



From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

Middletown enjoyed another successful Car & Truck Show on Sunday August 28, 2016. Even with the week postponement due to the weather we still had a good amount of folks participate. I would like to thank everyone who supported and/or participated in the event. There are a lot of wonderful people in and around our community that volunteer their time and services. It is what makes our community great and makes me proud to call Middletown home.

The 152nd Battle of Cedar Creek Reenactment will be held on Saturday October 15th and Sunday the 16th. The lighting of the luminaries will take place on Saturday evening starting at the traffic light on Main Street headed south of town to the Timeless Wines shop. We are asking for volunteers to help fill, set up and light the luminaries. If you are interested in helping us commemorate the 964 fallen soldiers please let me know.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer. I look forward to seeing each of you around town or at some of our upcoming events. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

Town Code Section 6-1

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.

From the Chief of Police

Philip Breeden

Trick or Treat will be on Monday October 31, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please make sure there is adult supervision to ensure the safety of all children. If you will be passing out treats please make sure your walkways and front porch are well lit to avoid accidents.

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

We still have a lot of water meters that are covered by overgrowth of bushes, grass and other debris. We have seen some improvement but not as much as we had hoped. Please make sure that you find the meter on your property and remove all materials that are covering/blocking the meter. This will benefit all parties involved in case of an emergency. If your water needs to be cut off at the meter due to a water leak/break and we have to search for a meter that is covered due to over growth there could be that much more property damage that could have been prevented had the meter been visible. Please take the time to clear any debris from the meter.

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.

Yard waste season is still in effect. 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 **tied 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.

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

From the Town Manager/Treasurer

Rebecca Layman

I am very pleased to accept the position as Town Manager. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the community. I am eager to make a positive contribution and work closely with everyone to ensure the continued success of Middletown.

- Effective January 1, 2016 there will be 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

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 Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

The Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Auxiliary will have a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast on September 24, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Hall. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

The Fall Turkey or Oyster Supper will be held at the Fire Hall on October 22, 2016 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children under 12. Takeouts will be available. Please come out and support your local volunteers!

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 Veterans Memorial

Raymond Steele

Progress continues on our Veterans memorial and we have set our completion and dedication date for Friday November 11, 2016 (Veterans Day) at 1:00 p.m. Please save the date and plan to attend this historical event.

We will start the brick engraving process soon and would like to have as many engraved bricks as possible for the initial installation.

After the dedication we will continue selling bricks as we still have a lot of funds to raise. We will only install them twice a year when we obtain a large number to add.

Hopefully newly purchased bricks can be installed before each Memorial and Veterans Day each year until all 6,800 bricks have been sold.

Remember, you can honor all past, present or future veterans or any family member you wish.

"Honor a loved one--buy a brick".

A donation of any amount is also greatly appreciated.

Calendar of Events

September

September 20 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 26 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October

October 3 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 10 – Columbus Day (Town office closed)

October 11 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 18 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 24 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 31 – Trick or Treat 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

November

November 7 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 11 – Veterans Day (Town office closed)

November 11 – Middletown's Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony

November 14 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.