



Middletown Quarterly Update

July 2024

Message from the
Burgess

Town News and Information

Summer in Middletown!

Please try to get out and about and enjoy the Independence Day fireworks on June 29th, National Night out on August 6 and our Heritage Festival on September 28 and so much more. Come and see what the Town, our friendly residents and many businesses have to offer.

Our FY2025 budget was just passed. It is our 31st consecutive year with no property tax increase. It sometimes does not feel like that as the state assessment on your home may have increased. This does, in effect, bring about a tax increase for you but not imposed by us. We try to hold down water/sewer rate increases but the cost of chemicals and supplies to treat the water and sewage have gone up. We settled on a 3% rate increase.

Several important issues have been discussed for months and finally voted on this past June. We purchased the lot that is known as Heritage Park from Middletown Valley Bank. This is the park with the fountain and where our Christmas Tree is located during Christmas in the Valley. We also purchased the Harris Farm located on the west end of Town and contiguous to Brookridge South. We purchased the farm buildings and the land on the east side of Middle Creek. This will serve as a maintenance facility and the bulk of the acreage behind it to be an addition to Wiles Branch Park. We are excited for these 2 purchases and what they offer to our residents and our staff.

Many new businesses and opportunities in our downtown. We have a new Middletown Visitor's Center run by Main Street Middletown. More retail businesses are opening and our foot traffic downtown is picking up as well. Come on down and look around.

Happy summer and enjoy all that the season brings!

Friendly Reminder

The Burgess and Commissioners are asking residents to be mindful of large outside water usage during the summer months. Using large amounts of water could place you into the tiered water rates which will generate a much higher than normal water bill.

Consumer Confidence Report

Each year the Town of Middletown is required to submit to the MD Department of the Environment our annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you as residents about the quality of our water and services. If you would like to view our 2023 annual drinking water quality report, visit our Water & Sewer page of the town's website.

2023 Annual Report

The 2023 Middletown Planning Commission Annual Report is available to view on the town website. This report includes all activity performed by the Middletown Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Planning Staff for the 2023 calendar year. It is sent to the Maryland Department of Planning annually as required by State Law.

Middletown Memorial Bench Program

Honor someone special by purchasing a memorial bench and have it placed along one of the Town's walking trails (Your choice, if possible.). Each bench will be personalized with a plaque with the name of the person being honored. Please see the town website for more information and the application.

Middletown Memorial Tree Program

Honor a special person or event with a native tree to be planted in Middletown. Trees can be planted for the birth of a child, a wedding or anniversary, a recent graduation, and so much more! Your memorial gift will benefit the community for generations to come! Please see the town website for more information and the application.

Yard Waste Reminder

Please **do not** set your yard waste bags out at the curb until the night before pick-up (Monday night). This is an effort to keep our Town beautiful!

Public Service Announcement From the Water & Sewer Department

Residents are reminded not to place dental floss or any type of wipe into the toilet. **THIS INCLUDES THOSE LABELED FLUSHABLE.** The dental floss gets caught in the mechanics of the sewer plant and the wipes cause back ups and can damage pumps. These repairs cost thousands of dollars. Please dispose of used dental floss and wipes into the trash.

Citizen Connect!

Stay connected to what is happening within our town. Visit www.middletown.md.us, click on the Citizen Connect tab, and sign up for:

- * Middletown email updates
- * ALERT Frederick County
- * Follow us on Twitter
- * Follow us on Facebook



Monthly Public Town Meetings

Seasonal Updates

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

Grass Watering
Ordinance # 06-04-01 prohibits the watering of lawns or grassy areas of any property between the hours of 9:00am.—6:00pm. Violators will receive one (1) written warning and each subsequent offense will constitute a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 and disconnection of water service.

Elected Officials

Grass and Weeds
Ordinance # 8-12-010 prohibits a generalized overgrowth of weeds and grass exceeding a height of eight (8) inches. "Weeds and grass" means all bushes, hedges, shrubs, trees, grasses, poison oak, poison ivy or any other non-cultivated vegetation which attains a noxious or dangerous condition upon overgrowth or accumulation so as to constitute a condition detrimental to public health or safety. Not included within this definition are flowers, garden vegetables, compost piles or any plant necessary for soil stabilization purposes.

Burgess
John Miller

Commissioners
Larry Bussard
Rick Dietrick
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Overgrown Trees
Just a reminder to all residents to keep your tree limbs and shrubs cut back so that they do not extend over any sidewalk. Per Ordinance 12.08.040 it is unlawful to have trees extend over any sidewalk of the Town at a height less than ten (10) feet from the ground or over any street or alley at a height of less than fifteen (15) feet.

This is a friendly reminder that biodegradable brown paper bags are available for town residents, free of charge, at the Municipal Center, between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is a 5 pack limit each time you come in to pick them up.

Trash Pick Up

Important dates and information....

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

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 6-8pm, 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.

Middletown Heritage Day Festival, Saturday, September 28th. Learn about historic Middletown Maryland and it's heritage. We celebrate our community and its past, present and future with a fun-filled day, which starts with a parade at 10am. After the parade, there will be vendors and exhibits, reenactments, crafts & great entertainment. Come enjoy a day filled with music, fun and food. The festival will be held rain or shine

Middletown Municipal Center

Seventeenth Annual "Scarecrow Contest" - Start thinking about your ideas. Main Street Middletown will provide you with the scarecrow kits. They can be picked up at town hall beginning September 30th. There are a limited number of kits and they go fast! There are 2 categories for entries: family/individual and business/organization. Get creative and enjoy an event that is a local favorite!



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

Bulk Trash Pick-Up, Saturday October 21st is the next bulk trash pick-up. You may place two items out at the curb for pick-up. For a complete list, please visit our website. In the drop down under Town Government, click on Trash News and then Bulk Trash.

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Fall Recycling Event, Saturday October 21st, 9am-12pm. Items collected include used clothing, metals, paint cans, electronics, and batteries. Bring your items to the town hall parking lot for recycling.

Emergency
301-293-3818

Middletown Lions Club Halloween Parade, Saturday, October 25th. Dress in costume and march in Middletown's annual Halloween parade. The parade begins at 5:00pm, beginning at Martha Mason Drive, will come down Main Street, and end at the town hall with candy & refreshments.