

# CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

*"The Heart of Louisville"*

## MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

Our Summer Concert Series for 2024 has been very successful with great entertainers. As I have said before, this not only highlights Wetherby Park, it brings residents together for fellowship and entertainment. Thanks to the Middletown Lions Club and Boy Scouts for their assistance at the concerts. I hope to see you at one of the remaining concerts — there are three left.



Save the date on your calendar for the Middletown Family Fun Festival on Friday, September 6 from 5pm—9pm and Saturday, September 7 from 10am—9pm. This event is in its 52nd year and still going strong.

Our local businesses have stepped up and are registering for their business license and occupational tax. While this was a difficult decision for the city last year, it was necessary to continue to provide the level of services you expect from Middletown and maintain a 24hr police force that helps maintain our quality of life. Thank you for complying with the new ordinances!

For our residents, continue to support and patronize our local businesses. Did you know that local businesses recirculate approximately 55% of every dollar back into the local economy? Buy local when possible.

Our Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. Please join us to learn more about your city and how you can get involved.

City Hall is open 8:30am—5pm, Monday through Friday. Stop in or give us a call at 502-245-2762 if we can help you.

Sincerely,

## MIDDLETOWN FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 52 YEARS!

Friday, September 6  
from 5pm—9pm

Saturday, September 7  
from 10am—9pm



The Crashers, Friday from  
8pm—10pm

100% Poly, Saturday from 7pm—9pm

Fireworks and Drone Show

at 9:30pm on Saturday

Wetherby Park and Main Street

Visit [www.Middletownfunfest.com](http://www.Middletownfunfest.com)

for more information

## Your elected officials for the CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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# 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.

As we welcome summer and start to do more outside activities, now is the time to check around our homes for any security lighting that needs to be repaired or replaced. This winter you thought about adding a ring doorbell or security cameras and now is the time to do that. These inexpensive devices can be a deal breaker in helping our officers and detectives solve crime or even answer the question of that unusual noise outside my window last night. It is always a relief to look back at your video and see a deer or possum running through your yard instead of a burglar. Which brings me to the hot topic right now of nighttime break ins to automobiles. This is not my first time discussing this issue, I have brought this up just about every quarter in my newsletter articles. Those that are taking the precautions are most certainly tired of me talking about it, however there are many more that are not listening.



**Rule number one, keep your vehicle doors locked all the time, even if you park in a garage – Lock your doors.**

**Rule number two is do not keep valuables in your vehicle in plain view. Remove those valuables, such as firearms, wallets, purses, extra car keys, money, laptops, golf clubs, etc.**

I would also recommend that you keep your garage door remote out of sight or remove it all together. There have been several reports of vehicles being entered and the thieves just push the garage door remote to gain access to your garage, and if you don't keep your door locked to your house, they now have access to your home. Those are two simple rules to



live by these days. We have numerous videos of these criminals checking door handles on vehicles and if they are locked, they move on, if unlocked, they enter and see what valuables they can steal.

Now you may ask, what is the police department doing to combat these crimes. First and foremost, we are aggressively patrolling your streets as you sleep. I will also be adding two additional officers to the late watch shift to put more eyes in your neighborhoods. Our detectives have also teamed up with Louisville Metro Police and several other agencies to gather intelligence on these folks and to work on crime reduction details throughout the Metro Louisville. But you are the eyes and ears on your street, if you see/hear something, please say something. Call our JCSO dispatch as you see these suspicious activities and we can respond to check them out. A huge word of caution, video intelligence has confirmed that these nighttime criminal raiders are armed with handguns and have also been seen with one or two providing overwatch with rifles. I would not recommend confronting them as there are also incidents of them shooting at the homeowner as they are being confronted.



Lastly, the most received complaint our office hears about is the amount of traffic on our roads and the blatant disregard for traffic laws. The amount of traffic on our roads is a by-product of growth in both residential and retail establishments. There is very little the police department can do about the numbers of vehicles on the roadway; we can work on the behavior of those vehicles on the road. You can help make our roadways safer by paying attention to the traffic laws and to be hyper-vigilant at intersections. Most accidents could have been avoided if only the drivers were paying attention to the roadway and not being distracted by other influences such as cellphones or even other occupants in the vehicle.



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 us know.

# MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY TAX

*PAY BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2024 TO RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT!*

You should receive your 2024 Middletown property tax bills by September 15, 2024. You can now obtain tax information: [middletownky.igovservices.com](http://middletownky.igovservices.com)

With the online tax payment software, you can perform any of the following actions and more:

- Make payments by credit card or check
- Print tax bill
- View payment history
- See property assessment

## Online Tax Payment instructions

**You do not have to create an account to view or pay online. Simply click in the “Search” at the top of the next screen, above the City’s logo and click “Property Tax.”**

**In the next search box enter your PIDN (parcel number) from your bill, enter the whole number, DO NOT INCLUDE DASHES, include any zeros before or after the number. If you do not have your PIDN you may search by name or property address.**

**Click on the [blue parcel number](#) to view your**

**account.**

**Click the green “Actions” drop down menu.**

**From the actions menu you can make a payment, view history or view/print your bill.**



Payments can also be mailed to:

City of Middletown

11803 Old Shelbyville Road

Middletown, KY 40243

Please return the remittance on the bottom of your bill and write your PIDN number on your check.

Please do not staple, or tape your check to the remittance, send the original bill not a copy, it will disable the barcode.

There is a locked drop box on the outside of City Hall for residents that want to drop off payments after hours.

## MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

### July

- 4 Independence Day —City Hall closed
- 7 Concert in Wetherby Park, 5:30pm featuring the Rockland Road Band
- 11 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road



### August

- 8 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 18 Concert in Wetherby Park, 5:30pm featuring Checkmates



### September

- 2 Labor Day—City Hall closed
- 6 Middletown Family Fun Fest from 6pm—9pm
- 7 Middletown Family Fun Fest from 10am—9pm
- 12 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 22 Concert in Wetherby Park, 5:30pm featuring Church Choirs





## 2024 Middletown Recycling, Trash and Yard Waste Collection Calendar

■ Holidays 
 ■ Recycling 
 ■ Trash 
 ■ Yard Waste

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Please call Republic Services at 502.638.9000 for more information.

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## RECYCLING?

Curbside recycling is convenient and easy for homeowners. Republic Services strives to provide excellent recycling service. This is achieved with the help of each customer.

Follow these tips for recycling:

- Place recycling carts by the curb the night before the service date.
- Place carts 3 to 4 feet away from all objects and with the cart handle and wheels toward the home.
- Do not use bungee cords to hold lids down.
- Place all items inside the cart. Break down boxes and place inside the cart.

Contact Republic Services via email at [Middletown@RepublicServices.com](mailto:Middletown@RepublicServices.com) for questions or visit [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com) to learn more about recycling and information regarding acceptable recycling.



## RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

### North of Shelbyville Road

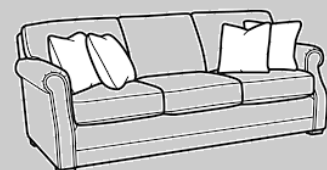
Thursday, July 11  
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 Thursday, August 8  
 Thursday, August 22  
 Thursday, September 6  
 Thursday, September 19  
 Thursday, October 3

### South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 5  
 Thursday, July 18  
 Thursday, August 1  
 Thursday, August 15  
 Thursday, August 29  
 Thursday, September 12  
 Thursday, September 26

## LARGE ITEMS

If you have a large item to dispose of such as a mattress or couch, you must call Republic at 502-638-9000 to schedule the pick up. You must place all mattresses and cloth furniture in plastic bags or wrap it in plastic.



# MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS UPDATE

*By Ann Kaiser, Occupational Tax Specialist*

In August 2023, the City Commission passed an ordinance creating an annual business license fee and occupational tax for all businesses within the city of Middletown boundaries. To date, we have over 1,300 businesses registered!



If you have not registered your business, please contact City Hall at 502-245-2762 and speak with Ann Kaiser. You can also register online at the city website: [www.Cityofmiddletownky.org](http://www.Cityofmiddletownky.org)

Beginning January 1, 2024, all businesses were required to begin withholding a 1% occupational tax on their Middletown employees as well as homebased employees working in Middletown.

Payments to the City are to be filed and paid on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December). Filings for the first quarter of 2024 were due March 31, 2024. If you have not filed your 1st quarter return, please contact City Hall and speak with Ann Kaiser.

*As a reminder, the second quarter ends June 30, 2024 and filings and payments are due to be filed electronically or post-marked by July 31, 2024.*

All ordinances and forms associated with the business license and occupational tax can be found on our website at [www.cityofmiddletownky.org](http://www.cityofmiddletownky.org).

## MIDDLETOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

11700 Main Street

Open:

Thursday—11am—3pm

Saturday—1pm—4pm

Call 502-254-4303 to volunteer at the museum



## METHODIST IN MIDDLETOWN

*By Commissioner Mark Stigers*

From 1799 to 1805 a great Revival swept across the "western country," as Kentucky was called. Methodist Church founder John Wesley believed that people got tired of hearing the same preacher over and over. Wesley instructed his followers: keep moving, keep moving to call churches into being in ever new places.

Presbyterians established the first church at Middletown in 1799. So, eight times a year John Sale rode a 6-week circuit from Carrollton through the Bluegrass to Danville, west to Lake Nolin, North to Elizabethtown, then through Louisville, Middletown and Shelbyville. Sale had preached 58 times by the time he got back home. He was 31 when he came to Middletown in 1800. According to those who knew him, Sale was not the greatest speaker, but he "lighted up the Gospel themes..

The church Sale established in Middletown has lasted 200 years-- proof that he was, as everyone agreed, a very good organizer!

Middletown had 50 preachers from 1800 to 1843, including tall, blond, blue-eyed Virginia-born David



Young, who must have made every spinster regret the fact that Methodist ministers could not marry and continue in the calling.

On the other hand, there was James Leach, whose "eccentricities stood in the way of his success as a preacher." After two years at Middletown he

left the church and became a doctor.

In 1835, the Kentucky Conference adopted strong resolutions opposing liquor and declaring slavery to be "evil even in its most tolerable aspects.." The Middletown society, which became a full-fledged church in 1843, included enslaved Black members. When the church split over the slavery issue in 1845, the Middletown church became part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

*Information from the book The Methodist at Middletown 1800-2000.*

## MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

12556 Shelbyville Road

Monday—Thursday 10am—9pm

Friday and Saturday 10am—5pm

Closed Sunday

502-245-7332

[Www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org)





# MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION

## SO FAR THIS YEAR

By: Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer

The Foundation and its purpose is becoming more recognized by residents, businesses and visitors in Middletown. We have actively taken part in a number of community events which have served to broaden our reach. True to our mission, we were able to partner with the City of Middletown to help fund needed equipment that was not included in the normal operational budget. The equipment funding helped the Middletown Police Department enhance their performance by providing specific job training.

Our partnering did not stop there. The Foundation partnered with Scheller's Fitness and Cycling to purchase 250 Youth Bicycle Helmets, which were donated to the Middletown Police Department to be distributed as part of their Child Safety Program. Over one hundred fifty helmets were given away at the Middletown Chamber of Commerce's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Foundation Board members were assisted by Scheller's Fitness and Cycling



staff in fitting helmets for each young helmet recipient.

Our Annual Car Show, held in the Village Square Shopping Center, is our single biggest fundraiser. We received tremendous support from our local Middletown businesses in the form of sponsorships and raffle/auction prize donations. The weather did not fully cooperate, but we still managed to host a profitable car show where a good time was enjoyed by all.

Foundation Board members have been greeted with many, many positive comments regarding the Middletown Police Department. This goes hand in hand with our mission to augment the Middletown Police Department's budget by providing funding for programs, equipment and training. We believe that in doing so, the Middletown community will benefit by being that special safe place where people can live, work and visit.

The Middletown Police Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is entirely operated by unpaid 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 a donation by visiting our website, or by downloading our Donation Form.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteering to serve in another capacity, please contact us at: [info@mpfky.org](mailto:info@mpfky.org).



## MIDDLETOWN MUSIC IN WETHERBY PARK 2024

**Sunday, July 7 at 5:30pm**

Rockland road Band ([www.rocklandroad.com](http://www.rocklandroad.com))

**Sunday, August 18 at 5:30pm**

Checkmates ([www.checkmatesmusic.com](http://www.checkmatesmusic.com))

**Friday, September 6 & Saturday, September 7**

Middletown Family Festival

**Sunday, September 22 at 5:30pm**

Local Church Choirs



*Thanks to the Middletown Lions Club and the Boy Scouts for their help with the concerts.*



By: Laura Wright, Executive Director  
Middletown Chamber of Commerce  
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502-245-0404

It is summer, and the Middletown Chamber is working hard on planning events for the last half of 2024.

The Chamber is celebrating its 10-year birthday with a party at Puttshack on Wednesday, July 17, 2024!



Look for our booth in the non-profit section during the Middletown festival on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> located in the parking lot of Middletown First Baptist Church, 11721 Main Street.



Also in September will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> health fair for 2024 at StoryPoint Senior Living, 500 Meridian Hills Drive from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Our next Middletown Unique Bazaar will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00; an inside and outside event at Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street.

Our last big event for the year will be our Business Expo, Taste of Middletown and Job Fair at the Holiday Inn Louisville East, 1325 S. Hurstbourne Parkway. For updated information, continue to monitor our calendar of events on our website at [www.middletownchamberky.com](http://www.middletownchamberky.com).

Of course, every month we hold live and in-person:

- Bi-monthly Chamber luncheons
- Bi-monthly Happy Hour networking events
- Leads at Lunch
- Senior Synergy networking group
- Chamber Board meeting

Coffee Chit Chat  
Member orientation  
Middletown Networking group  
Young Professionals networking group  
Women's networking group  
MIB (Men in Business) networking group  
Health and Wellness networking group  
Non-profit networking group

If you have access to a computer, be sure to check out the updates on our website at [www.middletownchamberky.com](http://www.middletownchamberky.com). The calendar on the website is kept up to date daily.

We are a growing Chamber with almost 650 members. New businesses are moving into Middletown as well as surrounding areas inside and outside of Louisville and Indiana. As I drive through Middletown, I see new construction and renovations occurring which, of course, means more ribbon cuttings in our future. Make sure you visit our website at [www.middletownchamberky.com](http://www.middletownchamberky.com), and check out the newsletters for pictures of ribbon cuttings that we have held in previous months.

We continue to publish our weekly Chamber Chatter, the Chamber newsletter, update the Chamber website with events daily and update and produce key communication components for the growth of this Chamber. With the addition of health and worker's compensation insurance options for members, it makes sense to contact us and check out the benefits of being a member.

**2024 2nd ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO/ TASTE OF MIDDLETOWN/ JOB FAIR**

**OCTOBER 15TH, 2024**

HOLIDAY INN HURSTBOURNE EAST LOUISVILLE  
1325 S HURSTBOURNE PARKWAY  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222

Hosted by:  
The Middletown Chamber of Commerce  
Presenting Sponsor:  
The City of Middletown

**11:00AM - 4:00PM**

For sponsorship and vendor opportunities, contact Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404 or [laura@middletownc](mailto:laura@middletownc)