

# CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

"The Heart of Louisville"

# MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

We are truly blessed to live in Middletown — a community that unites together and lifts one another up. We have had some trying times in the past few months in Middletown. In July we changed waste haulers to Republic Services. While the transition was at times cha-



otic, it has leveled out and I have no doubt that Middletown residents will receive quality service moving forward. I appreciate your patience during the transition. Look on page 4 for information pertaining to Republic Services.

In preparing our annual budget, it became apparent that Middletown would have to look at ways to raise revenue to maintain the quality of life you are used to and have come to expect from Middletown. Costs have gone up in the city which are beyond our control such as:

Waste Haulers contract up 68 %

Utilities up 35 %

Police & Public Works Fleet 150 %

City Insurance 15%

While we have money in reserves to cover the current fiscal year, in August the City Commission passed an Ordinance creating a Business License and a 1% Occupational Tax. Businesses need to register by November 1 and start collecting the Occupational tax January 1, 2024. More Information is on page 5.

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,

J. Pyon Chapeman

# MIDDLETOWN RECIPE BOOK

Do you have a favorite family recipe passed down through your family? Are you willing to share that recipe with your community? The City of Middletown is compiling a recipe book with proceeds to benefit the Middletown Police Foundation.

Please send your favorite recipes to:

Donna@cityofmiddletownky.org or mail to:

City of Middletown

ATTN: Recipe Book

11803 Old Shelbyville Road

Middletown, Kentucky 40243



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## CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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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

# 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.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you a new crime-fighting tool that you may see alongside many of our roadways in Jefferson County: Flock Cameras. Flock Cameras are self-contained, automated license

plate readers that take a snapshot of every vehicle that crosses the path of the camera. The license plate data is then compared to the National Crime Information Centers (NCIC) hotlists for stolen vehicles, Amber alerts, missing persons, and wanted persons. If there is a match, the law enforcement agency in that area is notified of the hit. All of this takes place in about 8-12 seconds. The law enforcement agency will then verify the stolen/wanted data before taking any action. This

leads to faster recovery of stolen vehicles and locating missing persons sooner.

Law enforcement agencies are not the only ones participating in this technology; private communities can purchase the Flock system as well. The only difference in the data shared between Flock camera and the private community is the private community does not have access to the NCIC hotlists. However, the private community can share their data with local law enforcement to aid in locating stolen vehicles and wanted persons in their communities.

A common question asked by many is "what happens to the data that is collected by the Flock camera?" That data is transmitted to highly regulated, encrypted, secure cloud storage, where it is deleted from the Flock camera and stored for 30 days in the cloud, and then deleted automatically. There are hundreds of success stories from law enforcement agencies across the country where data from Flock Cameras was used to

solve crimes that may not have been solved if not for the camera picking up a license plate of a suspect vehicle. Flock Cameras have been used to locate elderly people who have become lost while driving because of memory impairment, or a person who has been suffering from depression and now wanting to harm themselves.

Another question often asked, "is the data ever sold to third parties?" The answer is no. Only the owner of the Flock camera is permitted to view data captured by the cameras, and again, the only data that is captured is the license plate and a snapshot of the vehicle. Owners of Flock Cameras can then access the Flock network and decide with whom they want to share data. For exam-

> ple, if a community Homeowners Association (HOA) has a Flock camera, they can choose to share the data with their local law enforcement agency. This partnership can help the local law enforcement develop leads for crimes that may be occurring in the neighborhood. Statistics have shown that most criminals use stolen vehicles to commit additional crimes such as burglaries, robberies, assaults, and thefts. By being alerted that a stolen vehicle is prowling in a neighbor-

hood, officers can respond to the area and locate the criminals before they have a chance to engage in further criminal activity.

The benefits of the Flock camera system are far reaching. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the Flock Camera website at <a href="https://www.flocksafety.com">www.flocksafety.com</a>.

I would like to conclude by wishing you a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Get out and meet your neighbors. By developing good relationships with those that live around you, you can look out for one another and soon the word will spread to the criminals to stay away from your neighborhood because you have established a strong block watch.

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.





# LIGHT UP MIDDLETOWN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

4:00pm Vendors at Celebration Hall
5:30pm singers at Wetherby Park Gazebo
6:00pm Light up Wetherby Park
6:30pm Santa arrives at Middletown Community Center





# **MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY TAX**

Pay before November 1, 2023 to receive a 15% discount!

You should receive your 2023 Middletown property tax bills by September 15, 2023. You can now obtain tax information: 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

Print tax bill

check

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 INCUDE 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 dis-

able the barcode.

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







#### Sustainability in Action

Dear Middletown Residents,

Thank you for your patience as we started recycling and trash services on July 2, 2023. We take great pride in what we do and when we encounter difficulties, we'll admit them, learn from them, and get better because of them. So again, thank you for the patience you showed. Some items we'd like for you to remember;

Yard Waste - it is a city ordinance that trash cannot be mixed with yard waste. When a load of yard waste is dumped at a mulching yard and is contaminated with trash, we must wait to be loaded again and then take to be landfilled. Please keep your trash separate from the yard waste.

Carts - the City pays for up to two trash carts and one recycle cart per parcel. If you need additional carts, please contact us at (502) 638-9000, and we'd be happy to supply additional carts at \$5.00 per month—billed annually.

**Bulk items** - remember to call your bulk items in to be scheduled. Some items require preparation and we want to remove those items from your curb as soon as possible.

Holidays - we recognize the 6 major holidays and service is only affected if the actual holiday falls on a week-day. Memorial, Labor, and Thanksgiving days are the only ones that always fall on a weekday. For the remainder of 2023 and into the new year, services will be on a one-day delay the weeks of December 25th and January 1, 2024. For those customers with Thursday recycling, your service day will be on Friday during Thanksgiving week.

Again, thank you Middletown! We look forward to growing our relationship and delivering quality service to you.

# REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone 502-638-9000

E-mail: 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

South of

North of Shelbyville Road	Shelbyville Road
Thursday, October 5	Thursday, October 12
Thursday, October 19	Thursday, October 26
Thursday, November 2	Thursday, November 9
Thursday, November 16	Thursday, November 23
Thursday, November 30	Thursday, December 7
Thursday, December 14	Thursday, December 21
Thursday, December 28	Thursday, January 4

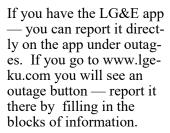
# **LARGE ITEMS**

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.

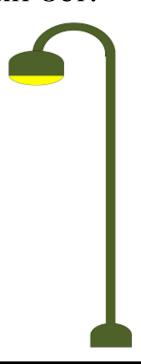


### STREETLIGHT OUT?

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.



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



### **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



## CITY OF MIDDLETOWN



#### **BUSINESS LICENSE**

#### AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX INFORMATION

On August 10, 2023, the Middletown City Commission passed an Ordinance establishing a Business License for all businesses operating within the City of Middletown and an Occupational Tax of 1% for all wages earned within the City of Middletown. This action falls in line with the majority of the small cities within Metro Louisville.

All businesses, including non-profits and rental property/management companies, are required to register by November 1, 2023, for their Business License. The Business License has an annual fee of \$50.

Beginning January 1, 2024, all businesses are required to begin withholding for the 1% Occupational Tax. Payments to the city for the Occupational Tax are on a quarterly basis.

All of the forms are available on the city website: www.cityofmiddletownky.org under the Business tab.

As stated in page 1, this tax will keep the city with a balanced budget to address the needs of the residents. Our garbage contract went up nearly \$15k monthly, utilities are up - which includes street lights - and the cost of doing business has gone up across the board for the city. Hopefully this inflation will level out and costs will flatten. Until then, the City of Middletown strives to deliver quality customer service and will continue to do so at best value for the residents.

### JOSEPH ABELL HOUSE

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

The house, located at 12210 Old Shelbyville Road, was built ©1804 by Joseph Abell, an early Kentucky settler and land speculator.

It is a five-bay, two-story brick structure with a one-story wing extending off the backs east side. Many of the original glass panes are still present in the windows. It is the only surviving Federal brick house in Middletown.

Joseph Abell (1752 - 1843), was born in Maryland and emigrated to Mason County Kentucky. In 1803 while residing in Mason County, he bought 600 acres of land in Middletown. It is said to have been part of the underground railroad; many Kentucky people and sites played



fascinating and critical roles in the story of slavery and abolitionism. The Abell House was added to the National register of Historic Places in February 1981.

To learn more about Joseph Abell and the house visit the Historic Middletown Museum located at 11700 Main Street.



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 middletownkypolicefoundation.org. We ask you to support us by presenting the flyer below, or a picture of the flyer, when dining at Texas Roadhouse, 13321 Shelbyville Road, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Roadhouse is donating 10% of your total food purchases to our Foundation.





By: Laura Wright, Executive Director Middletown Chamber of Commerce laura@middletownchamberky.com 502-245-0404

Hard to believe that we are approaching the last quarter of 2023. Why are the months flying by so quickly?

We are a growing Chamber with over 542 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.

We send out weekly Chamber Chatters to our members. Of course, all "Chatters" are located on our website for you to review – www.middletownchamberky.com.

Events coming up before the end of 2023:

Middletown's annual Trick or Treat event will be held in the parking lot of First Baptist Church, 11711 Main Street from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on 10/28/23. Children 12 and under can Trick or Treat in a supervised environment with over 40 businesses. There will be bounce houses, music, a booth decorating contest, vehicles manned by the Middletown Police Department and a fire truck manned by Anchorage/Middletown Fire department. Free bags for candy will be available and located at the Chamber booth. Enjoy a free pancake breakfast, compliments of the First Baptist Church in Middletown.

We have started to host after-hour networking events every other month. Our Young Professionals and Women's networking groups continue to grow in numbers and have become very popular. Our Growth and Event committees continue to gain momentum as they help this Chamber to grow.

Light Up Middletown will be held on 12/1/23. The planning process has begun. Make sure to check out the City of Middletown's website for details as well as the Middletown's Chamber's website.

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

Bi-monthly Chamber luncheon Leads at Lunch Senior Synergy Networking Chamber Board meeting Coffee Chit Chat Member orientation Middletown Networking group Young Professionals Women's Networking

If you have access to a computer, be sure to check out the updates on our website at <a href="https://www.middletownchamberky.com">www.middletownchamberky.com</a>. The calendar on the website is kept up to date daily.

The planning process for 2024 has begun. Again, dates will be added to the website.

Brainstorming ideas on the table - a can goods drive for Thanksgiving, Christmas Toy Drive, food truck event, etc. If you have any ideas for events to share with the Chamber, please contact us. We are always open to suggestions.



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# MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

#### October 12 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road Middletown Police Foundation Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse 18 28 Trick or Treat/Pancake Breakfast from 10am—noon at First Baptist 31 Halloween November 2, 3 & 4 Early voting—check locations at: www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org 7 **Election Day** 9 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road 10 Veteran's Day-City Hall Closed 23 & 24 Thanksgiving—City Hall Closed December 1 Light Up Middletown—information on page 3 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road 14

Christmas Holidays - City Hall Closed

News Year's Eve