



Middletown Quarterly Update

October 2016

Message from the Burgess

I hope that your summer was enjoyable and fun-filled! This summer saw many events that helped enhance our already great quality of life we enjoy in our small town. Events from MAAC, our arts and activities council, included well-attended movies in the park and a patriotic Memorial Day celebration of our troops and a family picnic. Thanks MAAC! These events do so much to continue to build a sense of community and belonging here. The fireworks put on by the Middletown Rec. Council of Frederick County, of which the Town of Middletown is a sponsor, were spectacular as always. I know you can appreciate the time that goes into planning all these events so please continue to support them.

More construction coming! Main Street is getting ready for a new road, new sidewalks, storm drain and curb and gutter. And replacement of an over 100 year old water line. The addition of some new street lights will create a very nice aesthetic appeal to downtown. More about this project is included with this newsletter and on our website.

We are also replacing our tot lot at Memorial Park. This is phase one of a three-phase refurbishment. Our trail system is a great source of pride for us. The trails are designed well and often used, providing great benefits to residents and to our town. More on our park amenities on our website.

I look forward to a spectacular fall in Middletown. Our Heritage Festival was a huge success—again! And we thank those who work so tirelessly to put on a first-rate celebration of our Town and its history.

Remember, next year is the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our town. Many exciting celebrations are planned throughout the year. Stay tuned.

Town News and Information

West Green Street Improvement Project

The first phase of the West Green Street Improvements Project (Willow Street to North Church Street) has base paving completed. We would like to thank the residents and businesses that have been working with this construction for the past five (5) months for their patience and understanding. The contractor will now begin working on the second phase of the project (Willow Street to Koogle Drive). The anticipation is, with good weather, base paving will be done before winter. The contractor will be completing the final top layer of paving in the spring when the winter breaks. We sincerely appreciate the patience from everyone impacted by the project. We all will enjoy the benefits of this new road project once fully completed.

Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On May 23, 2016 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates 3% . The new rates can be found on the Town website, www.middletown.md.us. Click on Town Government, Water and Sewer and then Water and Sewer Rate Schedule for Residential and Non-Residential Accounts.

Capital Improvement Fee Increase

The Burgess and Commissioners also approved a \$2.75 increase on the Capital Improvement Fee. The fee per quarter is now **\$41.75** for those of you who do not pay the Debt Service Fee.

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

The Frederick County Dept. of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on October 15, 2016 from 8am. until Noon at the Public Safety Training Facility at 8349 Reichs Ford Road. Please visit their website at www.frederickcountymd.gov/3958/household-hazardous-wastes for a list of the acceptable and not acceptable items.

Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed October 3-7, 2016. 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.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

October 22, 2016 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. Click on Town Government, Trash News and then Bulk Trash.

Early Voting in the 2016 General Election

Registered voters in Frederick County can vote early before the 2016 General Election. Early voting occurs October 27 through November 3, 8am-8pm each day including the weekend. There are 4 locations in the County. One is at the Middletown VFD Activities Center, 1 Fireman's Lane, Middletown. For more information visit the Frederick County Board of Elections website, www.frederickcountymd.gov/elections.





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

Tom Catania

Rick Dietrick

Jennifer Falcinelli

Christopher Goodman

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 Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation - New playground equipment is coming to Memorial Park in October. Please be patient as the old equipment will be removed and replaced with two new playground sets ages 2-5 and 5-12 along with new climbing equipment. This should be wrapped up and completed by the end of October. This is the first phase of three to add new equipment to Memorial Park. Residents are encouraged to visit the park and see the new equipment once it is completed. This park is widely used and enjoyed by many and will be an even greater joy with this new equipment.

Important dates and information....

Light up the Town Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness - October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In support of this, the Town will be selling pink lightbulbs for \$1 each. Proceeds raised will benefit the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. You can purchase your lightbulb at the Middletown Municipal Center. The goal is to light up the Town "Pink" the month of October in support of this great cause.



Ninth Annual "Scarecrow Contest" - Beginning September 26, 2016, 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 21, 2016 and will be on display along Main Street from October 22nd—November 5th, 2016.

"March of Scarecrows" - Come in and vote for your favorite scarecrow on October 22, 2016 from 2-5pm. At the Municipal Center! Snacks and beverages will be available.

Halloween Parade - Dress in costume and march down Main Street in Middletown's annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29th at 5:00 PM. Costume judging will be held at the School complex promptly at 4:15 PM before the parade. Candy, and light refreshments will be handed out after the parade behind the municipal center. Come enjoy the fun!

Christmas in the Valley - We invite you to join us in celebrating the holiday season at Middletown's annual Christmas in the Valley on Saturday, December 3, 2016 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.



10th Series Collector's Ornament - Generations of Middletown athletes, coaches, band members, parents and fans have spent many hours in Knight's Stadium. The ornament this year is in honor of all those past, present and future who may pass through its gates and leave with fond memories of sporting events, entertainment, and beautiful Middletown sunsets. All proceeds fund Middletown's Christmas in the Valley. You can purchase the ornament at the Middletown Municipal Center \$25 cash or check.