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NEW YEAR - CONTINUED VISION

On Tuesday, November 19th, Mayor Bridge Littleton provided his annual "State of the Town" address and highlighted the accomplishments of the Town during the past year, focusing on items that protect and preserve the quality of life of Middleburg residents.

Specific accomplishments during 2024 included:

- Adoption of R-2 Zoning Ordinance changes to limit impacts of new construction on established neighborhoods;
- Reduction in Speed Limit through Town to protect residents, visitors, and all pedestrians;
- Appropriate application of limitations on short-term rentals to ensure compatability with neighborhoods;
- Addition of community events focused on residents and locals, including the inaugural Middleburg Day;
- Completion of key utility projects to protect health and safety of our community;
- Continued fiscal strength and fiscal health, adding to the Town's fiscal reserve and investing in key infrastructure projects;
- Hiring of key personnel and investment in employees, specifically in the Police Department.

Mayor Littleton further emphasized the Town Council's commitment to its overarching strategic purpose, vision, and mission:

Overarching Strategic Purpose: To preserve and promote strong community in the face of rapid and continuous change around us and to us.

Vision: To be a unique, historic, rural town; always enduring, vibrant, and caring.

Mission: To provide purposeful, accountable leadership; and to deliver quality, cost-effective town services.

A recording of the address and the Mayor's State of the Town presentation are available at www.middleburgva.gov/sott

The Town Council's Strategic Plan for 2024-2025 can also be found on the Town's website.



UPCOMING STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW MEETING

The Town Council will meet on Thursday, January 30th to review its 2024-2025 Strategic Plan. During this meeting, the Town Council will review what actions were completed in 2024, what actions remain for 2025, and what new actions may be added for the coming year.

At a future Council Meeting, the Town Council will adopt updates to its Strategic Plan for the remainder of its term.

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

More details on all events at:
middleburgva.gov/events



- **Town Council Meetings:**
2nd and 4th Thurs. of each month
6:00pm - Council Chambers
- **Strategic Planning Meeting:**
Thurs, Jan. 30th
2:00-8:00pm - Town Hall
- **Middleburg Wellness Day:**
April 12th
Middleburg Community Center



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BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS

The Town of Middleburg is mandated by the Virginia Department of Health and by Town Code to ensure that proper devices are installed and inspected annually at properties that could have the potential for "backflow" or "cross-connection" to the Town's water supply.

Situations that require a backflow prevention device may include: commercial kitchen; swimming pool; lawn irrigation system; medical or dental office; other source of water onsite (private well); potential for customer water to re-enter the potable water system, such as through unintentional siphoning or backwards pressure; or yard hydrants.

In early 2025, residents will receive a mailer indicating they may be required to have a backflow prevention device.

Further, anyone with a backflow prevention device is required to have it inspected annually by a licensed inspector to ensure it is operating properly. Inspection reports must be submitted by May 1, 2025. A listing of licensed providers has been compiled by the Town of Leesburg and can be found on [their website here \(leesburgva.gov\)](https://www.leesburgva.gov).

If you have questions about this program or the requirements, please contact the Town Hall at 540-687-5152.



NEW WEATHER STATION TO PROVIDE KEY INFORMATION

If you've ever wondered just how much rain we got in a recent storm, look no further than the Town's website.

Our thanks to resident John Ross who donated a new weather station to the Town, which was recently installed at the Town Hall.

This weather station will help us correlate rainfall data with well levels and other crucial operational data for long-term planning and resiliency efforts. It will also provide information for curious residents who wish to know more about hyper-local weather!

Visit middleburgva.gov and look under the "Residents" tab for "Local Real-Time Weather." Please note that these observations should not be used for official reports or scientific matters.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TOWN SPECIAL EVENTS

We're already planning for 2025 events - are you? Mark your calendar now for your favorite special events in 2025!

- Middleburg Wellness Fair: Saturday, April 12th
- Middleburg Spring Races: Saturday, April 19th
- Art in the Burg: Saturday, May 10th
- 2nd Annual Middleburg Day: Friday, May 30th
- Upperville Colt & Horse Show: June 2nd-8th
- Juneteenth Celebration at Town Hall: Date TBD
- Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks: Friday, July 4th
- National Night Out: Tuesday, August 5th
- Middleburg Oktoberfest: Saturday, September 20th
- Virginia Fall Races: Saturday, October 11th
- Middleburg Film Festival: October 16th-19th
- 1000 Miglia Warm-Up USA: October 21st-26th
- Christmas in Middleburg: Saturday, December 6th



TOWN NOTES:

TOWN WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROJECT:

In an ongoing effort to improve water quality, the Town's contractor will be conducting water main flushing in the new year.

This effort will focus on removing any sediment (from naturally occurring elements - iron and manganese) that may have built up in our water mains. With the repairs to Well 4, the Town's water quality should improve greatly and instances of discolored water should be minimal once the flushing process is complete.

Please contact the Town Hall or visit the Town website for details on timing of the flushing process.

CLEARING SIDEWALKS AFTER SNOWSTORMS:

The Town reminds residents and tenants that individual property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of their property after a snowstorm.

Specifically, properties in the commercial area of town are required by Town Code to have sidewalks cleared within 6 hours of the end of a storm, or by noon the next day, if snow falls overnight.

We want to ensure that Middleburg remains a safe and accessible town for everyone, and keeping sidewalks clear is an important way to keep pedestrians safe!

And thanks to those who lend a helping hand to their neighbors!