

MAY 2025

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WATER CONSERVATION PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

The Town of Middleburg continues to experience drought conditions, much like our entire region. Unless the Town sees significant rainfall over the coming months, it is likely that the Town will need to impose water conservation measures during the summer of 2025.

Last year, the Town heard from many citizens who felt that the water conservation measures were not clear or effective in balancing the needs of homeowners and the need to protect the Town's water supply.

In response, the Town is proposing changes to the Town Code that would recognize more effective means to lower water usage while maintaining the ability for residents to keep their landscaping healthy.

The Town will be hosting a **community meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, at 6pm at the Town Hall (10 W. Marshall Street)** to review the proposed changes to the water conservation ordinance. Proposed measures include:

- Voluntary Conservation: Encouraging careful use of water and requesting that customers limit their outdoor use of water.
- Mandatory Conservation: Prohibiting outdoor watering during daytime hours and prohibiting the use of sprinklers/irrigation systems.
- Water Rationing: Complete prohibition on outdoor use of water, and instituting surcharge rates on those who exceed a certain threshold of water use.

More information is available online, and we encourage you to show up on May 20th to hear more information and provide input.



MIDDLEBURG DAY

The 2nd Annual Middleburg Day is right around the corner - this year it will be on **Friday, May 30th, from 5-9pm!**

Hailed as a community picnic, the Town sponsors this FREE event at the Town Hall. There will be free food, non-alcoholic beverages, and ice cream! (Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.)

In addition, there will be live music, games, trivia, and special recognition for some key community partners.

Middleburg Day is intended to be a time when the community can come together and celebrate our Town spirit - enjoying each other's company and lifting our spirits through our common bonds.

We encourage everyone to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair (limited seating will be provided). Parking is available at the Town Hall only for those with a disabled parking placard.

Other residents are asked to walk to Town Hall or take the free shuttle that will make rounds every 15-20 minutes.

More info online at: www.middleburgva.gov/middleburgday

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly!

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

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



- FARMERS MARKET:

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm
Town Hall
New vendors, music, food!

- Town Council Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thurs. of each month
6:00pm - Council Chambers

- Middleburg Day:

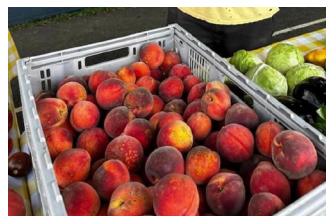
May 30th, 5pm - 9pm
Town Hall

- Juneteenth:

June 21st, 1pm - 5pm
Middleburg Community Center
Free & open to ALL! Please RSVP!

- Independence Day:

July 4th, 6pm - 10pm



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HOW TO CONSERVE WATER

Water conservation is a responsibility that all of us take seriously. The Town encourages residents to consider actions to conserve water - not only does it protect our water sources, it also saves you money!!

- Purchase a rain barrel to capture rain water and use it for watering your plants and landscaping. The Town is investigating options to get discounts on rain barrels for residents; stay tuned!

- Water outdoor landscaping during the early morning or late evening hours, when the water is less likely to evaporate. This will make your watering more effective.

- Remember to turn off faucets when brushing teeth, doing dishes, or other chores. And consider shorter showers or baths to limit water use.

- Check your appliances/equipment for leaks. We have had a number of customers with water softeners or water filtration systems that have been stuck in an "open" mode, using tens of thousands of gallons of water. This becomes very expensive for customers and also wastes a significant amount of water. Consider having these kinds of appliances checked to ensure they are operating properly!

We all have a role to play in saving water - we appreciate your help!



TOWN NOTES:

BUDGET HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FY26 Proposed Budget and on proposed water/sewer user fees on May 22, 2025, at 6pm the Town Hall.

The public is encouraged to attend and provide input on the proposed budget and utility rates.

More information on the budget is available at:

middleburgva.gov/budget

In addition, members of the public may provide general public comment at any Council meeting or by calling the Town Office at 540-687-5152.

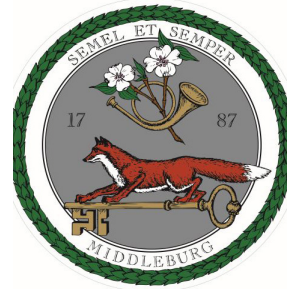
INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

Mayoral and Councilmember elections are held in November of each odd year, and successful candidates take office on January 1st of the following year.

The term of the Mayor is for two years, and the terms of Councilmembers are for four years. Candidates interested in running for public office must meet certain qualifications and are required to file specific documents in order to appear on the ballot.

More information and links to the Virginia Department of Elections publications are available at: middleburgva.gov/200

The deadline to file is Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

As spring and summer kick into high-gear, the Town's events are heating up! We look forward to celebrating many great holidays with you over the next few months. Upcoming events include:



- **Middleburg Day** (see page 1 for more details!)

- **Juneteenth:** Honor and celebrate the end of slavery in the United States, marked by the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865.

This celebration will occur at the Middleburg Community Center on Saturday, June 21, from 1-5pm.

This event is free and open to all - RSVP required. Food is provided by Chef Pete Smith. Remarks and remembrances will be provided by community members.

- **Independence Day:** The Town is once again excited to host Independence Day celebrations at the Middleburg Community Charter School on Friday, July 4, 2025, from 6 - 10pm.

The event includes food, ice cream, drinks, music, and - of course - FIREWORKS!

Kick-off the day with FREE SWIM at the Community Center from 4-6pm. Free face painting as well!

The **Middleburg July 4th Kid's Parade** will leave the Community Center ballfield at 5:45pm and make its way to the Charter School to kick off the festivities.

Insider tip: for the best viewing of the fireworks, bring your blanket or chair to the Town Hall "Town Green" (facing Salamander Resort). The fireworks will feel like they are right over your head!

- **Middleburg Farmers Market:** Join us every Saturday from 9am - 1pm at the Town Hall for great vendors, food, music, and fun! Catch Coffee with a Councilmember! Grab crabs while they last! And choose your favorite produce, meats, and goods from all our great vendors! More info at: middleburgva.gov/farmersmarket

PUBLIC SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

BICYCLE AND VEHICLE SAFETY

Ride Smart, Stay Safe, Be Seen - As we enter the warmer months, we are likely to see more bicyclists riding in and around Town.

If you are cycling, choose safe roads, ride carefully, and ensure visibility.

Windy and curvy roads make it hard to see cyclists, so use caution!

Share the Road - In the same way, it is a driver's responsibility to share the road and use caution around bikes.

Take it easy on narrow, curvy roads. Watch for cyclists, and give the required 3 feet of separation for safety!