



Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE BURGESS

Spring has sprung! We welcome the warmer temperatures and the time we can now spend outdoors.

We are working hard on our budget for the next fiscal year that begins in July. We have lost a considerable amount of revenue but due to our conservative budgeting we are still going to see a small surplus for next year. We have cut our budget to reflect the loss of revenue and we are living within our means. That means no tax increases—as it has been for the last 19 years. We are focusing on 2 capital projects—the upgrade to West Green Street and the replacement of the Walnut Street bridge. Both should begin this summer.

We have given greater emphasis to economic development of our town. This is conducted mainly through the Main Street Board. They are doing a great job and are working hard to attract business to Middletown and specifically to downtown. Many business inquiries are made and we are on the verge of new things happening in our town—stay tuned.

Spring and summer are exciting times in our town. Check out our parks, our festivals and celebrations. Come to a movie night in the park. Before you know it we will see fireworks in the sky.

[Come out and Enjoy all our town has to offer.](#)

Town News and Information

Hydrant Flushing

Town Fire Hydrants will be flushed from **April 18-22, 2011**. Flushing will be conducted between the hours of 9:00am.-2:00pm. You may experience fluctuations in water pressure and some sediment in the water. Please plan ahead and limit your water usage during this time.

GO Green....Rain Barrels for Sale

Middletown, through a partnership with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), is selling Rain Barrels to town residents for half price at \$45. Rain barrels connect to your downspouts and collect rain water from your roof. This water can be used for outside watering needs, helps conserve drinking water, can lower your water bill and decreases run-off.

Rain Barrels can be purchased at the Municipal Center until May 6, 2011 (cash & check). They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. There are 50 barrels available with a limit of two per household and you must be a town resident.

Rain Barrels can be picked up at the Middletown Municipal Center on Wednesday, May 11th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please bring your receipt to pick-up your barrel. You can attend a free Frederick rain barrel workshop and receive a goody bag by telling them you purchased a rain barrel in Middletown. The dates, time & locations are all on the Potomac River website. For more information on Rain Barrels, please visit www.potomacriver.org or contact Jennifer Willoughby at 301.984.1908 ext. 109 or via email at info@icprb.org.

Friendly Reminder

The Burgess and Commissioners are asking residents to be mindful of large outside water usage during the summer months. Using large amounts of water could place you into the tiered water rates which will generate a much higher than normal water bill. Since we have put the tiered rates into effect residents have been surprised by the amount of water used and especially by the amount of their bill.

Grass Watering

Ordinance # 06-04-01 prohibits the watering of lawns or grassy areas of any property between the hours of 9:00am.—6:00pm. Violators will receive one (1) written warning and each subsequent offense will constitute a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 and disconnection of water service. To view the entire ordinance please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management will hold a Household Hazardous Waste drop off day on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 8am.-12pm., at the Public Safety Training Facility, 8349 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD. For a list of acceptable items, please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.

Permits Required in Middletown

Town residents are reminded that they are required to apply for a zoning certificate **prior** to making improvements to their property that require a building permit thru the County. Approved zoning certificates are **also** required for fences and small sheds which do not require a County building permit. Examples of improvements that require building permits include, but are not limited to: additions, garages and pole buildings, sheds, gazebos, carports, pavilions, decks, covered porches, screened porches, pergolas, swimming pools, hot tubs, demolitions, propane tanks, retaining walls, signs, and interior improvements such as finishing a basement. Permits are also required for non-residential (commercial) uses including change of use, change of tenant, demolition, internal or external improvements and new commercial uses. If there is any question as to whether a zoning certificate is required, please call the Town to inquire. Thanks!



Monthly Public Town Meetings

Town Workshop

First Thursday, 7:00 PM

Town Meeting

Second Monday, 7:00 PM

Town Meeting

Fourth Monday, 7:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Third Monday, 7:00 PM

Board of Appeals

As needed

Elected Officials

Burgess

John Miller

Commissioners

Larry Bussard

Rick Dietrick

Jennifer Falcinelli

Vince O'Reilly

Anthony Ventre

Trash Pick Up

Tuesday:

Yard Waste (April-Dec.)

Wednesday:

Trash pick-up and

recycling (bi-weekly)

Middletown Municipal Center

31 W. Main Street

301.371.6171

Town Administrator

Andrew J. Bowen

Emergency

301-293-3818

We're on the web
www.middletown.md.us

2011 Neighborhood Meeting Dates

The Burgess and Commissioners will be holding Neighborhood Meetings throughout Town over the summer/fall months. All meetings will be held from 7:00-8:00pm.

Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss issues in your neighborhood. In the event of inclement weather the meetings will be cancelled.

Following is a list of dates and locations of the meetings:

- * **May 10th-North Pointe-tot lot**
- * **June 14th-Glenbrook- Tobias Run Park**
- * **July 12th-Downtown-Elm Street Parking Lot**

* **Aug. 9th-East Main/ Prospect St.-Library**

* **Sept.13th-Boileau Ct./ Washington St.-Jefferson Village Park**

Please come and visit with your elected officials in your neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Fun at the Park, Saturday, May 28th from 11:00am.-2:00pm. Enjoy free ice cream. Deck out your bikes, scooters and skateboards and participate in our kid's parade. Sign a large card and donate travel sized toiletries to send to our troops overseas. American flags, food, fun activities, clown and more!!

Family Movie Night in the Middletown Park, Friday, June 10th. Movie TBD (check www.middletown.md.us for update). Event starts at 7:00pm with movie starting at dark. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for the whole family to watch on Middletown's giant blowup movie screen. A variety of foods and snacks will be sold by local vendors.

Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, June 25th, at the Middletown Community Park. Festivities begin at 3pm. The Independence Day Celebration has been a tradition in Middletown since 1988. This is our biggest event. The Middletown Rec Council, Burgess and Commissioners and local businesses put together a full day of entertainment. This event is free for all ages. There will be food, crafts & specialty vendors, live music, demonstrations, children's activities including: face painting, pony rides, moon bounce and Jerry Brown and his monkey pal D'jango. There will be a military tribute before the fireworks that will begin at dark.

Heritage Day Festival, Saturday, September 24th. Learn about the heritage of our Middletown, Maryland community with Civil War Living History encampments, heritage children's games and crafts, and great entertainment. Additional highlights this year include the German Heritage along the National Historic Road. The Annual Parade kicks off the event at 10am. The event is held rain or shine. Please check www.middletownheritagefestival.com for complete details.

For additional Town Events, please check our website at www.middletown.md.us and click on the tab Middletown Events.

Welcome—The Burgess and Commissioners would like to welcome Paul Pearl to the Town Staff. Paul started with the Town on April 4, 2011 as the Superintendent of Maintenance. You may reach Paul at 301.371.6171 ext.21 or at ppearl@ci.middletown.md.us. Welcome aboard Paul!