



Middletown Quarterly Update

July 2015

Message from the Burgess

Town News and Information

Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On June 8, 2015 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates 3.5% . The new rates are as follows and are shown on the October bill:

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$70.22
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$9.95 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$14.91 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$19.91 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$29.84 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$34.79 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$39.79 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$59.67 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$74.60 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$89.51 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$104.41 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$119.35 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$134.24 per 1,000

NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$70.22
1"	4,200 gal.	\$98.26
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$126.35
2"	8,700 gal.	\$203.57
3"	33,000 gal.	\$772.20
4"	42,000 gal.	\$982.79
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,474.20
8"	87,000 gal.	\$2,035.78

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$9.95 per 1,000 gallon.

Capital Improvement Fee Increase

The Burgess and Commissioners also approved a \$3 increase on the Capital Improvement Fee. The fee per quarter is now \$39.00 for those of you who do not pay the Debt Service Fee.

GO GREEN—Pay ONLINE

You can now view and pay your water & sewer bills online. Visit our website at www.middletown.md.us to view and/or pay your water & sewer bill online. You may also sign up for paperless billing to receive your bills via email.

Consumer Confidence Report

Each year the Town of Middletown is required to submit to the MD Dept of the Environment our annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you as residents about the quality of our water and services.

If you would like to view our annual drinking water quality report for 2014, please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.

Grass Watering Reminder

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.

Yard Waste Reminder

Please **do not** set your yard waste bags out at the curb until the night before pick-up (Monday night). This is an effort to keep our Town beautiful!

The lazy, hazy, and crazy days of summer are here! I hope you can find the time to attend a movie night or run a 5K or go to the July 4th celebration or attend the carnival or come downtown for ice cream! All of these (and more) are activities that you and your family can do right in Middletown.

As you may be aware, we are developing a dog park in Wiles Branch Park. This was developed mostly through a grant from the state and we are anxious to provide yet another amenity to our growing park system. You will need to register your dog and there will be a fee to use the secure fenced facility. Also, Eagle Scout candidate James Bongard has designed and will install trail markers on our 4 trails. For the many walkers and joggers this will be much appreciated. Thank you James.

This summer we will be starting a number of new projects in town. The Cone Branch Trail will be continued from Linden to Main; a trail will be built taking you from the Primary School to Remsburg Park; construction of West Green Street will begin in the late summer/early fall; and we will be using a digital speed sign in various places throughout town to increase awareness of your speed and cause you to slow down. Our 10 acre Solar farm will be installed very soon at Remsburg Park providing a great economic benefit to our water/sewer budget and provide us with a significant sustainable resource.

The Main Street water line replacement is coming along as is the SHA overhaul of Main Street (streetscape). We are hoping this will begin in calendar year 2017. This is a significant project in size and scope and to fund. Also later this fiscal year is the rebuilding of W. Green Street, reservoir cover replacement and the possibility of buying back our street lights from Potomac Edison. Each of these projects brings great improvement to our infrastructure and reduced costs to the Town.

On a personal note, I am doing much better with my eyesight. Every day brings some improvement, albeit small. I still have contrast issues that affect my vision but I can see everything except small print. Otherwise, my health is good. I am so grateful when I am out and about to receive such kind words from you.

Much is happening and we ask for your patience as we rejuvenate and enhance our beautiful town. Enjoy the summer!!



Monthly Public Town Meetings

Town Workshop

First Thursday, 7:00 PM

Town Meetings

Second Monday, 7:00 PM

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

Christopher Goodman

Anthony Ventre

Trash Pick Up

Tuesday:

Yard Waste (April-Dec.)

Wednesday:

Trash pick-up (weekly)

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



Middletown to apply for Sustainable MD Certified designation

Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) is a program that promotes Maryland's municipalities that aim to protect their natural assets, revitalize their communities, and become known for those achievements. Led by the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, in partnership with the Maryland Municipal League, municipalities that want to go green, control costs, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term will be certified and recognized for their accomplishments. To that end, Middletown has ongoing efforts to make the town more walkable, livable and green with plans to do even more to earn the sustainable designation. A Green Team has been formed which is made up of town staff and officials, residents and local business leaders. The next step is the distribution of a survey to the town residents that will help the team make the best decisions about the action plans this committee will undertake. **Please look for the short survey (5 minutes of your time) on the town's website or fill it out via the link provided in the list serve e-mail. Your participation is much appreciated!**

Important dates and information....

Family Movie Nights

Friday, July 17th, showing *Back to the Future*

Friday, August 21st showing *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

Event starts at 7:00pm with movie starting at dark at the Middletown Park. 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.

Main Street Middletown is hosting ***The Heat is On!, a 5K road race and family fun run on August 29, 2015 at 8am.*** Warm up with music and stretching led by Rockstar Fitness gurus in the Rockstar Fitness parking lot where the race starts! The scenic course travels through our beautiful downtown. Stay for the post-race festivities with live music, awards, medals, and tshirts for the first 200 runners. Proceeds benefit two nonprofit organizations: Main Street Middletown and the Middletown Branch of the Frederick County Public Libraries. Register at www.mainstreetmiddletown.org!!

31st Heritage Day Festival, Saturday, September 26th. Learn about historic Middletown, Maryland and it's heritage. We celebrate our community and its past, present and future with a fun-filled day, which starts with a parade at 10am. After the parade, there will be vendors and many exhibits, reenactments, crafts & great entertainment. Come enjoy a day filled with music, fun and food. The event is held rain or shine. Please check www.middletownheritagefestival.com for complete details.

Seventh Annual "Scarecrow Contest".....start thinking about your ideas. The Middletown Arts & Activities Council will once again provide you with the scarecrow kits. Stay tuned for more information on when & where to pick-up your kits and when the Scarecrows will be displayed.