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Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to take a moment to share a few exciting updates happening right here in our city.

First, I'm proud to say we've ordered three new police cars and are

updating the onboard computers in all patrol vehicles. These upgrades are part of our ongoing efforts to support our officers and make sure they have the tools they need to keep Middletown safe.

Over at Wetherby Park, the brand-new playground is officially finished, and it looks great. I've already seen plenty of smiling faces out there, and that's what it's all about—giving families a safe, fun place to enjoy time together.

Construction on our new salt dome is moving right along and should be done later this summer. This will help us be even better prepared when winter weather rolls in.

And finally, I want to welcome Chris Mann as our new Director of Operations. Chris is taking over for Marty Stansbury, who recently retired after years of dedicated service to the city. Marty has been a tremendous asset to our team, and we wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement. I know Chris will carry that torch with the same care and commitment.

Thank you all for being part of what makes Middletown so special. We're moving forward together.

Sincerely,

J. Fym Lapene

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City Commission Meetings

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City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd

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

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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For Emergencies, call 911

For Non-Emergencies, call 574-5471

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Middletown Police Department



From the desk of Chief Rob Herman

I want to remind everyone that if you need to speak with a Middletown Police officer or report a crime, please call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 502-574-5471. They handle our dispatching and will send an officer your way when

needed. As always, dial 911 in an emergency. If you call our office line at 502-365-1900, please know it's only monitored during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Any voicemails left after hours will be returned the next business day.

We've had a very active few months. In April, May, and June, officers responded to nearly 2,000 calls for service, conducted over 190 house watches, made 42 arrests, served 27 warrants, and issued dozens of citations and parking tickets. We've continued joint investigations with LMPD and the Major Crimes Unit to keep Middletown safe and well-supported.

A big thank-you to everyone who came out to the Middletown Police Foundation Car Show in June. Over 220 cars filled the lot, and it was one of our best turnouts yet. Our Cone with a Cop events have also remained popular. Sgt. Kemper hosted a great event at Dairy Queen with ice cream, conversation, and a coloring contest that brought a lot of smiles. If you missed it, don't worry — we've got another one coming up. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on upcoming events.

We continue to expand our department. This July, we're welcoming Officer Samual Rogers (retired from J-Town PD) and Officer Adam Payne (formerly with UofL PD). Both bring valuable experience to our team. Officer Zach Prichard is also preparing to start training with our new K-9, thanks to support from LMPD's K-9 Unit. The dog should be street-ready later this fall.

Thanks to a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, we now have AEDs and LifeVac devices in our patrol units, which could help save lives in cases of cardiac arrest or choking. (Continued...)

(Letter from Chief Herman Continued...)

As summer winds down and fall approaches, I encourage everyone to stay alert and look out for one another. Lock your cars, remove valuables, and leave outdoor lights on. It's often the little things that stop crime before it happens. And with back-to-school season coming up, remember to slow down in school zones and be patient in traffic. Many accidents and road rage incidents could be avoided with a little more grace behind the wheel.

My officers and I take pride in serving the City of Middletown. With your support, we can continue building a safe, respectful, and connected community. If you ever have suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.



It's nice to meet you!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new Director of Operations, Chris Mann!

Chris brings with him over three decades of

experience in logistics, operations, transportation, and team management, along with more than 20 years of owning and operating a successful business. He's also a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served honorably as a tank commander.

Since coming on board, Chris has taken the lead on critical daily functions within our Public Works Department — everything from FEMA coordination and permitting to payroll and inventory management.

Chris holds a degree in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University and is Six Sigma Greenbelt certified, which speaks to his dedication to efficiency and continuous improvement.

We're lucky to have someone with his depth of experience and work ethic on our team. I have full confidence that Chris will continue to make a positive impact for the residents and businesses of Middletown. Please join us in thanking him for his service and welcoming him to this important leadership role.



Dr. Bernard B. Sleadd (1893-1965)

By: Commissioner Mark Stigers

Shelby County native Bernard B. Sleadd was the grandson of the Rev. Walter Ellis Powers, who served as pastor of the Long Run Baptist Church from 1862 until 1892.

Following graduation from Georgetown College and a brief stint as a high school principal, Sleadd entered the University of Louisville Medical School, received his medical degree in 1931 and established his practice in Finchville, KY.

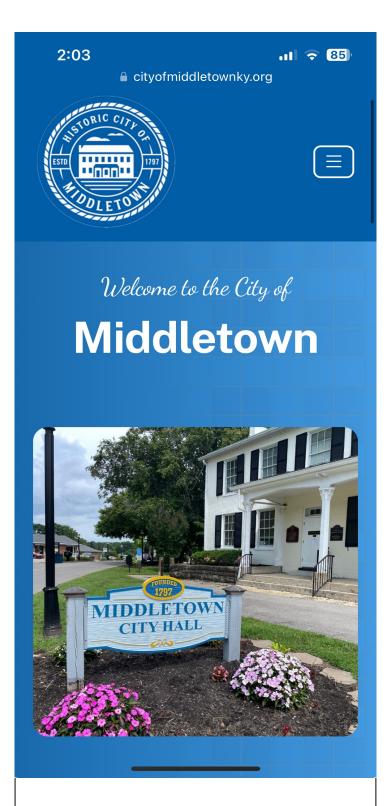
In December 1934, 36-year-old Dr. Alfred D. Wetherby was killed when a LaGrange interurban train struck his car at Evergreen Station, depriving Middletown of its youngest physician. Dr. Sleadd moved into the red brick house on Main Street which had been the Baptist parsonage, and set up his office in the basement.

Residents remember Dr. Sleadd as a man who could be counted on to come when called, day or night, donate his services for the community good and "overlook the bill" when need be. His eight children all grew up in Middletown.

After Dr. Sleadd's death the First Baptist Church bought back their former parsonage -- a 1920s-style, two-story bungalow listed on the National Register of Historic Places -- but did not use it. The home had been vacant for twenty years when they asked the Middletown Historic Preservation

Commission for permission to raze it. The house, built by prominent local builder Henry Frank, was finally demolished in 1994 and replaced with the playground you see at the church today. Doctor Sleadd and his wife rest in the Middletown Cemetery.





Our new website is officially live! Visit now to stay up to date on the latest news, events, and community updates.



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RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

SOUTH

of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 17

Thursday, July 31

Thursday, August 14

Thursday, August 28

Thursday, Sept 11

Thursday, Sept 25

<u>NORTH</u> of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, July 10 Thursday, July 24 Thursday, August 7 Thursday, August 21 Thursday, Sept 4 Thursday, Sept 18



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baby boy
this month!
Congrats,
Jillian!

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BUSINESS LICENSE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX



Occupational tax returns for the second quarter, ending June 30, 2025, are due on or before July 31, 2025. Middletown's occupational tax rate of 1% remains unchanged for 2025.

If you have not registered with the City of Middletown and purchased your annual business license, please complete and submit our Business Registration Application which can be found on our website www.cityofmiddletownky.org. For questions about business license and occupational tax requirements, please contact City Hall at (502) 245-2762.

Middletown Parks Master Plan



We're proud to share that both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Wetherby Park are now complete. What started as a vision for a vibrant community space has grown into a fully developed park where families can gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors.

The City of Middletown was a recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The City Commission allocated those funds to several key initiatives, including road paving, police department staffing, and the creation of Wetherby Park. With that support, the city installed brand-new playground equipment and completed additional enhancements as part of Phase 2.

Looking ahead, the City Commission is committed to continuing improvements at Wetherby Park. Over the next year, we will be working on a comprehensive park master plan to guide future upgrades and amenities.

We want your input as we plan what comes next. Please take a moment to complete our community survey and let us know how you use the park and what you'd like to see in the future. Your feedback helps shape the next phase of Middletown's parks.

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Pictured: Middletown Police Department and Middletown City Clerk



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY POLICE FOUNDATION

Middletown Police Foundation—So Far This Year

By Gary S. Edelen, Secretary/Treasurer

Our goal was to start 2025 at a fast pace. We met with Chief Herman to seek out and evaluate the needs that the Middletown Police Department would be faced with but were not covered as a part of their regular operational budget. Our Police Department operates with a high standard of performance and efficiency. Nevertheless, there are always items and services that can be obtained not only to maintain the current status but to raise the bar even higher.

Our first endeavor was to purchase a Remote Drug Testing Kit that would be available as needed in the patrol cars. As a practical matter, a second Remote Drug Testing Kit would enable the Police Department not to have to call for the initial kit should the other Police Car require it. At present, the second kit is on our radar.

After the great success of the 2024 Police Department's Child Safety Bicycle Helmet Giveaway program, it was decided to repeat the program in 2025. As last year, we partnered with Scheller's Fitness to secure the purchase of additional children's bicycle helmets. Like last year, we partnered with the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and utilized their annual Easter Egg Hunt venue to distribute the helmets. We gave away approximately 150 helmets last year. This year we distributed approximately 200 helmets.

Sadly, the Middletown Police K-9 Dog, Raiko, had to be retired due to injury. Raiko had served well until his untimely "forced" retirement. The Foundation immediately partnered with the Police Department to secure the purchase of a new K-9 to replace Raiko. I am happy to report that we have just secured the funds to accomplish this goal. We are now setting our sites on a continuation of this process.

The new K-9 will require training and maintenance, which is quite costly. We are continuing to solicit donations to help us secure the funding needed.

Finally, we continue to network throughout our community by participating in community events and hosting our Annual Car Show. The Car Show is our single major fundraiser. Our 2025 Car Show, our third ever, was a very big success. Many Middletown businesses supported us in many ways ranging from donations for raffles to event sponsorships. We would like to recognize the following businesses who stepped forward to help assure a successful show: Todd's Place Express Car Wash, Transcend Credit Union,

Walmart (Middletown), Stacy Blair Haus State Farm, Pro Auto Care, Advanz Credit Union, Tuff Shed, Stockyards Bank, Renewal By Andersen, GT Auto, L&N Credit Union, Don's Auto Diagnostics, Liberty Credit Union, Pella, Roberts Auto Electric, Rogers Group, Dairy Queen, WAKY Radio and the Village Square Shopping Center who provided the venue for the show. We would also like to thank all our attendees and visitors including area car clubs. All made for our most successful fundraiser ever.

We're not finished for the year. More is to come! We wish to remind all that we are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is entirely operated by unpaid volunteer Board of Directors. We rely solely on fundraising and donations. The money raised or donated is returned to the Middletown community via grants to the Middletown Police Department. We invite all to visit our website https://mpfky.org, to learn more about our mission and programs. You can donate by visiting our website or by downloading our Donation Form.



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MIDDLETOWN CITY CALENDAR

July

- July 12 Middletown Peddlers Mall Summer Outdoor Festival
- July 13 Concert in the Park: Rockland Road Band

August

- August 8

 American Redcross Blood Drive
- August 10 Concert in the Park: Soul Circus

September

• September 5 & 6- Middletown Family Fun Festival