



Middletown Files Complaint Against NJ Council on Local Mandates to Address Public Safety Costs



Earlier this week, Middletown Township officially filed a complaint against the State of New Jersey with the Council on Local Mandates to address how the bail reform statute is forcing the Township to incur \$325,391.17 in increased public safety costs this year. This is due to the ongoing auto thefts and home invasions that have been plaguing Middletown and surrounding areas.

This increased cost to municipalities will impact taxpayers during a time when it is critical to scale back spending. "Middletown Township is allocating over \$325,000 in expenses to supplement these failed policies, and while you cannot put a price tag on public safety, it should come at the cost of the state," said Mayor Tony Perry.

“The Middletown Township Committee and I hope that other towns will jump onboard to support this complaint to ensure our voices are heard and fix this broken system.”

Click [HERE](#) to read our press release for more information.

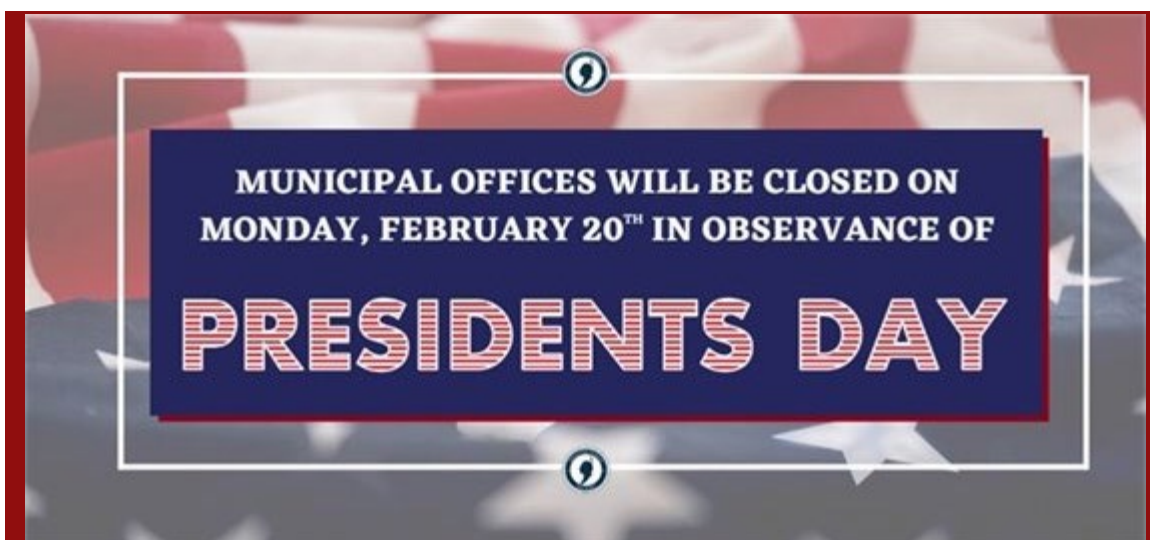
Local Girl Scouts Meet with Mayor Perry for Educational Discussion about Local Government



Mayor Perry hosted several local Girl Scout troops at Town Hall to learn more about his responsibilities as a municipal leader.

Yesterday, Girl Scout troops from Bayshore, Thompson, and Thorne Middle Schools visited Town Hall to meet with Mayor Tony Perry. The scouts had a diverse set of questions and learned about the history of Middletown and his varying mayoral responsibilities including daily tasks and how to be an effective leader. They also discussed our parks system, the uptick in auto thefts and public safety, as well as mental health and the impact of social media on kids.

Kudos to these awesome young residents for getting involved!



The Middletown Township Public Library will be open on Presidents Day.

Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening on Monday, 2/20



The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be opening its School's Out Day Camp on Monday, February 20th! 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, and 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.

MTPD Announces Police Youth Week 2023 Dates: Registration Opens Wednesday, 2/22 at 10 AM



Save the date for MTPD's Police Youth Week registration! Once registration opens, applications can be completed online via CommunityPass.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Police Youth Week.
Visit www.middletownnj.org/signup to access CommunityPass.

Save the Date: Registration for Middletown Recreation's Summer Camp Opens on Wednesday, 3/1 for Residents



The poster for 2023 Summer Camps features a yellow background with a blue banner at the top. On the left, the text "2023 SUMMER CAMPS" is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, a small graphic says "the best days are spent at CAMP". To the right, there are two circular photos: one showing four young boys in orange t-shirts, and another showing children playing in a pond. At the bottom, a pink banner contains the registration dates: "Registration Opens MARCH 1ST - 10AM (R) MARCH 8TH - 10AM (NR)". Below this, it says "More info: MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP". To the left of the pink banner is a graphic of three green trees, and to the right is a graphic of sports equipment including a soccer ball, a basketball, and a football. A blue banner at the very bottom lists "Traditional Camps" with four options: Tonya Keller Center Pioneers Camp (PreK), Poricy Park Science Camp (PreK-6th), Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th), and Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7-9th). It also states "Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11".

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION PORICY PARK

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

the best days are spent at CAMP

Registration Opens
MARCH 1ST - 10AM (R)
MARCH 8TH - 10AM (NR)
More info:
MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP

Traditional Camps

- ✓ Tonya Keller Center Pioneers Camp (PreK)
- ✓ Poricy Park Science Camp (PreK-6th)
- ✓ Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th)
- ✓ Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7-9th)

Weekly Camps Run July 5-August 11

Middletown Recreation's 2023 Summer Camp registration opens on Wednesday, March 1st at 10 AM for residents. Be sure to set an alarm and update your CommunityPass account before it sell outs!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Township Committee to Host Meeting on Tuesday, 2/21 at 7 PM

The Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also be made available to watch or listen to by visiting www.middletownnj.org/tcmeeting. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-408-418-9388. The event access code is 2347 290 6606 followed by #. Enter 2023 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 aired on the

Township's TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) and [YouTube channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to see the agenda.

MIDDLETOWN SOCIAL SERVICES ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR FAMILY IMPACTED BY DEVASTATING HOUSE FIRE



Middletown Social Services has organized a donation drive for a family who recently lost everything in a house fire. Social Services will be accepting gift cards weekdays between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the office located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 or kstraniero@middletownnj.org. Thank you!

Help Neighbors in Need by Donating to Social Services' Easter Basket Drive by Friday, 3/31

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Middletown Social Services is collecting Easter grass, candy, and gift cards to create baskets for those in need in our community. Please also consider donating the free ham you can earn through supermarket promotions.

Donations should be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth by Friday, March 31st. Please call Social Services at 732-615-2085 before dropping off donation items to ensure someone is there to receive them.



Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085. We kindly request that donations be dropped off by Friday, March 31st.

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors: Apply for Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Friday, 3/10



Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the **2023 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 10th. Visit www.middletownnj.org/scholarship to apply!

Middletown Township is excited to partner with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the 2023 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition! We encourage high school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown to compete for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

The essay for the statewide scholarship competition should be approximately 500 words and focus on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". All applicants must submit the completed application and essay to the Mayor's Office by either emailing it to mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org or mailing it to 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748 ATTN: Mayor's Office by Friday, March 10th.

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

Apply for Free Home Repairs by Wednesday, March 15th **Jersey Shore Workcamp Volunteers to Do Free Repairs for Qualifying Homeowners**



Workcamps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in the Christian faith through service. Individuals from around the country will be in our community from July 10-14, 2023 to perform home-repair projects for elderly, low-income, veteran, and disabled families. The work at each home will be done by five young people and at least one adult leader representing many Christian denominations.

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households. Homeowners must be home to qualify. Visit www.middletownnj.org/jsworkcamp for more information and to apply.

[Click on the graphic for more information and to apply.](#)

Middletown Health Department Encourages Residents to Apply for Free Lead-Safe Home Program



The poster features a photograph of a child in a plaid shirt standing in a doorway of a blue building with peeling paint. To the left is a window with a flower box. Logos for 'Department of Community Affairs' and 'Community Affairs & Resource Center (CARC)' are in the top corners. The title 'FREE LEAD-SAFE HOME PROGRAM' is prominently displayed, followed by 'available in Monmouth, Atlantic and Middlesex Counties'.

FREE LEAD-SAFE HOME PROGRAM
available in Monmouth, Atlantic and Middlesex Counties

Lead poisoning remains one of the top childhood environmental health problems today.

One of the ways to protect your family is to get your home checked for lead based paint hazards and have them remediated at no cost! You might qualify for this free grant funded program!

Lead Poisoning is Preventable!

In children, exposure to lead can cause:	How do you qualify?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavior and learning problems• Hearing problems• Damage to the brain• Hyperactivity• Anemia• Slower growth and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your household income is within the low-to-moderate income limits (scan below to access income chart)• You live in a one to four unit residential home built before 1978• The property is structurally sound• Rental and homeowners welcomed to apply



CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE TEST CONVENIENT FOR YOUR TIME SCHEDULE.
Call us at 732-774-3282 and ask for Vivienne (vsoria@carcnj.org)
or Rosa (rzaremba@carcnj.org)


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


The Community Affairs and Resource Center is administering the Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program with funds provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

The purpose of this program is to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards to prevent elevated blood lead levels in residents in Monmouth, Ocean and Atlantic Counties, with a specific focus on children and pregnant women. It can also assist households with no children. The program provides funding and technical assistance to low-to-moderate income tenants and owners.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Save the Date: Public Information Session about TNR on
Wednesday, 3/15 at 6 PM**

**Monmouth County SPCA**
& Homeward Bound Adoption Center

**Middletown**
Township

TRAP
NEUTER
RETURN

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

 March 15, 2023
6pm

 1 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ

This discussion will be led by
Monmouth County SPCA
Executive Director, Ross Licitra.

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Topics of Discussion

- Explanation of TNR
- Intentions of the program
- Rules and regulations
- Sign up as a colony caregiver

The public is invited to join Middletown Animal Control on Wednesday, March 15th for a discussion with Monmouth County SPCA & Homeward Bound Adoption Center about a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program in Middletown. At the event, speakers will discuss the intentions, rules, and regulations of the program and allow people to sign up as colony caregivers.

Attend Virtual Public Meeting About Raritan Bay & Sandy Hook Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2023 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THE USACE NORFOLK DISTRICT ALONG WITH THE NEW YORK DISTRICT AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TO REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS FOR THE RARITAN BAY AND SANDY HOOK BAY, NJ COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY.

To access a session, log in at:
<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/zachary.martin>
or dial in at Toll-Free: (844) 800-2712 and Access Code: 2762 162 802

For more information visit:
<https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/About/Projects/-Raritan-Bay-and-Sandy-Hook-Bay-CSR-M-Study/>

[Click on the graphic for more information.](#)

Realtors: Learn How to Sell Homes in Flood Zones at NJAFM's Class on Wednesday, March 15th at 11 AM



Guarantee Your Next Home Sells

Tips for Realtors in Flood Zones

Flood Insurance Basics & How To Sell Homes In Hazard Areas

When selling a home, it is *critical* to ensure that your property is *properly protected*. Not only does this give your customers peace of mind—it also helps you *sell your property faster!*

We offer the expert *guidance you need* with one *presentation* where we give flood insurance insight that can help you sell properties in flood zones.





WE MAKE IT EASY
to get the job done

We'll Help You Seal the Deal

Next Class
MARCH 15, 2023
@ 11 am



EARN 1 CE CREDIT

FREE for NJAFM Members
\$20 Non-members
\$30 for those who enroll in NJAFM (reg. \$50)

Register at NJAFM.org



FLOOD ZONES
constantly change !



STAY INFORMED
so costs don't surprise you



A COMPLIANT HOME
saves an average of 83%

Middletown's Floodplain Manager/CRS Coordinator encourages local realtors to sign up for this class so they can get tips on how to sell homes in flood zones!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Apply for MTPD'S DVRT by Friday, 4/14

Middletown Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers



The Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as advocates on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, MTPD continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience.

180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers in April and May. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 14th.

Want to Apply?

Contact Lt. Anthony Gigante, Middletown Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO at 732-615-2075 or visit 180nj.org.



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Celebrate Black History Month by Buying Tickets for "The Chef" at the MAC This Weekend & Next Weekend

BLACK HISTORY'S GROUNDBREAKING GENIUSES PRESENTED BY BRIGHT STAR THEATRE



**LIVE
PERFORMANCE!**

**Monday, February 20th @ 11am
Ages 5 & Up**



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Geniuses comes in all shapes and sizes and Black history is filled with amazing inventors, artists, and thinkers who have changed the world. The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) is excited to have Bright Star Theatre perform "Black History's Groundbreaking Geniuses" on Monday, February 20th at 11 AM in the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road).

This show focuses on the brilliance of over a dozen amazing characters from Black history: scientists like surgeon Daniel Hale Williams, mathematicians like Dorothy Vaughan, literary geniuses like Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou, and artists like Alvin Ailey. Learn about them and be inspired to discover your own genius!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Join the MTPL for an Astronomy Observing Session on
Friday, 2/24 at 6:30 PM**

ASTRONOMY OBSERVING SESSION AT PORICY PARK



Friday, February 24th
at 6:30pm
All Ages Welcome!
(Raindate: 3/24)



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
55 New Monmouth Road Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-671-3700 • www.mtpl.org

Join the MTPL on Friday, February 24th at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) for an astronomy observing session! The STAR Astronomy Club will set up their telescopes from 6:30-8:00 PM to show participants the wonders in the winter sky. All are welcome to attend. The rain date will be Friday, March 24th at the same time. Registration is not required.

**Join Middletown PBA 124 and Hazlet PBA 189 at Annual
Climb With A Cop Fundraiser on Saturday, 3/11 for SONJ**

FUNDRAISER
TO BENEFIT
Special Olympics
New Jersey

SATURDAY
March 11, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM
Entry fee \$30
*proceeds go to Special Olympics NJ

Climb With A Cop

THE GRAVITY VAULT
INDOOR ROCK GYMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW JERSEY

Event will be hosted at The Gravity Vault located in Upper Saddle River, Hoboken, Chatham (3/18/22), Flemington, Middletown, Voorhees, and Brick.
Visit www.gravityvault.com, www.njletr.org or call
Contact your Anthony Pulizzano with questions (973) 715-6162.
Must be 5 years old or older to climb. Individuals under 18 must have waiver completed by parent or legal guardian.

Middletown PBA 124 is partnering with Hazlet PBA 189 to host the annual Climb With A Cop fundraiser on Saturday, March 11th. The event will take place at Gravity Vault (37 Kanes Lane) from 10 AM - 2 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ). We hope to see you there!

Register for Middletown Recreation's March Madness Dribble, Dish & Swish Competition on Wednesday, 3/15



MARCH MADNESS

DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH

March 15th

Croydon Hall Gym



\$5/PLAYER + CANNED FOOD ITEM

AGES 6-9
Boys & Girls
5:00 - 5:30 PM

AGES 10-13
Boys & Girls
5:30 - 6:00 PM

AGES 14-ADULT
Boys & Girls
6:00 - 6:30 PM

TOP 3 WINNERS IN EACH AGE RANGE RECEIVE A PRIZE!

Wear your favorite basketball jersey and dribble, dish & swish your way to victory at Middletown Recreation's March Madness competition! Showcase your basketball skills against your peers by competing in your specific age division for cool prizes on Wednesday, March 15th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Hop into April with Middletown Recreation's EGGstravaganza on Saturday, 4/1 from 10 AM - 12 PM



Join Middletown Recreation on Saturday, April 1st for a family-fun day of spring crafts and activities like planting your own flower, taking photos with a bunny, watching a balloon artist, hanging out with Doodle Dude & Miss Fish, interacting with animals at a petting zoo, and more! This festive event is free for residents and will take place at the MAC. Registration is encouraged.

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

RESOURCES

Middletown Health Department Encourages You to Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month!



[Click on the graphic to access the activity sheets and additional resources.](#)

Middletown Health Department Reminds Residents to Stay Updated About the Flu

What You Need to Know: Influenza (Flu)



Influenza (flu) can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Get up-to-date NJ information, including:

- Vaccine recommendations & details
- Surveillance data
- Answers to common questions

Visit bit.ly/njflu or scan the QR code:



Stay Safe & Healthy, New Jersey!



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

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Get Your Tires Picked up by Monmouth County's Mosquito
Madness Tire Pick-up Program until Friday, 3/31



**Mosquito Madness
Tire Pick-up Program**

Tires stored outside hold enough rainwater for mosquitoes to grow. One tire can produce more than 10,000 biting mosquitoes.

Help protect your family and friends from mosquitoes by taking part in the 2023 tire pick-up program.

Monmouth County Mosquito Control personnel will come to your property and pick up as many as **10 car tires without rims** – you do not need to bring the tires to the curb!

Call 732-542-3630 to make arrangements TODAY!
You'll need to provide your name, address, number of tires and the location of the tires on your property.

Tires will be picked up between
Now and March 31, 2023

If you have tires you want to keep,
store them inside or securely cover

visitmonmouth.com/mosquito
732-542-3630

Mosquito Madness is a program of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

[Click on the graphic to view it in a larger PDF format.](#)

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division will be picking up tires through Friday, March 31st to help prevent mosquitoes from growing in tires that hold rainwater. The division will come to your property and collect up to 10 car tires without rims. Please call 732-542-3630 and provide your name, address, number of tires, and the location of the tires on your property to arrange a pick-up. You do not need to bring the tires to the curb.

The Middletown Township Health Department encourages residents to participate in this program if you have tires that are wet and ready to be discarded. If you have tires you want to keep, please either store them inside or securely cover them if they are outside.

**Deadline to Apply for ANCHOR Program Extended to
Tuesday, 2/28**



Information mailers about the 2019 Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR) Program have been mailed by the state. The deadline for filing the application has been extended to Tuesday, February 28th. For information, please visit www.njtaxation.org and select "ANCHOR" or call the ANCHOR Hotline at 1-888-238-1233.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Monmouth County February COVID-19 Clinics

MONMOUTH COUNTY COVID-19 CLINICS

February
2023

COVID-19 Vaccines
are safe, free, & effective

Walk-ins welcome
ages 6 months & up



ID documentation and
health insurance not
required.
No impact on immigration
status

Free At-Home Testing:
Free over the counter
antigen test distribution
program at
www.covid.gov/tests

Free transportation
To your vaccination:
-Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1
-Call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-5555.
-Monmouth County Division of
Transportation SCAT: 732-431-6480



DATES & TIMES

Testing and Vaccine Clinics

- Feb. 1, 4pm-6pm, Asbury Park Municipal Building Lobby, 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park 07712
- Feb. 8, 4pm-6pm, Neptune Senior Center, 1607 NJ-33, Neptune City, 07753
- Feb. 15, 4pm-6pm, Monmouth County Health Dept., 50 East Main Street, Freehold 07728
- Feb. 22, 4pm-6pm, Howell Senior Center, 251 Preventorium Road, Howell 07731



Pfizer, Moderna
(including bivalent boosters)
Novavax & J&J shots are available

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
- Entrance closes 15 minutes before end of clinic



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & INQUIRES:
VISIT WWW.VISITMONMOUTH.COM/HEALTH
DOWNLOAD THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. 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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Middletown Township Channel



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