



**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**  
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***From the Mayor***

Charles Harbaugh, IV

I would like to thank Ray Steele for hosting the first Mayor's Dinner March 12, 2015 at the Wayside Inn. It was really a treat to see the past Mayor's and hear their stories. I was like a sponge at the dinner and tried to absorb all of the six Mayor's collective wisdom! Also, I would like to invite the community to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Middletown Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Middletown Town Park. Planning is also underway for a couple more community events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Car and Truck show Sunday, August 23, 2015 on Main Street. Please add these dates to your calendar. As always we look forward to seeing you and yours at these events! Lastly, on behalf of myself and Councilman Jeff Pennington we would like to thank the Town for their overwhelming support of our book "Images of America: Middletown". The stories and photos contained in the book shed a lot of information and really brought the Town together.

***From the Chief of Police***

Philip Breeden

If any folks in the community receive phone calls from anyone stating that you have won the lottery or have won other monies, and all you have to do is pay the tax, hang up immediately and do not give them any information. There is a scam going on in this area and we want the citizens to be advised.

***From the Zoning Administrator***

Fred Wharton

**Town Code Section 6-1**

Grass season is upon us. 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.

### *From the Maintenance Supervisor*

Donald Riffey

Yard waste collection will begin again on April 6, 2015 and will be collected every Monday, and **MUST BE PLACED CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.** Yard waste should consist of branches or twigs **not larger** than four (4) feet in length and **not 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

- 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 credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover) there is no convenience fee at this time.
- 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 will not 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 brake and or leaks at your property. I personally make courteous calls the day of water cut offs as a reminder before cutting off water service. On our last water cut off there were over half that I could not reach because the phone number on file was no longer a good number. 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 Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

- The Annual Spring Turkey or Oyster Supper at Middletown Fire Hall will be April 25, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Meals are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Takeouts will be available. All proceeds benefit Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. Please come out and support us!
- **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!

### 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

Please visit [www.middletownfire.com](http://www.middletownfire.com) for more information.



## *Calendar of Events*

### March

- March 17 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting
- March 23 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- March 28 – Middletown's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

### April

- April 6 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting
- April 13 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting
- April 21 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting
- April 27 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

### May

- May 4 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting
- May 11 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**  
**SPRING CLEAN UP**

**THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP WILL BE MONDAY  
APRIL 6, 2015. ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED  
CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.**

**THE COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BE LANDFILL  
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS, INCLUDING FURNITURE.**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:  
APPLIANCES, TV'S, COMPUTERS, COMPUTER  
MONITORS, MICROWAVE OVENS, PAINT, HAZARDOUS  
WASTE, TIRES OR LAWN EQUIPMENT.**

**IF IT IS NOT LANDFILL ACCEPTABLE IT WILL  
NOT BE PICKED UP**

**PLEASE KEEP YARD WASTE SEPARATE**

**YARD WASTE SHOULD BE PLACED IN  
BIODEGRADABLE OR PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS  
ONLY\*\*\*NO PLASTIC BAGS**