



Middletown Quarterly Update

October 2014

Message from the Burgess

Town News and Information

Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed October 13-17, 2014. 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.

Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On August 11, 2014 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates 3% . The new rates are as follows and are shown on the October bill:

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$67.85
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$9.62 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$14.41 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$19.24 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$28.84 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$33.62 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$38.45 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$57.66 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$72.08 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$86.49 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$100.88 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$115.32 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$129.71 per 1,000

NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$67.85
1"	4,200 gal.	\$94.94
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$122.08
2"	8,700 gal.	\$196.69
3"	33,000 gal.	\$746.09
4"	42,000 gal.	\$949.56
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,424.35
8"	87,000 gal.	\$1,966.94

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$9.62 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 \$36.00 for those of you who do not pay the Debt Service Fee.

Iron and Manganese Removal Project

The Town of Middletown is currently completing the engineering design of a manganese and iron removal system for one of our production wells that provide water to the Town, primarily the Glenbrook subdivision. Manganese and iron are not health related and not regulated, but do result in customer complaints due to the discolored water. The project has been included in this year's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). We hope to be under construction by the summer of 2015 assuming there are no delays in permitting from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) with the removal system coming on-line in the fall of 2015. Any questions, please contact the Town Office at 301.371.6171.

West Green Street Improvements

The Town of Middletown has plans to make improvements to West Green Street for vehicular and pedestrian safety. The project will include sidewalks, curb and gutter, crosswalks, new storm drains, and new paving. This is a large project and will make improvements from the Asian Café to the AMVETS and will take at least two (2) years to complete. The Town will be bidding the project this winter with construction beginning in summer of 2015. Please keep yourself up-to-date by visiting the Town website at www.middletown.md.us.

I hope that the summer was restful and enjoyable for you. This summer saw many events that helped improve an already very good quality of life in our small town. First, we celebrated our sesquicentennial of the ransom of Middletown during the Civil War. It was a great event and we have a museum quality exhibit as a result of this commemoration. Second, we had another great summer of events from our MAAC group including movies in the park and a Memorial Day celebration of our troops. These events do so much to continue to build a sense of community and belonging here. We all enjoy the fireworks put on by the Middletown Rec. Council of Frederick County. The Town of Middletown sponsored the fireworks and they were spectacular as always. I know you can appreciate the time that goes into planning these events so continue to support them in the future. Third, a new ice cream shop has opened in our downtown. More Ice Cream has captured that home town feel and we look forward to many years of ice cream and memories. Please continue to frequent all of our local shops and businesses.

I look forward to a splendid fall in the Middletown Valley. 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. I am hoping for a milder winter but that is not what the Farmer's Almanac says! Stay in touch and keep in touch.



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

Adult Entertainment Businesses regulations...

Due to the fact that the Burgess & Commissioners are concerned with the potential adverse secondary effects of adult-oriented entertainment businesses which may elect to locate within the Town limits, they have drafted a text amendment which would provide definitions for "adult entertainment business" and "adult entertainment activities" and would not permit such businesses within 1,500 feet of any school, park, child day care center, church or house of worship. After a public hearing held on Sept. 4, 2014, the Town Board agreed to add an additional provision that such a business could not locate within 600 feet of the property line of any property located in a residential zoning district. The Burgess & Commissioners wish to protect and promote the safety, health, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town, and have determined that the nature of adult oriented businesses require the enactment of zoning restrictions and those type of businesses should be separated from vulnerable land uses to minimize the impact upon such uses. If approved, the regulations would effectually prohibit those types of businesses from locating within Middletown.

Important dates and information....

Bulk Trash Pick-Up—October 25, 2014 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.*

Seventh Annual "Scarecrow Contest" - Beginning September 29, 2014, 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 17, 2014 and will be on display along Main Street from October 18th—November 1st, 2014.

"March of Scarecrows" - Come in and vote for your favorite scarecrow on October 18, 2014 from 2-5pm. At the Municipal Center! Winners will be announced and gifts will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Burgess' Choice...(participants do not have to be present to win). Snacks and beverages will be available.

Halloween Parade—Dress in costume and march down Main Street in Middletown's annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 30, 2014....parade starts at 6:15pm.

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 5, 2014 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.



8th in a Series Collector's Ornament—The 8th 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 is a scene from our annual July 4th celebration.