



TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
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From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

I hope everyone had a safe and memorable holiday season. Our Christmas parade was a huge success again this year. I would like to thank all those that participated and those that came out and supported our annual event. The success of our events would not be possible without the support of our community.

Our next annual event will be Heart and Soles 5K on February 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Last year we had hundreds that participated in the inaugural event and this year promises to be bigger. Please be alert and watch for runners here in Town the day of the event. If you are interested in participating please contact Shenandoah Valley Runners at www.svrunners.org for further details.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

Town Code section 14-4 Removal of snow from sidewalks

It shall be unlawful for the occupants of any building and where there is no occupant, for the owner of such vacant building or any unimproved lot or land lying on any street, alley or public place within the town where there is a brick or cement sidewalk, or any other walk so named by the Mayor or Town Council, to permit snow to remain on such a sidewalk longer than 6 hours after the snow has ceased to fall; except, that if the snow shall cease to fall in the night time, it shall be cleaned away by noon the following day. If the occupant or owner of the premises, as the case may be, fails or refuses to clear off the snow after being duly notified, it shall be the duty of the Town Sergeant to cause such pavement or sidewalk to be cleaned at the cost plus 10% to such occupant or owner of the premises. All bills for cleaning ice or snow from pavements are due payable when presented, which shall be in addition to any fine imposed. (10-3-55, ch.17, S 55.)

Penalty – Any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to arrest, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or the discretion of the court trying the case.

Town Code section 3-8 Littering

No person shall allow feces deposited by his/her animal to remain on any public highway, street, sidewalk, part of other public property, or on private property without written consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

Penalty – Any person who knowingly violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a littering infraction and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.00 per occurrence.

From the Maintenance Department

Donald Welsh

Yard waste will resume Monday April 18, 2016. Please take time to review the guidelines. **We will no longer pick up any yard waste that does not meet the criteria listed below.** Yard waste collection will be every Monday, and must be placed curbside by 7:30 a.m. Yard waste consists of grass trimmings and leaves which CANNOT weigh more than 40 lbs. Branches or twigs can be **NO LONGER** than four (4) feet in length and **NO LARGER** than two (2) inches in diameter and must be tied in bundles (no wire or plastic string). Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable or paper yard waste bags only **NO PLASTIC BAGS.**

From the Treasurer

Rebecca Layman

- Effective January 1, 2016 there will be a 3% convenience charge for all debit and credit card payments.
- If water service has been disconnected due to non-payment there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn off and a fee of \$50.00 to turn on for a total of \$100.00. If it is after hours there will be an additional fee of \$50.00.
- The Town of Middletown accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.
- If the Town office receives 3 returned checks from an individual, all further transactions must be paid by debit or credit card, money order, or cash. The return check fee is \$45.00
- The Town cannot accept large amounts of unrolled change. If you must pay in change it has to be rolled in coin wrappers.
- Middletown Residents, if you are having contracted work done at your home such as roofing, plumbing, building additions, these are just to name a few; the contractor(s) must obtain a Business License from the Town of Middletown.

From the Clerk

Christina Smith

Vacancy – Middletown Planning Commission. Applications are available at the Town office. Any interested qualified candidates please apply. Position is open until filled.

For pertinent information pertaining to the Town of Middletown please visit www.middletownva.gov

To all Middletown residents, please update your contact information with the Town office. It is imperative that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency. If any of your information has changed please take the time to contact the Town office with the updated information.

All utility payments are due by the due date indicated and, if late, penalties will be applied. If the bill is not paid in full by the cut-off date, service will be disconnected for non-payment and there will be a \$100.00 cut-off/on fee added to your bill. Only those individuals with bona fide emergencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis for a ONE-TIME deferment. **There will be no payment arrangements.** If you have any question regarding this policy please contact the Town Office 540-869-2226 ext. 1

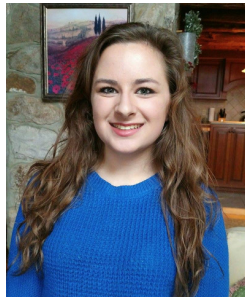
Middletown Garden Club

We are looking forward to a busy year in 2016. Along with our yearly projects to enhance our community, we are learning about new gardening techniques and varieties of plants. 2015 was a great year for our Gingerbread House Contest and our beautiful Gingerbread House in the Christmas Parade. Preparations are already underway for our December 2016 Holiday House Tour and the Third Annual Gingerbread Contest. If you have ideas to make these events extra special, we would appreciate hearing from you. Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at various locations. We welcome your calls to find out about our club. You do not have to be an expert gardener and there are no dues or fees. Call Pat at 540-539-5642

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

Bingo – every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Concessions are sold by the Company Auxiliary. Smoke free facilities.

2016 Honorary Fire Chief – Please join us in congratulating our 2016 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief, Miss Morgan Quinnely. She will be crowned in February at our Annual Company Awards Banquet. Congratulations Morgan!



Calendar of Events

January

- January 15 – Lee Jackson Day – Town office closed
- January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Town office closed
- January 19 – Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.
- January 25 – Planning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

February

- February 1 – Work Session meeting 7:00 p.m.
- February 8 – Town Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
- February 15 – President's Day – Town office closed
- February 16 – Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.
- February 22 – Planning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

March

- March 7 – Work Session meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 – Town Council meeting 7:00 p.m.



Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company



Come Join Our Family!!

We're looking for volunteers just like YOU!
Fire, EMS, grant writing, fundraising & more...

For an application and more information, go to

www.middletownfire.com