

Middletown Village Civic Association Newsletter

October 2006

The Newsletter of the Middletown Village Civic Association serving Middletown Village Residents

Join Us at the 3rd Annual Harvest Day Parade and Party - October 29th!

You and your family are invited to put on your favorite costumes and join the Middletown Village Civic Association for its 3rd Annual Harvest Day Party and Parade on Sunday, October 29!

Parade-goers, escorted by the County Police, will leave from the Ash Blvd. gazebo at 2 pm, travel down Ramunno Drive and into Doc Levinson Park. For the kids there will be a costume contest, prizes and candy. For the adults, the MVCA will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to raise money for additional Civic Association activities. Additional information about the Harvest Day Parade will be available on our website: www.middletownvillage.org.

Appoquinimink School District Referendum – December 12!

The Appoquinimink School District is holding a referendum on December 12 to ask for tax rate increases to pay for school construction and programs.

If successful, taxes would increase for the average home in Middletown as follows:

In 2007 - \$11.28/month tax increase

In 2008 - \$12.93/month tax increase

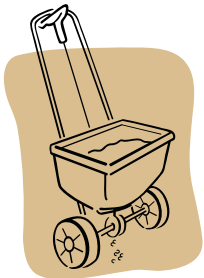
In 2009 - \$15.25/month tax increase

A representative from the school district will attend the November 14 MVCA meeting to talk about the proposal and answer your questions. More information is also available online at: www.apposchooldistrict.com

Landscape Corner:

Fertilize Now for a Great Spring Lawn

Stopped worrying about your grass and started worrying about raking leaves? Not so fast. Believe it or not, fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn. Adding fertilizer now will help promote root growth; healthy, deep roots will help sustain your lawn through drought and insect problems.



In addition, the fertilizer you apply in fall is less likely to run-off into our ponds and streams than the fertilizer you apply in spring. Excess nutrients from fertilizer are a leading cause of poor stream quality in our area, and cause the algae growth in our ponds.

And, if you need one more reason, fertilizing in fall helps your lawn out-compete pesky weeds, meaning less hassle for you next spring.

Check out the City of Middletown website:

www.middletownde.org

for Parks and Recreation Information, Upcoming Meetings, Public Notices and even a Calendar of Events

Dog-Pots Installed

Complaints about pet waste in public areas are frequently heard by the Middletown Village Civic Association. We all know that pet waste is a nuisance, but it also pollutes our rivers with nutrients and pathogens.



To help pet owners properly dispose of waste and to help water quality in the Appoquinimink Watershed, the MVCA has installed four Dogi-Pots throughout the neighborhood. Each Dogi-Pot has a sign reminding pet owners to clean up after their pets, and a roll of biodegradable bags. To use: simply tear off a bag, pick up the waste and dispose of the bag in your household trash.

The Dogi-Pots were provided to Middletown Village by the Appoquinimink River Association in cooperation with DeIDOT.

LOOKING FOR STUFF TO DO?

Interest is brewing in all kinds of Middletown Village activities!

Retirees, professionals and even bookworms are looking to congregate, and soon.

If you'd like to meet people in the area or are looking for fun things to do, contact Kristi Moffett at akmoffett@yahoo.com and we'll put you in contact with the right people.

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Yes, I would like to become a member
of the Middletown Village Civic Association!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be added to our email list? Yes No

Please make checks payable to:

Middletown Village Civic Association

and send to:

Sabina Luck (MVCA Treasurer)
366 East Harvest Lane
Middletown DE, 19709

Get Out and Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7!

The polling place for residents of Middletown Village is Middletown Town Hall, located at 19 West Green Street. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Voters must be registered by October 14 to be eligible to vote in this election.

This is an important year, with seats available in US Congress, US Senate, State Representative District 8, State Senate District 14, County Council District 6 and numerous statewide offices. Elections for the Town of Middletown are held the first week in March.



Meet the Candidates

The Southern New Castle County Alliance will host a Candidates Night on Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm at Southern Patrol Headquarters.

This is a great opportunity to meet the candidates in our district and hear them discuss the issues.

Invited candidates include the following offices: US Senator, US Representative, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, State Treasurer, State Senator - 14th District, State Representative - 8th District, New Castle County Council - 6th District, New Castle County Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds.

More information is available online at www.sncca.org.

Volunteer to be a Zone Captain!

The MVCA is the eyes and ears of the community, but we can't do it without you!

As a zone captain, you help distribute the newsletter and keep the MVCA informed about concerns in your part of the neighborhood.

Please volunteer and get involved!

Join the MV Civic Association

If you haven't yet joined the Middletown Village Civic Association, please consider becoming a member for 2007. The Civic Association works to keep our neighborhood a great place to live and we can't continue to do it without your help.

The MVCA holds meetings every other month that are open to all residents of Middletown Village. Meetings are held at the Southern Patrol Headquarters on Route 71 (Broad Street).

2006-07 MVCA Meetings

Tuesday, November 14th

Tuesday, January 9th

Tuesday, March 13th

Tuesday, May 8th

Tuesday, July 10th

When: 7:00pm

Where: New Castle County Police
Southern Command Office on Broad Street.
(Across from the Sears/Grotto Pizza
Shopping Center in Middletown.)

Baby, It's Dark Outside!

The Middletown Village Civic Association and the Middletown Village Child and Community Watch worked together this summer to determine the condition of street lights in the neighborhood and to assess where additional lights are needed.



We are now working with the Town to install new street lights in several areas, including along Ramunno Drive between Ash Blvd. and Sandhill Drive.

Get Middletown Village Email Updates

Email Mvcapresident@earthlink.net

and we'll sign you up!

Take Notice ◆ Learn the Issues ◆ Get Involved ◆ Stay Involved

2006 Middletown Meeting Schedule

Town Council Meetings

First Monday of the month
7:30 pm

Planning & Zoning

Third Thursday of the month
6:30pm

Board of Adjustments

First Monday of the month
Prior to the Town Council Meeting

Where: ◆ Council Chambers of Town Hall ◆ 19 W. Green Street ◆ Middletown