceremony on Saturday, 11/5 at 12 PM**



Join Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman and Vietnam veteran Dennis Beauregard at Westminster Presbyterian Church (94 Tindall Road) on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for the annual Field of Flags ceremony.

**Cub Scout Pack 122 and Middletown Reformed Church  
Install "Little Free Pantry" on Kings Highway**



*Committeewoman Kim Kratz was proud to attend the installation ceremony and support both Cub Scout Pack 122 and the Middletown Reformed Church. Photo courtesy of Troop Leader Clare Russo*



*The pantry is already stocked with some food! Photo courtesy of Troop Leader Christopher Harris*

**Last weekend, members and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 122, sponsored by New Monmouth Elementary School, unveiled its new "Little Free Pantry" across the street from the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway). The pack partnered with the church to create this wonderful opportunity for residents to donate and/or take nonperishables and supplies.**

**The following quote is painted on the pantry: "Give what you can. Take what you need." We encourage everyone to check it out and follow this motto!**

**Middletown Enjoys a "Spooktacular" Halloween!**





**Kids, adults, and pets dressed up in costumes for Middletown Recreation's Halloween Hullabaloo!**



**Mayor Tony Perry and MTPD Chief Craig Weber had a blast visiting the preschoolers at Saint Mary School on Halloween!**



**Middletown PBA 124 and New Monmouth Baptist Church teamed up to host a trunk-or-treat!**



**Students at Middletown Preschool celebrated the holiday with a "monster mash" of a party where they played fun games and showed off their cool costumes!**



MTPD collaborated with fellow Bayshore Police Departments and Chaplains to host a trunk-or-treat as part of a Faith & Blue initiative!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the Halloween Hullabaloo.

## Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2022 General Election



### ★ WHEN ★

Saturday, 10/29  
through Sunday, 11/6

### ★ WHERE ★

Croydon Hall Gymnasium  
(900 Leonardville Road)

### ★ TIME ★

10 AM - 8 PM,  
Monday through Saturday  
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

**Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit [monmouthcountyvotes.com](https://monmouthcountyvotes.com).**

**For a list of polling locations in Middletown, visit**



[www.middletownnj.org/pollinglocations](http://www.middletownnj.org/pollinglocations).



MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR

**ELECTION DAY.**

VISIT [MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ELECTION](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ELECTION) FOR VOTING RESOURCES.



**Drop Off Mail-In Ballots at Middletown's Ballot Boxes &  
Sign Up for Monmouth County's BallotTrax to Track Them**



**ELECTION BALLOT BOXES ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)**



**CROYDON HALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)**



Please feel free to drop off your November General Election mail-in ballot at one of our two ballot box locations: Croydon Hall or the MTPL.

Want to see if your ballot was received? Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding Monmouth County voters who choose to vote by mail that they can sign up for the County's enhanced ballot tracking notification system: BallotTrax. Voters who sign up for the Monmouth County BallotTrax will receive alerts of when their ballots are received by the County Board of Elections for counting. Voters can opt to enable notifications by text message or email, and can sign up for the software at [MonmouthBallotTrax.com](https://MonmouthBallotTrax.com).

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to vote by mail.

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

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Middletown's election services.

## Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for November 2022 Election



**Help Your Community  
Exercise Their  
Right to Vote!**

**Become a Monmouth County  
Poll Worker Today!**

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking poll workers. Call us today to find out more about taking part in this important civic responsibility.

To qualify, you must be a registered voter in Monmouth County and attend a poll worker training class.

You will be paid \$300 for working a Primary Election or General Election. Call us today at 732-431-7802 x7150 to register for a training class.



**Monmouth County Board of Elections**  
300 Halls Mills Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
732-431-7802 x7150

Click [HERE](#) for information about how to become a poll worker in Monmouth County.

**Middletown Township Committee to**

## Host Special Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, 11/9 at Town Hall



The Middletown Township Committee will be having a Special Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public. It will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting [www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting](http://www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting).

To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2338 124 2034 followed by #. Enter 2022 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 on the Township's [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access the meeting.

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

## Nominate a Middletown Veteran for Inaugural "Veteran of the Year" Award by Friday, 11/11



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

Click [HERE](#) to complete a nomination form.



## Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Next Week (Monday, 11/7 - Friday, 11/11)

The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp from Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students



when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their day off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude & friends!

There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-day costs \$75. Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

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

## Give Back this Giving Season with Social Services' Holiday Food Drive & Adopt-a-Family Program

### HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH MIDDLETOWN'S



### WHAT TO DONATE



All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham, especially the free ones you may earn through supermarket promotions, to a family in need.



### ADOPT-A-FAMILY



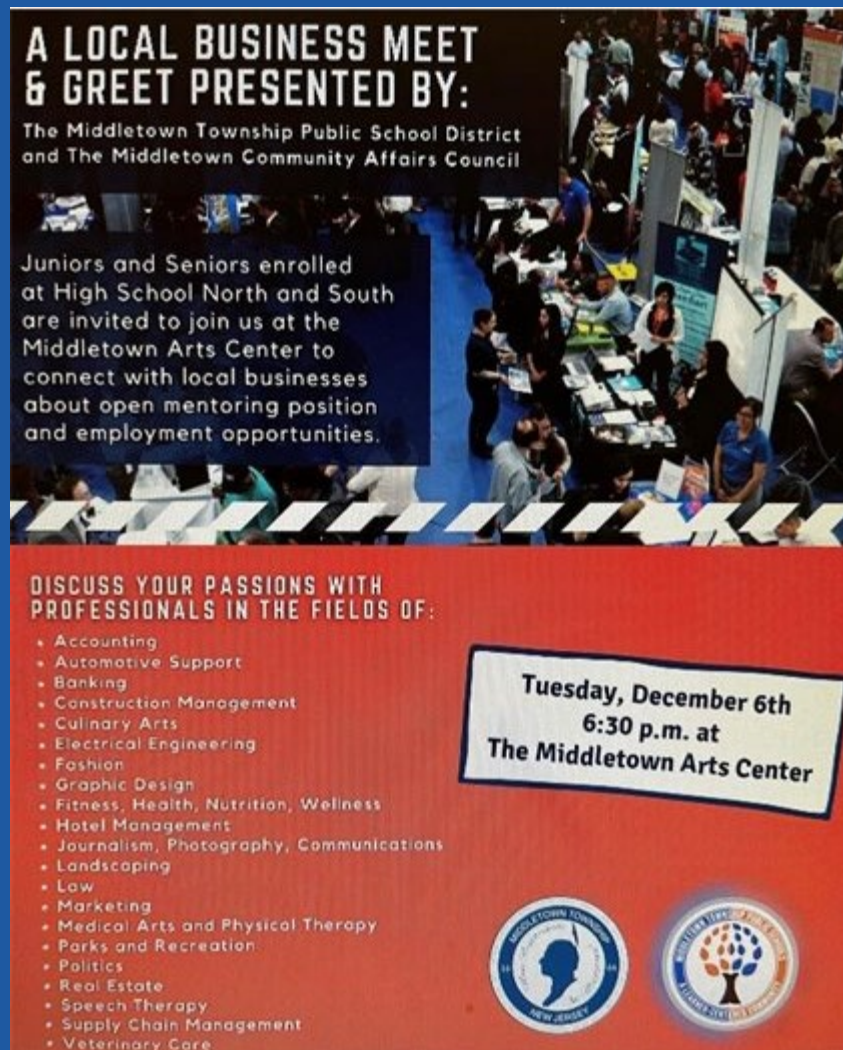
Middletown Social Services is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to "adopt" underprivileged households during the holiday season. Social Services will provide a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, we ask that you kindly provide a few of the listed items or gifts cards, in hopes that your adopted family may have a special holiday season. Donations are accepted at Social Services (180 Main Street). Questions? Call 732-615-2085.

There are still 40 families that need to be "adopted" and could use your help! Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 to be assigned a family.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of food pantry items that are needed.

## High School Juniors & Seniors: Save the Date for Local Business Meet & Greet at MAC on

**Tuesday, 12/6 at 6:30 PM**





**A LOCAL BUSINESS MEET & GREET PRESENTED BY:**  
The Middletown Township Public School District  
and The Middletown Community Affairs Council

Juniors and Seniors enrolled at High School North and South are invited to join us at the Middletown Arts Center to connect with local businesses about open mentoring position and employment opportunities.

**DISCUSS YOUR PASSIONS WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELDS OF:**

- Accounting
- Automotive Support
- Banking
- Construction Management
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Engineering
- Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Fitness, Health, Nutrition, Wellness
- Hotel Management
- Journalism, Photography, Communications
- Landscaping
- Law
- Marketing
- Medical Arts and Physical Therapy
- Parks and Recreation
- Politics
- Real Estate
- Speech Therapy
- Supply Chain Management
- Veterinary Care

**Tuesday, December 6th  
6:30 p.m. at  
The Middletown Arts Center**



Juniors and seniors enrolled at Middletown High School North or South are invited to a meet & greet at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) to network with professionals, explore different fields, and learn about career opportunities!

This event will be hosted by the Middletown Township Public School District and Middletown Community Affairs Council on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

If you are a business owner and would like to participate in this networking event, please contact Dr. Patricia Vari-Cartier at [cartierp@middletownk12.org](mailto:cartierp@middletownk12.org) by Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Free Paper Shredding Event at Middletown High School North on Saturday, 11/12 from 9 - 1 PM**





Monmouth County will be holding its annual paper shredding event in Middletown on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 1 PM at Middletown High School North.

Middletown residents may shred up to 100 pounds, which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large sized trash bags. All paper will be shredded on location in the mobile truck, and the event will end either once the mobile truck is full or at its scheduled end time. Large binder clips must be removed from documents, but staples and paper clips can remain.

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

**Read the Digital Version of *Middletown Matters* Before the Bi-Annual Newsletter Arrives in Mailboxes!**



Click [HERE](#) to read a PDF of the latest issue of *Middletown Matters*.







#MTownRec Monthly

# November 2022

Select Tues	Select Tues	Mon 14th	Tues 15th	Wed 16th
<b>Adult Yoga</b> 6:30-7:30pm <b>Indoor Volleyball</b> 7:30-9:30pm Croydon Hall	<b>After-School Science Club</b> 4-5pm Poricy Park	<b>Santa Ferry Ride Presale Residents ONLY</b> 5-7pm Poricy Park	<b>Letters to Santa Begins</b> Mailboxes around Middletown	<b>Youth &amp; MS Dodgeball</b> 4:30-7:30pm Croydon Hall
Fri 18th	Sat 19th	Wed 23rd	Fri 25th	
<b>Last Day to Register for Dodgeball Tournament!</b> middletownnj.org/dodgeball	<b>Turkey Soccer Shootout</b> 10-11am <b>Alumni Game</b> 11:30am Croydon Turf	<b>Turkey Trot Hike</b> 2:30-3:30pm Poricy Park	<b>Holiday Light Map Opens</b> Submit your address!	

middletownnj.org/recreation

Middletown Recreation has a lot of activities and programs running in November, which is when youth and adult programs pick back up and the start of holiday events is upon us!

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recreation](http://www.middletownnj.org/recreation) for more information.

**Middletown Recreation's Santa Ferry is Back in Business!**  
**Registration Begins Monday, 11/14**



Middletown Recreation is back on the bay to celebrate Christmas! This yuletide ride features Santa and friends, caroling, entertainment, and a scenic ride around the Statue of Liberty. Resident presale begins Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 PM at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). Registration is only in person.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/santaferry](http://www.middletownnj.org/santaferry) for full details.

**Participate in Middletown Recreation's Giveaway for Christmas Spectacular Tickets on Sunday, 12/11 at 5 PM**





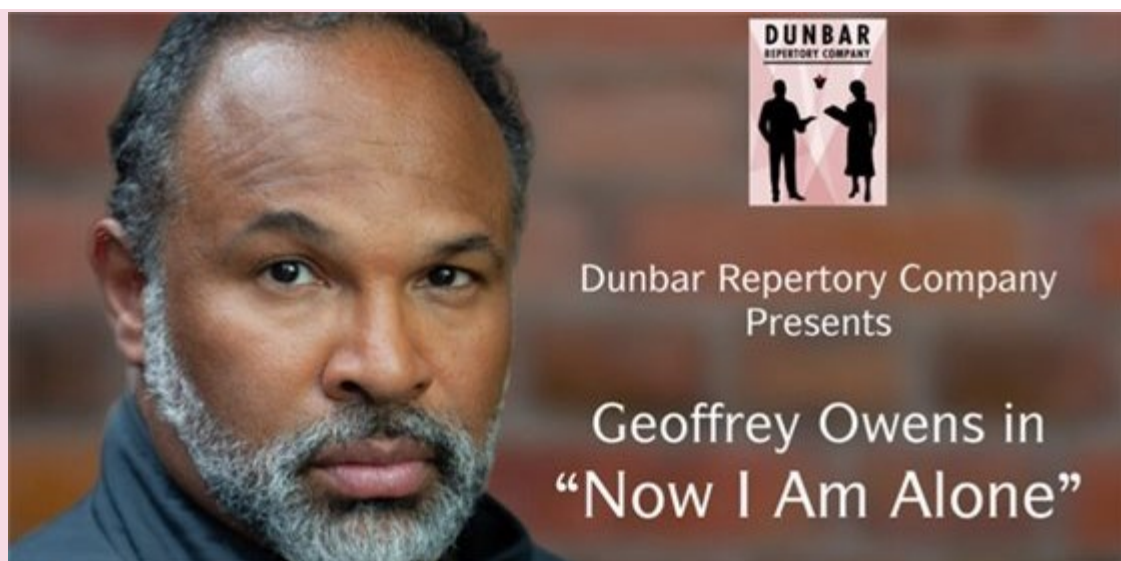
It's almost the holiday season and Middletown Recreation is in a giving mood! Enter a giveaway to win two tickets to the Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.

**How to Enter:**

Follow Middletown Recreation on Instagram @middletownrecnj. Comment under its giveaway post and tag a friend. Each friend = 1 entry.

A random winner will be chosen by Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Good luck!

**Step Into Shakespeare's World with "Now I Am Alone" at the MAC on Saturday, 11/5 at 3 PM**



Join the MAC (36 Church Street) for a very special performance of "Now I Am Alone", where the works and words of William Shakespeare will come alive by renowned actor Geoffrey Owens. The production, put together by Dunbar Repertory Company, will take place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM and is a 90-minute roller coaster of Shakespeare's comedies, tragedies, and romances!

Tickets cost \$9 and will be sold at the MAC's door.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Learn About Cherokee Culture at the MTPL on  
Monday, 11/7 at 11 AM**






A poster for a National STEM Day event. The background is dark blue with glowing jellyfish. The title 'NATIONAL STEM DAY: ZOOM WITH A ZOOLOGIST' is in large white letters. Below it, a blue box contains the date and time: 'Tuesday, 11/8 @ 3:30pm Family Event for All Ages!'. A white box below that says: 'Zoologist/Marine Biologist Katrina Poremba will tell us about about her scientific diving in the Amazon.' To the right is a circular photo of Katrina Poremba with a video camera icon. At the bottom, it says: 'Register to receive the Zoom link or join us in the community room . This program is best suited for grades 4+ and adults.' Below this is the MTPL logo, contact information, and a QR code.


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55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
Phone: 732-671-3700 • [www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)



Schools may be closed next week, but the MTPL (55 New Monmouth Road) will be recognizing National STEM Day by zooming with a zoologist!

Zoologist/Marine Biologist Katrina Poremba will share her experiences about diving in the Amazon River for scientific research! Patrons are welcome to join either via Zoom or in person at the Community Room where the MTPL will be streaming the video chat on its big screen.

Registration is required if you would like to join via Zoom. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link.

Click [HERE](#) for background information about Katrina and to register.

**Show Off Your Soccer Skills at Middletown Recreation's  
Turkey Soccer Shootout on Saturday, 11/19 at 10 AM**






Think you've got the best penalty shot in town? Take your best shot at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>! Each participant gets five chances to rack up the most points. Top winners in each age range receive a frozen turkey courtesy of Circus Foodtown.

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



**Fight the Blood Shortage by Donating Blood at Lincroft Fire Company on Tuesday, 11/8 from 12:30 - 6:30 PM**




**Let's save lives!** **CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES**

# Blood Drive

**Tuesday, Nov. 8 12:30-6:30**


**Lincroft Fire Company**  
601 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft




Appointments recommended. For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) or scan QR Code and search for sponsor code 70286



Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.  
16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your NYBC donor ID card or ID with name and photo.  
For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](https://nybc.org/coronavirus).

 **New Jersey Blood Services**

800.933.BLOOD • [nybc.org](https://nybc.org)    [#njbloodservices](https://twitter.com/njbloodservices)

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You may keep hearing about blood shortages — that's because the pandemic has devastated the foundation on which we collect blood. The need for blood is higher now than in 2019. Therefore, we don't just need to "return to normal", we need to collect more!

People can help by donating, encouraging first-time donors, sharing this flyer, and spreading the word to friends and colleagues. Please help us get the message out about this upcoming blood drive!


Click **[HERE](#)** to make an appointment.

Visit **[www.middletownnj.org/blooddrive](https://www.middletownnj.org/blooddrive)** and search "Monmouth County" to find other local blood drives throughout November.

**Monmouth County November COVID-19 Clinics**



## MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS



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

COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, free, & effective


Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax, & J&J available

Walk-ins welcome ages 6 months & 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



### Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Nov. 2, 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Nov. 9, 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753
- Nov. 16, 4pm-7pm, Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main Street, Freehold 07728
- Nov. 30 4pm-7pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road, Howell 07731

### 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
- There will be no clinic on Nov. 8, Election Day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES, VISIT [WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH](https://WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH) OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-431-7456

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Visit [www.vaccines.gov/search](https://www.vaccines.gov/search) to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

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