



# Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2023

## Message from the Burgess

Spring is on the way!! After such a mild winter it seems as if spring has been here all along! Our downtown looks great, and Middletown has much to offer! I would encourage all of you to make your way downtown to see the improvements, enjoy a meal at one of our many restaurants and visit downtown businesses. These businesses depend on our support!

Speaking of Main Street, the Memorial Hall apartments should be open for rent later this spring or early summer. This building is 100 years old this year. It is one of only 2 buildings built to memorialize the Middletown soldiers who fought in WWI. It has been vacant, except for some storage, for over 50 years so we are excited for this unique, historical structure to be utilized and viable once again.

We have fought the good fight to have our school campus remain as a 3-school campus. The BOE in a contentious vote elected to have a new co-located school - elementary and middle school located under one roof. The site plan is yet to be determined but it will not look like the concept plan presented by the BOE. A new high school is also planned for the future - next 10 years at best estimation. Stay involved as our Planning Commission will have much influence over the final site plan. All plans are on our website.

We have a small town that is safe and makes us feel comfortable. However, it is also that time of year when crimes of opportunity arrive. Remember to lock your cars and close your garage doors each night. Remember to remove all expensive items from your car each night. As warmer weather comes so do the crimes of opportunity. Lock up and don't give crime a chance!

## Town News and Information

### Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On December 12, 2022 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 reflected on the April 2023 bill:

#### RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$76.00
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$10.78 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$16.12 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$21.54 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$32.28 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$37.64 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$43.06 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$64.56 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$80.74 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$96.86 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$112.98 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$129.14 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$145.28 per 1,000

#### NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$76.00
1"	4,200 gal.	\$106.32
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$136.72
2"	8,700 gal.	\$220.28
3"	33,000 gal.	\$835.62
4"	42,000 gal.	\$1,063.50
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,595.26
8"	87,000 gal.	\$2,202.94

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$10.78 per 1,000 gallon.

### Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed April 10 - 14, 2023. 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. Please visit our website at [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us) for the full schedule.

### Middletown MD Home & Garden Pilgrimage, Saturday, May 6, 2023

Middletown has been selected by the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage to host a tour of our architecturally diverse, National Register listed downtown properties. Main Street Middletown has put together an outing that includes visiting the oldest home in town that dates to circa 1730, one-of-a-kind properties, such as the surgical suite in the Dr. Lamar House, both Christ Reformed and Zion Lutheran, because not only are these churches architecturally significant, but both congregations pre-date the Town's founding, several private homes that will be sure to delight visitors, a sneak-peek into Memorial Hall, and inspirational urban gardens. You will be greeted by friendly docents at each property and then welcomed inside to learn about each one.

Concurrent activities include, weather permitting, displaying the Town's bandwagon, plein-air artists, and the sounds of the old-time Harmony Band on the porch of More Ice Cream. For the third year, we will have high school art hung in the downtown windows during the tour day. We are working to create a nostalgic and memorable visit to our friendly town. Part of the "tour experience" is also choosing the option to pre-purchase a box lunch via the Maryland House and Garden website at [www.mhgp.com](http://www.mhgp.com). Thank you to Tapia's on Main who will be catering this Middletown event.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets may be purchased from Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm with a check made payable to the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP) or cash. Tickets are \$35 per person. For a slightly higher price, tickets can be purchased online for \$36.50 at [www.mhgp.org](http://www.mhgp.org). Proceeds from this event will go towards the rehabilitation of 19 West Main Street to create a downtown Welcome Center.



## Monthly Public Town Meetings

## When Permits are Required (& not required)

**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

**Town residents are reminded that they are required to apply for a zoning certificate prior to making improvements to their property** that require a building permit through the County. Approved zoning certificates are **also required** for fences and small sheds which do not require a County building permit. Examples of improvements that require building permits include, but are not limited to: additions, garages and pole buildings, sheds, gazebos, carports, pavilions, decks, covered porches, screened porches, pergolas, swimming pools, hot tubs, demolitions, propane tanks, retaining walls, signs, and interior improvements such as finishing a basement. **Permits are also required for non-residential (commercial) uses** including change of use, change of tenant, demolition, internal or external improvements and new commercial uses.

## Elected Officials

A zoning certificate is **not** required if a resident is replacing an existing fence with a similar one or replacing the decking on an existing deck. If there are any questions as to whether a zoning certificate is required, please call the Town to inquire. Thanks!

**Burgess**  
John Miller  
  
**Commissioners**  
Rick Dietrick  
Jennifer Falcinelli  
Christopher Goodman  
Jean LaPadula  
Kevin Stottlemyer

**YARD SALE REGULATIONS**  
Town residents are also reminded of the Town's yard sale regulations. According to the Middletown Municipal Code, yard sales shall be limited to no more than three (3) events a year with a duration of no more than three (3) consecutive days each. Items sold at yard sales shall be limited to those items normally found at a residential premises and shall not include heavy commercial, industrial or agricultural equipment.

## Trash Pick Up

## Important dates and information....

**Tuesday:**  
Yard Waste (April-Dec.)  
**Wednesday:**  
Trash pick-up (weekly)  
Recycling (bi-weekly)

**Middletown's Annual Green Expo, Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00am - 2:00pm**, at the Middletown Memorial Park. Always an exciting day with educational exhibits, vendors, crafts, and so much more! Please visit [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us), [www.greenmiddletown.com](http://www.greenmiddletown.com) or [www.facebook.com/middletowngreenteam](https://www.facebook.com/middletowngreenteam) for more details.

## Middletown Municipal Center

**Arbor Day Tree Planting, Friday, April 28th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**, join the Middletown Sustainability Committee, Potomac Edison's Green Team and other Middletown volunteers to plant 50 trees. We will meet along Layla drive near the entrance to the Foxfield subdivision off Hollow Road.

31 W. Main Street  
301.371.6171  
Fax: 301-371-6464

**Middletown Farmer's Market Opens, Thursday, May 4th**, at the Christ Reformed Church parking lot. This is a popular town event which operates every Thursday May through October. Join local farmers, artisans and craftspeople for direct access to the best in local food and products available.

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Andrew J. Bowen  
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**Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 29th, 11:00am**, at Memorial Park, at the War Memorial. This event will start with patriotic music performed by the Rohrsersville Band, a ceremonial laying of wreaths, the rededication of the World War I monument, and tribute paid to Middletown's Fallen Heroes. This event is sure to bring a tear to your eye and make your heart swell with pride for these brave Middletown souls.

**Emergency**  
301-293-3818

**Family Movie Night, Friday, June 3rd** at Remsberg Park. Event starts at 7:00pm with the movie starting at dark. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for the whole family to watch the movie on Middletown's giant blowup movie screen. Food trucks will be on site to tempt your tastebuds.

**Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, July 2nd**, at the Middletown Community Park. Festivities begin at 12pm. There will be food, crafts & specialty vendors, live music, demonstrations, children's activities including: face painting, pony rides, moon bounce and magician. Fireworks begin at 9:30pm.

