



# Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2025

## Message from the Burgess

Spring has sprung!!

Our recent Health and Wellness Expo was well attended. I was approached many times by people saying “I didn’t know we had this many businesses in Middletown!” This expo, organized by Carle McAdams at Mountain Spirit Yoga and Main Street Middletown headed by Becky Axilbund and Jim Hoover, featured only our businesses with a health and wellness emphasis. I would encourage all of you to make your way downtown and visit the many businesses we have to offer. Please visit Main Street Middletown’s web page for a list of all the businesses. These businesses all need our support!

Speaking of businesses. We have a new business coming to town—Aleko’s. Alekos will move into the old post office building on Church Street. Renovations should begin very soon. Hopefully, followed by a late summer or early fall opening. Also, we welcome Bug and Jane located in Memorial Hall.

We had a public hearing on March 24 for a proposed annexation. There will be another chance for comment followed by a vote on the annexation on April 3. We are proposing to annex the Harris Farm that is located across from Old Hagerstown Road. We are annexing 30 acres on the east side of Catoctin Creek. The farm buildings will remain and be used as a maintenance facility. The remainder of the land will eventually be developed as a park.

Our new collocated school—Elementary and Middle under one roof—is on track and progressing through the Planning Commission. The school is on schedule to open fall of 2027.

Stay safe and be well! Come on summer!!

## Town News and Information

### Harris Property Annexation

The Town is in the process of annexing the recently purchased Harris property . This approximately 33 acre property located just west of town, across from Old Hagerstown Road, is currently zoned agricultural. Upon annexation it will be zoned Open Space (OS) to become a park. This will increase the open space within town limits.

### Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed April 21 - 25, 2025. 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.

### Licensing and Inspection of Residential Rental Units

In January of 2025, the Burgess and Commissioners passed ordinance no. 24-12-01 that requires all rental units or portions of a dwelling that are rented to be licensed with the town. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that rental properties are registered, and tenants are aware of their rights and are living in appropriate conditions (rental units that meet a minimum livability code). **All rental dwellings and/or units must be registered by July 1, 2025.** The annual fee for a license is \$25 per unit (a unit is a house, town-house, condo, apartment or room that is rented either short-term or long-term). Any owner that fails to obtain a license for their property or dwelling unit will incur a \$10 a month late fee. Rental properties are subject to inspection on a complaint basis by Frederick County’s Housing Inspector. All questions related to this ordinance and program should be directed to the Town’s Zoning Administrator at [zoning@ci.middletown.md.us](mailto:zoning@ci.middletown.md.us)

For more information please see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.



### Code Yellow Water Conservation Still in Effect

Due to the continued lack of precipitation, we are experiencing, the Town’s Water Conservation Alert System status is still Code Yellow. What does this mean?

- Ground water conditions are decreasing at a rapid rate.
- Watering of lawns is prohibited.
- Additional voluntary water conservation is requested. Residents are requested to follow water conservation practices as outlined in “20 Tips to Prevent Water Waste” found on the town’s website, [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us).





Middletown

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
Rick Dietrick
Jennifer Falcinelli
Christopher Goodman
Kevin Stottlemeyer

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

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....

Arbor Day Tree Planting, Friday, April 25th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, join the Middletown Sustainability Committee, and other Middletown volunteers at Remsberg Park for our annual tree planting event.

Middletown Farmer's Market Opens, Thursday, May 1st, 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 26th, 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 7th, 11:30-3:00pm, 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. 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. Vehicle registration is from 9:00-11:00am.



Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, June 28th, 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.