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City Council meetings begin at 6pm on the second Thursday of the month at City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. City Council agendas and minutes are online at www.cityofmiddletownky.org

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 30, 1PM

WETHERBY PARK



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MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL



Dear Residents;

Happy New Year! I trust you and your family had a joyous holiday season and are now ready for 2024.

Hopefully you have noticed the new play equipment and swing set in Cross Creek Park. The new equipment was purchased with ARPA funds.

In Wetherby Park we have extended the walking path across the creek and over by the pavilion. This expanded path means less loops for individuals counting their steps! This spring you will see a new playground in the park for children to enjoy.

Last year was a busy year for the City Commission. In 2023, we passed an updated personnel policy for our employees, passed legislation establishing a Business License and an occupational tax, paved several roads, worked with Metro to have an agreement for help with ABC enforcement, replaced play equipment, started the process to become a Certified City of Ethics, and had a very successful Middletown Family Fun Fest. As our city continues to evolve we must continue to work together to maintain our quality of life and sense of neighborhood.

As mentioned above, we have an interlocal agreement with Metro Alcohol Beverage Control to assist Middletown with ABC enforcement when needed. This helps with our quality of life in Middletown and has no cost for Middletown. A win for everyone!

Our Commission 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 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 2024! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a great new year. As we take down our holiday decorations, take a few moments to make sure your windows are locked, and your security lights are working. If you receive a new security camera as a



gift, be sure to install it correctly and become familiar with its operation. I can't begin to tell you how valuable security cameras have been to our investigations. Those cameras can hold the necessary information to lead our detectives in the right direction or even solve crimes.

Private in-car cameras are becoming popular for motorists these days, if you think you caught something that can be useful to an investigation, please contact us at 502-365-1900 or if you wish to remain anonymous you can give us a call on our tip line at 502-755-4MPD (4673).

Another valuable crime prevention tip is know your neighbors. There is nothing better than having an eyewitness to a crime, and if your neighbors see something unusual around your property, they can quickly call the police and increase our response time, and hopefully catch the criminals in the act or even prevent them from committing a crime in the first place.

The number one complaint I receive is traffic related, whether it is speeding on neighborhood streets or reckless driving on our major roadways. This increase in lack of respect for the traffic laws of our Commonwealth is leading to more accidents on the roadways and an increase in traffic-related fatalities. If you have new drivers in your household, stress the importance of following the traffic laws and staying focused during their travels. A lot of these acci-



dents could have been avoided if only strict attention was given to the operation of the motor vehicle and driving with some common sense.

Another crime related complaint that is commonly reported is theft of mail. I highly recommend that if you are sending anything financial related such as checks, gift cards, or cash that you hand deliver those to the drop box inside the post office or to the clerk at the desk. I cannot recommend any of the postal service blue drop boxes as a secure means to send mail as those are still being targeted by criminals. As they say, an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of hurt.

While we are on the topic of theft, there is an overall rise in telephone and email scams, especially targeting the elderly. Some advice is to be curious and do your homework before you sign up or answer any questions about products or services that you did not order. If it is too good to be true, then it is probably not real. Ask for contact information or phone numbers to call them back. Then do some research about the product or service. If it is a legitimate business, you should be able to find all their information on the internet. If in doubt, call a family member or friend to run it past them first before committing or sending money.



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.



CRIME
755-4MPD
ANONOMOUS
CRIME TIPS

MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year's Day— City Hall Closed
- 11 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 15 Martin Luther King Day— City Hall Closed



February

- 8 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 19 President's Day—City Hall Closed



March

- 10 Daylight Savings begins—set your clock up one hour
- 14 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 29 Good Friday—City Hall closes at Noon
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt in Wetherby Park—1pm
- 31 Easter



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION

By: Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer

The Foundation celebrated it's two year anniversary in November. A lot has happened in that quick two year period. Almost immediately after being incorporated and receiving our non-profit designation from the Internal Revenue Service, a course of action was implemented to introduce our Foundation to the community, initiate fundraising, and form a bond with the City of Middletown and the Middletown Police Department. We do all of this to help make Middletown a safe place to live, conduct business and visit.

It is noteworthy to mention that all of the Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers who live and/or work in Middletown. We have no employees and all Foundation endeavors are staffed by Foundation Board members. Matt Briggs, our initial President lead us in taking our first steps. Matt was succeeded by Ann Hurst, who hit the ground running, networking throughout the community, and involving us in many community events. Indeed, Ann is well known by many of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce members, where she has re-



ceived support from area businesses.

Past endeavors have centered on community events such as Senior Programs and civic participations. Our Spring 2023 Car Show raised our Foundation's name recognition as well as serving as a successful vehicle for fundraising. We are especially grateful to our Middletown business community who generously supported our silent auction and raffle events. As we look ahead to 2024, we have been in discussion with the Middletown Police Department to kick off 2024 with a Child Safety Program. Our goal is to make sure that the donations received have the greatest positive impact to our community.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteering to serve in another capacity, please contact us at: info@middletownkypolicefoundation.org.

We invite all to visit our website at <https://middletownkypolicefoundation.org>, to learn more about our mission and programs. You can make a donation by visiting our website, or by downloading our Donation Form. The City Of Middletown Police Foundation, Inc. as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

2024 Middletown Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Calendar

■ Holidays
 ■ Recycling
 ■ Yard Waste

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Middletown@republicservices.com

Website:

www.republicservices.com

Contact customer service for a replacement cart, additional cart or a special pickup request.



Sustainability in Action

* If the week has a national holiday, the pickup date is pushed back one day for that week.



RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

North of Shelbyville Road

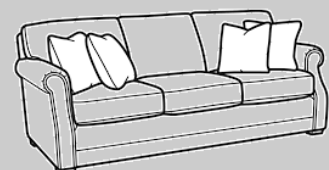
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 Thursday, March 7
 Thursday, March 21
 Thursday, April 4

South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, January 4
 Thursday, January 18
 Thursday, February 1
 Thursday, February 15
 Thursday, February 29
 Thursday, March 14
 Thursday, March 28

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.



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. Have the nearest address handy when reporting the malfunctioning light.

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.



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 HISTORY MUSEUM

11700 Main Street

Open:

Thursday—11am—3pm

Saturday—1pm—4pm

Call 502-254-4303 to volunteer at the museum



WHAT TO DO WHEN IT SNOWS

When the forecast is calling for snow and/or ice in our area, please do not park in the street. If you park your vehicle in the street, it impedes the snowplow and salt spreader drivers from doing their job. If cars are parked on the roadway, the street is not properly plowed.

Please pay attention to the forecast and refrain from parking in the street if they are predicting snow and/or ice so the streets are properly cleared.



MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS LICENSE UPDATE

In August 2023, the City Commission passed an ordinance creating a Business License and a \$50 annual fee to be paid by November 1 every year. In October, invoices were mailed to all known Middletown businesses.

Since this is a new requirement, businesses are registering daily. We continue to reach out to businesses to update our list and gain compliance. Every day we discover new businesses!

Late notices were mailed in December to all businesses not in compliance.

Many thanks to all the businesses that have complied! We appreciate your business and willingness to help Middletown maintain a high quality of life for all residents.



MIDDLETOWN OCCUPATIONAL TAX UPDATE

Beginning January 1, 2024, all businesses are required to begin withholding the 1% occupational tax. Payments to the City are to be filed and paid on a quarterly basis. The first filing date is March 31, 2024, with an extension date of April 30, 2024 to file and pay.



All ordinances and forms associated with the business license and occupational tax can be found on our website at www.cityofmiddletownky.org or call City Hall at 502-245-2762 and speak with Ann Kaiser.

THE MIDDLETOWN INN BUILT 1798

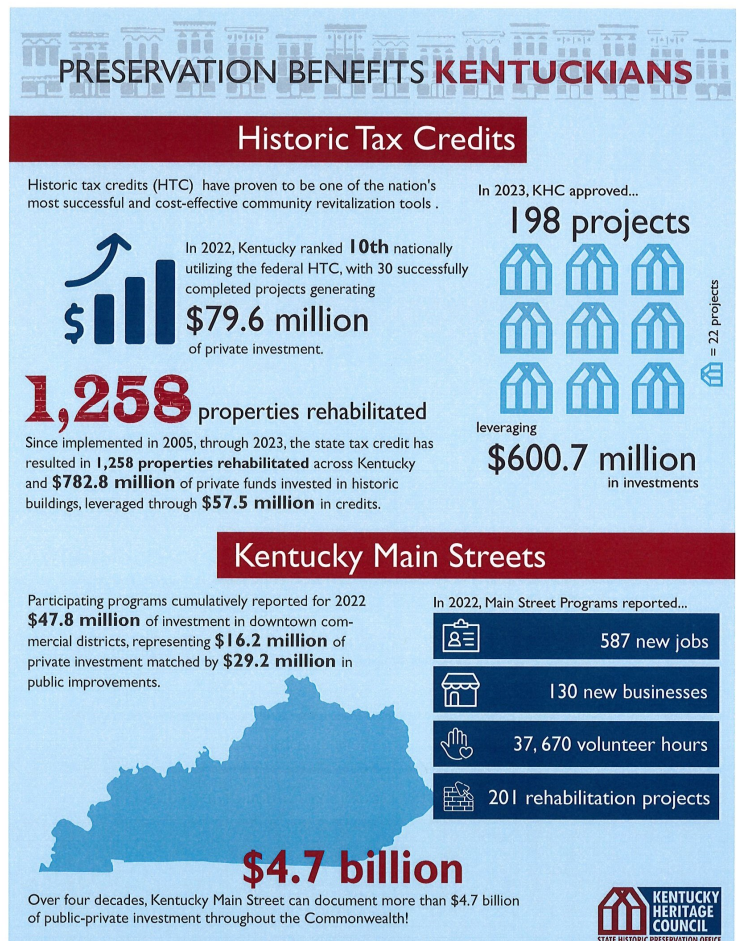
by Commissioner Mark Stigers

The Middletown Inn is located at 11705 Main Street on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and Main Street in Middletown. Also known as the Thormalen Home, the inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The original portion, located at the east side of the building, is composed of a four bay, two-story log structure, supported by beech logs. The front door with a three-light transom is located in the second bay from the east and the windows have an eight-over-eight pane sashes. The lot first sold for fifteen dollars. James G. Speer built the log portion of the structure in 1798. There are 15 steps on the stairwell to commemorate Kentucky's statehood, its entrance into the Union as the fifteenth state. The brick portion is believed to have been built around 1804. In 1921, Sherman Wetherby coated the entire building with stucco, a one-story shop was added on the west end and the front porch was built. On the roof reside a few ornate lightning rods. A large stone smokehouse stands just to the rear of the building. The lot is about a third of an acre and is Block 22 of Lot 329.

John Evans owned the building in 1815, and it prob-

ably housed the tavern he operated. In 1850, Dr. Robert V. Sprowl bought the building. In 1872, Dr. Sprowl sold it to Edward T. Hord. The building became the Hord Hotel and was owned by the Hord family until 1921. The Hord family also operated a grocery and bakery from the building. The Hord family sold the building to Will Schindler, who had three daughters (Emma Lou Moore, and Ruth and Mary Pearce). Schindler founded the Middletown Hotel Company and used the building to operate his hotel, rooming house, billiard parlor and confectionery. Since 1933, the Middletown Inn has been used for a residential home and apartment. Joseph Thornmahlen bought the house in 1933, during the depression, at an auction. He and his wife resided in the building and ran a restaurant in the inn and Frances, his wife, ran the Olde Inn Beauty Shop during the years of World War II.

The Middletown Inn is significant as one of Middletown's oldest commercial buildings. You can read more in the book "Middletown Days and Deeds" by Edith Woods available at the Historic Middletown Inc Museum at 11700 Main Street.

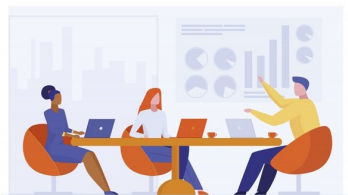




By: Laura Wright, Executive Director
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Can you believe we are starting a New Year?

The Chamber has been busy the last quarter of 2023, which explains why the time has run by quickly. We have been busy growing membership, holding ribbon cuttings, hosting 8-9 networking events per month as well as our annual events. I encourage you to check out our website at www.middletownchamberky.com on a weekly basis. Events are added weekly (sometimes daily). You will find our website a wonderful resource for keeping up-to-date on our events. We have innovative ideas on the drawing board, so checking the website is the best way to stay up to date on the who, what and where.



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. Again, check out our website to review all these documents.

Events for 2024:

- Chamber luncheons
- Leads at Lunch
- Senior Synergy Networking
- Chamber Board meetings
- Non-Profit Affinity Group meetings
- Coffee Chit Chats
- Monthly member orientation
- Happy Hour networking events
- Women's Business networking
- Young Professionals networking
- Direct Sales networking
- Two health fairs
- Taste of Middletown/Business Expo
- Sips and Cigars
- 3 Middletown Markets (in conjunction with First Baptist Church)
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Trick or Treat/Pancake Breakfast
- Light Up Middletown

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT CROSS CREEK PARK

The City of Middletown recently replaced the play equipment and swings at Cross Creek Park. Everything was installed with new wood chips in mid-December and it is ready for use!



MIDDLETOWN CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The 2024 Middletown concerts begin in May. The concerts begin at 5:30pm in Wetherby Park located at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some great music with your neighbors! Please leave your pet at home.

