

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

"The Heart of Louisville"

MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

The Middletown 2024 Summer Concert Series is set and ready to begin in May. You will find a full list of performers on page 8. Thanks to the Middletown Lions Club and Boy Scouts for their assistance with the concerts. I hope to see you in attendance.



When you attend the concerts, you will notice the improvements in Wetherby Park. The walking path has been extended to loop around the entire park and a new playground is almost ready for use. We are waiting on the last piece of equipment to complete the playground which will feature equipment that all children can use.

Our Police Department continues to serve our residents and help maintain our quality of life. In 2023 they responded to 6,842 calls for service, performed 1,471 house watches and worked 555 collisions. If you see them patrolling your neighborhood, give them a friendly wave to let them know their efforts are noticed and appreciated.

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

Please continue to shop local and support our Middletown shops and restaurants!

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 POLICE HAND OUT LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Chief Rob Herman recently awarded Sgt. Ricky Guffy (pictured left), Off. Michael Cummins (pictured middle), and Off. Jeff Bell for their heroic actions. Guffy and Bell responded to a call where a vehicle had crashed into a liquor store and a fire had started. They put out the fire, called for backup and the individual came out and was taken to the hospital. Off. Cummins came across a reported stolen car that he thought was empty. Two individuals were in the car and were suffering from an overdose. In total, six doses of Narcan were used to revive the individuals. Both went to area hospitals. Without the quick thinking of these officers, the individuals involved may not be here today.



Your elected officials for the CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT



By: 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 transition from winter to spring, I would like to encourage everyone to be on the lookout for scams. Most recently there has been a telephone scam where the caller will tell you that you missed a court date or that you missed your jury duty. The caller will say they are from the local sheriff's office or police department and if you do not send in a deposit, a warrant will be issued. They will also tell you that the deposit will be refunded once you arrive at court for your case. This is all a very believable scam. Neither the sheriff's office nor the police department will ask you for a deposit in any court proceedings. I would suggest you don't engage in conversations with them and block any telephone numbers or emails they use. I personally know of several folks that were almost scammed this way. They will try to tempt you with information such as your home address and family member names, this is all information that anyone can get from the internet. This is but only one of the many examples of telephone and email scams that are occurring across the nation and are alive and well here in Middletown. If you have any questions, you can contact the Kentucky State Attorney General's Office Fraud Division at 502-696-5648.



The thefts of mail from mailboxes have slowed down but are still occurring across our city. I recommend that if you are mailing any financial documents such as checks, money orders, or gift cards, please deposit those directly at the mail drop box inside a post office branch. The blue United States Post Office boxes are not as secure as they once were. Again, I recommend you drop your mail directly inside the



post office, as this will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of fraud.

Lastly, the most common complaint we receive 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 establish-



ments. Although there is very little the police department can do about the number of vehicles on the roadway, we can help to correct the behavior of those vehicles on the road. I would like to introduce you to our two traffic officers. First is Officer Ken Christian, who retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department and worked in their traffic unit for many years. Officer Christian is a senior accident investigator and heads up our traffic unit. Next, is Officer Michael Cummins, who comes to us from the University of Louisville Police Department, and is in school to learn the ins and outs of accident investigation. These two traffic officers not only investigate traffic accidents, hit and run accidents, and conduct traffic enforcement, they monitor areas that are heavily traveled and bring to the city suggestions on how to make roadways and intersections safer. You can help make their jobs easier by paying attention to the traffic laws and be hyper-vigilant at intersections. Most accidents could be avoided if drivers would pay attention to the roadway and not 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.

PREVENT CRIMES!

- * **LOCK** your **VEHICLE**
- * Don't leave **VALUABLES** in your **VEHICLE**
- * IF you must, **LOCK VALUABLES** in the **TRUNK!**

WWW.MIDDLETOWNKYPD.ORG

MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS

DID YOU KNOW

Kentucky Insurance policyholders often have questions about the taxes that show up on their insurance premium notices. Where does this tax go? A portion of that tax comes right here to Middletown. The insurance premium tax is an important source of revenue for the local govern-



ments even though it is generally one of the least known of all the local taxes. You pay an insurance premium tax on most all of the insurance policies you purchase, auto, home, boat, even your life insurance policies.

Insurance companies are required to pay this premium tax to the city, county or municipality that you live in, like Middletown! The City of Middletown then uses the insurance revenue to keep your City operating, safe and looking beautiful! Your return on this revenue is seen through street lights throughout Middletown, sidewalks, road repair, snow removal, garbage/recycling for residents and 24hr police protection. Without this insurance revenue Middletown would not be able to offer all of the benefits you and I enjoy.

Please contact your insurance agent/broker and make sure they have your insurance policy coded for Middletown so the money goes to Middletown. You have to pay the tax regardless, why not make sure it is coming to the town where you live, work, and play!

MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

12556 Shelbyville Road

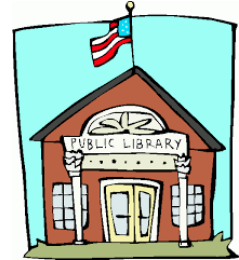
Monday—Thursday 10am—9pm

Friday and Saturday 10am—5pm

Closed Sunday

502-245-7332

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

MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

April

11 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

May

5 Kentucky Oaks

6 Kentucky Derby

9 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

12 Happy Mother's Day

14—19 PGA Tournament at Valhalla Golf Club

27 Memorial Day—City Hall Closed



June

13 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

14 Flag Day

16 Happy Father's Day

18 Happy Juneteenth



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:

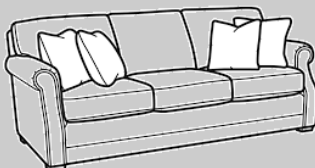
- Place recycling carts by the curb the night before the service date.
- Place carts 3 to 4 feet away from all objects and with the cart handle and wheels toward the home.
- Do not use bungee cords to hold lids down.
- Place all items inside the cart. Break down boxes and place inside the cart.

Contact Republic Services via email at Mid-dletown@RepublicServices.com for questions or visit www.republicservices.com to learn more about recycling and information regarding acceptable recycling items.



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.



RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

North of *Shelbyville Road*

Thursday, April 4
 Thursday, April 18
 Thursday, May 2
 Thursday, May 16
 Thursday, May 30
 Thursday, June 13
 Thursday, June 27

South of *Shelbyville Road*

Thursday, April 11
 Thursday, April 25
 Thursday, May 9
 Thursday, May 23
 Thursday, June 6
 Thursday, June 20
 Friday, July 5

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION

By: Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer

2024 started off with a flurry of activities for the City of Middletown Police Foundation! President Ann Hurst reviewed the Foundation's activities and results for 2023, and then promptly looked ahead to 2024. We are proud to say that our name recognition and mission is more recognizable. However, it was agreed that we should make it easier to find us electronically by shortening our web address and e-mail addresses. Board member Layson Hagan quickly took the matter in hand and changed our website domain name to mpfky.org, eliminating a host of keystrokes. The same process is utilized for our contact email addresses. Not to worry, any visits to our old website address or to our old emails will automatically redirect to the new ones.

True to our mission, donations that come in our "front door" via online, mail, or event donations, go back out our "front door" and into our community for the benefit of all. The Middletown Police Department was the beneficiary of our first grant.

Looking forward, our Foundation is happy to provide a grant for the purchase of 200 Youth Bicycle Helmets to give away at the on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the City of Middletown and the Middletown Chamber of Commerce.



Foundation Board members will assist in the sizing and distribution of the helmets.

Our Second Annual Middletown Police Foundation Car Show will return Sunday June 2, 2024, in the parking lot of the Village Square Shopping Center, 11750 Shelbyville Road. Last year, our inaugural year, was a tremendous success featuring 189 spectacular cars and trucks. It was free for all to attend and we welcomed

many Middletown residents to enjoy the festivities. The Middletown business community stepped up in a big way by donating door prize items and providing financial support via sponsorships. The Middletown Chamber of Commerce touted the event extensively. The Car Show serves as our major fundraiser providing a large portion of the funds needed to attend to our mission. We look forward to welcoming even more participants and attendees this year. Mark your calendar!

We will not be satisfied with the items mentioned previously. We plan to participate in many community events throughout the year. Our Board of Directors would like to remind all that we are a 501(c)(e) Non Profit Foundation and we do rely strongly on donations from our community. We have no paid staff and all endeavors are staffed by unpaid Board Members and volunteers. We invite all to visit our website at mpfky.org to learn more about us and/or make an online donation.

MIDDLETOWN BUSINESSES—DO YOU HAVE YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE?

ARE YOU READY TO FILE YOUR QUARTERLY WITHHOLDINGS?

In August 2023, the Middletown City Commission passed an ordinance creating an annual business license fee of \$50 and an occupational tax. Nearly 800 businesses have registered. **Thank you!**

There are still a few businesses in Middletown that have not yet complied and we are working diligently to gain compliance to create a level field for all.

If you have not registered your business, you can do so by calling City Hall at 502-245-2762 and ask for Ann Kaiser.

In January 2024, Middletown businesses were required to begin withholding a 1% occupational tax for work performed in Middletown. The first quarterly payment is due by April 30, 2024. If you are a business and need to register and file, please contact Ann Kaiser at 502-245-2762.

All forms and ordinances are found on the city website: www.cityofmiddletownky.org



Middletown Lions Club

46th Annual Charity Golf Scramble



Monday June 10, 2024

Weissinger Hills Golf Course in Shelbyville, KY

Sign-In: 11:00AM ~ Lunch: 12:00PM

Start: Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM, Scramble Format

Cost: \$125/player Includes Golf, Cart,

Lunch, Beverages and Prizes

Tee and Green and other Sponsorships Available

Silent Auction and Raffle

All Proceeds Given Back to The Community

For Information Contact:

Lion Bob Tisch at 502-645-9847

tischrob@gmail.com

or

Any Middletown Lions Member

You can also register your team at

<https://lionsmiddletownky.com/annual-golf-scramble/>

Prizes will be awarded.

1. HOLE-IN-ONE Contest

2. Prizes awarded to three flights. Scramble Format system will be used.

3. Longest Drive awards (men, women).

4. Closest to Pin awards.

AND MANY OTHER PRIZES

Middletown Lions Club is a 501c3 non-profit and a member of the International Lions Club, the world's largest benevolent organization. Learn more at lionsmiddletownky.com

A BIT OF MIDDLETOWN HISTORY

JOSHUA FRY LAWRENCE FAMILY

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

When Edith Wood published her book *Middletown Days and Deeds* in the 1940's she left us with the only concisely written volume of facts about the city and its early settlers – facts that

even then
were being
lost to time
and
memory.

In the
chapter
“Founders,
Settlers and

Old Families” she talks about the Lawrence family and head of the Lawrence family, Lieutenant Benjamin Lawrence, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, who settled in the area of what is now the University of Louisville Shelby Campus and is buried on the property. His children intermarried with other old Middletown families, so Edith's text is filled with descendants' names as well.

Joshua Fry Lawrence, 1827-1894, married his cousin Urith Lawrence Pope, daughter of Patrick Henry Pope and Sarah Lawrence Brown. The couple owned land in the area now occupied by the Willow Wood subdivision.

Their children were: Sarah Pope Lawrence, Thomas E. Lawrence, Mary G. Lawrence, Bettie H. Lawrence and Julia L. Lawrence.

In 2009 an incredible gift of portraits to the Middletown Museum from the estate of Leslie Tichenor, whose husband was the well-known interior decorator Scott Tichenor, these descendants would have remained just names in a book. Scott Tichenor was a Lawrence descendant. Important as these original paintings are, they are only a small part of the Tichenor collection of daguerreotypes, tintypes, and photographs of other descendants as well as genealogical charts, maps and biographical records that Scott researched and collected over the decades.

In June of 1934, descendants of the Lawrence, Womack and Beynroth families were present for the exhumation of the graves at the cemetery located at the brow of Douglass Hill. This land had been part of the Lawrence family property. The cemetery consisted of a rock wall enclosure



that contained the graves of J. Fry Lawrence and Urith Lawrence Pope with the graves of the Womack and Beynroth families outside the walls. The Lawrence remains were buried in a private family graveyard on Browns Lane in St. Matthews. The Womack and Beynroth remains were buried in the Middletown Cemetery.

For more on the Lawrence family and Middletown history visit the Historic Middletown Inc. Middletown Museum at 11700 Main Street. You can find our hours and days of operation on page 3 of this newsletter.





By: Laura Wright, Executive Director
Middletown Chamber of Commerce
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It is spring, and the Middletown Chamber is planning some major events for the months of April, May, and June.

Events coming up during the second quarter of 2024:

The Middletown Market (soon to be renamed) will be held on April 13, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Look for new additions and fun to the market.

The first Health Fair of 2024 will be held on April 16, 2024 at Story Point Senior Living (details on the website), our annual Golf Scramble on May 6, 2024, a Clay Shoot (details on the website), a mega networking event on June 10, 2024 (details on the website), our annual luncheon on June 13, 2024, Mam-mogram Day in June (details on the website), and another Middletown Market on June 29, 2024.

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

- Bi-monthly Chamber luncheon
- Bi-monthly Happy Hour net-working event
- Leads at Lunch
- Senior Synergy networking group
- Chamber Board meeting
- Coffee Chit Chat
- Member orientation
- Middletown Networking group
- Young Professionals
- Women's networking group
- Direct Sales 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. The calendar on the website is kept up to date daily.

We are a growing Chamber with

almost 600 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 @ 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.



MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

DATE OF EVENT: May 6, 2024

TIME: 7:30 a.m. until?

ADDRESS: Lake Forest Country Club
14000 Landmark Drive
Louisville, KY 40245

TO REGISTER: E-mail: Laura@middletownchamberky.com

or call the office at (502) 245-0404

COST: \$150 per person (includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, lots of gifts, prizes, and a wonderful day of fun).

A great way to network!

CHARITY OF FOCUS:



Excellence in senior living and caring support are hallmarks of **Christian Care Communities - Middletown**. Independent Living Garden Homes and Senior Living Apartments are offered, as well as Assisted Living. All of this combines convenience, companionship and peace of mind in a beautiful and parklike setting. Our residents experience a carefree lifestyle where good neighbors become great friends. Since 1884, Christian Care Communities has been guided by our principles of Faith, Care and Family. We're more than a senior living option - we are truly a community that provides an abundance of amenities, services, caring neighbors and planned activities so older adults can stay actively engaged.

Learn more by contacting us at 502-254-1799 or middletown.christiancarecommunities.org

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MIDDLETOWN MUSIC IN WETHERBY PARK 2024

Sunday, May 19 at 5:30pm

Eastern High School and Middletown Elementary

Sunday, June 23 at 5:30pm

Soul Circus (www.soulcircusband.com)

Sunday, July 7 at 5:30pm

Rockland Road Band (www.rocklandroad.com)

Sunday, August 18 at 5:30pm

Checkmates (www.checkmatesmusic.com)

Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14

Middletown Family Festival

Sunday, September 22 at 5:30pm

Local Church Choirs

