



Middletown Quarterly Update

October 2015

Message from the Burgess

Welcome to fall in Middletown! It is a very exciting time in our town this time of year. We just concluded a very successful Heritage Festival and I hope you were able to celebrate our history, our unique architecture and our many downtown businesses and what they have to offer you. Coming up is our Scarecrow Walk and the viewing of the many creative scarecrows that will be on display. Our Halloween parade is set for October 29th at 7:30pm. on Green Street this year. Don't forget Jumbo's Pumpkin patch on Holter Road for your pumpkins. And of course, mark your calendar for another Christmas in the Valley on December 4—yes that is technically still fall!

You may have noticed the construction starting on Green Street. This is going to be a new 81 unit development. This land has been in Town since the 1930's and a lot of record since 1969. So, we could not prevent development of this lot, but we did work with the developer to have 81 single family homes instead of 150 apartment or condominium units. We feel like, with the help of the developer, we mitigated the extent of this development as much as possible.

If you have not been to the new CVS building, please make a trip there. The building looks great and is different than any other CVS in Frederick County or surrounding area. Thanks to our Planning Commission, Main Street Design Committee and the Town Board for working to make sure we have a CVS building that "fits" in to our community. I hope you will agree that this was a great job of collaboration.

As always we are here to serve you and if you have a concern or issue needing our attention, please call or email any of us. Enjoy the gifts Fall has to offer in Middletown.

Town News and Information

Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed October 12-16, 2015. Flushing will occur between the hours of 9am.-2pm. You may experience fluctuations in pressure and sediment in the water. Please plan ahead and limit water usage during this time. If you have not signed up for ALERT Frederick County please do so on the homepage of our website. This will notify you of when things like hydrant flushing or water line breaks occur.

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 enclosed 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

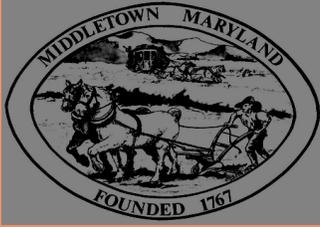
The Burgess and Commissioners also approved a \$3 increase on the Capital Improvement Fee. The fee per quarter is now **\$39.00** for those of you who do not pay the Debt Service Fee.

2016 Election

The 2016 election is just around the corner on **April 4, 2016**. This year we have the Burgess and (2) commissioner seats up for election. If you are interested in running for a seat, the Nominating Convention will be held February 2016, at the Municipal Center. Anyone wishing to run must be at least 21 years of age, reside within the corporate limits for at least one year immediately preceding their election, and be a qualified voter of Middletown.

Election Judges Needed

We are looking for Election Judges for the upcoming Election on Monday, April 4, 2016. If you are interested in serving as an Election judge please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@ci.middletown.md.us or 301.371.6171 ext. 11.



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



Green Team Corner....

Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) is a program that is intended to assist Maryland's municipalities with their sustainability efforts. The Burgess and Commissioners adopted a resolution to register with SMC earlier this year. A Green Team was formed and a survey was put on the Town's website and sent thru the list serve to the Town's residents. The information garnered from the survey will help the Green Team put together an Action Plan for the Town. Subsequent newsletters will feature the Green Team Corner to inform the Town's residents about events that promote sustainability or about programs the Town already has in place to help it become more sustainable. This newsletter will remind residents about the Town's water conservation efforts.

The Burgess & Commissioners of Middletown created the Water Conservation Public Alert System to keep the public informed as to the current status of the Town's public drinking water system. Water faucet signs are erected at the entrances to Town with a color-coded water drop. Descriptions of the different codes is available for viewing on the Town's website as well as our current status. Code status changes are announced on the website and The Citizen newspaper.

Important dates and information....

Bulk Trash Pick-Up—October 17, 2015 will be the next bulk trash pick-up. You may place 2 items out at the curb for pick-up. For a complete list, please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.....**Mattresses & Box springs are no longer accepted.**

Eighth Annual "Scarecrow Contest" - Beginning September 28, 2015, the Middletown Arts & Activities Council will once again provide you with the scarecrow kits. The kits will be available during regular business hours (8am.-4pm.) at the Municipal Center. Kits are available first come, first served. Completed scarecrows are due back at the Municipal Center by October 16, 2015 and will be on display along Main Street from October 17th—November 1st, 2015.

"March of Scarecrows" - Come in and vote for your favorite scarecrow on October 17, 2015 from 2-5pm. At the Municipal Center! Snacks and beverages will be available.

Halloween Parade—Dress in costume and march down **West Green Street** in Middletown's annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 29, 2015....parade starts at 7:30pm. ****NEW** West Green Street will be closed from 7-8:30pm....no traffic (including parents) will be allowed on West Green Street. We recommend that parents park at the Amvets where the parade ends before 7pm.**

Christmas in the Valley—We invite you to join us in celebrating the holiday season at Middletown's annual Christmas in the Valley on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Festivities include caroling, the lighting of the Town Christmas tree, a visit from Santa Claus with treats for the kids and then Christmas music at Zion Lutheran Church. After the show join us for punch and Christmas cookies in the church social hall. Volunteers are needed! For information please call 301.371.6171.



9th in a Series Collector's Ornament—The 9th hand crafted Christmas in the Valley ornament will be on sale at Christmas in the Valley and at the Town Office for \$25. This year's ornament reflects the rich beauty of Middletown's architectural heritage, showcasing three of the many historic homes that line Main Street.