



**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

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**November 15, 2014**

***From the Mayor***

**Charles Harbaugh, IV**

***Upcoming Events in the Town of Middletown***

- ***Middletown Tree Lighting Ceremony:***

When: Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>

Where: Reliance Road (near the Welcome to Middletown sign)

Time: Dusk

Hosted by: Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV with special guest Robbie Limon

Come out and enjoy an evening of Christmas carols, bonfire, gifts for the kids, hot cider etc.

- ***Middletown Christmas Parade:***

When: Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Where: Main Street

Time: 2 p.m.

Sponsored by: Unlimited Welding, LLC & Greenhill Farms

***From the Chief of Police***

**R. Philip Breeden**

The Police Department would like to thank all those that handed out treats and made Halloween a special night for the Trick or Treaters. We had a good amount of little ones and it seemed everyone had a good time.

Thanksgiving is upon us and some of you will be traveling while others will have friends and family visit for a time of togetherness and a good meal. We just want to remind everyone to be safe and buckle up if you are traveling. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

As a reminder vehicles parked on the street facing the wrong direction will be ticketed. This is a violation of the VA State Code and the Town Code. When parking on the street you must park with the flow of traffic. If you park facing the flow of traffic you will be ticketed.

Please remember that inoperable vehicles or vehicles that are not tagged and inspected sitting in yards and driveways are prohibited. This is a violation of the law. We will write a summons for this and the vehicle will be towed. Please put these vehicles in a garage or behind a hide-a-way fence so they cannot be seen. Remember be neighborly and do not spoil the neighborhood view.

### *From the Treasurer*

Rebecca Layman

Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills have been mailed and are due on December 5, 2014. Penalties will be applied if paid after the due date. If you have any questions regarding your bill(s) please feel free to call the Town Office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for assistance 540-869-2226 ext. 1

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 fee added to the bill. Only those individuals with bona fide emergencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis for a **ONE-TIME** deferment so therefore there will be **NO** payment arrangements. If you have any question regarding this policy please contact the Town Office 540-869-2226 ext. 1

### *From the Town Clerk*

Christina Smith

- As a reminder if water service has been disconnected due to non-payment there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn off and there will be 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.
- Reminder to Middletown Residents, if you are having contracted work done at your home such as roofing, plumbing, tree pruning, 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 Office cannot accept large amounts of unrolled change. If you must use change it has to be rolled in coin wrappers.

### *Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

Please come out and support YOUR local Fire & Rescue Company!

- The **Annual Fund Drive Campaign** kicked off October 1. Having the support of our community is crucial to our survival. There are two **BIG** ways that you can help – donating and volunteering! A Big thanks to all those who have donated already and those who supported our Turkey & Oyster supper in October.
- **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.
- **Honorary Fire Chief** – We are now accepting applications for the 2015 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief. Application deadline is Friday, January 2 by 8 p.m. For an application, requirements, and details go to: [www.middletownfire.com/HFC](http://www.middletownfire.com/HFC)

### *Middletown Garden Club*

The Middletown Garden Club is pleased to announce "Homes for the Holidays". This semi-annual event will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from noon to 5 p.m. This special holiday event will feature Larrick's Tavern, The Wayside Inn, The Hoffman House, Rhodes Tavern/The Good House, The Campbell/Mitchell House, 1834 St. Thomas Chapel, and 1896 Grace United Methodist Church all decorated for the holidays!

Tickets are \$15.00 and may be purchased at Town Hall beginning December 8<sup>th</sup> through the day of the tour. Refreshments will be served at Town Hall on tour day. For further information, call 869-1805 or 869-3342

A Gingerbread House Competition has been added this year. Entrants may pick up entry forms along with the rules and regulations at Town Hall or The Wayside Inn. You can also visit [www.middletownva.gov](http://www.middletownva.gov) under the newsletter section. Entry forms must be submitted by December 5<sup>th</sup>

### *Middletown Children First Lions Club*

Mark your calendars Middletown Children First Lions Club will have sessions for "Little Lions" twice a month on Tuesday and Thursday's now through May. We work with parents and children 3-5 years old to prepare them for kindergarten. This is a free fun time for learning, through music, stories, crafts and snacks. Our group will meet at Middletown Elementary School in the kindergarten classroom. For a copy of our schedule please visit [www.middletownva.gov](http://www.middletownva.gov) under the newsletter section. For questions call President, Linda McCauley 540-869-7333 or Marge Davis 540-869-4809

### *Calendar of Events*

#### **November**

November 17 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting  
November 24 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting  
November 26 – Town Office Closing at Noon  
November 27, 28 – Town Office Closed  
November 28 – Middletown Tree Lighting Ceremony

#### **December**

December 1 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting  
December 7 – 2:00 p.m. Middletown Christmas Parade  
December 8 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting  
December 16 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting  
December 22 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

#### **January**

January 1 – Town Office Closed  
January 5 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting  
January 12 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting



# *Middletown Christmas Parade*

*Sunday December 7, 2014*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Horses, Floats, Bands and More*

*Awards and Trophies for Top Entries*

*Special Thanks to our parade sponsors:*

*Unlimited Welding LLC and Greenhill Farms*

*Parade Lineup will be at Lord Fairfax Community College*

*To register for the Parade please contact*

*Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV at 540-877-4594 or*

*visit [www.middletownva.gov](http://www.middletownva.gov) for a registration form*





# *Homes for the Holidays*

*1st Annual  
Gingerbread House Contest*

Sponsored by

The Middletown Garden Club  
Middletown, Virginia

Volunteers can build a village of houses - of gingerbread houses, that is.

Join us as we introduce the first annual Gingerbread House Competition sponsored by The Middletown Garden Club. We will be accepting works of art from contestants from all over the area. All houses must be made primarily of gingerbread, be constructed of edible materials only, and limited to a space of 2 feet wide, 2 feet deep, and 2 feet high. All must be built on a sturdy base material. There is no fee to enter.

Several categories are open to showcase talents: Professional, Adult (18 and older), Teen (13-17), Youth (9-12), and Child (5-8). Judging will be based on the following criteria: overall appearance, originality/creativity, difficulty, precision, and consistency of theme.

Completed entry forms must be received at Wayside Inn by December 5. Entry forms are available by calling Faith Harbaugh at (540) 664-4897 or email [Innkeeper@waysideinn1797](mailto:Innkeeper@waysideinn1797). Completed entries must be delivered to Wayside Inn, 7783 Main Street, Middletown, Virginia, 10:00 am-8:00 pm, beginning December 8 and no later than December 10.

Judging will take place on December 11 by a judging team of three residents of our community, including one professional. A trophy will be awarded to "Best in the Show". First, Second, and Third Place Winners in each category will receive ribbons and certificates.

All entries will be available for free public viewing on December 12-21, 2014, at Wayside Inn. Thank you to George and Becky Reeves, owners of the Wayside Inn, for hosting the 1st Annual Gingerbread Competition sponsored by The Middletown Garden Club.

For more specific information, please contact Faith Harbaugh at (540) 664-4897 or Paulette Barringer at (540) 333-7545.

*Register By December 5, 2014*

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## COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURES

### 1. Size, Subject and Judging Criteria:

The gingerbread entry is not to exceed 2 feet in height, including the board/material used for base, 2 feet in width, or 2 feet in depth. It is suggested that you use 1/2" or 3/4" plywood for the bases. Bases may not be higher than 1-1/2". Entries must be made primarily of gingerbread and will be judged on the following criteria: overall appearance, originality/creativity, difficulty, precision, and consistency of theme. All rulings by the judges are independent and final and in no way are influenced by anyone associated with the Wayside Inn or The Middletown Garden Club.

### 2. Product List:

Except for the base, the entry must be made completely of edible products and the structure must be primarily of gingerbread. Edible materials are not limited to sweets. No artificial display materials such as Styrofoam, interior lighting, or landscaping are to be used in the construction. All candies/materials must be unwrapped and free of any inedible materials.

### 3. Entry Forms:

To request entry forms, call Faith Harbaugh at (540) 664-4897 or by email at [Innkeeper@waysideinn1797](mailto:Innkeeper@waysideinn1797).

### 4. Delivery:

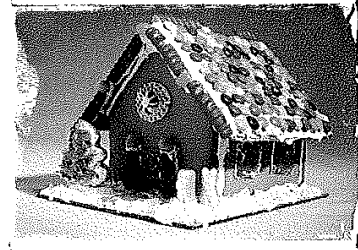
Entries must be delivered to 7783 Main Street, Middletown, Virginia, beginning on December 8 and no later than December 10, between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm - no exceptions. Competitors name, address, and phone number must be on the label on the bottom of the base. Contestants will receive a competition number as confirmation of receipt of their entry. Entries will be on display December 12-21, 2014, at the Wayside Inn. Houses must be picked up December 22-23, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### 5. Prizes:

Judging will take place on December 11 by a judging team of three residents of our community, including one professional. Prizes will be awarded in each category in the form of ribbons and certificates.

**The Middletown Garden Club reserves the right to refuse any entries that are deemed inappropriate for public display.**

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## 2014 ENTRY FORM

Entry Category (please circle only one per entry form)

Professional      Adult (18 & Older)      Teen (13-17)      Youth (9-12)      Child (5-8)

If entering as a Team      Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following required information:

Participant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr./Mrs./Ms.)      (First)      (Middle Initial)      (Last)

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)      (State)      (Zip Code)

Phone:

E-mail address:

Name of Gingerbread Entry:

I understand that to be eligible for the competition I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below:

1. I must return my entry form by mail or drop off to Wayside Inn, Middletown, VA, no later than December 5.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to Wayside Inn, December 8-10, 10:00 am-8:00 pm.
3. I must follow all of the Rules and Procedures set forth.
4. My entry will remain on display through December 21.
5. I must pick up my entry, December 22-23, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form and description must be received by Friday, December 5, 2014. Forms should be sent to Wayside Inn, 7783 Main Street, Middletown, VA 22645.

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# Middletown Children First Lions Club



The Middletown Children First Lions Club is sponsoring a **FREE** Preschool Readiness Program for children ages 3-5.

Join us for an hour of activities for you and your child. Activities will help children as they prepare for success in school.

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT MIDDLETOWN ELEMENTARY. BELOW IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE "LITTLE LIONS" GROUPS:

Tuesday, October 7	4:30 PM
Thursday, October 23	6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 11	4:30 PM
Thursday, November 20	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 18	6:00 PM
Tuesday, January 13	4:30 PM
Thursday, January 22	6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 10	4:30 PM
Thursday, February 26	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10	4:30 PM
Thursday, March 26	6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 14	4:30 PM
Thursday, April 23	6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 12	4:30 PM
Thursday, May 28	6:00 PM

*Come join us for one, some, or all of our workshops!  
No Preregistration Required  
Transportation can be provided.*

### Contact Information

For more information contact, Middletown Children First Lions Club President, Linda McCauley at 869-7333 or Marge Davis at 869-4809.

### WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION:

If Frederick County Public schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no Little Lions meeting that night.