



Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2014

Town News and Information

ELECTION

The Town Election will be held on **Monday, April 7, 2014 from 7am.—8pm**. Candidates up for re-election are Larry Bussard, Rick Dietrick and Jennifer Falcinelli.

Credit Card Payments NOW accepted for Water & Sewer Payments

Beginning April 1, 2014, the Town of Middletown will be able to accept credit card payments for Water & Sewer Bills only. Please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us and click on the credit card link for a secure access to process your credit card payment. **There is a 3% convenience fee for all transactions that you will need to pay to use this service.** You will also need your account information to process the charge. If you have any questions, please visit the Town's website or contact the Town Office at 301.371.6171.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box

More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time, according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America.

The Town of Middletown in cooperation with the Frederick County Health Department, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency are participating in a prescription drug take back effort. To help provide safe disposal of unused medicine, the Town of Middletown has installed a Drug Disposal Site at the Middletown Municipal Center located at 31 West Main Street. The drop-off container is located just inside the rear access door from the parking lot. Residents can safely dispose of their expired and/or unwanted household medicines and prescription drugs.

GO Green.....Rain Barrels for Sale

Middletown, through a partnership with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), is selling Rain Barrels to town residents for half price at \$45. Rain barrels connect to your downspouts and collect rain water from your roof. This water can be used for outside watering needs, helps conserve drinking water, can lower your water bill and decreases run-off.

Rain Barrels can be purchased at the Municipal Center from April 1—April 30, 2014 (cash or check). They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. There are 40 barrels available with a limit of two per household and you must be a town resident.

Rain Barrels can be picked up at the Middletown Municipal Center on Thursday, May 1st from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Please bring your receipt to pick-up your barrel.

Hydrant Flushing

Town Fire Hydrants will be flushed from **April 14-18, 2014**. Flushing will be conducted between the hours of 9:00am.-2:00pm. You may experience fluctuations in water pressure and some sediment in the water. Please plan ahead and limit your water usage during this time.

Grass Watering

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.

Overgrown Trees

Just a reminder to all residents to keep your tree limbs and shrubs cut back so that they do not extend over any sidewalk. Per Ordinance 12.08.040 it is unlawful to have trees extend over any sidewalk of the Town at a height less than ten (10) feet from the ground or over any street or alley at a height of less than fifteen (15) feet.



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

Chris Goodman

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



Planning and Zoning Update....

The Middletown Planning Commission continues to be busy reviewing proposed developments in the Town. Copies of the plans associated with these developments are available for viewing on the town's website or in the Town Offices.

Cross Stone Commons—to be located on the west side of Middletown Parkway at the intersection with US Route 40. The shopping center will have four separate buildings that will consist of businesses and restaurants. The shopping center site plan and architectural review of two of the four buildings have been approved by the Planning Commission.

Coblentz on East Green St.—to be located on the north side of East Green Street just west of the Middletown School Complex as a Neo-Traditional Residential development on ~24 acre property with 81 single-family dwellings, a 0.7 acre Village Green amenity and a 3.5 acre public use/library site. The Planning Commission conditionally approved the improvement plans in October 2013. The developer hopes to begin construction by early this summer.

Fire Station #7—Frederick County is planning to build a fire station on Franklin Street adjacent to the Middletown Primary School. A site plan was conditionally approved by the Planning Commission at their November 2013 meeting. The new building constructed at the carnival grounds is an activity center for the Middletown Fire Company.

Zoning Administrator Note—

The Zoning Administrator is appointed by the Burgess and confirmed by the Commissioners to administer and enforce the zoning ordinances in Title 17 of the Middletown Municipal Code. It is important to note that a zoning certificate (issued by the Zoning Administrator) is required for any proposed improvements/changes to property including any construction of any building including accessory building, signs and fences as well as any changes in land or building uses. If required, a building permit must also be obtained from Frederick County Permits Department before work begins. Walk-Through Permits are issued for residential uses and processed by the Zoning Administrator from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Zoning Administrator performs random neighborhood visits to ensure compliance with zoning ordinances. Letters are sent to property owners when zoning violations are noted.

Upcoming Events.....

Memorial Day Fun at the Park, Saturday, May 24th from 11:00am.-2:00pm. Enjoy free ice cream. Deck out your bikes, scooters and skateboards and participate in our kid's parade Sign a large card and donate travel-sized toiletries to send to our troops overseas. American flags, food, fun activities, clown and more!!

Family Movie Night in the Middletown Park, Friday, June 13th and Friday, August 22. Movie TBD (check www.middletown.md.us for update). Event starts at 7:00pm with movie starting at dark. 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.

Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, June 28th, at the Middletown Community Park. Festivities begin at 12pm. There will be food, crafts & specialty vendors, live music (The Knight Brothers 3-5pm. and Ghost Peppers 5-7pm.), demonstrations, children's activities including: face painting, pony rides, moon bounce and magician. There will be a military tribute at 5pm. Fireworks begin at 9:30pm.

Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office JR Deputy Academy, June 23 & 24—This event is for kids ages 5-11 and is free. It takes place at the Middletown Community Park. Registration is required and online registration begins May 1, 2014. Please visit our website www.middletown.md.us under Middletown Events for the link to register.