



Middletown Quarterly Update

July 2016

Message from the Burgess

Summer is here in Middletown and what a great beginning to summer we have had. We started with the Middletown Arts and Activities Council Memorial Day picnic in the park. It was a great event and celebrated our soldiers and veterans who have fought and served for our way of life. "Family Movie Nights in the Park" began on June 17 with two more movie nights on July 15 and again on August 19. Come to the county park and enjoy a movie under the stars. July 2nd was the Middletown Celebration of the Fourth of July brought to you by the Middletown Recreation Council, a division of Frederick County Parks. The Frederick County tradition of local carnivals is on full display in our town July 19-23 at the Fireman Carnival Grounds on Franklin Street. August 2nd is National Night Out—our first in Middletown. For our running enthusiasts we have the Main Street 5K run and fun on August 27. We end summer with our biggest event of the year—our annual Heritage Festival in downtown Middletown on September 24. Check out our website for more details on all these events and more.

Construction is the word for this summer in Middletown! Our reconstruction of West Green Street is ongoing. The road is being rebuilt, storm drains are being added and enhanced, and sidewalk, curb and gutter are being added. Street lights will be placed along this street for the first time ever! Please have patience with us as we move closer to completion by winter, weather permitting. Also on Green Street is the development of Middletown Glen; an 81 unit subdivision to be built over 4 years. A model home is to be built in the fall. Finally, our long-awaited SHA Streetscape project will begin this fall around mid-September. This project will be done in phases and will be a reconstruction of Main Street. This will include new and improved storm drains, new sidewalk, curb and gutter and a new water main that replaces our over 100 year old water line. I believe you will agree that these road projects will be great enhancements to our town.

Even though Middletown is growing in size and numbers and updating our infrastructure, we are working hard to grow the charm of our small town as well. Enjoy the summer by getting out and seeing our beautiful small town and experience what it has to offer.

Town News and Information

Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On May 23, 2016 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates 3.0%. The new rates are as follows and will be reflected on the October bill:

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$72.33
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$10.25 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$15.36 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$20.51 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$30.74 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$35.83 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$40.98 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$61.46 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$76.84 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$92.20 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$107.54 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$122.93 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$138.27 per 1,000

NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$72.33
1"	4,200 gal.	\$101.21
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$130.14
2"	8,700 gal.	\$209.68
3"	33,000 gal.	\$795.37
4"	42,000 gal.	\$1,012.27
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,518.43
8"	87,000 gal.	\$2,096.85

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$10.25 per 1,000 gallon.

Capital Improvement Fee Increase

The Burgess and Commissioners also approved a \$2.75 increase on the Capital Improvement Fee. The fee per quarter is now \$41.75 for those of you who do not pay the Debt Service Fee.

Consumer Confidence Report

Each year the Town of Middletown is required to submit to the MD Dept. 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 annual drinking water quality report for 2015, please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.

Grass Watering Reminder

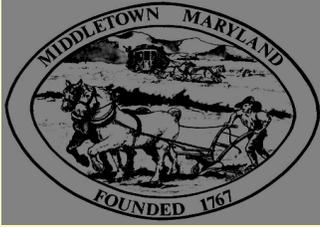
Ordinance # 06-04-01 prohibits the watering of lawns or grassy areas of any property between the hours of 9:00am.—6:00pm. Violators will receive one (1) written warning and each subsequent offense will constitute a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 and disconnection of water service. To view the entire ordinance please visit our website at www.middletown.md.us.

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!

2015 Annual Report

Also available for viewing on the town's website is the 2015 Middletown Planning Commission Annual Report which includes all activity performed by the Middletown Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Planning Staff for the 2015 calendar. Once approved, it is sent to the Maryland Department of Planning as required by State Law.



Monthly Public Town Meetings

Town Workshop

First Thursday, 7:00 PM

Town Meetings

Second Monday, 7:00 PM

Fourth Monday, 7:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Third Monday, 7:00 PM

Board of Appeals

As needed

Elected Officials

Burgess

John Miller

Commissioners

Larry Bussard

Tom Catania

Rick Dietrick

Jennifer Falcinelli

Christopher Goodman

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

Town Administrator

Andrew J. Bowen

Emergency

301-293-3818

Visit us on the web
www.middletown.md.us



GO Green... Compost Bins for Sale

Middletown through a partnership with Backyard Composting, is selling compost bins to town residents for a discounted price of \$20 each. If you are interested in purchasing one of these compost bins please sign up at the Municipal Center or go to the Middletown website, www.middletown.md.us (On the "Town Government" drop down click on "Middletown Green Team", then click on "Composting in Middletown").

Compost bins should be available for purchase at the Municipal Center later this summer. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis with consideration for those who have expressed interest via sign up. You must be a town resident.

For more information about compost bins see www.backyardcomposting.org.

Important dates and information....

Family Movie Nights **Friday, June 17th showing** *Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens*
Friday, July 15th, showing *The Princess Bride*
Friday, August 19th showing *Inside Out*

Event starts at 7:00pm with movie starting at dark at the Middletown Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for the whole family to watch on Middletown's giant blowup movie screen. A variety of foods and snacks will be sold by local vendors.

Main Street Middletown is hosting *The Heat is On!*, a 5K road race and family fun run on **August 27, 2016 at 8am**. Warm up with music and stretching led by Rockstar Fitness gurus in the Rockstar Fitness parking lot where the race starts! The scenic course travels through our beautiful downtown. Stay for the post-race festivities with live music, awards, medals, and tshirts for the first 200 runners. Proceeds benefit two nonprofit organizations: Main Street Middletown and the Middletown Valley People Helping People. Register at www.mainstreetmiddletown.org!!

32nd Heritage Day Festival, Saturday, September 24th. 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 many exhibits, reenactments, crafts & great entertainment. Come enjoy a day filled with music, fun and food. The event is held rain or shine. Please check www.middletownheritagefestival.com for complete details.

Ninth Annual "Scarecrow Contest".....start thinking about your ideas. The Middletown Arts & Activities Council will once again provide you with the scarecrow kits. Stop by the Middletown Municipal Center to pick up your kit on or after September 26th. 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!