



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

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.

Important information about our newsletters!!

The city will produce four newsletters per year. Two will be digital and two will be mailed. The next issue will be mailed.

**From the Desk of
Mayor J. Byron Chapman**

We are all glad to see everything opening up again. 2020 was a tough year for all of us.

We have an active year ahead as we are having our summer concerts, Middletown Family Fun Festival, Trick or Treat Event and Light up Middletown. Check out our website for more info:

www.cityofmiddletownky.org

As always we encourage you to shop and support the businesses of Middletown.

We want to thank the Middletown Police Department for the outstanding job they are doing keeping us all safe.

Be positive and friendly, encourage and assist your neighbors.

Sincerely,

J. Byron Chapman, Mayor



MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief

Summer is upon us, and I hope all is well with each of you as you read this newsletter. As the nation seems to be getting better at controlling COVID19 with universal precautions and vaccinations, more and more people are venturing out and businesses are returning to a more normal “norm.” Our Officers are having more opportunities to interact with our residents and businesses. We hope this will continue to be the “norm” and everyone can enjoy this summer season. I would like to introduce another new Officer to our staff. Keith Dutton retired from Louisville Metro Police with many years of investigative experience with the narcotics/vice and federal taskforce units. Officer Dutton will be working our late watch shift and patrolling your neighborhoods and businesses. Officer Todd McMichael will transition to a part-time late watch position, allowing us to use him to help support the other late watch

platoons with additional manpower and fill in any temporary spots due to schooling or vacations. We know that crime impacts us all at any time but when you are a victim of a crime, and it occurs while you are sleeping it hits home a little harder. That’s why we hope to add more officers to the late watch shifts

to provide more crime detection and prevention

activities.

The next topic I would like to talk about is crime prevention. The main crime trend occurring in your city is the criminal element searching neighborhoods and parking lots at night for unlocked vehicles. Folks, we are making it too easy for those criminals to victimize us by entering our unlocked vehicles and taking valuable items like money, laptops, cellphones, guns and even the vehicle itself. I ask that you double down on your commitment to not keep valuables in your vehicles in plain sight and to lock your vehicles doors. If possible, park your vehicle in a well-lit area and maybe look

into security lights with cameras to capture video of those evil doers that we can use to identify them and prosecute them in court. Another helpful tip is to record the serial number of valuables around your home, so the detectives can use that information to track down items and possibly locate the thieves that took them. We



Chief Rob Herman



MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief continued

have recovered many expensive tools and electronic equipment recently and have no way to track down the owners without those serial numbers. Another great idea is to get to know your neighbors, whether you live in a house or apartment. Knowing your neighbors adds to your team of eyes that can keep watch on your property when you are away, and you can do the same for them. Investing in an alarm system or security cameras would be a great tool to help prevent or reduce the loss should those with evil thoughts attempt to pray on the innocent. Our detectives love to watch videos of would be thefts attempting to get into your vehicles only to be driven away by security lights and locked doors.

My last topic (and I will get off my soapbox) is traffic. What I mean by traffic is how we drive our cars and trucks around our city on a daily basis. I am seeing more people out on our roads, and it seems we have forgotten about basic traffic laws. Our vehicle collision rate is going up and vehicle fatalities are rising at an alarming rate. Most of these accidents can be avoided by reducing distractions such as

cellphones and interactions with other occupants in the vehicle. Next, reduce your speed, it is not uncommon to see folks traveling our streets 15-20 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Not only is this illegal, but dangerous. Higher rates of speed reduce reaction times and increase stopping distance. This can lead to increased chances of injury and produce more property damage. Lastly, come to a complete stop at all stop signs, make sure the intersection is clear and safe before moving on and obey all traffic lights on our major roadways. Let's all be safe and enjoy this summer season.

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.

Chief Rob Herman

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

911 for Police Emergency

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

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





Waste & Recycling Services

2021 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2021

Customers with service on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will NOT be affected by New Year's Day. Waste and recycling service will not occur on Friday, January 1, and service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week (e.g. Friday collection will move to Saturday). Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, 2021

Waste and recycling service will not occur on Monday, May 31, and service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week (e.g. Monday will move to Tuesday, and Tuesday will move to Wednesday, and so forth). Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

EXCEPTION: No delay for customers in the following Kentucky Counties: Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Trimble.

Independence Day: Sunday, July 4, 2021

No service delays.

Labor Day: Monday, September 6, 2021

Waste and recycling service will not occur on Monday, September 6, and service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week (e.g. Monday will move to Tuesday, and Tuesday will move to Wednesday, and so forth). Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

EXCEPTION: No delay for customers in the following Kentucky Counties: Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Trimble.

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 25, 2021

Customers with service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will NOT be affected by Thanksgiving Day. Waste and recycling service will not occur on Thursday, November 25, and collection will be delayed one day for the rest of the week. Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

EXCEPTION: No delays for customers in the following Kentucky Counties: Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Trimble.

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25, 2021

No service delays.

Trash Recycle Yard Waste

Rumpke Contact Information



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

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.

RECYCLE PICK UP

North of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 1
Thursday, July 15
Thursday, July 29
Thursday, August 12
Thursday, August 26
Friday, Sept. 10*
Thursday, Sept. 23
Thursday, Oct. 7
*one day delay due to
Labor Day

South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 8
Thursday, July 22
Thursday, August 5
Thursday, August 19
Thursday, Sept. 2
Thursday, Sept. 16
Thursday, Sept. 30
Thursday, Oct. 14

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Middletown Chamber of Commerce
Laura Wright, Executive Director

June has been a busy month for the Chamber. Once June 11, 2021 passed, our Chamber started to see an increase in businesses re-opening.

We are excited to announce that we added 16 new members in June. We are holding strong at 453.

Live events are back. Our first happy hour event was hosted by Roosters on Shelbyville Road, the Leads at Lightning Speed and Senior Synergy Networking groups met in person for the first time in over a year and last, but not least, we held our first monthly Chamber luncheon in Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street. The food was great, but getting to actually see people, shake hands, hug and see smiles, instead of masks, made the luncheon a success. We have a couple of groups that are meeting in-person and Zoom, a hybrid combination to fit all schedules.

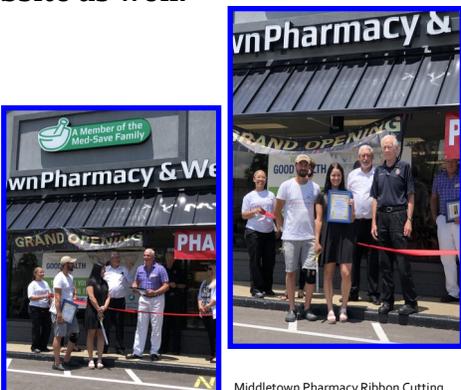
If you have access to a computer, be sure to check out the updates on our website at www.middletownchamberky.com. Most, if not all, of our events have been added to the calendar as well as our weekly Chamber Chatter. Starting the first of July, Deanne McQuaide will begin posting our newsletter on the website as well.

Be sure to visit us on 7/17/21 as we host our second Vintage Market and Craft Festival in Wetherby Park, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We are starting to focus on events for the remainder of 2021, all of which will be located on our website. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Middletown Family Fun Festival 9/10 & 11 as well as our annual Trick or Treat/Pancake Breakfast and Light Up Middletown.

We welcomed five new board members as of July 1, 2021 to replace those that are rolling off, per our bylaws. Those five are Tyra Anderson, Steve Arave, Debbie Judd Walthall, Carrie Gerard and Thomas Stone, Esq. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication that our former board members have given to this Chamber and look for their continued support in the coming years.

As new businesses open (and re-open) in Middletown (and surrounding areas), we continue to reach out to these businesses, via phone or in-person. With the assistance from Deanne, she and Laura will start hand delivering prospective member packets to new businesses opening in Middletown and surrounding areas as well as e-mailing an introductory packet to potential, long-distance, members.



Middletown Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting



LouWell Spa Ribbon

Historic Middletown

COMMISSIONER MARK STIGERS

Abell/Able and Gwathmey Families of Middletown

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, spelling the name Able, descended from pioneer Joseph's son George who married Alice Talbott. Prior to 1855 George and Alice operated a hotel in the Twelve Mile House which later became the Jefferson Female Academy, now the site of the 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.

School News

EASTERN HIGH

Heather Orman, Principal Eastern

With the increase in vaccinations and decreased positivity rate of COVID-19 cases, JCPS plans to return in-person on August 11, 2021. Dr. Heather Orman, the new principal at Eastern, is particularly excited as she began her tenure on January 25, 2021, amidst NTI and was only able to meet a portion of the student body who returned to school for hybrid instruction following Spring Break.

“I’m so excited to have all the students, parents, and community members back in the building and at events,” says Orman. “We have already started planning for back-to-school events, including celebrations and pep rallies as we kick off football season with a new coach and new band director.”

Connor Kinmon, band director, and Shawn Yohn, head football coach, were also hired last Spring. Additionally, Eastern’s athletic facilities and campus look amazing under the direction of newly hired athletic director, Joe Scheper. “When students, staff, and parents return to campus this fall, the changes will be seen in new signage, upkeep, and landscaping, and felt in the spirited schedule of events!”

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, July 29 – NEW Freshman Movie Night – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 5 – NEW Upperclassmen (10 – 12) Student Orientation – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 5 – Community Pep Rally – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 6 – NEW Freshman Orientations - 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 7 – Satellite Meet-and-Greet – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Additional information and locations will be pushed out via mailers, in the Principal’s Newsletter in mid-July, and on social media. Follow Dr. Orman @DrOEasternHS and Eastern Athletics @athleticsEHS on Twitter for updates on all things Eastern.



Grade Level Admin Team Updates at Eastern

Beginning this Fall, each grade level will have a team of administrators, counselor and assistant principal(s), CAP teams, dedicated to supporting students and families. Please see the designated grade level CAP teams for SY2021-2022:

9 th Grade		
Dr. Carla Kent	Assistant Principal	carla.kent@jefferson.kyschools.us
Jaime Fitch	Counselor	jaime.fitch@jefferson.kyschools.us
10 th Grade		
Dr. Greg Herberger	Assistant Principal	gregory.herberger@jefferson.kyschools.us
Jason Willis	Counselor	jason.willis@jefferson.kyschools.us
11 th Grade		
Matt Rickert	Assistant Principal	matt.rickert@jefferson.kyschools.us
Heidi Weber	Counselor	heidi.weber@jefferson.kyschools.us
12 th Grade		
Emily Ellis	Assistant Principal	emily.ellis@jefferson.kyschools.us
Steve Hawes	Assistant Principal	steven.hawes@jefferson.kyschools.us
Craig Brown	Counselor	craig.brown@jefferson.kyschools.us

MIDDLETOWN FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Residents, Family and Friends please plan on joining the festivities to welcome back the Middletown Family Fun Festival. We all missed seeing one another last year but the 49th annual festival promises to be grand. The event will take place Friday, September 10, 6:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturday, September 11, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM. Whether you like strolling Main Street and Wetherby Park exploring the vendors, trying out the gastronomical delights at the Food Court, relaxing and enjoying great music, reveling in the talents of our walk around entertainment, grabbing a good seat for the parade, watching the kiddos bounce and slide in all FREE Kidz Zone or “oohing and ahing” over our Pyrotechnic Extravaganza there will absolutely be something for everyone!

Be sure to wear your red, white and blue on Saturday in honor of the 20th Anniversary of 911. Join your community in celebration of being able to once again be outside and free to roam around enjoying fun-filled activities. Caribou will

headline Friday night, with Wax Factory playing after the parade on Saturday. You will definitely want to catch the community church choirs (being coordinated by Middletown First Baptist and Middletown Methodist churches) present patriotic music at the Main Stage at 6:00 PM on Saturday night. The Wulfe Brothers will be on the main stage after the choral presentation and then will move to the Gazebo for the fireworks. There will be multiple musical acts at the Gazebo including Bluegrass Harmony and Jeff Rehmet on keyboard.

Put the dates on your calendar and plan on join in the celebration. For Vendor Applications and an updated Schedule of Events check out: www.middletownfamilyfun.com



Museum Moment

Middletown Museum 11700 Main Street

Summer is here and Covid-19 restrictions have eased. When the Museum opens soon, we hope everyone has gotten their vaccinations. We will post any Covid-19 directives in the hopes of keeping everyone safe while visiting. Our goal is to open as soon as possible after a complete cleaning of the Museum is finished.

We can be reached at the following phone numbers: 245-0113 and 643-7393.

Middletown Market

At

First Baptist Church

Celebration Hall 11711 Main Street

July 17: Middletown Market "Christmas in July" from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Celebration Hall. Lunch counter will be available from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

July 23: Family Movie Night at 8:45 p.m. in the church parking lot. Bring a chair/blanket and your own snacks.

July 29: American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. in Celebration Hall

August 1: Worship in Wetherby Park at 10 a.m. Bring a chair.

September 5: Worship in Wetherby Park at 10 a.m. Bring a chair.

September 10 & 11: Middletown Market "Festival Edition" from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Celebration Hall

September 11: "9/11 Tribute" 6:00 pm. in the parking lot of FBC by mass choir from Middletown Baptist, Christian and Methodist Churches

September 30: American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. in Celebration Hall



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CALENDAR 2021

July

- 8 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 11 Concert in the Park-Kaintuck Band 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

August

- 12 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 15 Concert in the Park-Moondance-11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

September

- 6 City Hall closed for Labor Day
- 9 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 10/11 Family Fun Festival
- 19 Concert in the Park-Artie Dean Harris & Bourbontown, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.