



Town of Middletown ♦ 7735 Main Street ♦ Middletown, VA ♦ (540) 869-2226 ♦ Volume 9, Issue 4 ♦ July 15, 2017

From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

I would like to invite the community to our 7th Annual Car & Truck show on Sunday August 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located on Historic Main Street. Rain date will be Sunday August 27, 2017.

We had another successful 4th of July event with a record crowd. I would like to thank everyone that came out and supported the event. Thank you to our sponsors who made the event possible, 4th of July committee, maintenance department and all those who volunteered their time to help pull everything together. Our event would never be possible without the support of our amazing sponsors and the help from all of our volunteers.

We will graciously host NW Works 2nd Annual Farm to Table again this year in September. Road closure for the event will affect Main at Second & Third Street. Please stay tuned for details. Once all details are available NW Works will post the information under the “News & Events” tab on their website www.nwworks.com

The Town Council and I will hold a “Meet and Greet” with the new Police Chief Gary Benedict after the Town Council meeting on Monday August 14, 2017. Please come out and take advantage of this opportunity to meet the new Police Chief and welcome him aboard. Light refreshment will be provided.

Have a great rest of the summer and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

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

Town Code section 6-2

a. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, occupying or having charge of any real estate or an interest therein, located within the corporate limits of the town, where the parcel is one acre or less, to allow grass, weeds, or like vegetation grow on the property to a height of no more than 10 inches.

b. Parcels greater in size than one acre that lies within 25 feet of the right of way boundary of a public roadway (except for interstate highways) must also keep the grass, weeds or like vegetation to a height of no more than 10 inches.

c. If any owner, occupant or person in charge of such land or interest therein shall fail to have such illegal growth of grass or weeds on his land cut or otherwise removed within 7 days written notice of violation of this section, the town shall have the right to cut or remove such unlawful growth at the expense of the landowner, and such expense may be collected by the town as taxes are levied and collected. In addition, the owner shall pay a penalty of \$50.00 as a fine of this section.

d. Each day that any owner, occupant or person in charge of such land or interest shall fail to have such an illegal growth of grass or weeds on his land cut or otherwise removed after the above mentioned 7 days has run shall constitute a separate offense. Subsequent offenses in the same calendar year shall double until the fine reaches \$200.00. The fine per calendar year is capped at \$2000.00.

e. This section shall not apply to any land used for agricultural or industrial purposes.

From the Town Manager

Rebecca Layman

The construction is moving along at a good pace at the Church Street office. The mold remediation has been completed and reconstruction has started. We are now able to utilize the council chambers and have been holding all meetings there since June. The upstairs of the building which was once used as a storage room will be repaired and reconstructed with the hopes to make it a possible “museum type space” which could house archives of sorts and the Heritage Society display cases which were once displayed in the Town office.

It has been discussed to keep our police department at the Main Street office and the Town administrative staff would move back to the Church Street office. This would include the Mayor, the clerk, zoning, and myself. The police department had long out grown the Church Street location due to the space no longer being conducive for their employees.

As the construction moves along all aspects of this project will continually be reviewed and the best possible decisions will be made to benefit the Town and its success. Please stay tuned for further updates.

From the Clerk

Christina Smith

Please update your contact information with the Town office. Telephone numbers are very important to the Town staff in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.

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 Clerk 540-869-2226 ext. 1

For information regarding the Town of Middletown please visit the Town’s website www.middletownva.gov

From the Maintenance Department

Donald Welsh

Reminder to please make sure the water meter in your yard is free and clear at all times. This is the property owner/tenant’s responsibility. The meter should never be covered by any type of over growth including but not limited to; grass, weeds, bushes, vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. This can cause serious problems in the event of an emergency if we are unable to find and/or access the meter. The meter should be visible and most importantly easy to access. Please take the time to make sure the water meter in your yard is accessible.

Please take time to review the guidelines for yard waste. **We will no longer pick up any yard waste that does not meet the required guidelines.** 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**. Yard waste should not be placed curbside until the morning of collection. This helps keep the community neat and free of clutter.

If you notice a street light out please contact the Public Works Department at 540-869-7731. Please provide the following information. Your name, your phone number, the street light address and the pole number if possible. We will then contact Rappahannock Electric regarding the outage.

Middletown Veterans Memorial

Raymond Steele

Congratulations to the Mort Kunstler "Wayside Farwell" raffle winner Frances Sharp. Way to go Frances! I wish to thank all the local businesses, organizations and individuals who assisted in promoting and selling raffle tickets for our Veterans Memorial Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$531.00 to retire the outstanding debt.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended our Memorial Day service. We had an outstanding crowd and beautiful weather.

I've noticed we are receiving a lot of visitors at the memorial and we thank you for your continued support. The memorial would not be possible without your support.

Just a reminder we are still selling bricks. There are plenty of bricks to be purchased. It makes the perfect gift to honor that special someone that has served or just as a kind gesture to show your gratitude for their service.

Our goal is to install bricks twice a year. Please come out and support the memorial by purchasing a brick or making a donation. All donations are appreciated no matter the amount.

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

Thank you to everyone who participated in and came out to watch the Middletown 4th of July parade. It was a hot one but we had a wonderful time, a wonderful parade and a wonderful crowd.

A big thank you to Barry Lee & Lisa Herdon from [92.5 WINC FM](#), [Jim Stutzman Chevrolet-Cadillac Co.](#), Town of Middletown, [Lord Fairfax Community College](#), Middletown Police Dept., and the Frederick County Sheriff's Dept. for their services.

PARADE AWARDS:

- Best Appearing Vehicle/Tractor - Antique: Graphics North Signs & Outdoor Lighting
- Best Appearing Vehicle/Tractor - Non-Antique: Chuck Timbrook/ Tim Wright with the "Wall of Fallen Heroes"
- Best Appearing Community - Performing: Kevin Owens (Magician)
- Best Appearing Community - Non-Performing: John & Judy Hall
- Best Appearing Fire/EMS: Allen Baldwin
- Best Appearing Float: Middletown Christmas Parade Committee
- Most Patriotic: The Camp of Good Faith Church
- Judges Award for Best Overall: Wrong Turn Trail Riders

Trophies are available for pick up at the Middletown Town Office.

Upcoming Events

- Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Concessions available
- Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Turkey & Oyster Supper, Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events

July

July 24 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 27 – Public Works Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August

August 7 – Public Hearing (Building Maintenance Ordinance) w/ Work Session Meeting to follow 7:00 p.m.

August 12 – Yard Crawl

August 14 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. & Meet and Greet the Chief

August 20 – Middletown's 7th Annual Car & Truck Show 10:00 a.m.

August 28 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September

September 4 – Labor Day – Town office closed

September 5 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 11 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 25 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Just a reminder all meetings are now held in the council chambers at the Church Street office. Please enter through the rear of the building.

Middletown's 7th Annual Car & Truck Show Sunday August 20, 2017 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Awards Presentation at 3:00 p.m.

Located on MAIN STREET in Historic Middletown, Virginia

Sponsored by City National Bank



To benefit the Middletown 4th of July Celebration, to register for the Car Show, call Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV 540-877-4594. Rain Date is Sunday August 27, 2017. Pre-Registration not required.

- **Awards to Top 20 1900-1980 and Top 5 1980-Present**
- **Entry Fee \$10.00**
- **Dash plaques to the first 100 registered vehicles.**