



## Weekly Update to City Council from the City Manager February 28, 2010

### **Governor's Visit**

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland visited Butler County on Wednesday, with a stop to the BizTech Center in Hamilton. (Through BizTech we fund Middletown's Small Business Development Center.) The visit facilitated dialogue between the Governor and small businesses in our area, including Chris Bailey, our famous local Cheesecake chef. Thanks to Matt Eisenbraun, our Director, and Marilyn Collmer, Hamilton's BizTech Director who worked hard to pull this event off with just a few days of notification from the Governor's Office.

### **Middletown Regional Airport**

Team FastTrax is progressing very well in their move to the Middletown Regional Airport. I am also pleased to report that as of March 1st, we have a FAA, Part 135 Charter Jet operation moving to the field. The company is Empower Air, flying a BAE JetStream aircraft as well as a Beech Jet. We are very fortunate to have them joining the growing list of businesses at the airport.

### **Transfer of Land for Health Center**

This item is on Tuesday's agenda. Thanks to Les Landen and Sara Mills for working with the staff of the health center to effectuate the transfer of the Taft School property to the health center for the new building. As you recall, this nearly \$7Million structure will benefit the entire community by providing a higher level of health care for all residents, including those not able to afford market rate health services. At the same time, the afterhours care at the new facility will assist Atrium Medical Center by decreasing the demand at the Emergency Room which will in turn assist our fire department by reducing unnecessary runs to the ER.

### **Commercial Property Maintenance**

Staff is continuing our work of ensuring that commercial properties are maintained. Some issues are easily resolved while others take a great deal of time. A few problematic properties on our list include: Rose Furniture on Main, several businesses on Central Ave. and Weekend Outlet Mall on Breiel.

### **Emergency Ordinance on Transit Grants**

See the staff report on this item and please advise if Council has any questions. Our funds are being held pending the passage of this ordinance and therefore we are requesting an emergency.

### **Extended Income Tax Division Hours**

The Middletown Tax Office will have extended hours to aid our citizens in getting their taxes filed on time. As an added service, the Tax Department also assists residents with preparing their local tax returns. Residents who desire assistance should bring the appropriate paperwork, i.e., W-2s, 1099s, Federal returns, etc. This service is free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis. The extended hours are as follows:

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **Blood Drive: BE A HERO!!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Community Blood Center will be on the Plaza 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. Appointments are every 10 minutes. You may reserve your time with Missy Grooms in the Health Dept. @ 425.7849.

### **Upcoming Events**

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| March 1  | John Boehner Luncheon hosted by Chamber of Commerce - Manchester Inn Noon<br>Open to the public   |
| March 1  | Tax Incentive Review Council in Council Chambers (LL) City Building 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| March 1  | Park Board meeting – Conference Room 2C City Building 5:30 p.m.   |
| March 1  | Middletown Board of Education - 1515 Girard Avenue 6:30 p.m.  |
| March 2  | Diversity Dialogue w/ MKE Posse – Robert “Sonny” Hill, Jr. Community Center 6:00- 7:30p.m.<br>Sponsored by the School of Education, Health and Society & the Miami/ Midd. Partnership |
| March 2  | City Council meeting – Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.   |
| March 3  | Airport Commission – FBO Hangar (B&B Aero) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 5:00 p.m.  |
| March 4  | Civil Service Commission – Conference Room 2B City Building 8:00 a.m.   |
| March 4  | Chamber Monthly Luncheon – Senior Citizens 3907 Central Avenue<br>11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  |
| March 5  | Friday at Noon Concert – First Methodist Church 120 S. Broad Street (across from<br>Middletown Public Library) 12:00- 1:00p.m.  |
| March 9  | Board of Health meeting – Conference Room 2C City Building 7:30 a.m.  |
| March 10 | Planning Commission – Council Chambers (Lower Level) 5:30 p.m.  |
| March 11 | Free Blood Screening – Robert “Sonny” Hill, Jr. Community Center 800 LaFayette Avenue<br>12:00- 1:00 p.m.   |

- March 11 Chamber Business Expo 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Taste of Middletown, Monroe and Trenton  
12:00 - 4:00 pm - Exhibits Open 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Business After Hours Miami University Middletown - 4200 N. University Blvd.
- March 15 Middletown Friends of the Library – 125 S. Broad Street 11:00a.m.
- March 15 Middletown Board of Education – 1515 Girard Avenue 6:30 p.m.

**Links for additional information:**

City Manager's Weekly Update: [www.cityofmiddletown.org](http://www.cityofmiddletown.org)

Middletown Community Calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/middletowncalendar> (copy and paste in  
your web browser)

Pothole Patrol: [www.cityofmiddletown.org](http://www.cityofmiddletown.org) or call 727-3691 (Option 2)

Have a great week! Judy