



TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
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From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas to you and yours. We are hard at work getting ready for some of our events this year for Christmas. We also have LONG overdue new Christmas decorations; look for them in the coming weeks! Our annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will be this year on November 27, 2015 at dusk across from the Liberty gas station. Please join us along with special guest Robbie Limon as we sing Christmas carols, enjoy hot cider and stay warm next to the bonfire. On Sunday December 6, 2015 at 2 o'clock please join us for our 2nd Annual Christmas Parade on Historic Main Street in Middletown. We've added quite a few new events this year that you are sure to love. For one, we will have a DJ playing in Town before and during the parade, we also have more parade entries and band entries. If you see our Parade Director Tina Clem out and about be sure to thank her for the hard work her and the team have put into this year's festival. Have a very safe and blessed holiday season.

From the Chief of Police

R. Philip Breeden

Thanksgiving is upon us and some of you will be traveling while others will have friends and family visit. We want to remind everyone to be safe and buckle up while on the roadways. Thanksgiving is a very busy time to travel. From all of us at the Middletown Police Department we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

Town Code section 14-4 Removal of snow from sidewalks

It shall be unlawful for the occupants of any building and where there is no occupant, for the owner of such vacant building or any unimproved lot or land lying on any street, alley or public place within the town where there is a brick or cement sidewalk, or any other walk so named by the Mayor or Town Council, to permit snow to remain on such a sidewalk longer than 6 hours after the snow has ceased to fall; except, that if the snow shall cease to fall in the night time, it shall be cleaned away by noon the following day. If the occupant or owner of the premises, as the case may be, fails or refuses to clear off the snow after being duly notified, it shall be the duty of the Town Sergeant to cause such pavement or sidewalk to be cleaned at the cost plus 10% to such occupant or owner of the premises. All bills for cleaning ice or snow from pavements are due payable when presented, which shall be in addition to any fine imposed. (10-3-55, ch.17, S 55.)

Penalty – Any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to arrest, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or the discretion of the court trying the case.

Town Code section 3-8 Littering

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 Maintenance Department

Donald Welsh

******* The last day for yard waste pick up will be Monday November 23, 2015 *******

We have several residents not following the proper procedure for yard waste. Please take 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 7:30 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 tyed 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

- Real Estate & Personal Property bills have been mailed and are due on December 7, 2015. Penalties will be applied if paid or post marked after December 7, 2015.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

From the Clerk

Christina Smith

For pertinent information pertaining to the Town of Middletown please visit www.middletownva.gov

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. If any of your information has changed please take the time to contact the Town office with the updated information.

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 members and officers of the Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and Auxiliary wish to thank our community for their support in all of our recent events. We are truly grateful that you come to support our Pancake Breakfasts, Turkey-Oyster Suppers, Bingo, and our mail-in fund drive. Look for another breakfast in February and Turkey-Oyster Supper in April. Happy Holidays!

Bingo - every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and concessions are sold by the Company Auxiliary.

Honorary Fire Chief – Applications are available for the 2016 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief. For information on requirements and the application, please go to: www.middletownfire.com/hfc/

Adopt-A-Hydrant – We need your help. Snow will be here before we know it and fire hydrants may need to be cleared in your neighborhood after a snowfall. The snow accumulations combined with the after-effects of plowing roads may result in many fire hydrants partially or completely buried in snow. By keeping fire hydrants clear of snow, you can help our firefighters easily locate hydrants and access water quickly, preserving valuable time to potentially save lives and structures while the snow is still on the ground.

Take note of hydrant locations in your neighborhood and help keep them clear! Co. 12 thanks you.

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
- be 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 for more information.



Calendar of Events

November

- November 17 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 23 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 26 & 27 – Town office closed
- November 27 – Tree Lighting Ceremony at dusk

December

- December 6 – 2nd Annual Christmas Parade 2:00 p.m.
- December 7 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- December 14 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- December 22 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- December 24 & 25 – Town office closed
- December 28 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January

- January 1 – Town office closed
- January 4 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- January 11 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.