

# CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

*"The Heart of Louisville"*

## MIDDLETOWN FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

Friday, September 9 from 6pm—9pm

Saturday, September 10 from 10am—9pm

Wetherby Park and Main Street

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

[www.middletownsfamilyfun.com](http://www.middletownsfamilyfun.com)

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



## Your elected officials for the CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Mayor J. Byron Chapman

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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](http://www.cityofmiddletownky.org)

## MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents;

As we move from a pandemic to an endemic, we understand that we may have to wear facial masks, social distance and wait longer for some material goods to arrive. As everyone adjusts, please continue to show compassion to one another.



Middletown is preparing for our 50th Fall Festival! Look for information in the newsletter and online at [www.middletownsfamilyfun.com](http://www.middletownsfamilyfun.com) to learn how you can participate and enjoy the fun.

Middletown continues to grow! Our Chamber of Commerce has the largest number of members it has ever had and the 2020 Census shows that we have grown to just over 8,000 residents.

City Officials continue to work with KIPDA and the Kentucky Department of Local Government to apply for grants to help with sidewalk construction, park expansion and refurbishing, police equipment and paving. By applying for and receiving grants, Middletown is able to offer a high quality of service for one of the lowest tax rates in the region, including 24 hour police protection with nineteen full time officers.

Middletown was just awarded a matching grant for a little over \$126,000 for the expansion of Wetherby Park with a picnic shelter, trail extension, benches and trash receptacles. Work on this project will begin after the drainage project is complete.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Byron Chapman'.

# MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME TIPS FROM THE DETECTIVE UNIT OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT



By: Sgt. Pat Bass

The Detective Unit with Middletown Police Department consists of Detective Scott Beck and Sgt. Pat Bass, who collectively have over 32 years of experience working as detectives. The goal of the unit is to improve the quality of life of Middletown residents. To do this, we have to work as a team. Below is information on how you can help improve the quality of life for all in Middletown through awareness of: opportunity crimes, scams affecting our citizens, and personal safety.

**Opportunity Crimes:** Please note that Middletown is one of the safest places to live where criminal activity is not the norm. Most of the criminal activity occurs in what is called "Opportunity" crimes which means that the opportunity is there to commit a crime. An example of this would be: *a criminal walks by a car and sees that the door is unlocked, and a purse is in plain sight.* Removing the "opportunity" by locking the door and not having valuables in plain sight will minimize criminal activity. *Do you keep a spare key fob in your vehicle?* This is another "opportunity." Don't leave the spare in your vehicle, thus removing the "opportunity" and your vehicle remains in your possession. Stay aware of whether or not you are creating an "opportunity" for criminals in all of your actions. Keep your car and home locked with valuables out of sight.

**Scams:** These types of crime prey on people with one goal in mind for the criminal: Take your money by deceiving you in one of multiple ways. There are many types of scams out there with most manipulating the victim into thinking that you owe money and should send it right away. Whenever you receive an email or phone call about sending funds or personal information, hang up and call the company directly to make sure it is their representative you were speaking with previously. Never give out information over the phone unless you placed the call to the company/organization.

**Personal Safety (Situational Awareness):** There are many types of people, and each have different levels of situational awareness. Some people are in tune with everything going on around them and are ready and prepared to act in a multitude of ways in any given situation to keep them safe. However, there are others who are not aware of anything going on around them and

are more vulnerable to their well-being. Situational awareness basically means: *The ability to identify, process and understand what is happening around you, while thinking ahead to prevent or minimize safety incidents.* When something doesn't seem "right", or the hairs on your arms stand up; this is your body telling you to think before you continue. Most of these clues come from any or all your 5 senses: Sight, Sound, Smell, Touch, and Taste. I like to say that there is a 6<sup>th</sup> sense and describe it as when you have a feeling that something is not right, but don't know why you feel that way. That is an instinct that there might be trouble ahead, so re-evaluate what is ahead and adjust your plan, if necessary. Don't just ignore your gut instinct.

To help us help you, let's improve our overall safety and lessen the chance of becoming a victim. Please remember to lock your doors, don't leave keys in your vehicle unattended, know your surroundings, send money and personal information only to those people who are verified as the proper recipients and don't leave things of value in plain sight for all to see. If you suspect criminal activity is occurring or need to contact the police, you can contact Middletown Police in one of the ways listed below:

Emergency Phone: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Phone: (502) 574-5471

Office Phone: (502) 365-1900

Crime Tip Line: (502) 755-4MPD

### PREVENT CRIMES!

- \* **LOCK** your **VEHICLE**
- \* Don't leave **VALUABLES** in your **VEHICLE**
- \* IF you must, **LOCK VALUABLES** in the **TRUNK!**
- \* 80% of all property crime occurs simply because of easy opportunity.

**WWW.MIDDLETOWNKYPD.ORG**



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

## MIDDLETOWN FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

*By: Commissioner Mark Stigers*

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Middletown Festival. Over the years the festival has had several names: Middletown Days Festival, Middletown Milestone Festival and Middletown Family Fun Festival. In the early 1980's the festival as we know it changed to an art show but did not last too many years.

The Middletown Museum has numerous photographs and some advertisements for the festival but very little about the origins. The festival was held in the spring of the early years but was later moved to a fall event. Several residents stated that it was to celebrate the founding of Middletown in May of 1797.

Over the years our festival has had many things you would not expect to see coming down Main Street. An Abrams tank from the Kentucky National Guard, an Elephant from the Louisville Zoo, Miss America Heather French Henry with her family – just to name a few. We hope to see you this September!

Come visit the museum at 11700 Main Street with the entrance in the rear and follow us on Facebook at Historic Middletown Inc/Middletown Museum.



## MIDDLETOWN METHODIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CIRCA 1947

Front left to right: Unknown, Mary Lou Carpenter, Terry Wetherby, Bobby Herrick, R.C. King Jr., Unknown

Back left to right: Buddy Black, JoAnne Nicklies, Ann Eades, Kay Powers, Unknown, Barbara Chandler, Gwen Haines.



## THANK YOU RESIDENTS!

We have several residents that stepped up to serve on our city commissions. All were sworn in at the June 9th City Council Meeting. When you see them in the community, please tell them thank you for their service!

Middletown Historic Preservation Commission: Gary Prater, Nancy Wetherby, Mark Stigers, Tony Bayus, Jennifer Casey and Mark Flesch.

Middletown Ethics Board: Adrian Wheeler, Dudley Wetherby and Vince Guenther.

Middletown Code Enforcement Board: Timothy Buckley, Diane Abbott and Gary Edelen.

# MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY TAX

*PAY BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT!*

You should receive your 2022 Middletown property tax bills by September 15, 2022. You can now obtain tax information on our city website at [www.cityofmiddletownky.org](http://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

**Scroll down to “City Links” on the left of the screen and click on, “Pay Middletown Taxes.”**

**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 City Hall Closed for 4th of July
- 10 Summer concert—Rockland Road—begins at 5:30pm
- 14 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 16 Outdoor Vintage Market in Wetherby Park, 9am—3pm



### August

- 11 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 14 Summer concert—Jake Gill—begins at 5:30pm



### September

- 5 City Hall closed for Labor Day
- 8 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 9 Middletown Festival—begins at 6pm
- 10 Middletown Festival & Parade—begins at 9am  
Look for more information on the website [www.middletownsfamilyfun.com](http://www.middletownsfamilyfun.com)
- 18 Summer Concert—Sweet Beats—Beatles Impersonators—begins at 5:30pm



**LABOR DAY**

## MIDDLETOWN SUMMER CONCERTS



July 10— Rockland Road  
August 14—Jake Gill  
September 18—Sweet Beats  
(Beatle Impersonators)

*All concerts begin at 5:30pm  
Bring your own chair*

Special Thanks to the  
Middletown Lions Club  
for preparing the food  
and serving residents!



## MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY HOURS

12556 Shelbyville Road  
Mon. -Thur. 10 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Sat. 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday  
502-245-7332  
[www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org)



## RUMPKE CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Website: [www.rumpke.com](http://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

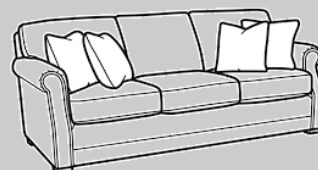
Thursday, July 14  
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Thursday, August 11  
Thursday, August 25  
Thursday, Sept 8  
Thursday, Sept 22  
Thursday, October 6

### South of Shelbyville Road

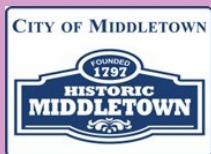
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Thursday, August 4  
Thursday, August 18  
Thursday, Sept 1  
Thursday, Sept 15  
Thursday, Sept 29

## 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 sched-  
ule the pick up. You must place all mat-  
tresses and cloth furniture in plastic bags  
or wrap it in plastic.







**MIDDLETOWN CITY & CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE PRESENT**



# **OUTDOOR VINTAGE MARKET & CRAFT FAIR**

**7/16/22, Wetherby Park, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Free Admission**

**Crafts  
Antiques**

**Handmade Treasures  
Consumable Yummies  
Outdoor Furnishings**

**Vintage Clothing  
Jewelry**

**Home Décor  
Seasonal Plantings  
Art**

**NO ANIMALS PLEASE**

**11803 Old Shelbyville Road, 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**





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

The Middletown Chamber of Commerce is celebrating eight years of continuous service to our businesses, residents and community at large this July. The first half of 2022 was focused on building our membership which was a huge success with over 470 paying members. Please go to the Middletown Chamber website for a complete listing of our members and please patronize our members as often as you can. A vibrant Chamber equates to a bustling community.

As a Chamber, we are back on course with live, in-person events. Be sure to check out our website at [www.middletownchamberky.com](http://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.

In July, we are celebrating 2 big events – our 8-year anniversary and our annual Middletown Vintage Market and Craft Festival on July 16, 2022 in Wetherby Park, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road, right in the heart of Middletown (see flyer on opposite page). Come out and enjoy a wonderful mixture of artists, crafters, music, antiques, etc. This event is being held from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is co-sponsored with the City of Middletown.

We have some fun activities scheduled for our 8-year anniversary breakfast on July 14, 2022 in Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Make your reservations on our website and join in on the fun that morning.

We continue to publish our weekly Chamber Chatter, the Chamber newsletter, update the Chamber website with events on a daily basis and update and produce key communication components for the growth of this Chamber.

In August, we will hold our first ever, health fair. Check the website for details. Events coming up in the next 3 months:

- Vintage Market & Craft Festival
- Louisville Bats Outing
- LMPD – National Night Out in Douglass Hills
- Middletown Festival
- A Job Fair
- 5K Race/Walk
- The annual Trick or Treat Event

We are back to holding most events live and in-person:

- Monthly Chamber breakfast or luncheon
- Leads at Lightning Speed
- Senior Synergy Networking
- Chamber Board Meeting
- Non-Profit Affinity Group Meeting
- Coffee Chit Chats
- A monthly member orientation (new)

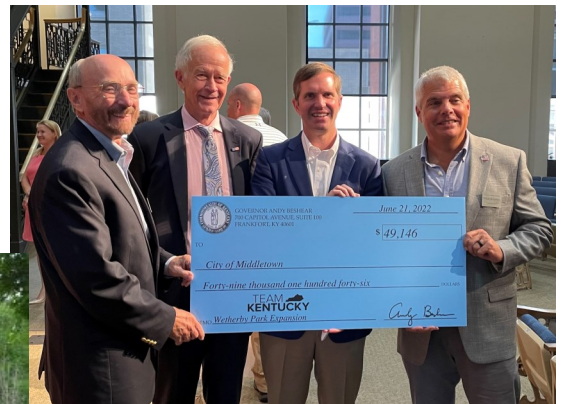
Brainstorming ideas on the table – a monthly young professional's networking group, a monthly women's networking event, can goods drive for Thanksgiving, a food truck event, a Christmas Toy Drive, a family-friendly bowling event, a fitness-tasting, t-shirts, sponsored by the City and Chamber, to sell to residents as a fundraiser, a Mayoral Forum debate, etc. If you have any ideas for events to share with the Chamber, please contact us. We are always open to suggestions.

## MIDDLETOWN IN PHOTOS



Commissioners Ron Wolf, Mark Stigers and Paul Hayden help with the Middletown Historic Cemetery Cleanup in May.

A couple enjoying dancing at the June Summer Concert in Wetherby Park.



Commissioner Ron Wolf, Mayor Byron Chapman, Governor Andy Beshear and Commissioner Paul Hayden accepting a check for Wetherby Park expansion.