

# MIDDLEBURG MEMO



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## CHIEF AJ ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

As has been shared at recent events and in local publications, Chief AJ Panebianco has formally announced his retirement as Chief of Police for Middleburg, Virginia, effective May 1, 2023. Chief AJ has been the Chief in Middleburg for nearly 11 years, with a career in policing that spans 35 years.

Chief AJ has exemplified what it truly means to lead a community policing department. He is a constant presence in Town, being available at all times for citizens, business owners, and visitors. Chief AJ is kind and helpful, caring more about the community and his team than for his own personal needs. His mark on the community will be felt for years to come.

In a small Town like Middleburg, it is important to be personable and kind, but it is also crucial that the Police Department maintain its standards and qualifications. Chief AJ has ensured that officers maintain and enhance their qualifications, and he has implemented policies and procedures to ensure the highest level of policing. As an example, Chief AJ has implemented the latest technologies, such as body-worn cameras, electronic tracking of incidents, and electronic distribution of new policies and standards.

During his tenure, Chief AJ also gave back to the law enforcement community by serving on the Executive Board of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP). In fact, Chief AJ was the President of VACP for 2021/2022, which was a feat for a Chief from such a small community. In this role, Chief AJ helped steer VACP during recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and through many discussions of police ethics and reforms with state and federal leaders.

The Town will greatly miss Chief AJ but are forever grateful for the legacy that he has established in Middleburg. Be sure to stop by and see him over the next few months. The Town will announce details about a retirement ceremony at a future date.



## INPUT NEEDED - NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

The Town wants your input! It is the Town Council's goal to carry on Chief AJ's legacy by hiring a Chief of Police that is engaged, caring, involved, and professional. To help us in this effort, we want to get full community input to help us develop a "Position Profile" for the Chief.

As the Town prepares to recruit for the new Chief, we want your input. We'd like to hear from you:

- What are the most important qualities in a Chief of Police?
- What are the three most pressing issues facing our community in relation to Public Safety?
- What concerns, if any, do you have about the police department in Middleburg?

There are three easy ways to provide your input:

- Fill out the survey that was mailed to all households;
- Go to our brief survey online and provide your input:  
www.middleburgva.gov/policechief - enter password MiddleburgPD (case sensitive); or
- Contact the Town Manager at 540-687-5152 or ddavis@middleburgva.gov

Please respond by January 20th!

## KEEP OUR WATER SAFE!

The Town takes great care to ensure that our source water is protected from possible contamination. This includes studying where our water comes from, identifying potential sources of contamination, and taking preventative measures to ensure safety of our drinking water.

You can help! Be sure to properly dispose of hazardous materials; avoid flushing improper items down the drain; and let the Town know if you see any suspicious activity around our fire hydrants or wells.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WINTER WEEKEND SIDEWALK SALE:**  
February 17-20, 2023

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month



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### MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

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## What's Happening With the Town Hall Project?

The Town's general contractor has informed the Town that completion of the Town Hall project will be delayed, with an anticipated move-in date for personnel beginning April 3, 2023.

Despite the delay, much progress continues to be made on the project:

- Base coat of asphalt was laid in early January;
- The roof is nearly complete;
- Retaining walls are nearly complete;
- All utilities have been run to the site, so temporary heating measures are in place;
- Much of the drywall has already been installed, and interior finishes are beginning, such as completion of walls, millwork, and painting;
- Outdoor work continues, such as bringing all areas to grade, laying concrete pads for mechanical equipment, and installing sidewalks;
- Pavers for the permeable parking areas will be installed in the coming weeks.

The Town continues to appreciate the patience of citizens and customers as parking at the current Town Office is impacted by the construction activity. We are pushing the contractor to achieve occupancy by April, and the remaining phases of construction will commence soon thereafter.



### TOWN NOTES:

- The Town Council is presenting a Resolution of Appreciation to Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton for her efforts in securing a \$2 million grant to support the Town Hall project.

- The Town continues to look for volunteers to assist on a variety of committees. Visit: [middleburgva.gov/volunteer](http://middleburgva.gov/volunteer) for more information.

**- Reminder that property owners are required by Town Code to clear sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow or ice. This keeps the Town safe for everyone!**

- The Town reminds residents that any trash dumpster in Town is privately owned and is not for public use. Only authorized persons may place trash in a dumpster.

## WINTER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!

Middleburg doesn't stop, even as the cold weather arrives. There's lots to do in January and February!

Visit [www.visitmiddleburgva.com](http://www.visitmiddleburgva.com) for all the latest events and activities.

Check out the latest exhibits at the National Sporting Library and Museum, and be sure to stop in for the newest exhibit opening January 26th: *Endurance: Secretariat's Triple Crown at 50*.

Also, save the date for the Winter Weekend Sidewalk Sale: February 17-20, 2023

- Find all the latest deals over President's Day weekend, as you start the new year off right!

Stay warm by visiting a local restaurant, winery, or brewery. Market Salamander is hosting multiple special dinners!

## PLANNING FOR 2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Town is already planning for all of our great Town-run events to return in 2023, including:

- Art in the Burg - Saturday, May 13th
- Independence Day Celebrations - at the new Town Hall Village Green - Tuesday, July 4th
- National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1st
- Middleburg Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 16th
- 1000 Miglia Warm-Up USA - Late October 2023 (dates TBD)

And don't forget about all the other great events happening in and around Town:

- Middleburg Spring Races - Saturday, April 22nd
- Middleburg Hunt Point-to-Point - Sunday, April 30th
- Summer Concerts - Dates and locations vary
- Upperville Colt & Horse Show - June 5th-11th
- Virginia Fall Races - Saturday, October 7th
- Christmas in Middleburg - Saturday, December 2nd

### BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS DUE MARCH 1, 2023

The Town of Middleburg reminds business owners that business license renewals are due March 1st. Renewal notices are being sent the week of January 9th. **NEW THIS YEAR:** You can renew your business license online! Visit [middleburgva.gov/payments](http://middleburgva.gov/payments) and have your account ID ready...it's easy (and no fees for using eCheck!).

### RURAL PRESERVATION SUMMIT - DATE CHANGE

Tuesday, April 11th - 8:00am - 3:00pm - Salamander Resort & Spa

In Middleburg and Western Loudoun County, we all recognize the critical importance of maintaining the rural landscape of Loudoun County. It protects our water supply, it preserves open space, and it promotes agricultural activities. All of these save the County millions of dollars per year and protect the health and welfare of our citizens.

At the same time, development pressure and unfettered growth **threaten the quality of life** for ALL of Loudoun County – east and west. We need to learn how to speak to the issues of preserving rural Loudoun and standing against continuous growth across the countryside.

Look for more information in the coming weeks about this important Rural Preservation Summit - where we will hear from experts and practitioners about the importance of preserving rural Loudoun County.

And help us spread the word - especially to our neighbors in the east - about this important conversation.