



From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

I hope everyone had a safe and memorable holiday season. Our Christmas parade was once again another huge success. I would like to thank all those that volunteered, participated and supported our event. I cannot say it enough; the success of our events would not be possible without the love and support of our community.

Our next annual event will be Shenandoah Valley Runners Heart and Soles 5K on February 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting. Please be alert and watch for runners here in Town the day of the event. If you are interested in participating please contact Shenandoah Valley Runners at www.svrnners.org for further details.

From the Zoning Administrator

Fred Wharton

Town Code section 14-4 Removal of snow from sidewalks

It shall be unlawful for the occupants of any building and where there is no occupant, for the owner of such vacant building or any unimproved lot or land lying on any street, alley or public place within the town where there is a brick or cement sidewalk, or any other walk so named by the Mayor or Town Council, to permit snow to remain on such a sidewalk longer than 6 hours after the snow has ceased to fall; except, that if the snow shall cease to fall in the night time, it shall be cleaned away by noon the following day. If the occupant or owner of the premises, as the case may be, fails or refuses to clear off the snow after being duly notified, it shall be the duty of the Town Sergeant to cause such pavement or sidewalk to be cleaned at the cost plus 10% to such occupant or owner of the premises. All bills for cleaning ice or snow from pavements are due payable when presented, which shall be in addition to any fine imposed. (10-3-55, ch.17, S 55.)

Penalty – Any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to arrest, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or the discretion of the court trying the case.

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 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.

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

DMV stops have started. If you have not paid your personal property taxes please stop by the Town office before heading to DMV and pay your delinquent balance so we can remove the stop and you are able to renew your registration(s) with no issues. There is an additional fee of \$40 once a stop has been placed. The stop will not be removed until the entire balance is paid in full.

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.

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.

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



Photo Courtesy of Mr. Wayne Carter

As we close out the year 2016 we have plenty of things that have made us thankful. I am extremely thankful and proud of us for the design, building, and dedication of the Middletown Veterans Memorial. I want to again thank ALL of those folks who were part of this project; especially the Town Council and Mayor, my committee, volunteers and all those making a donation of materials, equipment, labor, monies, and brick purchasers. Without YOU this project would still be in the design phase.

My hope for 2017 is to continue selling the remaining 6,000 bricks and completely pay off our outstanding debt.

We are a 501c charity and you can still make a tax deductible donation or purchase a brick. Please take a look at the photo. This memorial is for all future generations to enjoy and to take pride in. It is a wonderful way to memorialize or honor a loved one. Please contact the Town office for instructions on how to donate or purchase a brick.

Also, we will be collecting SMALL items to be placed in our time capsule. This time capsule will be installed in one of the brick columns with instructions to be removed and opened in the year 2066. Future generations will be delighted to see, study and reflect on the items that we deposit from this era. If you would like to have something placed in the time capsule; it must be a small token with the provider's full name, address and description of the item. The Memorial Committee reserves the right to refuse anything deemed controversial or in poor taste. The deadline for items is April 15, 2017. The time capsule will then be sealed and installed.

God Bless each of you and we wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ray Steele
Chairman, Middletown Veterans Memorial Committee

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

SAVE THE DATE...

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. 75th Anniversary Celebration & Open House

Saturday, April 8, 2017 featuring Robbie Limon!

For details, go to <https://middletownfire.com/75thanniversary/> and follow along on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MiddletownCo12/>

SPONSORS NEEDED:

We are looking for sponsors within our community to support our upcoming 75th anniversary and the celebration event in April 2017. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor and in various ways that you can help, please email Megan Bowers, Secretary, at mvfd12@gmail.com or visit the above website for details.

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.

Calendar of Events

January

January 16 – Town office closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

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

February

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

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

February 20 – Town office closed – President's Day

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

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

March

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

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

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

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