

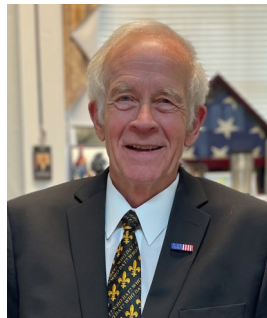
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

"The Heart of Louisville"

MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

Many thanks to everyone who made the 50th Anniversary of the Middletown Festival a huge success! People enjoyed the two days of celebration which is like a homecoming for Middletown residents. I look forward to this continued tradition for many years to come.



Halloween will be upon us soon. Please watch out for all of the Trick or Treaters walking in our neighborhoods on October 31.

Thank a veteran on Veteran's Day for their service. Please also remember those that did not make it home. We are forever indebted to them and their families.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, focus on all of the things which you are thankful for not just on Thanksgiving, but everyday.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, please join me on Friday, December 2 for the lighting of Wetherby Park at 6pm. Festivities begin at 4pm with vendors at Celebration Hall and singers at the Gazebo in Wetherby Park at 5:30pm. This celebration brings us together in unity to enjoy fellowship with one another.

On behalf of myself and the Middletown Commissioners, we wish you the very best of a holiday season and a healthy new year!

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,

SAVE THE DATE

KENTUCKY



AND CELEBRATION

**November 5, 2022
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Southeast Christian Church. Blankenbaker

GRAND MARSHALS

**Colonel Bruce Bancroft and his wife, Marcy
representing the families of the 123rd
Kentucky Air National Guard**

Your elected officials for the CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

*By: Chief Robert Herman
Middletown Police Department*

The last newsletter highlighted the MPD Investigative Unit. These highly experienced detectives take the reports generated by the patrol units and conduct an investigation for any potential crime. These detectives do an outstanding job recovering stolen property and charging those responsible.

Unfortunately, there are still those that continue to prey on our citizens and businesses. That's where each and every one of you can assist. MPD preaches crime prevention constantly. While hard to determine the overall impact, tips are working as many home video cameras are catching thieves prowling around our neighborhoods at night and leaving mostly empty handed. However, we can do better!

Adopt a program of checking your vehicles to make sure they are locked and no tempting items are left in plain view. Most importantly, do not leave your spare key in the vehicle. We have seen several videos of criminals opening doors to unlocked vehicles only to drive away as a spare key was left in the glovebox or center console. We can do better at securing our property.

Please take time to invest in our youth. It is everyone's responsibility as a human being to watch out for our nation's children and their future. Whether it is your child, a young relative or the child of a neighbor,

please engage with them. If you feel that person is struggling, step outside of your comfort zone and see if there is something you can do to help or even mentor that young person. All too often young children have no direction or motivation. They want to be productive members of our community – help them. You might have a set of trade skills that you can pass on to our younger generation and in return they might introduce you to newer technology. It is the Oak and Acorn circle of life.

Please read the article below about a new organization in Middletown. The foundation's mission is to provide support to the officers of the police department by providing critical resources such as training, equipment, and public education thus in turn providing better services to our residents and businesses.

As the Holidays are soon upon us, take precautions to keep your home safe. If your Christmas tree is in your front window, don't place a lot of gifts under it for all to see. When purchasing large items like a new television or gaming system, break the boxes down and take to a recycling center rather than placing at the curb in front of your home. Don't advertise your new items.

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.



INTRODUCING THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY POLICE FOUNDATION

The City of Middletown Police Department has been a welcome addition to our city. Middletown is a safer community for our residents, businesses and visitors.

In late 2021, a number of community members came forward to evaluate steps to take to enhance the performance and maintain the level of service provided by our Police Department. The outcome of this process was the founding of The City of Middletown Kentucky Police Foundation. The founding Board of Directors is comprised of William Bond, Matthew Briggs, J. Byron Chapman, Gary S. Edelen, Layson Hagan, Robert Herman, and Jerry T. Miller.

After thoughtful analysis, the Foundation developed policy and procedures and created both a Vision and a Mission Statement to support implementation of goals such as community involvement, safety, training, and resource support.

The Mission Statement is: "The Middletown Police Foundation exists to maintain the safety of the citizens, visitors and businesses of Middletown by strengthening the bond between MPD and the community by providing critical resources such as training, equipment, public education and support of officers. These critical resources are designed to enhance MPD to ensure we are a safer community in which to live, work and visit."

You are invited to learn more about our Foundation by visiting the website, where you can share your thoughts. Donations are also gratefully accepted by mail and via our website.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization.



Website [https://](https://middletownkypolicefoundation.org)

middletownkypolicefoundation.org

Email: info@middletownkypolicefoundation.org

THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Every year we take time to thank our Veterans for their service, especially on Veteran's Day. This year the parade honoring Veteran's is at Southeast Christian Church on Saturday, November 5 at 11am. This is an opportunity to thank our local Veterans as well as those still serving in our armed forces.

Hite Elementary recently got involved with the Bluegrass Honor Flight which takes veterans to the war memorials in Washington, DC. Mrs. Benner's first grade class wrote cards for the veterans and made a banner to welcome back local resi-



dent Mr. Jackson, a Vietnam War Veteran. Not only did they make cards and a banner to welcome him home, they were also able to FaceTime with Mr. Jackson while he was at the war memorials in DC. Mr. Jackson has been a guest speaker with the students as they learn the important role our service men and women have played in history.

One photo below shows Mrs. Benner's class while the other photo shows Mrs. Benner with the school principal and receptionist greeting Mr. Jackson as he arrives home at the airport.



LIGHT UP MIDDLETOWN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

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, 2022 TO RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT!

You should have received your 2022 Middletown property tax bills for 2022. You can now obtain tax information on our city website at www.cityofmiddletownky.org

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

Click on the “Make a Payment” button at the top of the screen

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

October

13 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

November

5 Veteran’s Parade 11am at Southeast Christian Church

10 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

24 City Hall closed for Thanksgiving

25 City Hall closed for Thanksgiving



December

2 Light up Middletown— 4pm Christmas Market 6pm Wetherby Park

8 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

23 City Hall closed for Christmas

26 City Hall closed for Christmas

30 City Hall closed for New Year’s Eve



Happy
Holidays!



MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

12556 Shelbyville Road
Monday—Thursday 10am—9pm
Friday and Saturday 10am—5pm
Closed Sunday
502-245-7332
Www.lfpl.org



TIME TO RENEW YOUR ABC LICENSE

If you are a business in Middletown with an ABC License, it is time to renew your license. Your current license expires on October 31, 2022.

You can obtain a renewal application on the city website:
www.cityofmiddletownky.org.



RUMPKE RUMPKE CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone—800-678-6753 or 502-568-3800 Ext. 3 Customer Service

Website: www.rumpke.com

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

Middletown residential garbage pickup is every Tuesday morning.

Middletown residential yard waste is every Wednesday morning.

* 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*

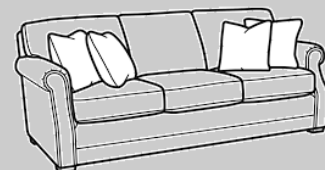
Thursday, October 6
Thursday, October 20
Thursday, November 3
Thursday, November 17
Thursday, December 1
Thursday, December 15
Thursday, December 29

South of *Shelbyville Road*

Thursday, October 13
Thursday, October 27
Thursday, November 10
Thursday, November 24*
Thursday, December 8
Thursday, December 22
Thursday, January 5

LARGE ITEMS

If you have a large item to dispose of such as a mattress or couch, you must call Rumpke at 800-678-6753 to schedule the pick up. You must place all mattresses and cloth furniture in plastic bags or wrap it in plastic.



ADOPTIVE USE OF HISTORIC PROPERTY

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MORSE HOUSE

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

Most preservationists agree that it is unrealistic to expect old buildings to be maintained permanently for their original use. What happens when a prime historic property is in the middle of commercial opportunities? All too often the old building is condemned to the bulldozer and replaced with parking lots or modern commercial buildings.

Mr. Frank Otte was faced with that problem when he purchased the old Morse Place at 12902 Shelbyville Road. It was not feasible to keep the old farm house, which pre-dates the civil war, as a private residence. He considered tearing it down and replacing it with a modern building suitable for his business. After studying the matter, he felt it did contribute to the over-all image of Middletown and did not make sense to destroy such a



fine old structure.

Otte incorporated the building into his master plan and built his nursery center in the rear of the historic home. He was able to rent the first floor as a gift shop while his offices were on the second floor.

The house was built by Benjamin Franklin Morse in the early nineteenth century. It is said that Morse hid his best horses in the house when confederate forces visited the area seeking new mounts. After searching the barns, the troopers left without replacement mounts as they did not consider looking for horses in the house.

Like many of Middletown's older buildings, it has been modified several times over the years. You can imagine the previous owners planning for more room as they prepared for additions to the family.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

With winter close upon us now is a good time to have your furnace checked by a certified specialist to make sure it is running properly and there are no cracks emitting fumes into your home.

Many people also use fireplaces, wood burning stoves, space heaters and kerosene heaters. All are acceptable, however, if not used properly they can cause a house fire.

For Kerosene heaters, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer and avoid overfilling. Always refuel outside and never use a fuel burning appliance without proper room venting as it may lead to deadly fumes.

For fireplaces and wood burning stoves, make sure they are installed properly with proper floor support and protection. Have adequate clearance (36 inches) from combustible surfaces. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned as

necessary, especially if it has not been used in a while.

Do not use flammable liquids to start your fire and minimize the use of paper to build a roaring fire as it is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney.



Never burn charcoal indoors as it can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

Never go to bed without making sure that the fire in the fireplace or wood stove is out. Do not close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.

Always discard old ashes in a metal container outside and well away from your home or garage.

If using an electric space heater, be sure not to overload the circuit and

avoid using an extension cord.

Make sure that every level of your home has a working smoke detector and check it monthly to make sure it is in operating order.



By: Laura Wright, Executive Director
Middletown Chamber of Commerce
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Can you believe it's the last quarter of 2022?

The Middletown Chamber has been very busy growing the membership, ribbon cuttings, networking events and hosting our annual events. Thank you to everyone who came out and shopped local at the Vintage Market/Craft Festival in July. We also held a very successful health fair on August 24th at StoryPoint in Middletown. The event was so well attended it has been added to the list of annual events for 2023. 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 in keeping up-to-date on our events.

Many thanks to all that came out to support our events in September. The Middletown Family Fun Festival and the 5K Run/Walk were well attended.

We look forward to seeing all the ghosts and goblins at the Trick or Treat/Pancake Breakfast on October 22 at 10:00am.

Light Up Middletown is scheduled for Friday, December 2 with vendors opening at 4:00pm. Carolers will entertain people in Wetherby Park before the light up at 6:00pm. Santa will chat with the children after the light up at the Middletown Community Center. There are still slots for vendors, please check the website or call the office for more information.

The Chamber continues to publish a weekly Chamber Chatter, the Chamber's version of a newsletter which is posted on the Chamber website. Check the site to see what is going on in the community and how you can get involved with the Chamber. If you want to get on the e-mail list for the newsletter, become a member — it is free with your membership!

Many events are already in the planning stages for 2023. Events include a job fair, the Taste of Middletown/Business Expo and a health fair. Our smaller, monthly events are back to in-person and those include:

- Monthly Chamber breakfast/luncheon
- Leads at Lightning Speed
- Senior Synergy Networking
- Chamber Board Meeting
- Non-Profit Affinity Group Meeting
- Coffee Chit Chats
- A monthly member orientation
- Happy Hour networking events

The Chamber continues to brainstorm to increase membership and participation. Some ideas include a monthly young professional and/or women's networking group, food drive for Thanksgiving, a food truck event, a Christmas Toy Drive, a family-friendly bowling event and even merchandise (t-shirts and mugs) to increase awareness and use as a fundraising tool. If you have any ideas, please share! We are always open to suggestions.

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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Things to know about election day:

- * Last Day to register to vote for the General Election is October 11, 2022. Register online at: www.govoteky.com
- * In person, excused and absentee early voting days are October 26-28 and October 31—November 2 at the Jefferson County Board of Elections located at 1000 East Liberty
- * Request an absentee, mail in ballot at: elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org
- * In person, no excuse absentee early voting is November 3—5. There are seven locations in Jefferson County.
Check: elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org for those locations
- * November 8 in person voting is 6am—6pm at various polling locations. Check elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org for your voting location

IMPORTANT!

Middletown residents must request a Middletown ballot before voting.

Your Middletown ballot will have your precinct number and MID such as F167-MID. The Middletown precincts are: D168, D169, F153, F158, F167, F176, F188, F189, V118, V120 and V127.

Check your precinct number and polling location at: elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org

