



From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

Hello good folks. It's that time of year again. Please come out and join us for our annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday November 25, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. with special guest Robbie Limon. We will have presents for the kids, hot cider, light refreshments and a bonfire to gather round and sing Christmas carols. Our 1st annual Christmas Celebration House Decorating Contest will take place on Saturday December 3, 2016. And last but not least on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. please join us for our annual Christmas Parade on Main Street. The number of participants continues to grow each year and this parade will be sure to please.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to send a big thank you to Ray Steele for his outstanding dedication in making the Middletown Veterans Memorial a reality. His commitment and hard work alongside Gary Fletcher, Doug Cornwell and others who devoted countless hours and manpower in seeing this memorial through to the end is remarkable. This is a group of very special men who gave up their time to make this a beautiful memorial for our veterans. This was no small task and when it was time to appoint the right person as the Committee Chair Ray Steele was the man to call on. He is a man of honor with great integrity and an asset to our community. We thank you for making our community great and the Veteran's Memorial amazing.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

All new buildings or new exterior additions including sheds or garages must first be approved by the Town of Middletown before applying for a Building Permit with Frederick County. Information and details such as location of existing structures and distances from the front, sides and rear yard will be necessary.

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

Thanksgiving is approaching and a lot of folks will be traveling for the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to buckle up and be safe while on the roadways. From all of us at the Middletown Police Department we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cars parked on the roadways in the wrong direction, facing the flow of traffic will be ticketed. We have numerous people that pull in front of the Town office facing the wrong direction. We also see a lot of cars around Town parked facing the wrong direction. This is against the law and all violators will be ticketed.

Remember folks if you see something, say something! We will be glad to check it out. Together we can keep our community safe. Contact the Middletown Police Department at 540-868-0535. After 5 p.m. contact Frederick County Non Emergency Dispatch 540-662-6162 and request a Middletown officer.



From the Maintenance Department

Donald Welsh

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.

****Please note that the last day of yard waste pick up will be Monday November 21, 2016 ****

Please take time to review the guidelines. **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 (per branch or twig) 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.** **Yard waste should not be placed curbside until the morning of collection.** Yard waste will not be picked up if bag(s) tear because they have been curbside for days and become rain soaked or wet. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

From the Town Manager/Treasurer

Rebecca Layman

- Effective January 1, 2016 there is a 3% convenience fee for all debit and credit card payments.
- 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

Just a reminder to all Middletown residents, 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. If you have already updated your information thank you for helping keep our records current.

When you buy, trade, sell or dispose of a vehicle you must notify Frederick County 540-665-5681 extension 1. The Town of Middletown receives all billing information from Frederick County therefore they must have the correct information on file in order for the Town of Middletown to bill you correctly.

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



Middletown Veterans Memorial

Raymond Steele

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in the construction of the Middletown Veterans Memorial. Back in January of this year a committee was appointed by our Mayor, Charles Harbaugh, to form a committee to design and build a veterans memorial.

A committee consisting of myself, Police Chief Phil Breeden, Businessman Travis Dodson, IT specialist Thom Bailey, Veteran Gil Barrington, Councilwomen Carole S. Jones and Councilman Jeff Pennington, Architect Tim Machado, Superintendent Gary Fletcher, Superintendent Allen Boyd, Brick Expert Myron Kremer, Stephen City Councilman Ron Bowers and Mayor of Stephen City, Mike Grim came together to discuss the building of our memorial. Many ideas were discussed and many hours were spent in meetings trying to develop a conceptual design. When our ideas were finally put to paper the committee pondered and marveled at the design. We thought what a beautiful memorial this would be if we could build it.

Well, after 10 months I am proud to announce that the Middletown Veterans Memorial will be dedicated November 11, 2016 at 1:00p.m. Everyone is invited to partake and witness this historical occasion for Middletown.

Many companies and individuals have donated materials, equipment, labor and monies toward this project and it could not have been accomplished without **ALL** of their help.

A special “shout out” to the Town Clerk, Christina Smith and Town Manager/Treasurer Rebecca Layman who have been my “right hand” and assisted us immensely. To Donnie Welsh and his maintenance crew who has answered “every call” requested from me with total cooperation and support. Councilman Scott Fink for his fundraising efforts and for advertising our events on social media - we thank you.

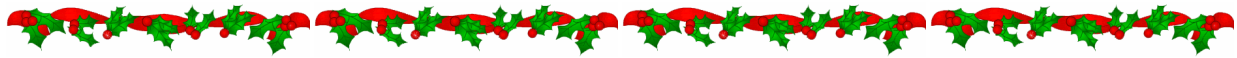
To the Mayor who had faith in us and also who has added fund raising to his resume - we thank you.

To Mr. Dickie Sandy, Tim Rickman and others who volunteered your heavy equipment, trucks and time – we thank you. Hours of operational time and equipment usage and these fine folks would not even let us pay for the gas to operate their equipment. You have been and always will be a vital part of this project. So when you see any of these people, please offer to them a hardy “thank you and a job well done”.

One last comment: To my three fellow citizens (Mr. Gary Fletcher, Allen Boyd and Doug Cornwell) who have worked tireless with me almost every day, putting in hundreds if not thousands of man hours, this project could not and would not have been completed without all of your support, great ideas, labor, tools and fellowship – we thank you. The average age of the four of us is 72!

I speak for the entire committee when I say it has been truly our honor and privilege to serve the fine folks of Middletown in building this memorial.

Ray Steele
Chairman of the Veterans Committee



Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

2017 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief

The application for the 2017 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief is now available online. Applicants must live in the Middletown area and be 16-21 years of age. For additional requirement, information and to complete an application, please visit www.middletownfire.com/hfc. Application deadline: Fri., January 6, 2017 at 8 am.

Fund Drive 2016

We wish to thank the Middletown community for all of their dedicated and continuous support during our Fund Drive and our other fundraisers throughout the year. Having the support of our community is crucial to our survival.

Bingo

Bingo is every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. Concessions are sold by the Company Auxiliary. Smoke free facilities.

Middletown Heritage Society

Tess Klimm

Olde Time Holiday Festivities in Middletown

Sunday afternoon December 11, 2016 the Hoffman House at 7827 Main Street will be decorated in period for free tours by the Middletown Heritage Society. The Middletown Garden Club is preparing greenery for St. Thomas Chapel on Church Street for programs by The National Park Service. The Wayside Inn is hosting Father Christmas himself for storytelling with complementary gingerbread treats. Next door see miniature trains puffing away at Worlds Away Events located at 7793 Main Street. Come one Come All! ~Watch for more details soon. For more information please feel free to call Tess Klimm 540-869-2964

Calendar of Events

November

November 22 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
November 24 – Town office closed - Thanksgiving
November 25 – Town office closed - Day after Thanksgiving
November 28 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December

December 4 – Middletown Christmas Parade 2:00 p.m.
December 5 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 12 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 20 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 23 – Town office closed
December 26 – Town office closed
December 27 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January

January 2 – Town office closed
January 3 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 9 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 13 – Town office closed - Lee – Jackson Day
January 16 – Town office closed - Martin Luther King Day
January 17 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 23 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.



Gingerbread Houses and Fantasy Creations

3rd Annual Contest

Sponsored by
The Middletown Garden Club
Middletown, Virginia

Volunteers can build a village of gingerbread houses or any creation made of gingerbread and edible parts. Let your imaginations go, and join in the fun! Worlds Away is offering a Gingerbread Workshop on November 26 & 27, 1-5 pm, for a fee of \$25. See attached Worlds Away flier.

Our Third Annual Gingerbread Competition, sponsored by The Middletown Garden Club, will be accepting works of art from contestants from all over the area. All entries 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 November 27, 2016. Entry forms are available by calling Faith Harbaugh at (540) 664-4897 or email Innkeeper@waysideinn1797. Completed entries must be delivered to Wayside Inn, 7783 Main Street, Middletown, Virginia, 10:00 am-8:00 pm, beginning November 29 and no later than Noon on December 1.

Judging will take place December 1. Dinner for two at Wayside Inn and a trophy will be awarded to "Best in the Show". First, Second, and Third Place Winners in each category will receive ribbons and certificates. New this year is a "People's Choice Award" with a trophy to be awarded December 11, so come by December 2 - December 10 and vote for your favorite.

All entries will be available for free public viewing from December 2 through December 21, 2016, at Wayside Inn. Thank you to George and Becky Reeves, owners of the Wayside Inn, for hosting the Third 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 November 27, 2016



Gingerbread Workshop

Hosted by Worlds Away Events

7793 Main St. Middletown, VA

Nov 26 & 27, 2016

1-5pm

- Bring your Gingerbread kit or Gingerbread pieces
- We will help you and/or your child to decorate for the holiday
- The houses can be entered into a contest at the Wayside Inn and will be on display until mid-December
- We will have extra frosting and edible candies/gummies to supplement your creations
- Snacks and drinks are included
- Workshop is \$25 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity (Because they build real houses!)
- Space is limited so please call for reservations

540-508-2443

www.worldsaway.net

