

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

*“The Heart of Louisville”*MIDDLETOWN
A CITY FOR ALL

Dear Residents,

Our City Commission has been hard at work investing in the continued growth, safety, and economic vitality of Middletown. We are excited to share a few recent updates and initiatives that demonstrate our commitment to making our city an even better place to live, work, and visit.

Improving Public Spaces

We're enhancing playgrounds at Wetherby Park to ensure a safer, more enjoyable experience for families in our community.

Strengthening Public Safety

The City has renewed contracts for essential auditing services and launched plans for a new regional police training facility that will provide critical support and training opportunities for law enforcement.

Expanding Broadband Access

A new franchise agreement with Lumos Fiber is set to bring improved internet connectivity to Middletown's residents and businesses, helping to bridge the digital divide.

Investing in Our Community

Grant funding has been allocated to support a variety of local organizations and initiatives, including:

- Youth programs, such as a safe and the sober high school graduation event
- Business development efforts, including the Chamber of Commerce's golf and pickleball fundraiser
- Public safety initiatives, like free bicycle helmet distribution and other community events

We are proud of these strides forward and grateful for the community partnerships that help make this progress possible. As always, we welcome your input and participation as we continue building a strong, vibrant future for Middletown.

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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City Commission Meetings

Second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd

City Commission agendas and minutes are online at www.cityofmiddletownky.org



Middletown employee of the month, Charlotte!



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. Additionally, our office phone line (502-365-1900) is only monitored during normal business hours of Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00. If you leave a message, it may not be addressed until the next business day.

Spring is upon us and as we get out into our yards, don't forget to check on your neighbors. Now is the time to adopt good crime prevention habits, such as making sure your security lights work, installing those cameras you received for Christmas, and keeping those doors and windows locked, especially on your vehicles. The roving car bandits are still out there, going through unlocked vehicles and if you leave your keys in the vehicle you will wake up to your vehicle missing.

If you should see any suspicious activity around your house or neighborhood, please give us a call as you are seeing the activity. We can ask questions and be able to respond quickly to hopefully catch those criminals in the act.

Lastly, use patience as you drive on our city streets. We are receiving more and more calls for angry drivers whereas if everyone just took their time and practiced compassion while driving, I think there would be a lot less accidents and not as many road rage incidents. Be kind.

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.



*It's nice to
meet you!*

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new City Clerk, Brittany Veto! Brittany joins us from Spencer County, where she served as the Deputy Judge-Executive. With her extensive

knowledge and experience, she will be a valuable asset to our team. We are thrilled to have her on board and look forward to the great work ahead!

"My work in local government has always been rooted in a love for community and a desire to make a difference in people's everyday lives.

I volunteer as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, where I support children going through the court system because of abuse or neglect. I'm also proud to serve as the Treasurer of the Spencer County Public Safety Foundation, which helps support our first responders with training, equipment, and resources.

My husband and I have been happily married for thirteen years. He serves as an officer with LMPD, and together we're raising two incredible daughters, a creative 10-year-old and an energetic 3-year-old who keeps us on our toes. Whether it's at home, at work, or in the community, I believe in showing up, pitching in, and doing my part. I'm excited to be part of the Middletown team and look forward to serving this wonderful community!"

-Brittany Veto, City Clerk

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www.cityofmiddletownpd.org

For Emergencies, call 911

**For Non-Emergencies, call
574-5471**

Anonymous Crime Tips: 755-4MPD



Abell/Able and Gwathmey Families of Middletown

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

Joseph Abell born in 1752 married Catherine Hartley, who was born in 1771 emigrated to Kentucky from Maryland. On June 13, 1803 while living in Mason County he purchased 600 acres in Jefferson County. Sometime after 1803 on this 600 acres Joseph Abell built the red brick house that still stands to this day at what is now 12210 Old Shelbyville Road.

Joseph and Catherine Abell had fourteen children, ten of whom lived to adulthood. Among them were: Elizabeth who married Jeremiah Diller; Deborah

married Robert Gwathmey; George married Elizabeth O'Neil; Angeline married William Bull; Margaret married Charles Kane; William married Catherine Anne Burke, and upon her death, married her sister Mary; Lucy Ann married Joseph Gwathmey and had a daughter Margaret who married Hiram Benjamin Wood.

Another branch of the family, which spells the name "Able," descended from pioneer Joseph's son George, who married Alice Talbott. Before 1855, George and Alice operated a hotel called the Twelve Mile House. This building was later converted into the Jefferson Female Academy and is now the site of Middletown First Baptist Church. Their Children were: Louise, Ann, Joseph Daniel and William Haycraft Abel I who was a captain in the Confederate Army and later sheriff of Jefferson County for several years. William H. Able I married his first cousin, Catherine Able on March 8, 1859 at Middletown by the Rev. William Tharp. They lived for a time in the Benjamin Head stone house.

Owen Gwathmey emigrated from Wales to Virginia and had two sons, Richard and Owen. The son Richard Gwathmey had a son Joseph Gwathmey who married Lucy Ann Able. The family name Gwathmey is sometimes misspelled Gwathney.


For further reading on the pioneer families of Middletown please see Middletown Days and Deeds by -Ms. Edith Wood.





 **Save the Date!** 


Middletown Kentucky Lions Club 47th Annual Charity Golf Scramble & Silent Auction


 **Monday, June 9, 2025**

 *Weissinger Hills Golf Course, Shelbyville, KY*


This year's event proudly benefits VIPS – Visually Impaired Preschool Services, an organization dedicated to empowering families and educating young children who are blind or visually impaired. VIPS helps children build a strong foundation to reach their fullest potential.

 **Let's come together to support an incredible cause in our community.** 

 **More details available after March 1st, 2025**
on:

 [Middletown Lions Club](#) –
We Serve – Louisville, Ky.



 [Visually Impaired Preschool Services](#) –
Empowering families through education



The City of Middletown sincerely thanks the Lions Club for your continued support and sponsorship of our local events. Your dedication to our community is deeply appreciated.



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RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

SOUTH

of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, April 10

Thursday, April 24

Thursday, May 8

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, June 5

Thursday, June 19

Thursday, July 3

NORTH

of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, April 3

Thursday, April 17

Thursday, May 1

Thursday, May 15

Thursday, May 29

Thursday, June 12

Thursday, June 26

MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

12556 Shelbyville Road

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

Closed Sunday

502-245-7332 / www.lfpl.org

04/26/2025 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Baby Storytime

04/26/2025: 11:00-12:00 p.m.

Garden at Middletown



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LIBRARY

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.

If you have the LG&E app, you can report it directly on the app under outages. If you go to www.lge-ku.com you will see an outage button. Report it there by filling in the blocks of information.

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

When It Snows: Don't Park in the Street!

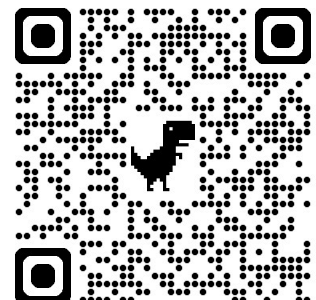
When the forecast is calling for snow in our area, please do not park in the street. If you park your vehicle in the street, it impedes the snow plow and salt spreader from doing their job and streets are not properly plowed.



FEMA

EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST

Emergencies can happen when we least expect them—being prepared can make all the difference. Make sure your family is ready with a basic emergency supply kit that includes essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications, and important documents. Scan the QR code to access a helpful Ready Supply Checklist and take the first step toward peace of mind.



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BUSINESS LICENSE AND OCCUPATIONAL

Business License Renewal for 2025

All businesses located within Middletown, KY are required to purchase and maintain a business license. Renewal invoices were mailed to all businesses of record in early September 2024. If your business has not received a renewal invoice, please contact City Hall at 502-245-2762. Business licenses issued in 2024 expired December 31, 2024. Our office is located at 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

Upcoming Occupational Tax Filing Requirements

The City of Middletown's first year of occupational tax collection began in 2024. Fourth quarter filings were due by January 31, 2025. Additionally, all businesses were required to submit an annual reconciliation on or before February 28, 2025. The annual reconciliation form and all other tax forms can be found on our website: www.cityofmiddletownky.org.

Q1 2025 occupational tax filings are due on or before April 30, 2025.

As a reminder, occupational tax returns are due following each calendar quarter—March, June, September, and December. We allow an additional 30 days past the quarter-end date for filing and payment of any tax due.

Lumos Fiber



Pictured: Ground breaking with Lumos Fiber and the City of Middletown

Lumos Fiber is making a big investment in Middletown by expanding its 100% fiber-optic internet network. With plans to lay over 1,300 miles of fiber in Jefferson County, Lumos will bring faster, more reliable internet to homes and businesses. Engineering work starts later this year, and construction will follow. Leading the local efforts is Grace Simrall, who previously worked for Louisville Metro Government. This project will help improve connectivity and support growth in our community.

Wetherby Park

Phase 1 of Wetherby Park is now complete, and Phase 2 is officially underway with an estimated completion date at the end of April! The City of Middletown was a recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The City Commission designated those funds for a number of important projects, including road paving, expanding the police department staff, and creating Wetherby Park. Thanks to this funding, new playground equipment was purchased and installed earlier this year.

Mayor Byron Chapman shared, “*Wetherby Park is more than just a playground—it’s an investment in the families of Middletown. We’re building a space where memories are made, where neighbors connect, and where our community continues to grow stronger together.*”





CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY

POLICE FOUNDATION

Strengthening Community Bonds

By Gary S. Edelen, Secretary / Treasurer

Founded in 2021, the Middletown Police Foundation is a vital organization dedicated to enhancing the safety and well-being of the citizens, visitors, and businesses of Middletown, Kentucky. With a mission to “Prepare and Support Those Who Protect and Serve,” the foundation plays a crucial role in fostering a strong bond between the Middletown Police Department (MPD) and the community.

Vision and Mission: The foundation’s vision is to ensure that the MPD is well-equipped to maintain a safe environment for everyone in the community. By providing critical resources such as training, equipment, public education, and support for officers, the Middletown Police Foundation aims to enhance the capabilities of the police department.

Community Programs and Initiatives: One of the key initiatives of the Middletown Police Foundation is its focus on child safety. The foundation provides materials to elementary school-age children that includes safety oriented coloring books and crayons. Additionally, the Middletown Police Foundation provides bicycle safety helmets to children from underserved and economically challenged communities. These helmets are distributed through partnerships with the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and local vendors.

The foundation also invests in crime prevention services for senior community members by providing literature, information, and seminars on financial scams. These educational resources help prevent crime and strengthen relationships between seniors and the police department.

Supporting Law Enforcement

The Middletown Police Foundation supports the officers of the MPD by providing training on various topics, including de-escalation techniques, response to persons in mental crisis, and education on emerging groups of people and their interactions with law enforcement.

The foundation brings in subject matter experts and offers small group training sessions to ensure that officers are well-prepared to handle diverse situations.

Financial Assistance and Technology:

The Middletown Police Foundation also provides financial assistance to the MPD for researching crime prevention and response technology. This includes investments in tools such as Ariel Drones, Training Equipment, and Mobile Drug Testing Equipment. These resources help the police department to be more effective in preventing and responding to criminal activities.

How to Get Involved: The Middletown Police Foundation welcomes donations and volunteers who are passionate about supporting the safety and well-being of the community. Donations can be directed to specific programs within the foundation, such as honoring fallen or injured officers, supporting senior citizens, youth safety, and K-9 units via our website or by mail. Those interested in volunteering can apply to join the board of directors and contribute their skills and expertise to the foundation's mission.

Conclusion: The Middletown Police Foundation is a cornerstone of community safety and support in Middletown, Kentucky. Through its various programs and initiatives, the foundation strengthens the bond between the police department and the community, ensuring a safer environment for all. By supporting the MPF, individuals can play a direct role in enhancing the safety and wellbeing of their neighbors and loved ones. The Middletown Police Foundation is both governed and staffed by an unpaid volunteer Board of Directors comprised of individuals who live or work in Middletown. The Middletown Police Foundation operates as a 501(c)3 organization that relies completely upon donations and fundraisers to fund it’s mission.



DEDICATED TO
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



The Middletown Chamber

At the Middletown Chamber, we're always looking for ways to better serve our members, and we're thrilled to introduce our upgraded website that will make connecting with us easier and more effective than ever. Our enhanced technology is designed with you in mind—offering a more user-friendly experience, streamlined access to resources, and improved ways to engage with fellow members and the community.

We kicked off 2025 with great momentum, hosting our **Annual Membership Breakfast** in February at the *House of Marigold*. The event was a success, bringing together business leaders, entrepreneurs, and community partners.

We're also proud to share that we welcomed 46 new members in Q1—an exciting sign of growth and collaboration within our local business community!

Presented by: The City of Middletown



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COUNTRY CLUB

We invite you to join us for one of the most anticipated events of the year—[our Annual Golf Scramble, proudly presented by the City of Middletown!](#)

Mark your calendars for May 12 at Lake Forest Country Club. And for those looking to add even more fun to the mix, we're excited to introduce a Pickleball Tournament running alongside the scramble. Whether you're a golf enthusiast, a pickleball pro, or just looking for a great networking opportunity, this event has something for everyone.

Sign up for
Golf!



Sign up for
Pickleball!



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MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

April– Child Abuse Prevention Month

- April 18– Good Friday
- April 19– Easter Egg Hunt– Wetherby Park 10am-2:00pm
- April 20– Easter

May

- May 5– Cinco De Mayo
- May 11– Mother’s Day
- May 18– Concert in the Park- Middletown Elementary Choir and Eastern High School Band and Jazz
- May 26– Memorial Day Band

June

- June 15- Father’s Day
- June 19– Juneteenth
- June 22– Concert in the park-Frequency