



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

Charles Harbaugh, IV

I would like to cordially invite everyone to our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Saturday July 4, 2015. We have a full day of celebrations and the event keeps getting bigger and bigger. Congresswoman Barbara Comstock will be the Grand Marshal for the festivities and the popular funk, rock, soul, country dance/party band Souled Out will perform at the park from 6:15 until after fireworks. Fireworks will be at dusk and are scheduled to go off around 9:30. The annual softball tournament will be in the morning and the day is full of games, food vendors and crafters. I would like to thank parade director Robin Simon, food vendor coordinator Councilman Scott Fink, Jeffrey Albright and crafter coordinators Tammy and Tom Batcha. Lastly, the parade rolls off at 5 from Lord Fairfax Community College down Main Street and ends at the Town office. I hope to see everyone there! Thank you for your time and have a great summer!

*From the Zoning Administrator*

Fred Wharton

Building Permits are now issued through Frederick County Inspections. All new buildings and/or additions to existing buildings must first have a Zoning Permit to determine proper setbacks.

**Town Code Section 6-1**

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.

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.

**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

We have some people going door to door in our area preying on people by offering great deals to have your driveway black topped or sealed. These are not reputable business owners; they are out just to get your dollars. Ask to see their business license. By no means pay them up front for their work or help them to obtain supplies to do your work. If in doubt, call the Police and have them checked out.

### *From the Maintenance Supervisor*

Donald Riffey

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 **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

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 Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

- **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](http://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*

### **May**

May 19 – Committee Meeting 7:00 PM  
May 25 – Memorial Day Town Office closed  
May 26 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM

### **June**

June 1 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM  
June 8 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 PM  
June 16 – Committee Meeting 7:00 PM  
June 22 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM

### **July**

July 3 – Town Office closed  
July 4 – Middletown's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Festivities  
July 6 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM  
July 13 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 PM