



Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2024

Message from the Burgess

Happy Spring! We made it through another fairly mild winter. The beauty of spring will soon be upon us.

Annexation is once again on our agenda. The Town is considering annexing Remsberg Park. This park is a town owned park located in Frederick County. We have recently been discussing annexing this park into the Town. Prior discussions centered around our annexation creating an enclave—which is illegal—by having the Coventry Drive residents surrounded by the Town. Our recent legal interpretation and an interpretation from Frederick County found that an enclave would not be created due to the access to Holter Road, a county owned road. The annexation is needed so the Town can have more control over our planning and implementation of amenities at the park.

Several new businesses are open in Middletown. *Dreams and Beans Coffee/ Nektario's Place* has opened and is located in the rear section of the same building as Tapias. Also, a new retail store--- Turquoise Treasures---is opening in Wren's Nest, the building next to Sportsland. Another retail store is slated to open in May in the old Memorial Hall. As many of you know the Main Cup has been sold and is now under the ownership of the couple that also own Hootch and Banter in Frederick. The Main Cup has been and continues to be an anchor of our downtown revitalization. While we are sad to see Bob and Kim depart, we are happy for their retirement, and we are excited this gathering place will remain in our downtown.

I am grateful to be serving 4 more years as your Burgess. I am blessed in many ways and serving this town I love is one of them.

I hope that your upcoming year is productive and healthy.

Town News and Information

Remsberg Park Annexation

The Town is in the process of annexing Remsberg Park . The approximately 88 acre park is currently zoned agricultural. Upon annexation it will be zoned Open Space (OS) to preserve the park. This will increase the open space within town limits.

Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed April 1 - 5, 2024. 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 for the full schedule.

Water / Sewer Bill \$2.50 Credit

Due to a clerical error, every resident and business in town paying the Capital Improvement Fee will receive a \$2.50 credit in their April 2024 bill. Everyone was erroneously charged a \$55.00 Capital Improvement Fee in their January 2024 bill. The charge should have been \$52.50.

Door to Door Sales

It is that time of year again when entrepreneurs begin to go door-to-door to solicit more business. Did you know that in Middletown a business must apply for and receive a peddler's license from the town to be able to do this? These licenses are good for 3 months only. Employees doing the soliciting will each be issued a badge, similar to what is shown below, with their photo on it. This badge must be displayed/worn while going door-to-door. No badge, no solicitation.



If they aren't displaying a badge, you are welcome to contact town offices and report the salesperson. If it is after business hours you are welcome to contact the community deputies using the non-emergency phone number 301-600-2071.

Middletown Sustainability Committee Green Talks

Join us the third Saturday of every month from 1-2:30pm at the new Middletown library beginning in May for our monthly Green Talks series. The May talk will focus on birding, and we will celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Other potential topics include recycling, Green Schools, food security, wildlife habitat, astronomy, beekeeping, tree planting and much more. Be on the lookout for information as it becomes available!



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
Rick Dietrick
Jennifer Falcinelli
Christopher Goodman
Jean LaPadula
Kevin Stottlemyer

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: 301-371-6464

Town Administrator
Paul D. Mantello
office@ci.middletown.md.us

Emergency
301-293-3818



When Permits are Required (& not required)

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.

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!

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.

Important dates and information....

Middletown's Annual Green Expo, Saturday, April 20th from 10:00am - 2:00pm, at the Middletown Memorial Park. Always an exciting day with educational exhibits, vendors, demonstrations, and so much more! Please visit www.middletown.md.us, www.greenmiddletown.com or www.facebook.com/middletowngreenteam for more details.

Arbor Day Tree Planting, Friday, April 26th, 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.

Middletown Farmer's Market Opens, Thursday, May 2nd, 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.

Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 27th, 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, 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.

Vintage Vehicles in the Valley, Saturday, June 8th, 8:30-11:00am, Fun for the entire family. View some of the best vintage cars around along West Green Street, live music, specialty food and drinks, and an interactive scavenger hunt for kids. New this year, try racing tricycles against a timer, with the fastest driver taking home a brand-new, red, tricycle! Come vote for your favorite car or truck or motorcycle.



Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, June 29th, 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.