



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

“The Heart of Louisville”

WHAT TO DO WHEN IT SNOWS

When the forecast is calling for snow and/or ice 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. If cars are parked, the street is not properly plowed.

Please pay attention to the forecast and refrain from parking in the street if they are predicting snow and/or ice so the streets are properly cleared.



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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

A CITY FOR ALL



Dear Residents;

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe how quickly 2022 flew by. The city accomplished many objectives during the year from paving roadways to expanding our public safety to improve the quality of life for all Middletown residents.

You may have noticed the park improvements at Wetherby Park. The drainage has been improved and a lovely pavilion has been added. You can now enjoy a picnic at the park regardless of the weather forecast. The pavilion came about as a matching grant through the Kentucky Department of Local Government. Look for more park improvements as we continue to seek out grants to make our funds stretch even further.

Many thanks to Eastern High School for their dedication to the annual Holiday Care-a-Van. Their work helps many families in our community. Look on page 6 for an article about this annual tradition.

During 2022 Middletown saw several new businesses open. Please support our Middletown businesses, especially the small, locally owned establishments as they are the backbone of our community. Of every dollar spent at a local business, about 70 cents stays in the community. What an investment you can help make in our community!

We are planning our Summer Concerts in the Park. Look for the dates and performers in the next newsletter coming out in April 2023. I hope to see you at one of the concerts.

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.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT



By: **Rob Herman**
Chief, Middletown Police Department

I hope you had a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and are ready to begin the New Year.

The most common question/complaint Middletown Police receives is regarding the increased traffic in the City of Middletown. With the increase in traffic comes motorists that choose to ignore basic traffic laws, such as failing to stop for stop signs or red traffic signals to those that do not adhere to posted speed limits. As I travel around our city, I have seen these increases in infractions and others. I have instructed our patrol and traffic officers to pay closer attention to high traffic areas and our lesser traveled neighborhood roads in an attempt to reduce these infractions and hopefully reduce accident rates.

Some advice to adhere to while driving on our streets is to be mindful of the basic traffic laws of our Commonwealth and to pay attention to other drivers on the road. Put down your phone and devote your full attention to driving your motor vehicle. As a reminder, if you are involved in a minor traffic collision and no one is injured, and you can safely do so, please pull over to the side of the road or into a parking lot as you wait for our officer to arrive to take an accident report.

While you are waiting, please gather the documents that the officer will need to complete your report, such as driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance, and vehicle registration.



Since we are on the topic of motor vehicles, there has been an uptick in items being taken from unlocked vehicles. As I have mentioned before, do not keep valuables unattended in your vehicle; especially a spare set of keys or key fobs. We have had several incidents of vehicles being taken due to criminals finding a spare set of keys inside the vehicle and then they are off to the races with your hard-earned vehicle. Another tip is to park your vehicle in a well-lit area or have cameras and security lights that will activate when those thieves start snooping around your vehicles. If you should capture video of these criminals, please contact us at Middletown Police Department so that we can review the video and hopefully identify these folks. As colder weather arrives, resist the urge to leave your vehicle unattended while you have it warming up. Those that choose to do no good

can see your unattended vehicle running and if the doors are unlocked, you might not have a vehicle to get to work or school.

We can all do our part to reduce criminal activity in our neighborhoods by securing our property, installing or repairing security lighting, installing security cameras, and getting to know your neighbors. If we all look out for each other, we can make our neighborhoods less desirable for criminals. You never know -you might develop some great relationships with your neighbors that can last a lifetime. Especially look out for our neighbors that are up in age; these folks struggle enough with this fast-paced world and giving them an extra hand is much appreciated.



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.

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 LIBRARY WINS

2022 AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS KENTUCKY MERIT AWARD

The Middletown Library was already a winner with area residents, but now the Middletown Library is a statewide award winner too! The 5,200-square-foot library, located on Shelbyville Road in the heart of Middletown, received a **2022 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Kentucky Merit Award**, presented by the Kentucky Society of Architects. The Middletown Library was one of only eight architectural designs singled out for recognition in the state.

Here is what the jury had to say about the project: “The team was given little yet were able to achieve so much. The open plan and vaulting ceilings allow light to flow deeply into the cavernous spaces. By juxtaposing the existing gabled roof forms with curved interior vaults, a new spatial experience is created, one that is delightful and unexpected. The restrained material palette allows the focus to be on the ethereal play of daylighting, which enlivens and transforms the space. The scale is just right, and the details of the furnishings and accessories further elaborate on the unique geometry working harmoniously in a holistic way. The space is truly inspirational, as any library should be.”

The Middletown Library opened at its current location in November 2021. The project included an extensive renovation of the existing City of Middletown-owned building, with funding from Louisville Metro Government. The design team included JRA Architects of Louisville and Louisville Free Public Library staff.



The Middletown Library is located at:
12556 Shelbyville Road.
Hours of operation are:
Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,
closed Sunday

The library hosts a variety of free programs, classes, and events every month for adults and youth including weekly story times and monthly book discussions.

Search the library’s online calendar at www.LFPL.org/events for upcoming program dates and times.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION

By: *Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer*

This past October marked the one-year anniversary of the Foundation establishment and our introduction to the Middletown community. The summer concerts, followed by the Middletown Festival and the Middletown Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Trick or Treat Pancake Breakfast provided excellent opportunities for the community to meet our Board of Director members and gain information about our Mission.

Donations have been received, buoyed by the availability to make donations via our website at middletownkypolicefoundation.org - please go online and take a look or make a donation. Fundraising events are scheduled for this upcoming year — stay tuned for information.

The Board has already approved the first grant to provide funds that meet one of our target goals of “Protecting Our Seniors.” Middletown Police Department has been awarded funds to educate our Seniors from perils such as *Crime Prevention for Seniors* and *Senior Identity Theft*.



This program provides an excellent opportunity for MPD to interact with our senior community in group sessions throughout Middletown.

I would like to remind our community of our Mission Statement:

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

We invite all to visit our website at: middletownkypolicefoundation.org, or email us at:

info@middletownkypolicefoundation.org

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

MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year's Day observed— City Hall closed
- 12 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr Day—City Hall closed



February

- 9 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 20 President's Day—City Hall Closed



March

- 9 Council Meeting at 6pm, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 12 Daylight Savings Time—set your clock ahead one hour



* Remember — If the week has a national holiday, the pickup date is pushed back one day for that week. Always verify at rumpke.com



RUMPKE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: www.rumpke.com

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

RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

North of *Shelbyville Road*

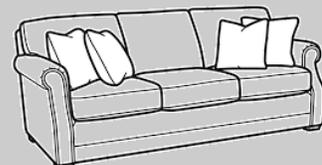
- Thursday, January 12
- Thursday, January 26
- Thursday, February 9
- Thursday, February 23
- Thursday, March 9
- Thursday, March 23
- Thursday, April 6

South of *Shelbyville Road*

- Thursday, January 5
- Thursday, January 19
- Thursday, February 2
- Thursday, February 16
- Thursday, March 2
- Thursday, March 16
- Thursday, March 30

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.



MIDDLETOWN BRASS BAND

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY BROUGHT TO YOU BY HISTORIC MIDDLETOWN INC.

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

Are you aware that Middletown had a Brass Band? We have not determined the year the group was founded but do know from various newspaper stories that it was in the early 1900's.

Shown below is an advertisement for a play the group was presenting at the old Masonic Lodge on Main Street as was many of their performances as well as a photograph of the band members. Those local residents in the play with familiar family names are: Mason Gregg, C.W. Caldwell, Doris Roman, Vernon Weatherby, Willie Poulter, Herbert Cockran and Louise Owings. We have no names associated with those in the photograph.

We do know that the band practiced every Friday night and that Turner W. Gregg was the instructor and his younger brother Mason G. Gregg was involved as well. They also played for the Jeffersontown Masonic Lodge fund raiser in 1909 and at the grand opening of the Middletown Bank in 1911.



SAVE THE DATE:

LIONS CLUB GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Middletown Lions Club 45th Annual Charity Golf Scramble is scheduled for June 12, 2023, at Weissinger Hills Golf Club in Shelbyville.

If you would like to play, be a sponsor/ contributor or have questions—contact Bob Tisch at: tischrob@gmail.com

Visit Lionsmiddletownky.com for more information and to sign up to play in the scramble.

Middletown Lions Club is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable organization and is a part of the Lions Club International Foundation



Mr. Turner Gregg was later living in Lexington Kentucky as a piano music teacher, Mr. Mason Gregg became a minister in the Owensboro Kentucky area as well as in Illinois. Mason Gregg married Mamie (Mayme) Arterburn on June 17, 1908 and was witnessed by L.D. Mason and Walter Roman in Middletown Kentucky. The 1910 census shows the couple living with her parents, Luther P. Arterburn, on Main Street.

Historic Middletown Inc. welcomes visitors to our museum on Thursdays from 11:00 am - 3:00pm and Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00 located in the Middletown Community Center, 11700 Main Street. Use the entrance in the rear of the building.

The museum is always looking for those interested in our local history to volunteer so that we can be open more days a week. You can contact us at the museum or through our Facebook page.

PROGRAM.

MASONIC HALL. MIDDLETOWN, KY.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1909.

THE MIDDLETOWN BAND

Presents the Three-Act Farce
"A Family Affair."
DIRECTION OF MASON GREGG.

Dan Gillespie—Whose imagination gets away from him	Mason Gregg
Jenkins Jobson—His guardian; an authority on potato bugs	Herbert Cochran
Deacon Smith—Who finds it hard to be good under adverse circumstances	C. W. Caldwell
Miss Camson—Dan's housekeeper; in the matrimonial market and means business	Miss Louise Owings
Sally—His cook; who, unlike most women, can really keep a secret	Miss Doris Roman
Louisiana—A dark brunette, on the warpath	Vernon Weatherby
Dan's Offspring	Willie B. Poulter

SYNOPSIS.

Act I. Scene—Dan's country home, near New York.
WANTED—A WIFE.

Act II. Scene—Same. Afternoon of the same day.
WANTED—A BABY.

Act III. Scene—Same. Evening of the same day.
AND STILL A BACHELOR.

Watch for announcement of our next performance.
NOTICE—The Band wants new members.
Band rehearsal every Friday evening.
TURNER W. GREGG, Instructor.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE-A-VAN

Since 1965, students at Eastern High School have been helping families in our area have a more joyful holiday season with a basket of food for a holiday feast. In 2021, 365 families were helped. This year that number was even larger!

The students hold various fund raisers throughout the school year to help cover the cost of the donations which are handed out through the Salvation Army and Dare to Care.

It is a student body effort to pull together the donations and supplies to assemble the baskets. During the morning of the event the students perform holiday music and are entertained by the Choir, Jazz Band, Ballroom Dancers and the Dance Team.

Many thanks to the students, faculty, community partners and especially Kroger for making this event such a success. Without everyone helping, this project would not have been able to help families for the past 57 years. They are already collecting for next year!

Below is a picture of the baskets laid out on the gym floor as they prepared each one for a family. In addition to the items you can make out, each basket also received a turkey or ham to complete the meal.



HEATING SAFETY

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening



Be warm and safe this winter!

Keep anything that can burn at least three-foot (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



From the National Fire Protection Association—find more safety tips at their website: nfpa.org



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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

Happy new Year from your Chamber staff. I hope that you and yours had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

2022 proved to be a very busy year. Ribbon cuttings, vendor events, co-sponsored events with the City of Middletown, networking events – too many to list. 2023 will be just a busy, if not busier. We will be hosting our first annual Taste of Middletown/ Business /Job Fair on March 7, 2023 at the Holiday Inn, Louisville East.

I can't think of a better way to kick off the new year with this big event. The public is invited to attend, sample goodies, network and use this time to talk with employers who are looking to add to their staff. This event is going to be so much fun. We hope you can attend. If you are interested in having a booth or sponsoring this event, please be sure to call our office at (502) 245-0404.

Other planned events in 2023 include our annual Golf Scramble on May, 8th, the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 8, the annual Vintage Market/Craft festival (details to be announced), the Middletown Family Fun Festival on September 8th and 9th, the annual Trick or Treat/Pancake breakfast on October 21 with a rain

date of October 28, and Light up Middletown on December 1. In between those events, we will hold monthly networking meetings (non-profit, senior synergy, young professionals, women's networking, veterans' synergy group, ribbon cuttings, monthly member orientation and coffee chit chats, our monthly Chamber breakfasts/luncheons, happy hour events, etc.

Make sure to check out our monthly newsletter and the pictures from our weekly and monthly events. Maybe you'll see someone you know. Another great publication is our weekly Chamber Chatter. The CC keeps you informed of different offers that our Chamber members are offering and/or hosting in our community. Be sure to check our website frequently at www.middletownchamberky.com for the most current and up-to-date events.

The integration of the 5-year business plan in 2022 helped us to achieve major growth and substance. We are now 500 members strong, and with the help of 2 new committees, the Chamber Growth and Event committees, they are helping us set new goals to achieve in 2023. I can't wait to see what happens this year

If you have any questions about the Chamber, have ideas or want to join our organization, please e-mail me at laura@middletownchamberky.com or call the office at (502) 245-0404.

**2023 FIRST ANNUAL
TASTE OF MIDDLETOWN/
BUSINESS EXPO/
JOB FAIR**

MARCH 7TH, 2023

HOLIDAY INN HURSTBOURNE EAST LOUISVILLE
1325 S HURSTBOURNE PARKWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222

Presented by:
The Middletown Chamber of Commerce
11:00AM - 4:00PM
For sponsorship and vendor opportunities,
contact Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404 or
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