

Middletown Village Civic Association Newsletter

May 2006

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

Officers for 2006-2007 Needed!

Nominations for the 2006-2007 Middletown Village Civic Association board will be accepted until June 1. We need talented and motivated residents to get involved. This is your opportunity to make a difference!

Elections will be held at the June 13 MVCA meeting.

If you have questions about becoming an officer, please call Susan Love at 378-6294.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 3
Community Yard Sale
8am – 12pm

Saturday June 24
Middletown Village Summer Picnic
Doc Levinson Park
11am – 2pm

Landscape Corner: Soil Tests

Keep your lawn looking healthy this summer by doing a few easy things:

Set your lawn mower to mow to a height of between 2.5 and 3.5 inches (you may have to readjust your mower). Mowing "high" helps promote a strong root system and shades out weeds.



Be sure your mower blade is sharp – dull blades tear and injure the grass.

Fertilize only after conducting a soil test and fertilize in fall rather than in spring.

If you must water your grass, water deeply and infrequently. Watering too little does not encourage root growth and actually makes lawns more susceptible to drought.

This summer may prove to be a drought year, so conserve water as much as possible.

For more information about lawn care, visit:

<http://www.pioneerthinking.com/lawn.html>.

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

Community Yard Sale

Start cleaning out your basement now! Middletown Village will host its first annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 3 from 8 – 12. Every family is encouraged to host their own yard sale on this day.

The MVCA will advertise the event; attracting more potential shoppers to the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to get rid of that ugly chair, or toys your child hasn't played with in years, while putting a little bit of cash in your pocket and meeting some of your neighbors!

The rain date will be Saturday, June 10.

Route 301 Update

Detailed information is now available about the noise impacts to Middletown Village that will result from the new 301 by-pass. If you have not yet seen this information, please visit the project website at:

www.deldot.gov/static/projects/us301/

or visit the project office in Middletown Square Shopping Center on Broad Street.

MV Young Professionals Group

Bored in Middletown? New to the area? Just looking for people with common interests? Check out the Middletown Village Young Professionals Group.

The group is new and planning our first get-together for June. Whether going out for a drink, trying a new restaurant or playing basketball at Doc Levinson Park, our goal is to make new friends while getting to know our neighbors.

If you're interested in more information or have an activity suggestion, please contact Kristi Moffett at akmoffett@yahoo.com.

All are welcome!

MVCA Officers and Contact Info:

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President: Susan Love
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jdgeer@earthlink.net

Secretary: Aurelia Ward
Aurelia_ward@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Sabina Luck
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www.middletownvillage.org

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

Join the MV Civic Association

Its not too late to join the Middletown Village Civic Association for this year. Your voluntary \$10 membership helps the MVCA continue its important work by helping to pay for administrative costs, newsletters, websites and special events.

The MVCA is one of the only civic associations in the Town of Middletown and the most active, but we can't do it without your support.

2006 MVCA Meetings

Tuesday, May 16th

Tuesday, June 13th

When: 7:00pm

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

Street Safety

Driving on Ash Boulevard can be challenging! Why? Although it looks like a 4-lane highway, Ash Boulevard is one way in each direction. Drivers on Ash do not expect traffic to pass them on either the right or left; passing may lead to accidents.



The MVCA is working on solutions to this problem, but like all traffic improvement projects, it will take time.

Until then, please drive safely.

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!**

Community Clean-Up Day

Volunteers from MVCA cleaned litter and debris out of the pond on Ash Boulevard at the second annual Community Clean Up Day on May 6. After 3 hours of work, the volunteers filled 31 trash bags with cans, bottles, cigarette butts, construction debris and toys.

Most of the trash we collected from the pond was not thrown directly into the pond, but was blown into it by the wind, or was picked up by storm-water and deposited directly into the pond by the storm-water pipes. Let's try to keep the pond clean – please tie all your trash bags securely and properly dispose of cigarette butts.

Hearty thanks to the following people for giving up their Saturday morning and doing a great service for their community: Patricia Edwards; Brad & Karen Barrie; Anil & Nikita Thakur; Donny & Dasha Oluskun; Kristi Moffett; Sabina, Steven, Sanisha, Taylor & Tyler Luck; Ken & Aurelia Ward; and Susan Love.

The Trouble with Poo

Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of properly, whether you are walking your dog on the street, on the sidewalk or in the park.

Not only is it unsightly and smelly; the bacteria in pet waste contaminate local waterways, including our ponds. Please be considerate to your neighbors and the neighborhood by cleaning up after your pet.



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Mvcapresident@earthlink.net

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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