

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

"The Heart of Louisville"

MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

Our Summer Concert Series for 2023 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.



We have a new garbage hauler in Middletown. Per Kentucky State law, once the contract with Rumpke expired, we had to go out to bid. Republic Services was the low bidder and is now the contractor in Middletown. You should have received a letter letting you know of the change and you should have received your new garbage and recycle container(s). See page four for information on Republic Services.

Save the date on your calendar for the Middletown Family Fun Festival on Friday, September 8 from 6pm—9pm and Saturday, September 9 from 10am—9pm. This event is in its 51st year and still going strong.

Please continue to shop local and support our Middletown shops and restaurants! The Middletown Chamber was recently recognized as the 8th largest Chamber in the region. They work hard and we notice all their good work and activities. Please support the chamber and the businesses that participate in the many community events.

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 51 YEARS!

Friday, September 8 from 6pm—9pm

Saturday, September 9 from 10am—9pm

Fireworks Show at 9:30pm

Wetherby Park and Main Street

To be a vendor, or participate in the parade, visit:

www.middletownsfamilyfun.com

Closer to the event, a full schedule of activities will appear on the website.

New Garbage Hauler Information on page 4

Your elected officials for the CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Mayor J. Byron Chapman

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Commissioner Ron Wolf

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Commissioner Amy Oliver

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Commissioner Paul Hayden

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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 first start off this newsletter by thanking all the residents that have contacted us regarding suspicious vehicles and people wandering our streets during the odd hours of the night. By notifying us of these individuals, we can respond quickly and prevent crime in our city. As a reminder, if you see something out of the ordinary or suspicious, don't hesitate to call us; our dispatch number is **502-574-5471**. We are dispatched through the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), so don't be confused when they answer the phone that way.

Also, if you need to speak with an officer, or have an officer respond, please call 502-574-5471 and the friendly dispatchers will make sure your needs are addressed. A common misconception is that our police station is physically staffed 24/7, however that is not true after normal business hours and weekends, so save that number in your phone or post it on your refrigerator. In any emergency, you can still dial 911 and you will be transferred to the JCSO dispatch.

While on the topic of helping us out, we also appreciate you sharing your security camera footage with us when you feel it has caught something or someone suspicious. You never know, you may have a tip that can help solve crime in your neighborhood. The Middletown Police Department also has an anonymous tip line if you want to leave information about a crime that you have knowledge of, that number is 502-755-4MPD (502-755-4673).

Crime trends that I want you to be aware of include in-person, telephone, email, and on-line scams. Most of these scams are complicated, detailed, and only have one goal – that is to separate you from your hard-earned money by means of fraud. Be aware that these scams may seem legit; that's why they are so successful. But if you keep your guard up and ask a lot of questions, you can deter their attacks. Be suspicious – ask for details and challenge the information that is being presented to you – use common sense. I don't know of any business or government agency that will ask you to pay for services with gift cards. So, the next time someone calls you and says you owe them money and they want you to buy gift cards to pay, I can guarantee it's a scam. Also, if you receive a



call that you have a warrant, or your child or grandchild is arrested, ask for verification without giving them any personal information – trust me, if you have an outstanding warrant, we already have all the necessary information about you that we need! Be aware that these folks can also spoof telephone numbers; your caller ID may say it's your utility company calling or the Internal Revenue Service, but in fact it is not. Just tell them you will call them back after you look up the number yourself.

Another issue affecting us all is mail theft. Criminals are breaking into home mailboxes as well as the blue postal service drop boxes and looking for checks that you have written. The checks are then washed of the amount and payee; then the criminals just add whatever amount they choose and whom to pay it to and can cash it like any other check. You usually don't find out until it is too late: first, your account is missing more money than you planned and then the business you wrote the check to never receive it, thus your payment is missing. Simple tactics to use to protect your checks is to use a special check writing pen that is extremely hard to wash off your checks. These pens can be found on Amazon or contact your bank for suggestions. Another tip is to physically drop any mail with checks in it directly *inside* the local post office, do not use the blue drop boxes outside. Most all post offices have a drop box inside the building, available 24 hours a day. If that is too troublesome, then consider setting up auto-pay or on-line payments to your most used accounts such as LG&E, Louisville Water, cable, and internet services. Being proactive now will save you a lot of headaches in the future.

I want to end by wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer. 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 would-be 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.

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



August

- 10 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 13 Concert in Wetherby Park, 5:30pm featuring Artie Dean Harris



September

- 4 Labor Day—City Hall closed
- 8 Middletown Family Fun Fest from 6pm—9pm
- 9 Middletown Family Fun Fest from 10am—9pm
- 14 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 17 Concert in Wetherby Park, 5:30pm featuring Soul Kitchen



REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone— 502-638-9000

Website: www.republicservices.com

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

A note from Republic

Republic Services is honored and excited to once again be partners with the City of Middletown and its citizens.

We look forward to providing reliable service and being active in the community.

Be sure to read the information that was attached to your new garbage/recycling carts.

Use the APP or call Customer Service with any questions or concerns.

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

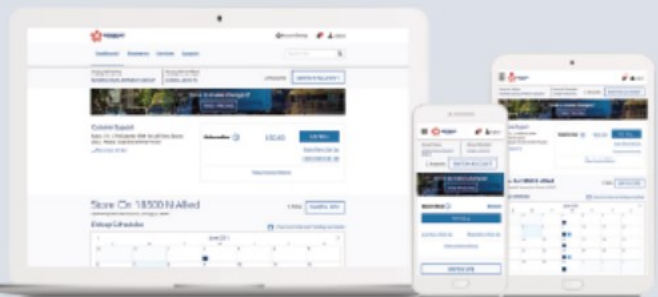


REPUBLIC
SERVICES

Simple Account Access. Anytime. Anywhere.

Manage your account from home or on the go with the Republic Services app. Visit **RepublicServices.com/Account** or download the app today, so you can:

- ▶ Pay your bill
- ▶ Schedule a pickup
- ▶ Report a missed pickup
- ▶ Find new products and services
- ▶ Request cart repairs
- ▶ And more



RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

North of Shelbyville Road

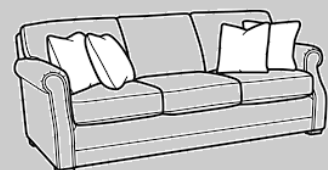
Thursday, July 13
Thursday, July 27
Thursday, August 10
Thursday, August 24
Thursday, September 7
Thursday, September 21
Thursday, October 5

South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 6
Thursday, July 20
Thursday, August 3
Thursday, August 17
Thursday, August 31
Thursday, September 14
Thursday, September 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.



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY

POLICE FOUNDATION

By: Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer

Wow! Our Car Show Fundraiser, held on Sunday May 21, 2023, is now history! What a day it was! This was our very first venture in fundraising, and it ended up a smashing success. At the end of the day, we raised over \$9,500 for our foundation—all of which is returned to our community in the form of grants per our Mission Statement.

Thanks to our Board of Directors who participated in this endeavor, along with a number of friends from local car clubs and the City of Middletown. The generosity of local businesses who kindly donated money, goods and services that served as funding and door prize/auction items was overwhelming.

This was a large scale collaborative effort that could not have been successfully put together without the cooperation of all. Special thanks goes out to our sponsors, Todd's Place Express Car Wash, WAKY Radio, Renewal by Andersen, Stockyards Bank, Dairy Queen of Middletown, and a number of other local businesses who donated smaller sponsorships that were needed to provide the grassroots funding event.

Cars and car clubs from all around the area attended our show. In total, 189 cars were entered into the competition for numerous awards. After getting rained out in April, the weather rebounded by providing a beautiful day. The lot was filled to capacity with vintage cars, trucks and even some motorcycles. This was a family friendly event with free admission. Judging from the comments received, all had a good time and many are looking to "next year's" car show.

In addition to raising funds for our foundation, the



Board of Directors felt it was important to further acquaint the residents, businesses, and visitors to Middletown with our foundation and our mission. Indeed, the show proved to be a great tool to accomplish that, as many people stopped by our table to inquire about

the foundation and even make donations. Our thanks go out to all of these people.

We invite everyone to visit our website at middletownky-policefoundation.org in order to learn more about us. Donations can be made via our website. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Stop by and get to know us!



MIDDLETOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

11700 Main Street

Open:

Thursday—11am—3pm

Saturday—1pm—4pm

Call 502-254-4303 to volunteer at the museum



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)



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF MIDDLETOWN HISTORY

By: Mark Stigers, Middletown Commissioner

How much of Middletown's history do you know? Not too much, if you're like most residents of the community, many of whom are new to the area or long time residents that have forgotten.

Take this little quiz to test your knowledge. (answers at the end) Want to know more? Visit the Historic Middletown Inc. Museum located at 11700 Main Street to learn more.

1. What is the official date of the founding of Middletown?
2. Who was the founder of Middletown?
3. Who drew the first map of Middletown?
4. How many acres did Middletown originally contain?
5. Who were the owners of this land?
6. How did they get this land?
7. What church site sits on the lot occupied by a hat factory?
8. What US Presidents Grandfather was killed near Middletown?
9. Where is the little octagonal building?
10. Whose dining room formally had a large oak tree growing in it?
11. In who's well was whiskey hidden during the civil war?
12. What was the name of the last private school in Middletown?
13. Where was this school located?
14. What house has a surprise in its stairway?
15. Where, nearby, did a famous pioneer massacre occur?
16. What is the only stone house in Middletown?
17. What old house was once a funeral home?
18. Which church bell cracked while being rung for a fire?
19. Which is Middletown's oldest religious society?
20. Where were the four public wells on Main Street?
21. Which church was occupied by a cavalry unit during the civil war?
22. What woman saved the family fortune during the civil war by hiding it under a sitting hen?
23. In what year did French General LaFayette visit Middletown?
24. Where was the old blacksmith shop near Harrison Avenue?



25. What race track was named for a former Middletown resident?
26. Where was the comb factory located?
27. Where was the cabinet shop located?
28. Who was the great English botanist and historian originally buried in the Middletown Cemetery?
29. Where was the woolen factory located?
30. Who was Middletown's first druggist?
31. What was the name of Middletown's first lodge?
32. When was the Middletown Fire Department organized?
33. The Civic Club and the Woman's Club were organized as a result of what natural disaster?
34. What famous poet made a long visit with family in Middletown in 1894?
35. Where was the Bank of Middletown located?

The Historic Middletown Museum is open on Thursdays 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and Saturdays 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. We are located at 11700 Main Street and the entry is in the rear of the building.

Follow us on our Facebook page for more local history stories and photographs. The museum is always looking for volunteers to assist with our museum.

Answers to the Quiz

1. 1797, 2. Phillip Buckner, 3. William White, 4. 500 Acres, 5. Jacob Myers and Cuthbert Harrison, 6. Service during the American Revolution, 7. Methodist, 11700 Main St. 8. Abraham Lincoln, 9. Abell House, 10. Middletown Inn, 11. Davis Tavern, 12. Jefferson Female Academy, 13. Baptist Church site 11721 Main St. 14. Abell House, stair risers have different heights, 15. Chenoweth Massacre Springhouse, 16. Head House, 17. William Miller House, 11507 Main St., 18. Christian Church, 19. Methodist, 20. Davis Tavern, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd, Southwest corner of Madison and Main, Southwest corner of Harrison and Main, Southwest corner of Holmes (Watterson Trail), 21. Christian Church 11508 Main St., 22. Rachel Waters, 23. 1825, 24. Parking lot of 11509 Main St., 25. Douglass Park, 26. Summit Academy 11508 Main St., 27. Emma Justine Salon 11509 Main St., 28. John Bradbury, 29. Baptist Church 11721 Main St., 30. O. E. Mayer, 31. Abraham Lodge No. 8, 32. 1940, 33. 1937 flood, 34. Eugene Field, 35. 11615 Main Street.



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

I can't believe that we are already through the first half of 2023. My mother always used to say that the older you get, the faster the time goes by. And guess what? She was right.

Our Chamber has been very busy these last three months, growing membership to 520 members, ribbon cuttings, networking events and hosting our 2nd largest event of the year – the Middletown Annual Golf Scramble. Our Charity of Focus was Middletown's very own, VFW, and we are excited to present them with a check at our 9th birthday bash on July 13, 2023, at the VFW, 107 Evergreen Road. See the flyer below. I hope you

will make a reservation and attend.



Mayor Craig Greenberg was the guest speaker at our June 8, 2023 annual luncheon. Two board members, rolling off, were recognized for their service and five new board members were voted in for the 2023 – 2026 fiscal years.

Our next big event is the Vintage Market/Craft Festival on July 29, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This year, we are changing locations and are holding this event at the Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243. If you know someone that crafts, sells antiques, etc., please share this flyer with them and have them contact our office at 502-245-0404. Support our local artists and shop local! Start your Christmas shopping early.



Keep a look out for the date, on our website, for our health fair at StoryPoint in Middletown, 500 Meridian Hills Drive, Louisville, KY 40243. This event is free to the public attend.

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 grow of this Chamber. I

encourage you to check out our website at www.middletownchamberky.com on a weekly basis. Events are added weekly (sometimes daily). You'll find our website a wonderful resource for keeping you up-to-date on our events.

Monthly Chamber breakfast or luncheon; Leads at Lightning Speed – monthly; Senior Synergy networking – monthly; Chamber Board meeting – monthly; Non-Profit Affinity Group meeting – monthly; Coffee Chit Chats – monthly; Member orientation – monthly; Happy Hour networking events; Women's networking events – monthly; Middletown Young Professionals networking events – bimonthly; Chamber Growth & Chamber Events committee meetings - monthly.

Brainstorming ideas on the table –can goods drive for Thanksgiving, a food truck event, a Christmas Toy Drive, a family-friendly bowling event, a fall golf scramble and a fitness tasting. If you have any ideas for events to share with the Chamber, please contact us. We are always open to suggestions. Enjoy your summer and stay safe!



WE'RE ON CLOUD 9

**Happy 9th Anniversary
MIDDLETOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!**

CASH BAR

**PLEASE JOIN OUR CELEBRATION!
* IN PLACE OF OUR JULY BREAKFAST**

What: Middletown Chamber of Commerce 9th Anniversary Birthday Bash
Where: Middletown VFW Post 1170
When: July 13th, 4:30-6:30 pm
Cost: \$20 pre-paid online (\$25 at the door)

RSVP: <https://middletownchamberky.com/product/chamber-birthday-7-13-23/>

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





MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL



OUTDOOR VINTAGE MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, 7/29/23, 9:00am-3:00pm
Free Admission

Crafts
Antiques
Handmade Treasures
Consumable Yummies
Outdoor Furnishings

Vintage Clothing
Jewelry
Home Décor
Seasonal Plantings
Art

NO ANIMALS PLEASE

MIDDLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11902 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40243
Rain or Shine

VENDORS FOOD TRUCKS FUN FOR ALL

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE MIDDLETOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT (502) 245-0404**



MIDDLETOWN MUSIC IN WETHERBY PARK 2023

Sunday, July 9 at 5:30pm

Checkmates (www.checkmatesmusic.com)

Sunday, August 13 at 5:30pm

Artie Dean Harris (www.artiedeanharris.webstarts.com)

Sunday, September 17 at 5:30pm

Soul Kitchen (www.SoulKitchenLive.com)

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

