



# Middletown Quarterly Update

January 2020

## Message from the Burgess

We have had a very prosperous year in Middletown!

Our business community is thriving! We have had 11 new businesses come to our town. It is nice to have choices of where to dine and shop and not have to go over the mountain. Several of these businesses are new and will need your patience as they work out the kinks of starting a new business. Thanks to the Commissioners, our Planning Commission and the Main Street Middletown Board for helping our town continue to grow economically. And thank you to the businesses for choosing our town and to all for supporting these businesses.

Main Street is a mess! The good news is that it is improving and nearing an end. We have a "smoother" surface on the street for the winter and a final mill and overlay from end to end due by late spring/early summer. Patience has been needed here and we ask for you to continue to look forward to the finished product!

Once again at the end of another great year, I want to share my feelings about our community and how important it is to me and to our Commissioners. This is a great place to live, to work and to have a business. The community is supportive and caring and engaged. We enjoy activities like Christmas in the Valley, Scarecrow Walk, Coloring the Street, Memorial Day in the Park, Fourth of July in Middletown and the Heritage Festival to celebrate our sense of community. We see the value of long-time residents and new residents. We hope that you do too! Please get involved in our community, support our businesses, attend these events and you too will catch the spirit that many of us have found in our wonderful small town.

**Happy New Year!**

## Town News and Information

### 2020 Middletown Election

The 2020 election is just around the corner on **April 6, 2020**. This year we have the Burgess and two (2) commissioner seats up for election. If you are interested in running for a seat, the Nominating Convention will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00pm. 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.

### Voter Registration

If you wish to vote in the 2020 Municipal Election you must be registered by Friday, March 13, 2020. If you are already registered to vote in the General Election you do not need to register unless you just recently moved to Middletown. If you moved from another city/town in Maryland you must inform the Frederick County Election Board of your new address. You can reach the Frederick County Election Board at 301.600.8683.

### Parks

The Town begins taking reservations for the use of the Memorial Park pavilion on January 15, 2020. You may call or come in person to reserve the park. **FEES for 2020: \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.** You must pay at the time of making the reservation.

### Yard Waste/Christmas Trees

Key Sanitation will resume yard waste pick-up on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Key Sanitation will collect Christmas Trees in the Town of Middletown **every Tuesday, in January with the last pick-up January 28th, 2020.** You may also drop your Christmas trees at the Middletown Park beside the Maintenance Shop, 7628 Coblentz Road from December 26, 2019 - January 24, 2020.

### Bulk Trash Pick-Up

March 14, 2020 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](http://www.middletown.md.us) In the drop down under Town Government, click on Trash News and then Bulk Trash.

### Dog Waste

**REMINDER** - Dogs should be on a leash at all times and **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK-UP YOUR DOG WASTE!** It's not the law, it is a courtesy to others!

### Frederick County Department of Aging Monthly Community Outreach

The Frederick County Department of Aging will have a representative available to meet with senior residents at the Municipal Center the first Monday of every month from 1-3:30pm. The representative will answer questions, provide information and assist with applications for different programs. For more information please call 301.600.3572.



### Monthly Public Town Meetings

**Town Workshop**  
First Thursday, 7:00 PM  
**Town Meetings**  
Second Monday, 7:00 PM  
Fourth Monday, 7:00 PM  
**Planning Commission**  
Third Monday, 7:00 PM  
**Town Board & Planning Commission**  
Quarterly

### 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  
Fax: 301-371-6474

**Town Administrator**  
Andrew J. Bowen  
office@ci.middletown.md.us

**Emergency**  
301-293-3818

## Seasonal Updates

### Snow Removal

It's winter time again and the Burgess and Commissioners would like to remind our residents about our snow removal ordinance. Ordinance 12.04.020 Section B titled **Un-removed Snow or Ice** states the following: **A hazardous condition resulting from an accumulation of snow or ice upon any sidewalk within the town. The owners and occupants of properties abutting a sidewalk shall remove or cause the removal of snow and ice for the entire length of any sidewalk abutting upon their property within a reasonable time after the end of a snowfall.** The Burgess and Commissioners deem a reasonable time of 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. Municipal infractions carry a fine of up to \$1,000.

**Please do not blow/shovel snow into the street.** Our maintenance staff work long hours clearing the Town streets and blowing/shoveling the snow into the street becomes a driving hazard. If it is necessary to clear your driveway prior to the street being plowed the following suggestions may help eliminate snow being plowed back into your driveway by Town equipment:

1. Clear only your driveway; keep the driveway apron un-cleared until your street has been cleared and the snow has stopped. Then shovel/blow the snow from the apron area into the lawn area.
2. If you must clear the driveway apron before the snow has stopped then shovel/blow the snow into your yard, this will help replenish the water table.
3. Please remove all basketball hoops and other play items from the street or curbside.
4. Also please DO NOT SET your TRASH RECEPTACLES in the gutter line during or prior to an expected snowfall.

The Burgess and Commissioners are asking the residents who live on a cul-de-sac **NOT to PARK** on the cul-de-sac when snow is in the forecast. It is very difficult for our maintenance staff to plow the cul-de-sac properly when cars are parked on it.

We are not responsible for mailbox damage unless we hit it with a plow. Heavy snow thrown from plows will break mailboxes and rotted posts. You are responsible for these repairs.

## Important dates and information....

**Compost Bins** - The town has 20 compost bins available for purchase at the town hall. They are available first come/first served. **NO RESERVATIONS!** The cost is \$40. Cash or check accepted. Make checks payable to: Town of Middletown. Please check the town website for more information about the compost bins themselves.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Expo which will be held in conjunction with the Coloring in the Streets event in downtown Middletown. As part of the Green Expo, rain barrels will be available for pick-up for residents who ordered them.



**Rain Barrels** - Middletown, through a partnership with the Scott Key Center, is selling Rain Barrels to town residents for half price at \$40. Supply is limited. **Orders will be taken March 30th - April 17th.** Check the town website for more information as it becomes available.

**Green Talks** - There will be 4 Green Talks held throughout 2020. Dates and times as yet to be determined. PLEASE check the Town's website and Facebook page for further information on upcoming events!!