

MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE COMMUNITY AND CHILD WATCH GROUP NEWSLETTER

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MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE REPRESENTATION HISTORY

The Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group extends a friendly hello to our new neighbors, who have just moved in, and to our community as a whole.

The Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group actually began in March 1999 as one of two (2) organizations stemming from the Middletown Village Maintenance Corporation Civic Association Block and Child Watch (MVMCCAB&CW).

It was during a meeting of MTV residents, to form a Block Watch in early 1999, with the help of New Castle County Police Department Officer Wayne Anderson, when they realized that there was also a need to have future homeowner representation. So it was then that the Middletown Village Maintenance Corporation Civic Association Block and Child Watch was founded by a group of volunteer Middletown Village residents who began meeting with the Middletown Village Maintenance Corporation in an effort to establish and maintain organized representation for both homeowners' needs and community safety.

Once the construction of our development is completed, to where the entire development is turned over to the town of Middletown, the functions and responsibilities of the Maintenance Corporation will become the responsibility of the town of Middletown thereby effectively ending the Maintenance Corporation leaving the Middletown Village Civic Association as the remaining MTV homeowners organized representation.



An idea to organize came during a Block Watch meeting.

Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group Officers

Coordinator: Mr. Roosevelt C. Nichols

Chairperson: Mrs. Ainah Bish

Treasurer: Mr. Sylvester Bass

Secretary: Ms. Carolyn Young

Trainer: Mr. Larry Bish

Youth Coordinator: Ms. Lisa Gillot

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group is to maintain and preserve a healthy, family oriented community by responsibly caring for the safety and well-being of our children and enhancing the quality of life for all our neighbors.

MIDDLETOWN ORDINANCES

Middletown has a few ordinances that we need to be aware of during the warm weather. They are regarding dogs, curfew (for youths and adults), abandoned vehicles, motorized skateboards and scooters, and bicycles.

Dogs are wonderful "family" members yet their hygiene habits may leave something to be desired. It therefore becomes the responsibility of dog owners to attend to the hygiene of their pets. Middletown Code Article VII, Section 39-18; New Castle County Code Section 4-28, Par. (a), (b) & (c) and Delaware State Code Title 7, Section 1705 all refer to dogs and either their excrement or containment. In Middletown, if your dog poops — you scoop. Dog owners are required to be equipped with "pooper scoopers," or the like, and corresponding poop disposal bags whenever walking their (law mandated) leashed dogs in Middletown.



MIDDLETOWN ORDINANCES (CONT'D)

Middletown's curfew applies to both youths and adults. Any youths under the age of seventeen (this means 16 + 364 or 365 days) must be inside or on their porch during the hours of 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The adult curfew (Middletown Code Chapter 92, Article I, Section 92-1) states that adults cannot congregate in or prowl (this means in motor vehicles also) the streets of Middletown during the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Abandoned vehicles are addressed by Middletown Code Chapter 163, Sections 1-15. Any vehicle that has been determined abandoned by the New Castle County Police, shall be removed according to the terms of the notice affixed to the vehicle by law enforcement.

Delaware also has laws regarding motorized skateboards and scooters. Delaware Code Title 21, Section 4198(a) states that motorized skateboards shall not be operated upon public highways, streets, sidewalks or right-of-ways located in Delaware.

As of April 1, 1996, anyone under the age of sixteen (16) must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle in Delaware; also, Delaware Code 21, Section 4198L states that any guardian who fails to cause that guardian's child to wear a bicycle helmet shall be fined for the 1st offense \$25 and \$50 for each subsequent offense.

Not only will observing these ordinances enhance the appearance and character of our community, it will instill a sense of respect for ourselves, our neighbors and our community.



COMMUNITY AND CHILD WATCH GROUP UPDATES

The following section designations are used by the Middletown Village Community and Child Watch Group: Twin Homes Section, Single Homes East Section (including Dove Nest Court), Single Homes West Section, Town Homes North Section (with Vincent Circle), Apartments Section (Condominiums), Town Homes Central Section (with Rosie Drive), Town Homes South Section (Champs Lane side) and Town Homes South Section (Marian Drive side).

The MTVC&CWG has added P.R.O.M.P.T. patrols to its patrol repertoire. The P.R.O.M.P.T. acronym stands for Priority Response Organized for Monitoring Property - Teams.



IMPORTANT MIDDLETOWN PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Dial 911—For Ambulance, Fire, or Police .

Middletown Police Numbers—dial 573-2800 for non-emergency calls.

dial 378-8399 for the Southern Patrol Headquarters.

Middletown Fire Number —dial 378-7799 for the Middletown Volunteer Hose Co.

Middletown Post Office — dial 378-9585

Middletown Town Hall — dial 378-2711

dial 378-2211 for the Public Works Dept. 24 hr. Emergency #



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