

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Marshall "Mark" Brown

I'm really excited to announce that after months of hard work and coordination by our Town staff, Middletown will officially debut on the world wide web on February 1st at www.middletownva.gov. My sincere thanks go out to Royal Oak Computers in Front Royal for their endless patience and expertise in developing the site. Although still in its infancy, starting that day you will be able to download forms, find answers to frequently asked questions, find links to other sites, read the Town Newsletter, and access the directory of Town officials and offices. Expect the site to expand over the next few months as more data is finalized by our Municipal Clerk, Rebecca Layman. If you have any comments or additions that you'd like to see, please contact her at the old email address of middletownclerk1@comcast.net. With the new website, all Town offices/officials will acquire an @middletown.gov email address (see website). The old email addresses will remain active until March 1st to give everyone the opportunity to update their contacts.

FROM THE VICE MAYOR

Charles Harbaugh

I would like to say a special thanks to Raymond "JR" Alley, and Ray Steele for their personal donations of \$100.00 to help light the town Christmas tree this year. These two men symbolize the Christmas spirit that our town is all about; in addition I would like to thank Mayor Brown, Gil Barrington, and Tommy Rohrer for their financial contributions. Furthermore, I wanted to thank David Thompson for the use of his bucket truck to help decorate the tree, he provided the truck and his time at no expense to the town. The tree looked great and we have those people to thank for helping make it possible.

FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Sharon K. Fadely

Late notices have been sent out and penalties have been applied for delinquent real estate and personal property tax bills. If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible. A DMV hold will be placed on your vehicle registration if your personal property tax is not paid by February 6, 2012. All delinquent real estate tax bills owed to the Town will result in a property tax lien if the bill is not paid by February 6, 2012.

Julian F. Carper Educational Trust Scholarship - Mr. Julian Caper served the Town of Middletown as a member of Council, Finance Director, and a Vice Mayor. His love for Middletown and the people of the area was evidence of his daily activities and Mr. Carper spent his time serving others. In honor of his memory an educational scholarship fund was established in his name. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship are asked to make checks payable to **Julian F. Carper Educational Trust**.

If the Town Office receives three or more returned checks from an individual, all further transactions will be by money order or cash ONLY. The return check fee has increased from \$30.00 to \$45.00.

This is a reminder that the Town has to **charge a 3% convenience fee for our credit card machine** to offset the fees added on by the card processing company.

This is a reminder that the Town Office will **not** accept large amounts of unrolled change. If you must use change it must be rolled in coin wrappers.

FROM THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

Rebecca Layman

Business License applications have been mailed out for 2012. You are required to have a business license if you are conducting any type of business (retail, home, etc) in the Town. If you're not sure if your activities constitute a business, please contact me at 869-2226, ext 10. If you are currently operating under a Middletown business license and did not receive a renewal application by mail, contact the Town Office and one will be sent to you.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Donald Riffey, Superintendent

Remember, any and all questions pertaining to water, water meters, water leaks, trash collections, road conditions can be answered by calling 869-7731 (fax 869-7734). All billing and payment queries are handled by the Town Office.

Yard waste collection will resume on April 2, 2012. Middletown residents will be able to take their yard waste to the bush pile located at the Maintenance Department on Third Street during normal operating hours.

MIDDLETOWN FIRE AND RESCUE

The Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Auxiliary will be having a pancake breakfast on February 25, from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please watch for upcoming advertisements for details as further plans are made. Mark your calendars to come out and enjoy a good breakfast and support your fire and rescue company.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Grace United Methodist Church will be holding a Roast Beef & Ham Dinner on Saturday, January 28, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Adults \$8.00, Children under 12, \$4.00. Snow date will be February 11, 2012.

MIDDLETOWN PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mrs. Tammy Mason, Chair

Volunteer Tammy Mason is looking for any and all help in fundraising to upgrade the playground in the Town Park. If you would like to help on her committee or donate money for the project please contact Tammy Mason at (869-6935).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

January 23 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

January 30 – 7:00 p.m. Gateway Workshop

February 6 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting

February 13 – 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing

February 13 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

February 15 – 7:00 p.m. July 4th Meeting

February 20 – Town Offices Closed (George Washington Day)

February 21 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

February 27 – 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

March 5 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting

March 12 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting