



Happy Holidays!



DPW Holiday Collection Schedule

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**DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAYS,
NORTH ZONE GARBAGE COLLECTION ON
MONDAY, 12/26 AND MONDAY, 1/2 IS POSTPONED.**

The NORTH ZONE will have DOUBLE COLLECTION of GARBAGE on Thursday, 12/29 and Thursday, 1/5. Residents may leave up to 3 closed garbage bags next to the cart. Please do not block the cart with the bags.

The Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) will be closing at 1:30 PM on Christmas Eve (12/24). It will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day (12/25 and 1/1) and will open on schedule the following days: Monday, 12/26 and Monday, 1/2. As a reminder, the Middletown Train Station Recycling Center Drop-Off is open 24/7.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES

North Zone: Saturday, 1/14

South Zone: Saturday, 1/21

Trees can also be recycled if brought to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) during business hours (Thursday - Monday from 8:30AM-4:30PM).



Coastal Storm Update and Resources



This morning, Mayor Tony Perry and Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) Director Ted Maloney visited Port Monmouth to survey the flooding from last night's storm. Ahead of the expected temperature drop, DPW crews will be working overnight until at least noon tomorrow to ensure that freezing temperatures don't impact the

safety of our roadways. They will be cleaning debris and storm drain grates, as well as salting and treating the roads for icy conditions overnight.

Please follow Middletown Township on social media for updates and register for Nixle to receive emergency alerts and updates.

Click [HERE](#) to read our weather advisory for safety tips.

Register for Emergency Alerts and Updates



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How to Report a Power Outage

To report a power outage:



firstenergycorp.com/outages

Call 888-544-4877

Text OUT to 544487



Click [HERE](#) to report a power outage and view current outages.

**Congratulations to Middletown's 2022 Veteran of the Year
Dennis Beauregard!**



From left to right: Township Committee members Kevin Settembrino, Ryan Clarke, and Kimberly Kratz, Veterans Affairs Committee member Bob Siemer, 2022 Veteran of the Year Dennis Beauregard, Mayor Tony Perry, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell

The last Township Committee Meeting of the year was an evening to celebrate! Mayor Tony Perry kicked off the meeting by announcing our inaugural Veteran of the Year: Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) Chairman Dennis Beauregard. With the help of fellow VAC member Bob Siemer, Mayor Perry presented Dennis with a multi-dimensional engraved glass award to show our appreciation for his tireless efforts to advocate for veterans in our town and across the state. Bob spoke about his admiration for his fellow comrade and revealed that going forward the award will be deemed the Dennis J. Beauregard Veteran of the Year Award.

Dennis was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1967. He went to Vietnam in August 1967 and was assigned to B Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Division 6. He was wounded during “Tet” in 1968. In late January 1968, during the lunar new year (or “Tet”) holiday, North Vietnamese and communist Viet Cong forces launched a coordinated attack against a number of targets in South Vietnam. The U.S. and South Vietnamese militaries sustained heavy losses before finally repelling the communist assault. He has received the following military awards: Combat Infantryman, Badge (CIB), Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

After Dennis received the Veteran of the Year Award, he and Bob presented the We Value Our Veterans Award to the Township Committee. Bob accepted that award from Governor Phil Murphy on behalf of Middletown Township. Middletown had to meet a certain number of requirements to earn this award, which recognizes the Township's efforts toward helping local veterans.

Please join the Township in thanking Dennis for his service to both our community and country!

MTPD Promotes Four Officers and Swears In Six at Township Committee Regular Meeting



Pictured from left: Deputy Chief John Kaiser, Lieutenant Stephen Keller, Sergeant Erica Weeks, Officers Thomas Stone, Anthony Bartolone, and Joshua Chambers, Mayor Tony Perry, Officers John Foy, Dana McQuade, and Chad Bacek, Sergeant Adam Colfer, Lieutenant John Soltysik, and Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and Bob Stefanski

At Monday's Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Tony Perry performed a ceremonial oath of office for four police officers who were promoted and six officers who were sworn in. Erica Weeks and Adam Colfer were promoted to Sergeant and John Soltysik and Stephen Keller were promoted to Lieutenant. The new officers who were sworn in are Chad Bacek, Anthony Bartolone, Joshua Chambers, John Foy, Dana McQuade, and Thomas Stone.

Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey, John Kaiser, and Bob Stefanski applauded all the officers while their family members and fellow officers proudly supported them. We thank all of them for serving our community and wish them a safe career!

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release with the officers' bios.

**DPW Building & Park Maintenance Division Head
Gal Lavid Recognized for Acquiring 9/11 Survivor Tree
Offspring for Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens**



From left to right: Department of Public Works & Engineering Director Ted Maloney, honoree Gal Lavid, and Mayor Tony Perry

Middletown DPW Building and Park Maintenance Division Head Gal Lavid was awarded an appreciation plaque at Monday's Township Committee Meeting for acquiring a 9/11 Survivor Tree offspring. Previously, Gal worked for the New York City Parks Department in the Bronx Nursery where the original 9/11 Survivor Tree was cared for. He utilized his Parks network to secure Middletown's tree.

The Middletown Survivor Tree is a descendant of the 9/11 Memorial Survivor Tree that endured the World Trade Center terror attacks in 2001. It was officially planted in the Gardens in October along the memorial pathway and will forever serve as a reminder of our resilience and hope.

Click [HERE](#) to see photos from the meeting.

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

Fair View Cemetery Participates in

Wreaths Across America



Photo courtesy of 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Daniel P. Kelly

Fair View Cemetery in Middletown was part of National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 17th. Township Committeeman Ryan Clarke and his daughter Kacie joined 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Kelly, co-location coordinators, Megan Kelly and Chris Harris, and Chris's son Griffin to place nearly 700 wreaths on veterans' graves. With each wreath placed, the veteran's name was read aloud to honor and remember them.

Fair View Cemetery has been raising money to participate in this movement for the last seven years to remember our local heroes and place a wreath on every grave. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a wreath for Fair View Cemetery next year, please visit their [website](#) or follow them on Facebook [@Wreaths Across America - Fair View Cemetery](#).

#RememberHonorTeach #SayTheirNames

Middletown Police Investigates Break-Ins and Reminds Residents to Be Cautious

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!***



During the early morning hours of Sunday, December 18th, MTPD responded to four reports of burglaries, attempted burglaries, and thefts occurring in the Oak Hill and Lincroft sections of the township.

Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPD's press release about the recent break-ins and advice to stay safe.

Middletown Celebrates the Start of Chanukah with Annual Menorah Lighting and Party



Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center last Sunday, which was the first night of Chanukah! Mayor Tony Perry was honored to light the shamash (helper candle) of Middletown's menorah before Rabbi Galperin from the Chabad Jewish Center of Holmdel lit the first candle. Happy Chanukah to everyone who celebrates!

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



MTPL's Holiday Schedule is Here!



Holiday Library Schedule

 SATURDAY, 12/24	CLOSED
 MONDAY, 12/26	CLOSED
 SATURDAY, 12/31	HALF DAY : 9 AM - 12:30 PM
 2023 MONDAY, 1/2	CLOSED

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
VISIT MTPL.ORG

Middletown Arts Center Main Number Currently Down



The Middletown Arts Center's main number (732-706-4100) is currently down. You can reach the Middletown Arts Center at 732-706-4110 in the meantime.

We will notify the public when the main number is working again. Please visit middletownarts.org for updates. Thank you for your patience!



Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Next Week (Tuesday, 12/27 - Friday, 12/30)

The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp from Tuesday, December 27th to Friday, December 30th! 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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Register Now for MAC's Winter 2023 Session!



Registration is now open for the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) winter session! This year's selection features exciting new programs along with your favorite classes in theater, art, dance, and more!

Click [HERE](#) to check out and register for youth classes.
Click [HERE](#) to check out and register for adult classes.

Middletown Recreation's Holiday Lights Map is Complete: Drive Around Town to Check it Out!



Middletown is lit for the holidays! Middletown Recreation's Holiday Lights Map is a fun and **FREE** festivity for everyone. Get in the holiday spirit and plan your route today!

Click [HERE](#) to check out the map.

**Ring in the New Year by Registering for Middletown
Recreation's Youth Dodgeball League**



Join Middletown Recreation this winter for seven weeks of dodgeball fun! Players will be drafted into teams for the entirety of the season where they will compete to be crowned champion of the league. Space is limited, so sign up today!

Sign into CommunityPass [HERE](#) and choose "Winter Season" to register.

Register Now for Recreation's Winter 2023 Programs!



2023 WINTER BROCHURE

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS LIKE:

MAPLE TREE TAPPING
SCOUT MAPLE SUGARING
ADULT YOGA & VOLLEYBALL

MARCH MADNESS
ST. PADDY'S DANCE, 21+
PRESCHOOL FAIR

DISCOUNT DEVILS TICKETS
DODGEBALL LEAGUE
PLUS MUCH MORE!



Middletown Recreation's winter registration is now open! Discover events and programs for January, February, and March of 2023 in Recreation's brochure.

*Click [HERE](#) to browse a PDF of the brochure.
Sign into CommunityPass [HERE](#) and choose "Winter Season" to register.*

**HEALTH
RESOURCES**



**Free Pack of At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available
Through USPS**

Order Free
At-home
COVID-19
Tests
Through
USPS

All households in the U.S. are eligible to order one pack of at-home COVID-19 tests through USPS. One pack comes with four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. The entire order, including shipping, is free.

Visit special.usps.com/testkits to place your order.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to order a pack of COVID-19 tests.

Looking for Mental Health Support?
Contact 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if Needed

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S.,
you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to chat with a caring counselor.

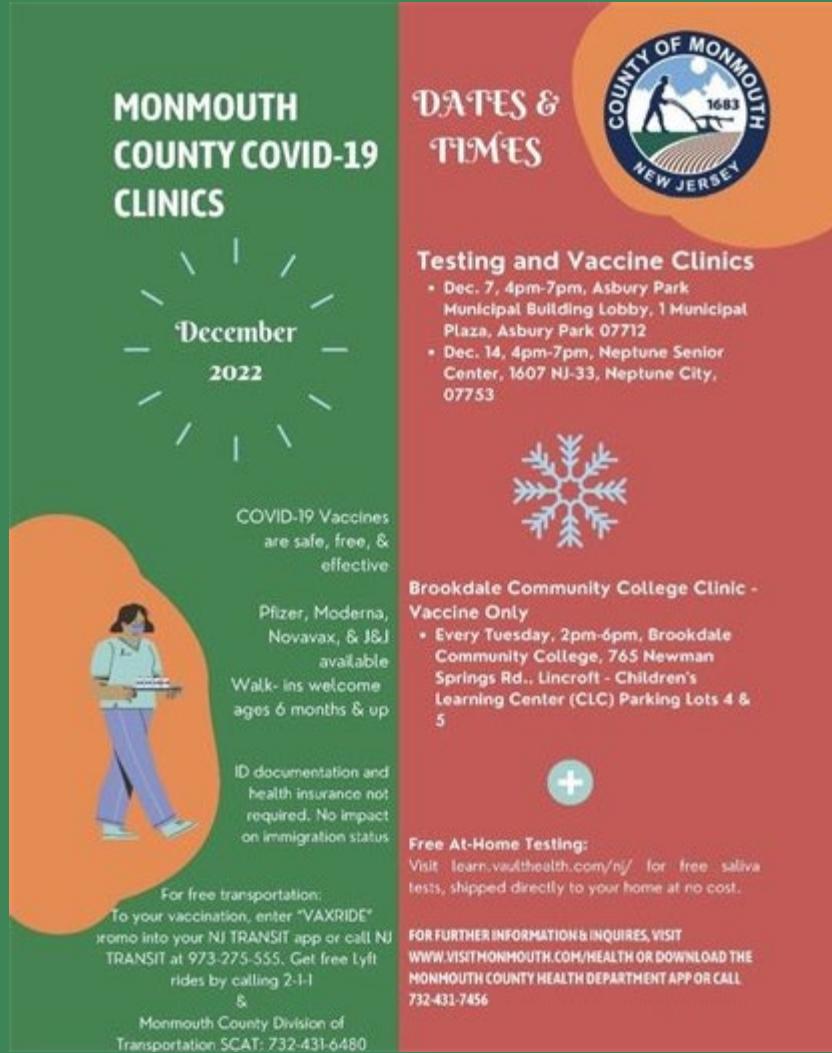
We're here for you.



According to the American Psychological Association, 38% of people's stress increases during the holiday season, which can lead to depression, anxiety, and substance use. We encourage residents to reach out to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if they are experiencing a mental health crisis and need assistance.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to chat with a counselor.

Monmouth County December COVID-19 Clinics



MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS

December 2022

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" into your NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1

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Monmouth County Division of Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480

DATES & TIMES

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY

Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Dec. 7, 4pm-7pm, Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Dec. 14, 4pm-7pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRIES, VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH OR DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APP OR CALL 732-431-7456

Click on the graphic to view the image in a larger PDF format.

Visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find other locations to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.



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