



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

“The Heart of Louisville”

MIDDLETOWN A CITY FOR ALL

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 8, 1PM

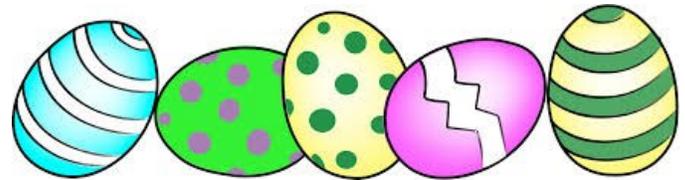
WETHERBY PARK

Dear Residents;

I am excited about our Summer Concert Series for 2023. This function 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 the concerts. The full lineup for the year can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



Sponsored by City of Middletown and Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, in conjunction with the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 1pm in Wetherby Park. Chamber members will have booths in the park to highlight their businesses beforehand and the hunt begins at 1pm sharp. The park is divided up by age for participants. There is nothing like noticing the joy on a toddler’s face when they find a egg to put in their basket.

Middletown completed work on the new Pavilion in Wetherby Park made possible with a matching grant from the Kentucky Department of Local Government. Page 4 of this newsletter has a photo of the pavilion.

Save the date on your calendar for the Middletown Family Fun Festival on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. This event is in it’s 51st year and still going strong.

Please continue to shop local and support our Middletown shops and restaurants!

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,

Your elected officials for the 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



Due to an increase in vehicle thefts, thefts from vehicles, and burglaries, Middletown Police would like to remind you of some things you can do to lessen your chances of being a victim of one of those crimes.

Regarding your vehicle:

- Never leave anything of value (laptops, purses, GPS devices, etc.) in your car.
- Don't leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Always lock the doors.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles that are usually parked outside.
- Don't leave keys in your vehicle.
- Don't leave the windows of your vehicle even partially open.
- Park in a well-lit area when possible.
- Never leave a firearm unprotected in your vehicle.



When it comes to protecting your home:

- Keep your garage door closed.
- Ensure the shrubbery around your home is kept in such a way that it reduces the number of places to hide.
- Always lock your doors, including side doors to garages.
- Make your home appear occupied if you aren't there.
- Use deadbolts on exterior doors.
- As you plan vacation, do not post on social media when you are gone.
- Keep the circle of friends and family that know your plans very small.
- Don't leave out things that may tempt a thief such as mowers, bikes, grills, and other items that can be taken.



- If you are a Middletown resident, you can fill out a "Property Watch Form" with the Middletown Police Department. Officers are then aware that you are gone and will check on your property. You can find the form on our website under "services."

As always, report any suspicious person or vehicle to 574-5471.

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

MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

April

- 7 Good Friday—City Hall closes at noon
- 13 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road



May

- 5 Kentucky Oaks
- 6 Kentucky Derby
- 11 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 13 Historic Middletown Cemetery Clean Up, 9am—noon
- 14 Happy Mother's Day
- 21 Music in Wetherby Park at 5:30pm featuring area schools
- 29 Memorial Day—City Hall Closed



June

- 8 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 11 Music in Wetherby Park at 5:30pm featuring Rockland Road Band
- 18 Happy Father's Day
- 19 Happy Juneteenth



MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS

DID YOU KNOW

Kentucky Insurance policyholders often have questions about the taxes that show up on their insurance premium notices. Where does this tax go? A portion of that tax comes right here to Middletown. The insurance premium tax is an important source of revenue for the local governments even though it is generally one of the least known of all the local taxes. You pay an insurance premium tax on most all of the insurance policies you purchase, auto, home, boat, even your life insurance policies.



Insurance companies are required to pay this premium tax to the city, county or municipality that you live in, like Middletown! The City of Middletown then uses the insurance revenue to keep your City operating, safe and looking beautiful! Your return on this revenue is seen through street lights throughout Middletown, sidewalks, road repair, snow removal, garbage/recycling for residents and 24hr police protection. Without this insurance revenue Middletown would not be able to offer all of the benefits you and I enjoy.

Please contact your insurance agent/broker and make sure they have your insurance policy coded for Middletown so the money goes to Middletown. You have to pay the tax regardless, why not make sure it is coming to the town where you live, work, and play!

HISTORIC MIDDLETOWN CEMETERY

Clean Up

Saturday, May 13, 9am—noon



Come and Join Us!

Bring gloves, rakes and weed eaters

MIDDLETOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

11700 Main Street

Open:

Thursday—11am—3pm

Saturday—1pm—4pm

Call 502-254-4303 to volunteer at the museum

NEW PAVILION IN WETHERBY PARK

With the help from a partial grant thru Kentucky State Government, Wetherby Park now has a pavilion. Once totally completed, the pavilion will house picnic tables for people to have cover while enjoying the park.



Middletown continues to seek grants to help with upgrades at the park which improves the quality of life for all in our community.

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)



A MOMENT IN TIME ...

A SNAPSHOT OF MIDDLETOWN HISTORY

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

If you have lived in Middletown very long or attended Eastern High School you know the name Reichenbach. Ms. May Belle Reichenbach was a teacher at Eastern High School her entire career. An abbreviated history of her parents life is presented here but you can read the entire story at the Historic Middletown Inc. Museum.

Lena Leunberger and Herman Reichenbach (both pictured to the right at age 18) met in Louisville and married on September 17, 1910. They became the parents of six children - Richard Herman, Helen Louise, Doris Jean, May Belle, Ruth Elizabeth and William Herbert.

Lena was born in Switzerland on January 26, 1888 and came to the United States with two girlfriends, Lena Loslie and Varina Vorte in 1907.

Herman, who at the age of four years old, immigrated with his parents in the spring of 1881 from Gstaad Switzerland.

Lena came to Louisville because one of her friends had an acquaintance in the city. She roomed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein, helping out in their residence.

On September 17, 1910, she and Herman were married at St. Johns Church in Louisville. They lived at 1128 West Broadway, later moving to 212 South Bayly Avenue and finally in 1917 to a farm in Eastern Jefferson County.

In 1912 they returned to Switzerland for a visit. They had planned on boarding the Titanic in New York when it was to go back to Europe, however the ill-fated ship did not make it across the Atlantic. They sailed on the Ryn-dam instead.

Herman's family - father Johannes, mother Elizabeth, children Frederick, Elizabeth, John, Charles, Herman and



Ernest settled in Lincoln County Kentucky.

After a career of various jobs Herman retired in 1941 and became a full time farmer on seventy eight acres near Middletown. Herman Reichenbach died on March 9, 1947 and was buried at Resthaven Cemetery. Lena wrote in a letter "March is a very special month to me - a month full of memories. I left my home in Switzerland on March 9, 1907. Forty years later on the same date, "Dad" left me for heaven."

In 1984 a series of strokes caused her to be bedridden for more than two years. On September 26, 1986 Lena passed away at the age of 98. When the funeral procession passed the family farm, the cattle and many of the chickens were lined up along the roadside fence as if paying respects to the one who had provided care for them for so many years.

** Taken from the Life and Times of Lena Leunberger and Herman Richenbach by May Belle Richenbach 2002*



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



RUMPKE CONTACT INFORMATION

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

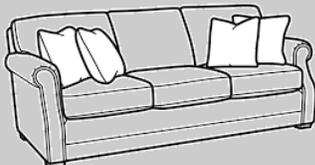
Website: www.rumpke.com

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

Get the holiday calendar at rumpke.com under holiday

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.



RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

North of *Shelbyville Road*

Thursday, April 6
Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 4
Thursday, May 18
Thursday, June 1
Thursday, June 15
Thursday, June 29

South of *Shelbyville Road*

Thursday, April 13
Thursday, April 27
Thursday, May 11
Thursday, May 25
Thursday, June 8
Thursday, June 22
Thursday, July 6

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION

By: Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer



Where did 2022 go? Last October the Middletown Police Foundation celebrated it's one year anniversary. Most of that first year's processes involved organizing the Foundation and all of the duties that come along with those processes.

We have our website, middletownkypolicefoundation.org, up and running. Our website provides a wealth of information regarding the Foundation, and even offers a method for online donations or mail-in donations.

The Foundation is pleased to announce it's first fund-raising event!

Sunday, April 16 from 11am—4pm
CAR-TRUCK-BIKE SHOW
Village Square Shopping Plaza
11750 Shelbyville Road

We expect to have a large number of vintage and newer vehicles on display for judging. A Best of Show Award, and Top Ten Awards will be presented to the winners. Refreshments are available for purchase. There is no charge for spectators to stop by and admire all of the fine entries. More details are available on our website. Come join us for this family friendly event! May 21st has been set aside as a rain date. We hope to see you there!



Happy Easter

MIDDLETOWN ANNUAL EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023
1:00PM, WETHERBY PARK
11803 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD,
MIDDLETOWN

Come see the EASTER BUNNY!
Bring your basket & be ready to fill
with Easter eggs hidden in the park
- free for ages 12 and under!

Before & after the hunt:
 Shop in the **Easter Vendor Village**
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Enjoy shopping,
 tastings and coupon giveaways!

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 CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (502) 245-0404




Middletown Lions Club

45th Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday June 12, 2023
Weissinger Hills Golf Course in Shelbyville, KY
Sign-In: 11:00AM ~ Lunch: 12:00PM

Start: Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM, Scramble Format
 Cost: \$100/player Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Beverages and Prizes
 Tee and Green and other Sponsorships Available
 Silent Auction and Raffle
All Proceeds Given Back to The Community

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For Information Contact:  
 Lion Bob Tisch at 502-645-9847  
 or  
 Any Middletown Lions Member  
 Register your team on at  
<https://lionsmiddletownky.com/annual-golf-scramble/>

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 Prizes will be awarded.

1. Prizes awarded to three flights. Scramble Format system will be used.
2. HOLE-IN-ONE Contest
3. Longest Drive awards (men, women)
4. Closest to Pin awards
5. Putting contest

\*\*\*AND MANY OTHER PRIZES\*\*\*

Middletown Lions Club is a 501c3 non-profit and a member of the International Lions Club, the world's largest benevolent organization. Learn more at [lionsmiddletownky.com](https://lionsmiddletownky.com)



## CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY POLICE FOUNDATION



# CAR – TRUCK- BIKE SHOW

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Rain Date May 21<sup>st</sup>*  
**11750 Shelbyville Road**




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| <p>Show Time: 11:00-4:00<br/>         Cut off to registration : 1:00<br/>         Awards Ceremony: 3:30</p> <p>Location:<br/>         Village Square Shopping Plaza<br/>         11750 Shelbyville Road</p> <p>Best Of Show Award<br/>         Top Ten Awards</p> <p>Raffle</p> <p>Door Prizes</p> | <p>Entry Fee<br/>         \$20.00</p> <p>50/50</p> <p>Refreshments Available</p> <p>For more information please contact:<br/>         Bill Bond<br/>         (502) 724-4728</p> <p>Gary Edelen<br/>         (502)592-5835</p> |
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*All proceeds will go to benefit The Middletown Police Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Corporation*





# EASTER VENDOR VILLAGE & SPRING FLING



**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**12:00PM-3:00PM, WETHERBY PARK**  
**11803 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD**  
**(before, during, & after the 1:00PM Easter Egg Hunt)**

**SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!**  
**SELL PRODUCTS, PROVIDE FOOD SAMPLES,**  
**HAND OUT DISCOUNTS, ETC.\***

\*YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SET UP OF YOUR OWN SPACE (TABLES, CHAIRS, TENTS, ETC)

**CHAMBER MEMBERS FREE**

**NON-CHAMBER MEMBERS \$50**

**INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?**  
**CONTACT THE CHAMBER AT 502-245-0404 OR EMAIL: LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM**



By: Laura Wright, Executive Director  
 Middletown Chamber of Commerce  
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 502-245-0404

Where did the first three months of 2023 go?

The Middletown Chamber has been very busy growing membership, attending ribbon cuttings and networking events in addition to hosting our annual events, such as the Vintage Market/Craft Festival in July. Thank you to everyone who comes out and shops with the local vendors. We hold many events throughout the year, check out our website at: [www.middletownchamberky.com](http://www.middletownchamberky.com). It is updated frequently with new events and is a wonderful resource on what is going on in Middletown.

The Spring months are full of annual events, including the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Vendor Village, Golf Scramble, and Vintage Market and Craft Fair. Our Chamber will join three other Chambers for a Mega-Networking Event at Top Golf on April 10, 2023. We are planning our regular and new events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and

4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023. My – how time flies when you are having fun.

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 the Chamber. Again, check out our website to review all of these documents.

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

- 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 - **New**
- Middletown Young Professionals networking events – bi monthly - **New**
- Chamber Growth & Chamber Events committee meetings - monthly

Some of the brainstorming ideas on the table include a 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. 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 MUSIC IN WETHERBY PARK 2023

**Sunday, May 21 at 5:30pm**

Eastern High School, Middletown Elementary and Hite Elementary

**Sunday, June 11 at 5:30pm**

Rockland Road Band ([www.rocklandroad.com](http://www.rocklandroad.com))

**Sunday, July 9 at 5:30pm**

Checkmates ([www.checkmatesmusic.com](http://www.checkmatesmusic.com))

**Sunday, August 13 at 5:30pm**

Artie Dean Harris ([www.artiedeanharris.webstarts.com](http://www.artiedeanharris.webstarts.com))

**Sunday, September 17 at 5:30pm**

Soul Kitchen ([www.SoulKitchenLive.com](http://www.SoulKitchenLive.com))

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

