

MIDDLETOWN LEADS

WHAT IS MIDDLETOWN LEADS?

Middletown Leads is a weekly newsletter intended to connect the Middletown community by providing information about the civic undertakings of the Town.

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL – SUMMER BREAK

Following the July 1, 2019 meeting, the Middletown Town Council is taking a summer break. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019.

Meanwhile, *Middletown Leads* will provide news about Town activities.

RED ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Some municipal roads are classified as “state roads”. This means that the state itself is responsible for their condition. So, when you notice a pothole on East or West Main Road, you can get annoyed with the state for not maintaining the main highways.

Middletown, however, has a progressive plan for improving and maintaining the Town roads called the *Red Road Paing Project*. It has classified the condition of all the streets and roads in town and assigned them by neighborhood to a position on what is called the *Roadway Pavement Management System*.

The grading system can be found on the Middletown web site in an attachment entitled *FY 17 Road Condition Survey*.

If you are interested enough to want to know the score for the streets in your own locality, you can check their rating in the attachment entitled *Road Condition Index Scoring*.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING – CURRENT ROAD PAVING PLAN

On Monday, July 15, 2019, there will be a Public Informational Meeting at 6 PM in the Middletown Fire Station Community Room.

The roads to be discussed include the following: *Acacia Drive, Ellen Road (top course), Peckham Avenue, Perry Avenue, Reservoir Road, Rosedale Court, Third Beach Road, Turner Road, William Drive & Underwood Lane and a sidewalk will be replaced along Turner Road and Green End Avenue.*

At this meeting, town officials and the contractor will be on hand to explain the project scope, duration, and impacts to traffic, access, and deliveries.

This is a road paving project; the road will be temporarily patched at the end of each week. A new gravel base and a new 2-1/2” binder course will be installed this summer and in the early fall (2019); the 1-1/2” finish asphalt surface will be installed in the spring of 2020. Preliminary work is expected to begin the week of July 15, 2019.

All services, including police, fire, rescue, waste pick up, deliveries, and mail, will be maintained throughout the project. Residents will be able to access their properties and/or driveways at all times except during construction tasks requiring work across an individual driveway.

Prior to the placement of asphalt, residents will be notified 24 hours in advance (paper notice at house) that the roadway will be inaccessible for a 2 – 4 hour period. Alternative parking locations for all properties will be provided as needed.

Town Engineer Warren Hall, Public Works Director Tom O’Loughlin and East Coast Construction, will be on site to answer questions and address residents’ concerns.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Middletown Planning Board will host a public meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall for the purpose of seeking input for the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

The plan is necessary to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to minimize the risks involving possible property damage and possible loss of life associated with natural hazards that may occur.

The plan focuses on identifying natural hazards as well as the potential impact of those hazards and lists mitigation projects and strategies.

The plan must be updated and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency every five years to ensure that it reflects relevant information, enhanced analysis and revised community priorities.

ATLANTIC BEACH ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Town Council has requested that the Planning Board draft a zoning overlay district to cover the Atlantic Beach District area of Middletown.

Over the past few months two subcommittees of the Planning Board have worked to develop proposed regulations to address the uses that would be allowed in the district, and the design of buildings, landscaping and signs.

The Board is now seeking public input on the rough drafts that the subcommittees have prepared.

A public meeting will be held for this purpose on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in the Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

CITIZENS INITIATIVE

Following the decision of the Middletown Town Council not to engage in discussions related to school regionalization and/or high school consolidation, a citizens group has formed to share information and identify the level of support at the following website: <https://aquidneckhighschoolunification.org/>

FOOTNOTE

Editorial essays appear occasionally at the following website: <https://middletownleads.blogspot.com/>