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FY 2022 Budget Anticipates Economic Stability and Ongoing Services

The Town Council adopted the FY 2022 Budget in May 2021. This budget runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Town Council began discussing this budget in February 2021, nearly one year after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, vaccines were hard to come by, restrictions remained in place, and questions lingered about the future of public health. Nonetheless, we had seen a robust fall and

Welcome Back, Tina!

The Town of Middleburg is excited to welcome back Tina Staples as our new Finance Director / Town Treasurer. Many of you remember Tina as our Office Manager from 2017-2019. She then spent two years as Treasurer for the Town of Hamilton and earned her Master Governmental Treasurer Certificate. We are excited to have her back on the team leading in the areas of financial planning, budgeting, billing, payments, and internal support. Join us in welcoming Tina back to Middleburg!



summer of 2020, with strong economic activity despite business operating restrictions. Throughout the review of this budget, our confidence in the economic recovery post-COVID continued to grow, most notably due to the supply and roll-out of vaccines. As such, the FY22 budget keeps a conservative approach on revenue streams while anticipating most activities will resume to near prepandemic levels.

Read more of the Mayor's message to residents and see the fully adopted budget at: www.middleburgva.gov/budget

Events Returning - New Events Coming!

The Town is excited to announce the return of great events in Middleburg. While we continue to urge continuous awareness in regard to COVID-19, we are also grateful to be returning to gatherings, events, and activities. Some of the coming events include:

- SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE - AUGUST 6-8, 2021

The Summer Sidewalk Sale is always a hit, offering great deals on clothing, goods, and household items throughout Town. Keep an eye on Visit Middleburg for more info!

- OKTOBERFEST - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

In 2019, the inaugural Oktoberfest was a huge success, bringing thousands of great visitors to Middleburg and celebrating the fall season. For 2021, we are excited to announce the expansion of Oktoberfest to include both South Madison Street and North Madison Street, incorporating the Pink Box into the day's events. Look for more details in the coming weeks!

- MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 14-17, 2021

The Middleburg Film Festival returns in person for 2021, with the best in film, entertainment, and conversations. The overall event will be scaled down slightly from prior years, in response to the pandemic, but stay tuned for how you can be a part!

- CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY EVENTS - DECEMBER 2021

You can't wait to see what all is coming in 2021 for the Christmas in Middleburg parade, month-long holiday events, and activities for everyone in the family. We are excited about the partnership with Christmas in Middleburg, MBPA, and local businesses and organizations to make this an amazing holiday season!

Utility Rate Changes and \$100 UTILITY BILL CREDIT

The Town of Middleburg recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe and effective utility system. As in prior years, the Town Council has approved a 3% rate increase effective July 1, 2021, to keep up with contractual cost increases and inflation.

Read more on the second page about the \$100 Utility Bill Credit



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with Notify Me® online at middleburgva.gov/alerts.

- Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter to get all the latest event information!
- You can find more details on our signature events by visiting: middleburgva.gov/events





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The Town is grateful for the provision of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") that will help the Town with certain financial obligations. One use of the funding is to provide every water/sewer customer in the Town with a \$100 bill credit (\$50 if you only have water or sewer service). This bill credit will come in the September bill, which is the first billing period of Fiscal Year 2022.

Other planned uses of ARPA funding includes:

- Repaying the Health Center Fund for support given in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Paying for certain water infrastructure projects to offset the need to borrow funds or use fund balance
- Enhancing communication with residents about services and support as we recover from COVID-19, to include mental health and workforce services
- Continued support of business through marketing and communications

New Shops in Town!

Be sure to stop by and welcome our newest shops in Middleburg! These include:

- Antiques on Washington St. (3 W. Washington)
- Brick & Mortar Mercantile (201 W. Washington)
- Raymer's Homemade Candies (19 S. Madison)
- PLAYroom (108 W. Washington)
- Thisthlethwaite Americana (116 W. Washington)
- Petronella Flowers and Gifts (coming soon - 10 E. Federal)



FOURTH of JULY Activities Once Again a Success!!

The Town was proud to once again sponsor and fund the community fireworks. While last year's parade was the safe alternative at the time, this year it was enjoyable once again to be with friends and neighbors during the amazing Fourth of July activities.

The Middleburg Community Center put on a fantastic day of events, from pool fun to great music to enjoyable food to activities for kids!

And, of course, the fireworks wowed us all with their beautiful colors and amazing displays. Thanks to everyone who played a part, including our police department who are faithful to keep everyone safe during a wonderful community event!

Photo courtesy of Taryn Jane Photography

NEW TOWN HALL CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE - PUBLIC INFO SESSION HELD

The Town Council held another public information session on the new Town Hall on Monday, July 12, 2021. The Town covered some topics previously discussed, while at the same time revealing the latest design, architectural renderings, interior plans, and update on the amenities of the project.

In addition, members of the Town Council each covered a key area of the project, highlighting the unanimous and wholehearted support for this key project. Special attention has been given to the various public enhancements that this project will bring, to include two public park areas, multiple meeting spaces, public restrooms available after business hours, and additional parking for customers and visitors.

Finally, the Town updated the community on the cost of the project. Many factors have led to the cost increasing to approximately \$9.5 million, to include impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic (lumber costs increasing by over 300%, for example), the additional amenities discussed above, and site development challenges. Despite the cost increase, the Town has more than sufficient funding to pay for the project without raising residential taxes, and the Town procured a 2.72% 20-year loan that will cover the majority of the project.

Below are some of the latest photo renderings and plans. View the latest info, along with the July 12th info session, on our website at:

middleburgva.gov/townhall







