



Middletown Quarterly Update

October 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE BURGESS

We live in a great town in a beautiful area. We have a great sense of community in Middletown. It is that sense of community that we need to rely on now as some of our neighbors have been the victims of crime. There have been crimes of opportunity committed over the last few weeks with perpetrators stealing from open cars and even open houses. As we have stated in our appeals to you over the last few weeks, please lock your car doors and house doors. It is in this community spirit that I also ask that you look out for your neighbors and neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1. We are going to be considering a curfew to help curb this pattern of crime.

I'd like to thank all of our volunteers that helped bring us many activities like movie nights, date night and most recently our Heritage Festival. All of these activities as well as the MVFC Carnival and the Recreation Council's 4th of July Celebration help to foster that sense of community we have here.

As we concluded our neighborhood meetings for this summer I'd like to thank those that came out to visit with us. One major issue continued to surface--the speed of traffic in town. We are investigating a multi-pronged approach to this problem. Among the strategies we are considering are "temporary speed bumps", speed cameras in school zones and design standards that work to calm traffic. We'd appreciate your input on these and any other strategies to slow down traffic in town.

Enjoy the fall season and I hope to see you around town.

Burgess Miller

Town News and Information

Water & Sewer Rates

On July 25, 2011 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates. The new rates are as follows and are shown on the enclosed bill:

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$61.50
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$8.72 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$13.07 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$17.44 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$26.14 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$30.49 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$34.86 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$52.27 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$65.34 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$78.40 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$91.46 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$104.54 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$117.58 per 1,000

NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$61.50
1"	4,200 gal.	\$86.07
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$110.67
2"	8,700 gal.	\$178.31
3"	33,000 gal.	\$676.34
4"	42,000 gal.	\$860.79
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,291.19
8"	87,000 gal.	\$1,783.06

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$8.72 per 1,000 gallon.

Capital Improvement Fee

The Burgess and Commissioners also voted to increase the Capital Improvement Fee from \$25.00 to \$30.00. That increase is also shown on the enclosed bill.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Town Fire Hydrants will be flushed from October 17—21, 2011. Flushing will occur between the hours of 9a.m.—2p.m. You may experience fluctuations in pressure and sediment in the water. Please plan ahead and limit water usage during this time.

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

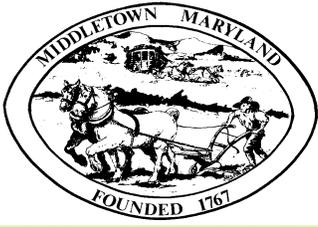
The Frederick County Dept. of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on October 22, 2011 from 8am. til Noon at the Public Safety Training Facility on Reichs Ford Road.

Please visit their website at www.co.frederick.md.us/recycling for a list of the acceptable and not acceptable items.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

The Burgess and Commissioners will hold a Bulk Trash Pick-up day on **Saturday, October 22, 2011**. You may put out 2 items to be picked up. You do not have to register your 2 items with the Town. Just put them out before **6AM on Saturday, October 22** and Key Sanitation will pick them up. There will be two different trucks in town; one will pick up Metal only and the other will pick up all other items. Please be patient.

For a complete list of accepted and un-accepted items visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.



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



Main Street Middletown

My name is Becky Reich and I am so happy to be named the new Main Street Manager! I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with the citizens of Middletown! What I have enjoyed the most though is the very kind and friendly people I have met so far!

Just to give you a little bit of my background—I have worked in various parts of the U.S. with local and state government agencies, small to very large private firms, and local non-profits. I have authored design guidelines, consulted on various state and federal agencies insuring that their projects do not have negative impacts to surrounding historic properties, and served on several non-profit boards, as well as the Interim Executive Director of the Howard County Historical Society.

Again, I am so excited to be here! Please feel free to call (301.371.6171 ext 22) or email (breich@ci.middletown.md.us) or drop by the Town office for a visit.

Upcoming Events

Fourth Annual "Scarecrow Contest"...coming this fall. Middletown Valley residents, businesses, schools and organizations are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Scarecrow Contest. Complete the registration form which will be available at the Municipal Center beginning October 3rd (this is on a first come first serve basis). You will receive your FREE scarecrow kit which includes a wooden frame, string, bag of straw, and burlap fabric for the head. Scarecrow's will be hung on Main Street from October 22– November 5, 2011. Come out and vote for your favorite scarecrow on Saturday, October 22nd from 2-5pm., in front of the Municipal Center. Hot apple cider and kettle corn will be available.

Halloween Parade—Dress in costume and march down Main Street in Middletown's annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 27th at 6:15 PM. Costume judging will be held at the Tennis Courts next to Middletown Middle School promptly at 5:45 PM before the parade. Candy, drinks and prize money (provided by the Lion's Club) will be handed out to the kids after the parade at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department. 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 Friday, December 2, 2011 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.



5th In a Series Collector's Ornament—The 5th hand crafted Christmas in the Valley ornament will be on sale at Christmas in the Valley and at the Town Office for \$25. This ornament depicts Middletown's band wagon sitting in front of the Zion Lutheran Church. In the early 1900's, musicians would hold concerts in the bandwagon, parked in front of the Zion Lutheran Church, on Saturday evenings. Ornaments 1 thru 4 are on sale in limited quantities.

