

*From the Mayor*

*Charles Harbaugh, IV*

We had a very successful 11<sup>th</sup> annual Car, Truck & Tractor Show. We had hundreds of entries that lined Main Street and showed off their prized possession. We raised a total of \$6,000 which will benefit the town's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. A big thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered their time and supported the event.

Hats off to our amazing sponsors, new and old! It is you who made our event a huge success. The continued support of City National Bank and town resident Thomas A. Lash is commendable. We had a few new large sponsors this year which included Commonwealth Rod & Customs LLC. and Paladin Bar & Grill. The wineries and breweries throughout the valley graciously donated and supported our event. The generosity of our sponsors is remarkable and we are grateful to have such great people among us supporting the community.

Please remember to join us for the 5th annual Patriot's Pride Day hosted by the Town of Middletown and Colonel James Wood, II Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The event will be held at the Middletown Veteran's Memorial located on the south end of town on September 18, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The lighting of the luminaries will take place the evening of Saturday October 16, 2021 starting at the traffic light on Main Street heading south of town ending at Timeless Wines. We need volunteers to help fill, set up and light the luminaries. If you are interested in commemorating the 964 fallen soldiers, please contact the town office.

*From the Police Chief*

*Gary Benedict Jr.*

We introduced our newest member of the department at the September town council meeting. K9 Edo comes to us from the Netherlands. He is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd mix. Officer Monse and K9 Edo's first day on the job was September 1, 2021. Make sure if you see them out in town to give them a warm welcome. We are here to protect and serve the citizens of Middletown and surrounding communities.

VDOT will soon adopt the roadways in the Village at Middletown. We will start enforcing traffic violations, parking regulations, speeding, no parking. etc. Please be aware and comply at all times to avoid being ticketed.

Please remember when mowing your grass to NOT leave grass clippings or debris on the sidewalk or streets. This is for the safety of our motor cyclists along with water runoff and clogging the storm drains. We are still finding a lot of residents in violation of this ordinance. (Middletown Town Code § 6-1)

Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday October 31, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you will be passing out candy, please make sure your front porch and walkway areas are well lit to ensure everyone's safety. Please be aware and courteous when driving through town. We strongly encourage adult supervision for children at all times to avoid any incidents. Flash lights and reflective clothing are always a great idea when walking at night.

No handheld devices while driving, Virginia Law effective January 1, 2021. Phone Down. It's the Law. A person who violates 46.2-818.2 is subject to a fine of \$125 for the first offense and \$250 for the second and subsequent offenses. In the event that you are pulled over for holding a handheld personal communications device, act in the same manner you would for any traffic stop. You will not be asked to hand over your device. Keep in mind that what you are doing with the device is irrelevant, it is the act of HOLDING the device while driving that is illegal.

All non-life-threatening matters which require an officer please contact Frederick County non-emergency dispatch at 540-662-6162. If you have an emergency, please call 911. All calls for service must first go through Frederick County dispatch. Frederick County dispatch will contact the officer/deputy on duty who will be handling the complaint. This will ensure that all calls are handled properly and in an efficient & timely manner.

**\*\*\*Last day of Yard Waste Pick-Up will be Monday November 15, 2021\*\*\***

## *From the Town Manager/Treasurer*

*Rebecca Layman*

Real Estate and Personal Property bills will be mailed late October and will be due on December 6, 2021. Please remember if you have sold, traded, disposed of and/or purchased a vehicle you must update your information with Frederick County so that the Town of Middletown can bill you correctly. This helps save time for all parties involved. The Town can only bill what Frederick County reports to our office. To contact the personal property division of Frederick County please call (540) 665-5681 ext. 1

## *From the Clerk*

*Christina Smith*

The town offers online payments for your convenience. Have your bill handy because you will need your account number in order to get started. Once there you can register your account and set up the many features that make paying your bill(s) easy such as automatic and recurring payments, text and email reminders, paperless statements, etc. You may also pay over the phone, available 24/7 by calling (855)844-0226. If you need assistance registering your account, please feel free to contact the town office.

Homeowners, please remember if you are having contracted work done at your home such as landscaping, roofing, plumbing, electrical, additions, fencing and decks, etc., please make sure the contractor(s) has a valid Town of Middletown business license. This helps ensure you're dealing with a legitimate business and if recourse needs to be taken, we have information on file for the business that we can provide to you. No one should be soliciting business door to door in town limits without a Town of Middletown business license.

As always, all utility payments are due by the due date indicated or by the cut-off date. If the bill is not paid in full by the cut-off date, service will be disconnected for non-payment and an additional fee of \$100 will be added to your account that must be paid before services are restored. Cut-off \$50/cut-on \$50. If you have any questions, or need assistance paying your bill please contact the town office. Please call before the account is past due.

*Please take a minute to 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. Please feel free to email any changes to [clerk@middletownva.gov](mailto:clerk@middletownva.gov)*

For more information regarding the Town of Middletown please visit the town's website [www.middletownva.gov](http://www.middletownva.gov)

## *From the Public Works Superintendent*

*Les Morefield*

**Last day of Yard Waste Pick-Up will be Monday November 15, 2021. Yard waste that does not meet the required guidelines will not be picked up.** Yard Waste must be 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 twelve (12) inches in diameter 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**. Please do not place curbside until the morning of collection. This prevents rain soaked bags and helps keep the community neat and free of clutter along our roadways.

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 make sure the water meter on your property is free and clear at all times. This is the property owner/tenant's responsibility. The meter must be visible and accessible at all times in the event of an emergency.



## *Middletown Veterans Memorial*

*Raymond Steele*

We will celebrate Veterans Day at the memorial on November 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker this year will be Col. Bill Schwetke, Ret., USAF 1970-1996. Please plan to join us and take this opportunity to remember our veterans and those who are currently serving. They need us now more than ever. Past, present and future.

There are still plenty of bricks for purchase. It makes the perfect gift to honor that special someone who has served. We are indebted to those brave men and women who have served and those that are still serving our nation. This is truly a wonderful way to honor those that have fought and are still fighting for our freedom.

We will continue to install bricks twice a year as we receive orders. Please come out and support the memorial by purchasing a brick or by making a donation. All donations, big or small are appreciated.

## *Middletown Heritage Society*

*Tess Klimm*

The Middletown Heritage Society (MHS) will hibernate again this winter, but we definitely plan to meet in person come spring. Our regular monthly meetings will likely remain the second Thursday of each month at The Wayside Inn. The Wayside Museum room still has our case of Middletown memorabilia displayed. Tammy is working on changing displays so if you have something to show and tell, please get in touch! Please call Wayside or contact Tess Klimm, President at (540)247-2211 for more information. We look forward to reviving our projects and plans with early spring, and welcome anyone with an interest in Middletown's history.

## *Calendar of Events*

### **September**

September 18 – Patriot's Pride Day 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
September 27 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **October**

October 4 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
October 11 – Columbus Day – Town office closed  
October 12 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
October 16 – Lighting of the Luminaries (Dusk – South end of Main Street)  
October 25 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
October 31 – Trick or Treat 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **November**

November 1 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
November 8 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
November 11 – Veterans Day – Town office closed  
November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, Middletown Veterans Memorial 1:00 p.m.  
November 15 – Last Day of Yard Waste Pick-Up

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