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STATE OF THE TOWN AND OPEN HOUSE

Mayor Bridge Littleton held his annual State of the Town address on November 16th at the Town Hall, marking one of the first public gatherings in the new building. Prior to the address, the Town held an Open House to allow members of the community to see the new offices and Police Department. We were honored to have members of the Board of Supervisors, including Chair Phyllis Randall (pictured with members of the Town Council) at our Open House.

During the State of the Town address, Mayor Littleton noted that Middleburg remains in a very strong fiscal condition, with a sizeable fund balance that greatly exceeds the Town's fiscal reserve policy. In addition, revenues continued to grow last fiscal year, including in the Town's investments.

The Town Council continues to take steps to protect and preserve Middleburg and rural western Loudoun County, especially related to the Mickie Gordon Park discussions, preservation of rural open spaces, and ongoing review of Zoning Ordinance options to protect existing neighborhoods in Middleburg.

Town operations remain strong, highlighted by the promotion of Chief Shaun Jones in May 2023 and subsequent promotion internally of command staff in the Police Department.

The Town is investing in its infrastructure, demonstrated by the South Madison Street enhancement project (under conceptual design) and major utility projects to protect our groundwater and ensure our drinking water is safe and pleasant to drink. The Mayor also highlighted the Town Council's involvement in the community and the great people that make Middleburg a wonderful place to live, work, and relax.

The video of the State of the Town address, and accompanying presentation, are available on the Town website.



TOWN HALL OPENS TO PUBLIC

The Town Hall officially opened to the public on Monday, October 30th, 2023. We are grateful for your patience as Phase 2 is still underway, with construction activities happening along West Marshall Street. At the conclusion of Phase 2, there will be vehicular and pedestrian access directly from Marshall Street, along with a small park, with benches and landscaping.

And from all our staff to you - we hope you had a very wonderful holiday season and wish for a successful New Year!



Photo courtesy of Norman Syer, Loudoun Now

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

- WINTER SIDEWALK SALE:

February 16-18, 2024

- Middleburg Wellness Day:

March 23, 2024: 11am-3pm
@ Middleburg Community Center
www.middleburgva.gov/events

- Middleburg Farmers Market:

Saturdays: May-October



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MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Trowbridge M. Littleton, Mayor

Chris W. Bernard, Vice Mayor

Pamela Curran
Darlene Kirk

J. Kevin Daly
Peter Leonard-Morgan

Morris "Bud" Jacobs
Cindy C. Pearson

MBPA RECOGNIZES RHONDA NORTH AS "TOWN FIGURE OF THE YEAR"

The Middleburg Business and Professional Association (MBPA) recognized Rhonda North, Town Clerk, as Town Figure for 2023. They honored her behind-the-scenes service to the Town, as she ensures that all public meetings happen properly and in accordance with State Code. She is responsible for the Town's records and supports numerous public bodies. She was also recognized for her significant role as the Project Lead for the Town Hall project, amidst her other roles and duties. Congrats, Rhonda!



NEW & RETURNING COUNCILMEMBERS SWORN IN

On December 19th, the Clerk of the Circuit Court - Gary Clemens - presided over the swearing in ceremony for the Mayor and members of Town Council who were elected in November 2023. Three of the four are returning members of the Town Council. Pamela Curran was elected as a new member of the Town Council, taking the seat of Philip M. Miller who chose not to seek re-election after serving for two terms. Congratulations to Ms. Curran and the new Town Council, and thank you for your service!



BUSINESS LICENSES DUE

Reminder that Business Licenses for 2024 are due March 1, 2024. Renewal information will be mailed to businesses in the next couple of weeks. Business license taxes are based upon "gross receipts" for 2023. Please contact the Finance Director, Tina Staples, with any questions, at 540-687-5152.

TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED

Loudoun County offers a program to provide tax relief on Real Property for the Elderly and Permanently Disabled. This program, administered by the Commissioner of the Revenue, allows qualifying persons to be fully or partially exempt from real property taxes for both County and Town real estate taxes.

The Commissioner of the Revenue manages this program and holds informational sessions throughout the year. Additionally, the County offers tax relief for other qualifying persons.

The latest information is available at www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief or by calling 703-737-8557.

FARMERS MARKET RETURNS - MAY 2024

We are so excited that the Middleburg Farmers Market will return in May! Do you have ideas on how to enhance the market, or suggested vendors for us to contact? Please reach out to Ali MacIntyre at the Town Hall to share your thoughts - she can be reached at amacintyre@middleburgva.gov

LATEST TOWN INFO

Want to stay informed about the latest Town news? Be sure to sign up for our eNewsletter, our News Flash notices, and our Alert Center updates. All of these can be found at www.middleburgva.gov/list.aspx or by using the QR Code here!



LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY



The Environmental Protection Agency has issued requirements to all waterworks in an effort to eliminate lead service lines across the US. The Town of Middleburg is working with consultants to create a survey of residents to identify whether a home has lead service lines. Most service lines are made from copper or plastic, although lead service lines were used 40+ years ago. The Town will be providing more information soon through a community survey - keep an eye out for this important information!

Please note: none of the Town's water mains contain lead.

The goal of this effort is to further enhance the safety of drinking water for all persons in the United States. Visit epa.gov for more information.

TOWN NOTES:

SEPTIC CONVERSION PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION:

The Town is nearing completion of a project to convert existing septic systems in the Town limits to our sanitary sewer system. This will enhance public health and safety and will eliminate sources of potential contamination of the Town's drinking water.

WELL 4 REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION:

The Town is moving forward with repairs to the Well 4 Treatment Plant, working to ensure its longevity in serving the Town with dependable drinking water for many years to come.

During limited maintenance activities, customers near West Federal Street, Pendleton Street, and South Madison Street may experience slight discoloration of water. Please run your cold faucets for 10-15 minutes to clear your lines. More information is on the Town's website.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING:

The Town's contractors will be conducting water main flushing the third or fourth week of January. This is to remove any residual particulates that accumulate in the Town's mains (naturally-occurring elements, such as iron and manganese). The flushing will be conducted overnight so as to limit impacts on customers and residents.