



Middletown Quarterly Update

April 2026

Message from the Burgess

Spring has sprung!!

Our recent **Health and Wellness Expo** was well attended. I was approached many times by people pleasantly pleased with the many businesses in Middletown! The expo, organized by Carla McAdams at Mountain Spirit Yoga and Main Street Middletown headed by Becky Axilbund, features businesses with a health and wellness emphasis. I would encourage all of you to make your way downtown and visit the many businesses Middletown has to offer. Please visit our web page or Main Street Middletown's web page for a list of all the businesses you could support!

It is an election year in Middletown. Candidates have been nominated and this year we have 4 residents vying for 3 Commissioner seats. **Election Day is April 6 at the Town Hall (back entrance) from 7am-8pm.** Please exercise your right and your civic responsibility and VOTE!

Burnt Bridge Crossing Park is the site for our new park located on the farm across from Old Hagerstown Road. It will also be the home of our expanded Public Works Department. We are currently inviting firms to enter bids to design the park. We intend for 26 of the 30 acres to be more of a passive park. Once designs are submitted, we would ask residents to come and see the designs and share their opinions and ideas.

Our new collocated school - Elementary and Middle under one roof - had its groundbreaking on March 17th. Construction is on track and progressing. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2027.

Stay safe and be well! I hope to see you around town!

Town News and Information

Water/Sewer Payments

Effective February 25, 2026, the late fee for water/sewer payments has changed to a \$10 flat fee for all. The reconnection fee after shut-off has increased to \$100 during business hours and \$200 after business hours. If customers are using their online banking function those payments are being delivered via the USPS and you should plan to give at least one week's time for delivery. Your payment due date is the latest day the town must receive payment, otherwise late fees will apply. The Town prefers residents use the payment portal which posts payments much faster.

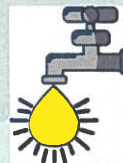
Yard Waste—Key Sanitation will resume yard waste pick-up on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Biodegradable bags/brown bags are now available at the Municipal Center during normal business hours or on any meeting night. These bags are free for residents of Middletown

Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed April 13-17, 2026. 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.

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 annually 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, 2026.** The annual fee for a license is \$25 per unit (a unit is a house, townhouse, 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 Administrator at rwilkes@ci.middletown.md.us



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.



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
Robert V. Wilkes
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 24th, 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 7th, 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 25th, 11:00am, at Memorial Park, at the War Memorial. This event will start with patriotic music performed by the Rohersville 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.



Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, June 27th, at the Middletown Community Park. Festivities begin at 5pm. There will be food, DJ music, and a special patriotic performance by the Rohersville Band. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30pm.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Frederick County Sheriff and Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Departments will be in attendance promoting community awareness & public safety with demonstrations and fun activities for children. To be held at the carnival grounds.