



*From the Mayor*

*Charles H. Harbaugh, IV*

I would like to invite the community to our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on Tuesday July 4, 2017. We have a full day of events planned along with several special guests. Our annual softball tournament will start the day off in the park. Let's not forget the corn hole tournament which is always a hit. We will have bands performing throughout the day. The feature band will be the one and only "Souled Out" known for "Bringing the Funk to Virginia". Their genre of music is limitless and there will be something for everyone to enjoy. As always it will be a fun day for the entire family. We will end the day with an "over the top" amazing firework display.

The Middletown Fire Department will host the parade again this year and the Town will host the "Fun in the Park". Megan Bowers the parade director is working diligently to ensure the parade will be a success as always. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is working hard on the planning of craft and food vendors, music and games.

Another exciting event new to the Town this year will be the "Inaugural Wayside Inn Cruise - In" held on Saturday May 20, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All individuals who bring an antique vehicle will receive a 20% off coupon for dinner at the Wayside Inn that evening. There will be a 50/50 raffle and oldies music. Awards will go to the Top 3 vehicles and Dash Plaques to the first 50 vehicles.

Last but not least we will host our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Truck show on Sunday August 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located on historic Main Street. Rain date will be Sunday August 27, 2017.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our upcoming events.

*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

**Town Code section 6-2**

**a.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, occupying or having charge of any real estate or an interest therein, located within the corporate limits of the town, where the parcel is one acre or less, to allow grass, weeds, or like vegetation grow on the property to a height of no more than 10 inches.

**b.** Parcels greater in size than one acre that lies within 25 feet of the right of way boundary of a public roadway (except for interstate highways) must also keep the grass, weeds or like vegetation to a height of no more than 10 inches.

**c.** If any owner, occupant or person in charge of such land or interest therein shall fail to have such illegal growth of grass or weeds on his land cut or otherwise removed within 7 days written notice of violation of this section, the town shall have the right to cut or remove such unlawful growth at the expense of the landowner, and such expense may be collected by the town as taxes are levied and collected. In addition, the owner shall pay a penalty of \$50.00 as a fine of this section.

**d.** Each day that any owner, occupant or person in charge of such land or interest shall fail to have such an illegal growth of grass or weeds on his land cut or otherwise removed after the above mentioned 7 days has run shall constitute a separate offense. Subsequent offenses in the same calendar year shall double until the fine reaches \$200.00. The fine per calendar year is capped at \$2000.00.

**e.** This section shall not apply to any land used for agricultural or industrial purposes.

## *From the Clerk*

*Christina Smith*

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*

With the weather warming up and everything starting to grow now is a good time to make sure your water meter is clear and free of debris at all times. Your meter should never be covered by over growth of any kind. This can cause serious problems in the event of an emergency and we are unable to find your meter.

Please take time to review the guidelines for yard waste. **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 **tyed 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.

## *Middletown Veterans Memorial*

*Raymond Steele*

### **RAFFLE      RAFFLE      RAFFLE**

Mort Kunstler print framed and matted donated by the Millers of Strasburg on display at the Town office.

Number 1773/2500 Titled: "Wayside Farewell" February 3, 1862. Cost \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Town office Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The drawing will take place at the Town's 4th of July celebration. Winner need not be present.

All proceeds to benefit the Middletown Veteran's Memorial.

## *Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

### **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.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

The Company will again be hosting the Middletown 4th of July Parade this year. It will be held at 5 pm 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.

### **CONVERTIBLES**

Do you own a convertible? Would you like to drive a dignitary or allow our committee to utilize it? If so, please complete the [Parade Convertible Form](#) by June 15.

### **75th Anniversary**

A big thank you goes out to everyone who attended our 75th Anniversary Open House event last month. We had beautiful weather and a great turnout.

### **LIMITED-EDITION COMMEMORATIVE LAPEL PINS**



The lapel pin features the front of the fire station and is 1"x.5". Pins are \$5 each and can be picked up or be shipped for a fee. Proceeds will benefit the fire company.

To place your order, please complete the [order form](#) and send with your payment to:

Middletown Vol. Fire & Rescue Co.  
Attn: Lisa Beauchamp, Treasurer  
PO Box 111  
Middletown, VA 2264

## *Calendar of Events*

### **May**

May 16 – Joint Meeting Town Council & Planning Commission held at LFCC

May 20 – Inaugural Wayside Inn Cruise–In 5:00 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

### **June**

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

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

June 26 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **July**

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

July 4 – Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Town office closed

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

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