



TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
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From the Mayor

I hope everyone had a great time at our annual 4th of July celebration. I would like to thank our volunteers Robin Simon, Tammy & Tom Batcha, Scott Fink, Jeffrey Albright and Jeff Pennington for all their time and effort in helping make our event possible. Thanks to everyone who participated and attended our small town America event!

There are a few more events coming up this summer. Music in the Park featuring Robbie Limon July 30, from 7-9, Yard Crawl August 8, and our 5th annual Car & Truck Show August 23, 10-3.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

I have been out accessing properties and have noticed large amounts of items being stored in driveways, front lawns, and porches. This is unsightly and must be properly stored to help keep our community neat and tidy. Outside storage needs to be kept in accessory buildings and not out in the open.

Town Code Section 6-1

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit grass clippings upon the sidewalks and the streets within the corporate limits of the Town of Middletown and not retrieve same.

Penalty – Any person found in violation of this section shall be issued a ticket and or arrested and upon conviction be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Grass season is here. Residents within the Town corporate limits shall cut, trim and maintain grass growth, weeds and like vegetation at all times, and for any parcel of one acre or less, the maximum height of such grass, weeds, and like vegetation shall **not exceed 10 inches** except for open fields that haven't been developed, they must be cut once a season.

Town Code section 3-8

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 Chief of Police

Philip Breeden

Folks when visiting the Town office please park appropriately when parking in the front of the office on the street. Even if you are running in to pay your bill please park with the flow of traffic, not against the flow of traffic. This is a violation and you can be ticketed. Reminder to please keep in mind the speed limit when traveling around Town. Have a safe and happy summer.

From the Maintenance Supervisor

Donald Riffey

We have several residents not following the proper procedure for yard waste. Please take the 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 7:00 A.M.** Yard waste should consist of branches or twigs **NO LARGER** than four (4) feet in length and **NO LARGER** than two (2) inches in diameter and **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

DMV stops have been placed on vehicle registration(s) for unpaid personal property taxes by the Town of Middletown. In order for the registration(s) to be renewed all unpaid personal property taxes must be paid in full to the Town before the stop will be released with DMV.

Real Estate liens are in process and will be placed on those properties in the Town of Middletown with any unpaid balance.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

From the Clerk

Christina Smith

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 such as a water line break and or leaks at your property. Please update your information at your earliest convenience.

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

The Middletown Garden Club was pleased to participate in this year's 4th of July festivities. Our Plant Sale Booth and 50/50 Raffle proved to be enjoyable and profitable for the club. As always, our funds are used for planting and maintenance of our Town Urns and other enhancements for Middletown. Thanks to Mayor Charles Harbaugh and his volunteers for making the 4th of July celebration a delightful "Small-Town-America" event! If you would like more information about The Middletown Garden Club, please call: 540-869-3342

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

The Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Auxiliary will be selling food from the social hall during the Town's 5th Annual Car Show on August 23, 2015. Please come by and support us! Mark your calendars for our next Pancake Breakfast September 26, 2015 and our Fall Turkey & Oyster Supper on October 24, 2015. More details will follow in the September's newsletter.

BINGO is held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. and concessions are sold by the Company Auxiliary.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!

We are looking for Middletown residents to join the Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company.

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer: fire/EMS, grant writing, buildings and grounds, equipment maintenance, fundraising and much more! Please visit www.middletownfire.com for more information.

Requirements:

- At least 16 years of age
- Fingerprinted and pass a criminal background check
- Firefighter and/or EMS training and equipment is provided, if desired
- No previous experience is needed

Calendar of Events

July

July 21 – Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 27 – Planning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 30 – Robbie Limon performs solo Middletown Park 7:00 p.m.

August

August 3 – Work Session meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 10 – Town Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 18 – Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 23 – Middletown's 5th Annual Car Show 10:00 a.m.

August 24 – Planning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

September

September 7 – Labor Day (Town office closed)

September 8 – Work Session meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 14 – Town Council meeting 7:00 p.m.



Music in the Park

Featuring: ROBBIE LIMON

Thursday July 30, 2015 from 7-9pm

Middletown Town Park

Middletown, Virginia

Food will be available for purchase by Smokin' B's BBQ



Admission is Free and the event is located at the Middletown Town Park. If you have any questions, please contact Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV at 540-877-4594.

Middletown's 5th Annual Car & Truck Show Sponsored by *Malloy Ford*

Sunday August 23, 2015 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Registration from 10:00 am - 12:00 Awards Presentation at 3:00 pm

Located on MAIN STREET in Historic Middletown, Virginia

Participant Judging **Food Vendors** Door Prizes

Registration Fee \$10.00

Plaques to Top 20 & Mayor's Award

Oldies Music Provided By DJ Freddie Cheshire



*To Benefit the Middletown 4th of July Celebration, to register for the Car Show, call Mayor Charles Harbaugh 540-877-4594. **Rain Date Sunday August 30th 10 till 3***