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City of Middletown

The Heart of Louisville

City Officials

2020-2022

Mayor J. Byron Chapman

Commissioner Mark Stigers

Commissioner Ron Wolf

Commissioner Amy Oliver

Commissioner Paul Hayden

I hope you realize that every day is a fresh start for you—That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written.

Important information about our newsletters!!

The next newsletter will be mailed.

From the Desk of Mayor J. Byron Chapman

Welcome 2022! We are ready to go with new projects and improvements within the city such as:

- Wetherby Park Expansion
- Additional Sidewalks
- Repaving Roads
- Landscape Improvement
- Tree Plantings
- More Street Cleaning
- Snow Removal on Middletown Streets
- Spring/Summer concerts

Using rock salt on concrete sidewalks can result in damage to your walks. This is because it is a porous material which will absorb water. The salt and water mix that lays on the surface in cold weather will be absorbed. This results in hydraulic pressures which can exceed the compression strength of the concrete, causing damage. Middletown Public Works would prefer you to use a safe salt made for use on concrete sidewalks.

Whenever possible remember to thank your Middletown Police officers and other city employees.

Thanks for your continued confidence with my staff and your elected officials.

Sincerely,

J. Byron Chapman, Mayor

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season and we are all ready to begin a new year. A new year often brings people to adopt new habits such as diet, exercise, and careers. I would like each of us to do the same for your crime prevention tactics, renew or adopt new ways to keep yourself from becoming a victim in 2022. With the recent spike in violent and property crime, I am asking you all to join our team and make it harder to be victimized. The easiest action you can take is to lock your vehicle every time you get out of your car. The number one risk factor for vehicle break-ins is not locking your doors. We have lots of great video of car bandits checking door handles and as soon as it is locked they move on to other vehicles. On the flip side, as soon as they discover your vehicle is unlocked they are in it and looking for anything to steal. Which brings me to the next tactic you can adopt, do not leave valuables in your vehicle such as wallets, purses, keys to the vehicle, **GUNS**. I am highlighting guns for a reason. The consequences of leaving firearms in your vehicle are far reaching, many times these stolen



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

911 for Police Emergency

**Call 574-5471 to Report a
Non-Emergency Crime**

Call 755-4MPD Crime Tip Line

**Call 365-1900 for general questions
for the Middletown Police**

firearms are used in additional crimes such as carjacking, robberies, shootings, and murder. Indirectly, you are contributing to the increase in violent crime by supplying the tools necessary to commit these senseless acts. Often I am asked, why are these types of crimes becoming so common? We could spend hours upon hours debating various reasons for the increase in violent crime, but let us spend our energies on making it harder to commit these crimes. Residents of Middletown have long enjoyed the luxury of a low crime rate which has made us complacent in locking doors and protecting our property, thus making our area a target for thieves and no good doers. I often use this

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analogy, when you go fishing to catch the biggest or most fish you return to your best fishing hole that you have used year after year. The criminals use the same technique, they return to the most productive spots where they get the most reward for the least amount of work. We need to change that label and dry up the fishing hole. Now don't get me wrong, it is not all doom and gloom we still enjoy low crime rates compared to other cities our size. But we can all work together and make it better or at least not any worse.

I am sure that most of our residents can agree with me that the amount of traffic has increased in the city. With that increase in traffic when motorists do not obey basic traffic laws it is a recipe for disaster. The statistics tell the truth, last year was a record year for vehicle accidents and deaths due to motor vehicle accidents. Because of this trend I have assigned an officer to monitor traffic complaints, enforce traffic laws, and investigate traffic accidents. I encourage you to have discussions with your young drivers in your household that excessive speeding, disregarding traffic control devices, and reckless driving can have lifelong effects. Stop signs are in place for a reason, it is for you to stop the motion of your vehicle so that you can determine if the intersection is safe to proceed not only from other motorists but pedestrian traffic. The old saying still applies,



Speed Kills. Traveling at a high rate of speed not only reduces your reaction time but increases your stopping distance. Let's all double down on our safe driving habits and make 2022 a record year for decreases in accidents and not the other way around.

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.

PREVENT CRIME

- **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. Remove the opportunity...
REMOVE THE CRIME



LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY 12556

Greetings from the Middletown Public Library!

We are delighted to be open in our new location, 12556 Shelbyville Road. If you haven't visited us already, we hope you will stop by soon. Our new location features a play nook for children, computers for adults, children, and teens, and a beautiful new collection of books, magazines, movies, and more.

In January, we will begin our weekly storytimes for our littlest patrons. Toddler Storytime will be at 10:15 on Thursdays and Preschool Storytime will follow at 11:15. We also have programs for school-aged children and teens, and you can get the most up to date information by visiting our website LFPL.org/events or stopping by and grabbing a calendar.

One of the things we are most excited to bring back to Middletown is our adult book club. For January, our Early Birds book club is reading *Southernmost* by Silas House, a Kentucky author. Stop by and pick up your copy and make plans to join us on Tuesday, January 18 at 10 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

To find out more about all the programs and services we offer, please stop by in person or visit us online at LFPL.org. We're open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We hope to see you soon!



Mayor J. Byron Chapman at the library grand opening

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

Trash Recycle Yard Waste

Rumpke Contact Information



**Phone—800-678-6753 or
502-568-3800 Ext. 3 Customer Service
Website: www.rumpke.com**

Contact customer service for all your needs: to order a cart, if you have more carts than you want, if you have a broken cart that needs repair or replacement, for a special pick up or if you have a complaint.

In the event you are not satisfied with Rumpke's customer service, please contact City Hall at 245-2762.

For a holiday calendar, please visit rumpke.com and click on the holiday schedule.

**Keep This
Info**

RECYCLE PICK UP

North of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, Jan 13
Thursday, Jan 27
Thursday, Feb 10
Thursday, Feb 24
Thursday, March 10
Thursday, March 24
Thursday, April 7

South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, Jan 6
Thursday, Jan 20
Thursday, Feb 3
Thursday, Feb 17
Thursday, March 3
Thursday, March 17
Thursday, March 31
Thursday, April 14

Large Items

If you have a large item to be picked up such as a mattress, you must call Rumpke to schedule the pick up. All Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. In addition, cloth furniture items must also be wrapped in plastic.

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Middletown Chamber of Commerce
Laura Wright, Executive Director

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

Before I talk about the New Year, I want to reflect on 2021. The Chamber continues to deal with the effects of Covid-19 and now, these two new variants. We are listening to what our members need and are doing our best to provide the resources and training that they can utilize to maintain and or move their business forward.

With the availability of vaccines, our office was able to get back on schedule with in-person events, monthly breakfasts/luncheons, leads at lightning speed, a re-launch of Senior Synergy meetings, a combination of in-person and zoom non-profit affinity group meetings, coffee chit-chats, ribbon cuttings and other social/networking events for our members.

Moving into 2022, our Chamber Board is developing a 5-year business plan to make this organization bigger and better. We are very excited about the plans on the drawing board, and can't wait to write this article at the beginning of 2023 as I reflect on our growth.

Cold and inclement weather can prove challenging for many folks, but we look at this time to plan, communicate with past, current and future members, brainstorm with the city and work together on events for Middletown's businesses and residents. I personally love cold weather and somehow, get invigorated for the coming year.

We are looking forward to kicking off the New Year with our annual Easter Egg hunt in April. More details to follow, so be sure to check the Chamber's website for details @ www.middletownchamberky.com

Speaking of our website, be 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.

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.

Again, Happy New Year.

Laura L. Wright
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of Commerce
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Historic Middletown

COMMISSIONER MARK STIGERS

William Floyd Tuley 1773 - 1818

William Floyd Tuley, second son of Charles and Elizabeth Floyd Tuley was born in Virginia in 1773. He came with his mother and family to Kentucky to join her husband in the fall of 1783 and took up residence at or near the stockade at Floyds Fork about 16 miles from Louisville.

The early life of William is little known. His marriage license to Jane Bell, a local woman of prominence at the time was issued by J. W. Gwarthney, clerk of the Jefferson County, Kentucky court. The license was issued on June 30, 1798, and on the back is registered the fact the ceremony was conducted on July 4, 1798.

After their marriage they settled on a farm near Middletown until 1800 when they moved to Springville, Clark County Indiana Territory, then the county seat but is now long since extinct. In April of 1801 he was appointed constable of Springville Township and Charles Floyd, a relative was appointed constable of Clarksville Township. At that time Clark County included all of the territory that is now the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott, Washington, Orange, Harrison, and Floyd. The territory over which these constables were compelled to ride furnished ample opportunity for adventure and encounters with the native Americans. In 1802 Gov. William Henry Harrison commissioned William as Lieutenant of the Militia for Clark County.

In 1806 he sold his land in Clark County and returned to the family farm near Middletown until 1811 when Tecumseh threatened Indiana.

He enlisted with Captain Funk's company of mounted men at Louisville and marched through Indiana to Tippecanoe where they battled with the natives on the left flank under General Wells. William Tuley was wounded in the engagement and his death in 1818 is largely attributed to the injuries sustained in that campaign.

His was buried at the Middletown Cemetery where also lie buried two children, his mother Elizabeth Floyd who died in 1833 and his wife Jane Bell who died in 1847. His father is believed to be buried here as well although no record exists.



William Floyd Tuley

From a portrait painted by Morrison in 1840
for his son Milo Davis Tuley.

School News

EASTERN HIGH

Heather Orman, Principal Eastern



Eastern Cheer Wins 1st State Championship

CONTACT: Joe Scheper, Eastern Athletic Director

56th Annual Holiday Care-A-Van Raises Unprecedented Totals

The Eastern High School National Honor Society (NHS) raised more than \$35,000 dollars this year and had over 13,000 cans donated. NHS donated \$7500 to Dare to Care and \$7500 to the Angel Tree Foundation. The Angel Tree donation was made in memoriam to Tyree Smith, the Eastern High School student who was murdered earlier this year.

NHS students and sponsors delivered over 350 baskets of food, including a turkey, fresh produce and canned goods, to people and families in need in the Eastern community. Students and staff kicked off delivery day with an assembly to celebrate the success of the fundraiser.

Pictures of Holiday Care-A-Van attached.

CONTACTS: Krista Drake and Karen Morris, NHS Sponsors



CALENDAR 2022



January

- 13 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 17 City Hall closed for MLK Day

February

- 10 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 21 City Hall closed for President's Day

March

- 10 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

It's that time of year when we see snow. Please make sure your cars are off the street so that the snow plows can easily navigate through the city.

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◆ **Museum Moment** ◆

Middletown Museum
11700 Main Street
Nancy Wetherby

It is our intention to reopen the Historic Middletown Museum soon. We have learned through much research that ventilation is one of the most important aspects of opening areas such as museums in order to provide an exchange and cleansing of its air. We are purchasing several Hepa filtered air cleansing machines since there is another variant to the Covid virus raging through the nation.

Masks will be mandatory and social distancing will be required.

We look forward to helping individuals research the history of Middletown as we have done during the period we have been closed.

Important Phone Numbers:

County Clerk 12312 Shelbyville Rd., Car Tag renewals, titles, transfers, marriage licenses, pay Jefferson County tax	245-3631
Rumpke (garbage & recycling)	568-3800
Middletown Fire Dept.	245-7555
Middletown Post Office	245-5791
Metro Police 8 th Division 2927 Goose Creek Rd, 40241 (moved from 200 Juneau Dr.)	574-7916
Middletown Driver's License Branch closed permanently on 11/11/21. The Regional Offices closest to Middletown are:	
Hurstbourne, 9112 Leesgate and Bowman Field, 3545 Roger E. Schupp St.,	

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deborah@cityofmiddletownky.org