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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

"The Heart of Louisville"

MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL



Dear Residents,

As 2024 came to a close, in reflection, it was a positive year. We have improved city services, provided playground equipment at our Wetherby Park, added landscaping and more trees in our park, as well as increased our public protection with our outstanding Mid-

dletown Police Department.

We are now looking forward and will continue to provide more services and more community involvement. We are planning and organizing our 2025 summer concerts and annual events, so stay connected to our city webpage and Facebook for event updates.

Your City of Middletown elected officials are myself Mayor Byron Chapman, Commissioner Mark Stigers, Commissioner Paul Hayden, Commissioner Amy Oliver and Commissioner Ron Wolf. On behalf of the City of Middletown, Kentucky staff and commissioners, we wish you a happy new year.

Last month, City of Middletown hosted its annual **Light Up Middletown** with Santa Claus visiting to hear what was on kids' and adults' alike wish lists. It was a cold evening, but with the Lions Club providing grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and hot chocolate, it was a delightful festivity of train rides, Christmas carols and the wonderful voices of our Middletown Elementary Choir who are made up of 4th and 5th grade students. To prepare, these students met once a week after school. Their teacher and choir director, Michele Skirvin stated that they were so excited to be invited to perform for the evening's holiday celebration. She added that even though the temperature was cold, they didn't even notice as they brought the warm feelings of Christmas through music. Ms. Skirvin said that they are looking forward to performing for the Middletown again.



Your elected officials at
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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City Commission Meetings

Second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd

City Commission agendas and minutes are online
at www.cityofmiddletownky.org

(502) 245-2762



MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the desk of Chief Rob Herman



I want to remind everyone that if you need to speak to a Middletown Police officer or need to report a crime, please call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) Dispatch at 502-574-5471. JCSO is responsible for our dispatching and radio calls, and they are the ones who will send an officer to you should you need to report an incident or accident. As

always, if it is an emergency, you can dial 911 and they will immediately transfer you to JCSO dispatch.

Welcome to the new year of 2025! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a great new year. I don't know about you, but I think 2024 flew by, just seems like yesterday I was sitting at my desk thinking about all the crime prevention tips I wanted to pass on. So here we are again. What did you do or not do to help prevent crime in your neighborhood? I hope you have inspected all your security lights to make sure they are working and checked your windows to ensure they are locked. How about the practice of keeping your vehicle locked at all times and not keeping valuables in sight. When I review the reports that our officers take and are assigned to our detectives, a large number of them could have been prevented by simply locking a door or securing a valuable. Technology is here and it is here to stay so if you have security cameras or doorbell cameras, please keep them in working order and know how to access the videos. Those devices can be a life saver during a critical incident. Not only can they help us catch a criminal, but they can give us leads on missing or endangered people. Lastly, before I move on, if you see something that is suspicious or out of place, please give us a call. Our officers would rather prevent crime than have to respond to your home after something terrible has happened. I often get asked, "What is the crime like in Middletown?", I would like to give the Mayberry answer of "not much happens here", but the truth is stuff does happen in Middletown. Is it horrible, like in some parts of the country? Nope. But we do have our share of crime. Our largest reportable crime is the theft of property, folks just can't keep their hands off other folks' stuff.

Our officers diligently patrol your homes and businesses in order to prevent crime, but we can't be everywhere at once. That's where you can help, follow basic common sense crime prevention tips. I can happily report violent crime is very low in Middletown, but that should not be the reason to lower your guard. As you shop or conduct your daily travels, maintain situational awareness. What that means is to put your phone down and pay attention to your surroundings. Criminals most always will pick a victim because they are not paying attention or are distracted. Walk with a purpose, head up, look around, be the person a criminal won't want to mess with. It is better advice than walking with your head stuck in your phone screen and not knowing that you're about to be victimized until it's too late.

Next complaint I get on a weekly basis is traffic. Either it's too much traffic or they are driving too fast, or they are disregarding traffic control devices. I get it, I don't understand where our drivers went sideways. Seems like since Covid, no one stops for stop signs or traffic lights and everyone is in a hurry. I wish I had a scholarly answer. Our officers stop 100's of violators each month and not all receive citations, but all are educated on safe and proper driving techniques. The best answer I can give you is to start with the person in the mirror and do your part to keep our roads safe. This is a nationwide epidemic, and fingers can be pointed at everyone, courts, laws, lawyers, police, you name it. I welcome any suggestions that you may have for fixing this, but with tens of thousands of vehicles that transverse our city daily it's a mountainous problem.

The beginning of a new year usually brings new resolutions so be sure to include some of these crime prevention tips and safe driving habits that I have mentioned so that your new year is a safe and enjoyable one.

My officers and I take pride in our city. With your help, we can make Middletown a safer, more enjoyable place to live, raise our families, and work. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to let me know.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Middletown KY 40243

Phone: 502-365-1900

www.cityofmiddletownpd.org

For Emergencies, call 911

**For Non-Emergencies, call
574-5471**

Anonymous Crime Tips: 755-4MPD



Historic Middletown Inc. Middletown Museum

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

We are now more than just a museum of artifacts, the history of Middletown and the surrounding areas but also a research library of the people who came before us. If you love the history of the first settlers in the area, come see us about the Long Run Massacre, the Chenoweth Massacre, and Floyds Defeat. Native Americans were here long before European settlers. We also have access to an extensive database of Jefferson County cemeteries to help you locate

lost loved ones final resting place. Did you know that both the Union and Confederate Armies came through and for a short time occupied Middletown. Two skirmishes are known to have occurred where Douglass Hills Subdivision is now as well as the area of the Parklands at Floyds Fork.

The museum has new expanded days and hours for your convenience. We are now open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Saturdays we are open 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM as seen on the attached photograph.

Consider a field trip to our museum for your senior's group, church group or Girl and Boy Scouts. Evening hours can be made available with prior scheduling.

The museum, located at 11700 Old Main St in Middletown, offers FREE parking and admission; however, donations are greatly appreciated.



Air Fryer Safety Tips

Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS

From the Desk of Lt. Colonel Mike Sutt

Greetings from your friends at Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS. With the temperatures falling, many of us are utilizing air fryers in our homes to quickly prepare hot food. In general, air fryers are safe to use, but they do come with several potential hazards if they are not used and maintained properly. Here is a list of some potential hazards and recommendations for a safe cooking experience:

- Do not place anything on top of your air fryer. This will disrupt airflow and cause poor air frying results.
- Remember that an air fryer is not a deep fryer. Do not fill the basket with oil, frying fat, or any liquid.
- Be careful of hot steam when taking the basket out of the air fryer.
- Never use your air fryer without the baskets in place.
- Do not place oversized foods or metal utensils into your air fryer.
- Do not place paper, cardboard, non-heat-resistant plastic, or similar materials into your air fryer. You may use parchment paper or foil.
- Never put baking or parchment paper into the air fryer without food on top. Air circulation can cause paper to lift and touch heating coils.
- Keep your air fryer away from flammable materials.
- Immediately turn off and unplug your air fryer when not in use.
- Do not leave your air fryer unattended while in use.
- Clean the coils above the basket once a month.
- Give the air fryer its own outlet to prevent an electrical overload.

If you ever have any questions, or need fire safety tips, please contact our Community Risk Division at www.amfems.org



REPUBLIC
SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICE

502-638-9000

E-mail: Middletown@republicservices.com

Website: www.republicservices.com

Call customer service for a replacement cart, additional cart or to **dispose of large household items**, such as TVs, couches and appliances. You must place all mattresses and cloth furniture in plastic bags or wrap in plastic.

RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

SOUTH

of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, January 2

Thursday, January 16

Thursday, January 30

Thursday, Feb 13

Thursday, Feb 27

Thursday, March 13

Thursday, March 27

NORTH

of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, January 9

Thursday, January 23

Thursday, Feb 6

Thursday, Feb 20

Thursday, March 6

Thursday, March 20

MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

12556 Shelbyville Road

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

Closed Sunday

502-245-7332 / www.lfpl.org

01/04/2025 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Musical Baby Playgroup Age 0-2 yrs

01/08/2025: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Next Chapter: Retirement & Beyond
(2nd Wednesday of each month)

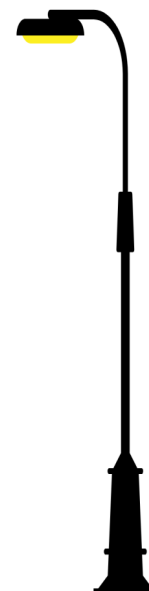


STREETLIGHT OUT?

Do you have a streetlight out or one not working properly in your neighborhood? If so, you can report it directly to LG&E for repair.

If you have the LG&E app, you can report it directly on the app under outages. If you go to www.lge-ku.com you will see an outage button. Report it there by filling in the blocks of information.

You can also call 502-589-1444 during business hours. Knowing the nearest address is needed when reporting a malfunctioning light.



When It Snows: Don't Park in the Street!

When the forecast is calling for snow in our area, please do not park in the street. If you park your vehicle in the street, it impedes the snow plow and salt spreader from doing their job and streets are not properly plowed.



City of Middletown Facility Rentals

Gazebo at Wetherby Park

Community Center on Main St

Call Jane at (502)245-2762



Middletown resident Dean supervising Hudson while driving his tractor around Wetherby Park.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BUSINESS LICENSE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX INFORMATION

Business License Renewal for 2025

All businesses located within Middletown, Ky are required to purchase and maintain a business license. Renewal invoices were mailed to all businesses of record in early September 2024. If your business has not received a renewal invoice, please contact City Hall at 502-245-2762. Business licenses issued in 2024 expired December 31, 2024. Our office is located at 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

Upcoming Occupational Tax Filing Requirements

Our first year of occupational tax collection here in the City of Middletown will close with the 4th quarter filing due January 31, 2025. In addition, all businesses are required to submit an annual reconciliation on or before February 28, 2025. The annual reconciliation form can be found on our website www.cityofmiddletownky.org along with all other tax filing forms.



At **A Taste of Kentucky**, located at 11800 Shelbyville Rd, we've been connecting people to the heart of the Bluegrass State for over 40 years. From handcrafted treasures by local artisans to gourmet foods that reflect Kentucky's famous hospitality, our mission has always been to celebrate the unique spirit of our Commonwealth. In 2023, we entered an exciting new chapter as proud Kentuckians Karen and Rob Taylor joined us as owners. With a shared love for their home state, they've brought fresh energy and a vision for the future while continuing to honor the traditions that have made us a cherished part of the community.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're excited to share new ways to celebrate all things Kentucky. From enhanced shopping experiences to initiatives that connect customers with the stories behind our products, we're dedicated to making every visit memorable. Being part of the Middletown community is an honor, and we're grateful for the opportunity to support local artisans and share the best of Kentucky with our neighbors and beyond. Stop by and let us show you the spirit of Kentucky hospitality—you're always welcome here!

atasteofkentucky.com

By Karen Taylor

Wetherby Park

City of Middletown was a recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, aka, Covid-19 Stimulus Package. City Commission designated those funds on various projects including paving roads, increasing the police department staff and creating Wetherby Park. Thanks to this funding, park playground equipment was purchased and installed this year. City crew are currently clearing the area to install playground turf. New swings sets are being added soon, too.





CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY

POLICE FOUNDATION

2024 in Review

By Gary S. Edelen, Secretary / Treasurer

No Doubt about it, 2024 was a busy year for the Middletown Police Foundation. It seems like we have gone from one community event to another. This year saw more grant disbursements than ever. In addition, the Foundation partnered with the Middletown Police Department, the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Middletown to participate in many civic events. In doing so, we were able to broaden our name recognition and mission further throughout Middletown.

We recently collaborated with the City of Middletown to purchase two drones for the Middletown Police Department. Drones have been used by the Metro Louisville Police Department and neighboring police departments to assist in traffic matters, assist in locating lost persons while utilizing day and night vision, survey storm damage, and conduct surveillance as required. The drones also permit the Middletown Police Department to provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies in matters of mutual concern.

The Foundation Board continues to regularly meet with Chief Herman to discuss areas where additional funding of grants will provide the greatest benefit to the Middletown Police Department that will have a residual positive effect upon the greater Middletown community. Indeed, the Middletown Police Foundation has been called on to fund endeavors such as education of seniors on scams, and youngsters about police operations crime prevention.

We wish to remind all that we are a non-profit organization that is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors. We rely solely on fundraising and donations. The money raised or donated is returned to the Middletown community via grants to the Middletown Police Department. We invite all to visit our website at <https://mpfky.org>, to learn more about our mission and programs. You can make donations by visiting our website or by downloading our Donation Form.



Gary Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer at the Trunk or Treat event, October 2024.

The Middletown Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization that strives to strengthen the bond between the MPD and Middletown community by providing critical resources: training, equipment, public education and support. We are a volunteer group relying totally on fundraising and donations. Additional information regarding our Foundation can be found on our website at www.middletownkypolicefoundation.org.



Foundation President, Ann Hurst and Mayor Byron Chapman manage the booth at National Night Out.



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Middletown Chamber

2025 promises to be a year of transformation, growth, and fresh energy for Middletown Chamber! We are starting the year with our New Year's Kickoff Luncheon on January 16th at Lake Forest Country Club, where we'll come together to celebrate this past year's successes and set the stage for an even more exciting future. In January, we are also starting our quarterly Lunch & Learn series which will provide a platform for members to share valuable insights, industry trends, and practical tips. Lastly, we are very excited to have another great quarter with our newest Chamber group, Trade Alliance Group, which will focus on networking with other trades. This group will meet the last Wednesday of the month and is open to any trades that would like to attend.



On December 9th, the Middletown Chamber and Mayor Chapman had the honor of being present with Governor Beshear for a legislative briefing luncheon co-hosted by the Jeffersontown Chamber and the Chamber of St Matthews.

Photo to left: Chamber Executive Assistant Jillian Stevenson with Governor Beshear.

Earlier that morning, Senator Rand Paul (photo above) accepted an award from the National Retail Federation at A Taste of Kentucky, right here in Middletown!



Elevate Your Business. Empower Your Community.

Are you ready to take your business to the next level? The Middletown Chamber is here to help you grow, connect, excel, and thrive.

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MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

January

- 01 New Year's Day, Wednesday
- 09 City Commission Meeting, Thursday at 6 p.m., City Hall
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday



February

- 13 City Commission Meeting, Thursday at 6 p.m., City Hall
- 14 Valentine's Day, Friday
- 17 Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday, Monday



March

- 09 Daylight Savings Time, Sunday
- 13 City Commission Meeting, Thursday at 6 pm, City Hall

