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Christmas in Middleburg is BACK - and Better than EVER!

The Town of Middleburg is excited to share that the Christmas in Middleburg parades - and monthlong events - are back for 2021! To start, the Town will join the Middleburg Business and Professional Association (MBPA) for the **Christmas Tree Lighting** at The Pink Box on Friday, December 3rd, at 6:00pm. Next follows parade day on Saturday, December 4th. The **Hunt & Hounds Review** will start at 11:00am sharp, and the traditional **Christmas Parade** will begin at 2:00pm, to be concluded with an appearance by Santa Claus, of course!



Throughout the month of December, have a "Dickens of a Christmas in Middleburg," with activities and decorations sponsored by MBPA, Old Ox Brewery, other local businesses, and the Town. The extremely popular **carriage rides** will be back again, creating a unique way to experience downtown Middleburg. **Free hot cocoa** can be found at Scruffy's on weekends, and **elegant decorations** will be filling our storefronts and sidewalks.

On December 18th, join the MBPA and Old Ox for a "Dickens Market" on South Madison Street. From shopping and food to a special presentation of *A Christmas Carol*, you won't want to miss all the day's events.

Of course, businesses throughout the Town will be ready for the holiday season, from special gifts, treats, decor, toys, and more! Get your shopping in early and support local!

Finally, enjoy a nice holiday meal at one of our wonderful restaurants, from your favorite pizza and comfort food to ethnic options to exquisite dining. Each place is special!

Town Holiday Cards and Ornaments

Do you need a one-of-a-kind gift for your friends and loved ones this year? Check out the Town-branded holiday cards and ornaments. You can pick them up at the Town Office:

- \$5 for a card and one ornament
- \$20 for 10 cards and one ornament

Get yours today in time for the holidays!



Residential Holiday Decorations

Join your neighbors this holiday season by putting up your best decorations - and join our residential holiday decoration contest! Last year, we had great participation and beautiful displays. We have four categories: Best Traditional Display, Best Lights, Best Front Porch/Door, and Judge's Choice. There are **gift cards** for winners!

Let your creative efforts brighten up the community and add to the holiday spirit.

Get your decorations up by December 1st and let us know by emailing Rhonda North at rnorth@middleburgva.gov or calling 540-687-5152. Participants agree to have their address listed on a map of all decorated homes so that the community can enjoy the sights.



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!

• Christmas Events:

Visit

www.middleburgva.gov/christmas
for all the latest info



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Holiday Waste Collection and Christmas Tree Recycling

- Regular household trash pickup will not be affected by the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. Trash pickup will occur on Wednesday, November 24th and Wednesday, December 22nd.
- Regular "yard waste" pickup will cease after December 22nd and will resume on March 2, 2022.
- Live Christmas trees can be set out for pickup on Wednesday, January 5th or 12th. Please ensure you remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, or other decorations. Do not place your tree in a plastic bag. Please contact the Town Office with any questions.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 11/27

Support local, small businesses on Saturday, November 27th! Look for the balloons around Town and get your holiday shopping in early. Find all your favorite shops on our Shopping and Dining Guide: <https://www.middleburgva.gov/shoplocal>



Social Media Posting Request

Are you a Town business and want to promote an event or activities on the Town's social media page? Do you want to make sure to share good news about your business? We'd love to support your business and encourage continued growth of the Town's economy.

Check out our social media request form on the Town's webpage, and reach out to Ali MacIntyre with any questions.

Visit www.middleburgva.gov/social for more info!

State of the Town Address

On October 27th, Mayor Littleton provided his 3rd annual "State of the Town Address" to the Middleburg community. During this address, the Mayor covered some major topics:

- Fiscal Health:** The Town saw a "net operating surplus" of more than \$960,000 in FY21, thanks to higher than expected revenues even during the pandemic. The Town has more than \$6.6 million in fiscal reserve for potential economic downturns.
- New Town Hall Project:** The Town Council held two public input sessions on the New Town Hall Project during 2021. The Town also received approval from the Historic District Review Committee, Streetscape Committee, and Planning Commission.
- Key Infrastructure and Planning Efforts:** The Town is looking to invest funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to pay for water/sewer infrastructure projects. The Town Council is also addressing concerns about infill development in the Ridgeview subdivision.
- Town Operations:** The Mayor highlighted new staff members that are on board to serve the public. The Town is currently fully-staffed and moving forward on many of the Council's strategic initiatives.
- Engagement in the Community:** The Town Council continues to engage through a variety of events, Committees, and partnerships, to include working with other Towns and County partners to help keep Middleburg a wonderful place to live.

NEW ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL IS LIVE!

The Town is excited to announce that its InvoiceCloud online payment portal is now live! Log in by visiting our website or at **www.middleburgva.gov/payments**

The new system will allow you to pay via eCheck (free), credit card, Venmo, PayPal, and many more mobile products.

Registration is fast and easy and gives you access to:

- True auto-pay on the date you select;
- Pay by text with your saved payment method;
- Multiple reminders to ensure your bill is paid on time;
- Online bill history once you start using the system;

Visit our website to learn more and to find helpful videos on how to create an account and make payments.

VISA



venmo



PayPal



Get the Latest on COVID-19

The Town continues to share key information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some highlights:

- Children ages 5-11 are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit Loudoun County's website at www.loudoun.gov for details and how to make an appointment.
- Masks continue to be required at the Town Office.
- The Town wants to connect you to help. Visit **www.middleburgva.gov/assistance** to see what services are available to you.