



Middletown Quarterly Update

July 2023

Message from the Burgess

Summer in Middletown has arrived!

Please try to get out and about and enjoy what the Town, our friendly residents and many businesses have to offer.

It is budget time for the elected officials and staff. It will be our 30th consecutive year with no property tax increase. It sometimes does not feel like that as your own home's assessment may have increased. This does, in effect, bring about a tax increase for you but not imposed by us.

To my Linden Boulevard neighbors: The waterline replacement is almost finished. For those of you between Broad and Pine Streets it is finished! Next up is the replacement of the culvert at the bottom of the hill between Pine Street and Lombardy Drive. In fiscal year '24 (this year) we will be designing and engineering the replacement of the street, curb and gutter. We are including in this design the addition of sidewalks. In fiscal year '25 (starting next July) we will begin construction of the street. This will be a 2-year project to upgrade this street between Broad Street and Lombardy Drive.

I will be setting up a time to meet with Linden Blvd. residents on site later this summer. I would also like to form a neighborhood committee that would seek input about the project from your neighbors and share with me and the Commissioners as well as Town staff.

Enjoy your summer and all that the season brings!

See you out and about!

Town News and Information



Middletown Has a New Town Administrator

After 30 years, Middletown has a new Town Administrator, Paul D.J. Mantello. Paul grew up in Prince George's County, in a small community just like Middletown, called Cheverly. He loves the "small-town feel" and appreciates the importance of a close-knit community, where people and families know each other and are connected. Paul and his wife, Shelby, live just down the road in Jefferson with their daughter, Leona, and their dog, Lani.

Paul completed both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Hood College. From 2018 to 2023, Paul was the Town Manager for the Town of Boonsboro. Before that, he was a social worker for the

City of Frederick. Public service and dedication to community is his calling and what he's found to be most fulfilling and important. Paul also serves on the Board of Directors, for the Maryland Rural Water Association.

After developing and overseeing many successful programs and projects in Boonsboro, Paul now brings his hard-earned knowledge and experience to Middletown. He believes deeply that, "the harder you work, the luckier you get" and looks forward to continued success and working for the wonderful community of Middletown.

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 2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality report, please visit our website, www.middletown.md.us.

2022 Annual Report

Also available for viewing on the town's website is the 2022 Middletown Planning Commission Annual Report which includes all activity performed by the Middletown Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Planning Staff for the 2022 calendar. It is sent to the Maryland Department of Planning annually as required by State Law.

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

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

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Town Administrator

Paul Mantello

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Emergency

301-293-3818

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.

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.

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.

Important dates and information....

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 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.

Family Movie Night, Saturday, August 19th, showing *Despicable Me*

Event starts at 7:00pm with movie starting at dark at Rensberg Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to watch the movie on the giant blowup screen. It's free and open to everyone.

Vintage Vehicles in the Valley, Saturday, September 9th, 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.

Middletown Heritage Day Festival, Saturday, September 23rd. 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



Sixteenth Annual "Scarecrow Contest" - Start thinking about your ideas. The Middletown Arts & Activities Council will once again provide you with the scarecrow kits. They can be picked up at town hall beginning September 25th. 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!