



***From the Mayor***

*Charles H. Harbaugh, IV*

I would like to invite the community to our 5th Annual Middletown Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Middletown Park. The event will be held rain or shine. Please bring your own basket.

***From the Town Manager/Treasurer***

*Rebecca Layman*

Hello Citizens! Let me start off by thanking all of you for your patience during our move. We all worked diligently so this transition would have the least impact on our residents. I appreciate the support you all provided during the move. It proved to be challenging at times but everyone pulled together and we made it through without any issues. Please come by the new Town Office, located at 7735 Main Street, and see where we will be stationed for a while. We will start the process of repairing the Church Street office soon. The hopes are to have it back up and running in a timely manner over the next budget year.

***From the Zoning Administrator***

*Fred Wharton*

**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 Clerk***

*Christina Smith*

DMV stops have been issued. If you have not paid your personal property taxes please stop by the Town office before heading to DMV and pay your delinquent taxes so we can remove the stop. There is an additional fee of \$40 to remove the stop. 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](http://www.middletownva.gov)

*From the Maintenance Department*

*Donald Welsh*

Yard waste will resume Monday April 10, 2017. 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 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. This helps keep the community neat and free of clutter.

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.



## **SPRING CLEAN UP**

**THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP WILL BE MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017**

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED  
CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.**

**THE COLLECTED ITEMS MUST BE LANDFILL  
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS, INCLUDING FURNITURE**

**IF IT IS NOT LANDFILL  
ACCEPTABLE IT WILL  
NOT BE PICKED UP**

**EXAMPLES OF NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:  
APPLIANCES, TV'S, COMPUTERS,  
COMPUTER MONITORS, MICROWAVE OVENS, PAINT, HAZARDOUS  
WASTE, TIRES OR  
LAWN EQUIPMENT**

**PLEASE KEEP YARD WASTE SEPARATE  
YARD WASTE SHOULD BE PLACED IN  
BIODEGRADABLE OR PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS ONLY  
\*\*\*NO PLASTIC BAGS\*\*\***

## Middletown Veterans Memorial

Raymond Steele



Please remember that April 15, 2017 is the deadline to deposit items going into our “Time Capsule” at the Veteran’s Memorial located at 8050 South Main Street.

We will be sealing the time capsule prior to our Memorial Day Recognition and Wreath laying event which is planned for Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Instructions will be recorded at the Town’s regular Council meeting that this event took place and that the time capsule should be opened in 50 years (2067). I am certain our living relatives will enjoy seeing some of the items that we deposited.

Now that the weather continues to change we hope to get all remaining bricks purchased and installed.

We do have quite a few bricks available for purchase: \$75.00 for a 4 x 8 brick which includes 3 lines with 16 characters per line and an 8 x 8 brick which requires a donation of \$500.00+ which has 6 to 8 lines with 16 characters per line. Please remember that all donations are fully tax deductible under the Town’s 501C charity.

**All 6 benches have been adopted and I would like to thank those families again for their generous donations.**

If you would like to purchase a brick or make a donation to the memorial, please make the check payable to the “Town of Middletown”, with “Veteran’s Memorial” in the memo line. There is no amount too small or too big.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your support. We continue to welcome everyone to our lovely Memorial.

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***Save the Date:***

***Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony***

***May 29, 2017***

***6:00 p.m.***

## *Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

### **Congratulations Chief Shiley!**

The Company celebrated the retirement of Henry Shiley, Chief Emeritus, on February 18, 2017. There were presentations, gifts, and some great stories. Throughout the presentations and stories, key words seemed to continue to be displayed: leader, mentor, innovator, calm, teacher, dedicated, excellence, and friend. To all of the members of Company 12, past and present, as well as anyone who has had the pleasure of working with him, Henry encompasses all of these characteristics (and many more) and we are very proud to have him as part of our family. Congratulations Henry on 53 years as Chief.

### **Meet the Fire Chief**



On January 1, 2017, Mark Dalton became the Chief of the Company following the Company elections in December. Let us introduce him...

**Name:** Mark W. Dalton

**Age:** 52

**Member Since:** 1979

**Occupation:** Battalion Fire Chief, Alexandria, Virginia Fire Department

**Training:** I have been training since 1979 in fire service and I will continue to train until I hang the helmet up.

**Interests:** Family, fishing, golf, fire department

**Goals as Chief:** To continue and enhance the great tradition and outstanding services Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue has been providing for 75 years. Work to gain new members to ensure we can continue to provide emergency services to our community in the future.

**What challenges do you see facing a volunteer department and the fire/rescue service?** The greatest challenge I see is membership. We are in great need of new members to assist in the many functions of running a Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. We have to figure out a better way to market the fire and rescue company and retain members once they join. We need assistance in fire and EMS emergency response, fund raising, vehicle maintenance, station upkeep and administrative duties. If you can assist with one or a combination of any of these things please come talk to us and get involved in your fire and rescue company or its auxiliary. We would love to have you be a part of our company.

**Who or what inspired you to join the fire and emergency service?** My mother and father. Dad is a life member of Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue. When I was a child, I would stand at the front door with his coat and hat when the siren would sound for a call. My mom was a life member of the Auxiliary. They showed us the importance of being involved in the community and volunteering.

**What issues keep you up at night?** Firefighter safety



### **75th Anniversary Open House**

We will be celebrating our 75th anniversary on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. with a 75th Anniversary Open House Celebration. We will be featuring music from Middletown's own, Robbie Limon, as well as demonstrations, tours, goodies and lots more. The Auxiliary will be providing refreshments. Fun for the whole family!

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

### **Turkey & Oyster Supper**

We hope you will join us on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. for our Spring Turkey & Oyster Supper. Dinners are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit the fire company.

### **Honorary Fire Chief**

We are pleased to announce our 2017 Miss Middletown Honorary Fire Chief. Julia Holsinger was crowned at the Company's annual banquet on February 4, 2017. She is the daughter of John and Minia Holsinger and Glen and Cindy Armstrong. She will accompany us at various parades throughout the year, including the Apple Blossom Festival. Congratulations Julia!



### **Parade**

The Company will again be hosting the Middletown 4th of July Parade this year. It will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. For details on the parade, including the application to participate, please visit <https://middletownfire.com/4thparade/>. Stay tuned to the website and our Facebook event page for updates.

### **Bingo**

Bingo is every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Concessions are sold by the Company Auxiliary. Smoke free facilities.

## *Calendar of Events*

### **March**

March 20 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 21 – Joint Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. at LFCC Student Union Bldg Rm #119

March 21 – Committee Meeting to follow Joint Public Hearing

### **April**

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

April 10 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt, Middletown Park 11:00 a.m.

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

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

### **May**

May 1 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 8 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 16 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 22 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 29 – Memorial Day, Town office closed

May 29 – Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony 6:00 p.m. held at the Veteran's Memorial

**Town of Middletown**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday April 15, 2017 at 11:00**

**Middletown Town Park**

**Bring your own Basket!**



**Event will be held rain or shine**

If you have any questions please call **Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV** at 540-877-4594.