



**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE MAYOR

Charles Harbaugh

I would like to take this time to wish everyone in Middletown a warm and fun filled holiday season! The Middletown area is beautiful around the holidays and a couple of nice events around town will showcase that; Belle Grove's open house for the holidays and the lighting of the Town Christmas tree along Reliance Road. Also, at this time I would like to let citizens of Middletown know that I am writing a book on the Town of Middletown for the Images of America series to commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek. If you have any pictures or anecdotes you want me to include in the story simply drop off your items at the town office or give me a call or shoot me an email. This book is very exciting for me and Councilor Jeff Pennington will help me Co-Author the book.

FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Stacey Harrison

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.

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

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY the Town Office will no longer accept credit cards in the office or by telephone, as the Town is in the process of updating the computer software and will be accepting online payments in the near future. It will be posted on the outside bulletin board and on the Town website www.middletownva.gov as to when we will be accepting online payments. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause, and hope to better serve you with this new service.

As a reminder if water service has be 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 will be having contracted work done at your home such as roofers, tree trimmers, plumbers and building additions just to name a few; the contractor(s) needs to obtain a business license from the Town of Middletown.

MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

The Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company would like to thank everyone that has contributed to our fund drive and supported our Turkey/Oyster Dinners. We are extremely grateful for your support! The Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Thomas Chapel on November 28, 2013 beginning at 10:00AM. The Rev. Rose Wayland, pastor of the Middletown Presbyterian Church and her congregation will be leading the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

The plaster and cow-hair walls of historic St. Thomas Chapel will once again resound with music of the Advent and Christmas seasons as Trinity Lutheran Church of Stephens City holds a series of community concerts and worship services in the historic structure. Advent Evensong services will be held at 7:00PM December 1, 8, 15 and 22, and a Christmas Eve “Carol Sing” for families and children will be held at 4:00PM December 24, as well as a festival Eucharist at 11:00PM. A concert featuring a variety of local artist – will be included in the Evensong worship. All events are free and open to the community. The Rev. Cameron Keyser, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church will be in charge of the services. The 2013 Guest Artists schedule:

- December 1 – The Apple Valley Ringers
- December 8 – Glen Caluda, Acoustic Guitar
- December 15 – The Apple Valley Flute Choir
- December 22 – Shenandoah Arts Conservatory Academy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- November 19 – Committee Meeting 7:00PM
- November 25 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00PM
- November 27 – **Town Offices Close at Noon**
- November 28 – **Town Offices Closed**
- November 29 – **Town Offices Closed**

December

- December 2 – Work Session 7:00PM
- December 9 – Town Council Meeting 7:00PM
- December 17 – Committee Meeting 7:00PM
- December 24 – **Town Offices Closed**
- December 25 – **Town Offices Closed**

January

- January 1 – **Town Offices Closed**
- January 6 – Work Session Meeting 7:00PM
- January 13 – Town Council Meeting 7:00PM

