# **MIDDLEBURG** MEMO

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### **MEET OUR NEWEST POLICE OFFICERS**

It takes a special kind of dedication to serve as a police officer in a small town like Middleburg. Residents quickly learn your name, they call to you as you drive down the street, and they usually smile - even if you have to write them a citation for speeding.

That's why Middleburg is so grateful for our two newest officers - Frank Barlan and Melvin McCord. Frank has been with the Town for about 9 months, although it feels like he's been here much longer. Frank is well-liked, has already made great connections in the community, and brings a

smile to all people. In addition, Frank is certified for bicycle patrol, so you will see him at our big community events riding one of the Police Department's e-bikes (they were free, thanks to a state grant!).

Melvin McCord comes to Middleburg with 26 years of law enforcement experience across a variety of disciplines, most recently with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office. Melvin has quickly shown his qualities by walking daily through Town, meeting our residents and business owners, and bringing fresh ideas to the team. His laid back style and experience is an added bonus to our team.



Although it took a couple of years to fill our vacancies, Chief Jones was insistent that we find the RIGHT person for Middleburg - we cannot put just any officer in that role. To-date, it's clear that he's found that right team.

If you haven't had a chance to

meet Frank or Melvin, keep your eyes peeled and be sure to say hi when you see them.

We're also excited to let our Town know that as part of the Town Council's efforts in recruitment and retention, all three of our patrol officers have achieved the rank of "Officer First Class" based on experience, training, and proficiency.



## WATER CONSERVATION

The Town Council considered a final version of amended guidelines on future water conservation measures on July 10th. No restrictions are in place at this time, but the new guidelines will give the Town greater flexibility in protecting the Town's water supply during future droughts or emergency situations.

We encourage all customers to use best practices and conserve water when possible. We are grateful for the recent rains, but there is a long way to go to make up for 5 years of drought in our region.

The Town Council is expected to take a vote on the proposed amendments on July 24th. A copy of the amendments is available on the Town website. Please contact the Town Hall with any auestions.

### **UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS**

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



- FARMERS MARKET: Saturdays, 9am - 1pm Town Hall
- SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE: August 1st-2nd Hours vary; deals galore!
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** August 5th; 6-8pm Community Center Field
- Middleburg Oktoberfest: Sept. 20th, 11am - 6pm S. Madison / W. Federal





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### **MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL**

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# AMAZING EVENTS - INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY

Middleburg once again outdid itself with two amazing events.

The second annual Middleburg Day was a rousing success, despite a couple downpours and a tornado warning that prematurely ended the fun. With a few hundred people attending, we were treated to great music, wonderful conversation, and the celebration of community. The Town honored retiring community stalwarts Hilleary Bogley (Scruffy's) and Mike Elliott (UPS driver). Most of all, it was a great time to relax as a community together. Thanks to the American Legion for cooking up great food, and for Piedmont Drip and Dip for the ice cream!

Independence Day again proved to be the event for all, as young and old gathered at the Middleburg Community Charter School to play, swing, grab some great food, and

listen to vibing music. The Charter School field was jam packed, and the Town Green at Town Hall was also a viewing location with lots of folks enjoying the wonderful display of fireworks. We hope everyone enjoyed the day celebrating our country's independence!





### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Join us for a great time of community connection and fun at the annual "National Night Out" hosted by the Middleburg Police Department!



The purpose of National Night Out is to build positive relationships between law enforcement and the community, helping lead to safer communities.

At our annual National Night Out event, we have games, fun, free food, and prizes.

Join us at the Middleburg Community Center ballfield from 6-8pm on Tuesday, August 5th!



### **TOWN NOTES:**

# WATER /SEWER RATE INCREASES:

The approved FY26 Budget includes moderate rate increases for water / sewer customers. These increases help the Town keep up with the cost of inflation, accommodate contractual increases, and allow us to plan for expenses related to equipment replacement, main line repairs, and long-term capital projects.

Water/sewer rates will increase by 3% each, beginning on July 1, 2025 (reflected in the water bill that will be issued in September 2025).

The new rates are:

Water: \$20.46/1,000

gallons

Sewer: \$21.07/1,000

gallons

(bi-monthly billing has a minimum charge of 2,000 gallons, regardless of usage)

The full listing of water and sewer rates is available on the Town website.

# PUBLIC SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

### STOP MEANS STOP

The Town receives regular complaints about drivers not making a complete stop at stop signs.

Such behavior is not only illegal, but is also dangerous for other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Please obey all traffic signs and keep our community safe!