



## Midlothian Community Email - March 2023

### From the Desk of Mayor L'Heureux

Dear Residents,

Spring is around the corner and the Village will begin sprucing up the town. I hope you can join us for our **Annual Clean Up Day**, which will be held on **Saturday April 29th**. Volunteers will meet at the **Public Works Garage at 8:30 am**.

I'd like to thank Trustee Crowley for taking the lead in developing and coordinating this monthly newsletter. I am extremely happy to announce that Trustee Crowley has also worked with Village Staff to have this Newsletter available in Spanish beginning April 2023. I hope you are enjoying this email and find it informative. If you have suggestions, please [Email Trustee Sandi Crowley](#).

Please join me and the Village Board:

1. Saturday, March 4, 2023 for the Oak Forest Fleadh/Parade. Trustee Hille will again decorate his parade float and provide great Irish music for our walk. The parade steps off at 11am on Central/151<sup>st</sup> St. Bring the family and wear your green.
2. Saturday March 18, for the Village's Birthday Party at the Midlothian Historical Society 11am to 2pm.

Mayor Gary L'Heureux

### From The Board

#### Grant Writing Company Hired



On February 15, Trustee Crowley moved forward with hiring Administrative Consulting Specialists, LLC (ACS) to identify and write grants for the Village. This is the company that was able to secure the The Justice Department's Hiring Grant! **The grant will cover the hiring of 3 Fulltime Officers for 3 years, which means the Village will see a savings of \$500,000.00 over 3 years.**

Trustee Crowley will be reporting on our grant efforts at upcoming meetings.

#### New Business Introduction

Trustee Crowley and Trustee Caveney have implemented inviting all new businesses to attend a



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Board Meeting to introduce themselves to the community, and briefly describe their new businesses.

Keep an eye on the Board Meeting Agenda as to when these presentations will happen.

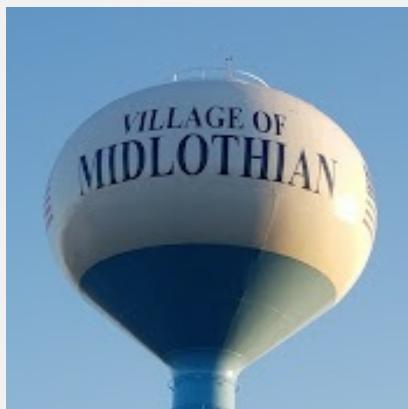
## Budget

Trustee Killelea and Crowley report that the Finance Committee is on track to approve a balanced budget approved by the end of April. We appreciate all of the work done by Finance Director Redmond, Treasurer Britton and all of our Department Heads. Stay tuned for detailed information from the FY2024 budget!



## Switch Upgrade

Trustee Burbatt has been working on upgrading the Village switches. The Village is the process of switching to Meraki network equipment. Meraki is a cloud-based product that uses a web-based console that is far easier to work with than other products. When Meraki is used for all components the amount of information available about your network and what is connected must be seen to be believed. This all results in a network that can be configured, secured, optimized and maintained far better than any other. Almost all tasks can be done by a single person from a remote location which means tons of information to use for troubleshooting and no running around to solve problems.



## Watch Village Board and Committee Meetings

The Village Board meetings can be watched on our Village YouTube channel.

### Village Recorded Meetings

# Welcome to Midlothian

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EAT LOCAL  
SPEND LOCAL  
ENJOY LOCAL**

## **Please Join the Village Board in Welcoming the Following New Business to Our Town**

### **Shop Local!**

Luis Carvajal, owner of *Kairos Restaurant Bar and Grill*, located at 14608 S.Cicero Ave. Mr. Carvajal has accepted the Board's invitation to introduce himself and his new business at the March 8, 2023, Board meeting.

**Stay tuned for other new businesses coming to our town in 2023!**

## **Police Department**



### **Arrest Made**

On October 5th, 2022, at approximately 1:52pm, Midlothian Officers were dispatched to 147th Street and Waverly Avenue for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, Officers learned the offender attempted to carjack the victim. The offender and victim exchanged gunfire during the incident. Midlothian Police Detectives immediately began a thorough investigation of the incident. Through the course of the investigation, Detectives learned that the offender contacted the victim via social media and expressed interest in purchasing a vehicle, the victim had listed for sale. The victim agreed to meet the offender at 147th Street and Waverly Avenue, so the offender could view the vehicle for sale. During the interaction, the victim observed the offender reach into his waistband and drew a handgun, in an attempt to hijack the vehicle. The victim, a licensed concealed carry holder, drew his legally owned weapon and exchanged gunfire with the offender. After an extensive investigation, Midlothian Police Detectives determined the offender to be 19-year-old, Jaylon T. O'Neal of Markham, Illinois.

In the early morning hours of February 6th, 2023, Midlothian Police Detectives, with the assistance of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT), served a search warrant on the residence of Jaylon T. O'Neal located in the 16500 block of Plymouth Dr. in Markham. Jaylon was taken into custody a short time later, without incident. During an extensive search of the residence, a loaded firearm was recovered.

The Cook County State's Attorney Office was contacted and they reviewed the facts of the case. The State's Attorney Office approved felony charges against Jaylon O'Neal; two counts of Aggravated

Discharge of a Firearm within 1000 feet of a school (a Class X Felony) and two counts of Attempted Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking (a Class 1 Felony).

Thank you to the Midlothian Detectives for their hardwork and dedication to bring a successful resolution to this investigation.

Respectfully,  
Chief Delaney



## Fire Department



### Spring Safety

The weather is warming, so it's time for spring cleaning! This year, don't forget to add some fire safety tips to your list. By following these simple tips, you can help reduce the risk of a fire happening in your home. Keep reading for our top tips on how to keep your family safe this spring!

One of the most important things you can do to prevent a fire is to keep your home clean. Dust and dirt can quickly build up and become combustible. Make sure to dust all surfaces, especially those that tend to collect dust, like bookshelves and window sills. Don't forget to vacuum regularly too! We've compiled a quick list of additional fire prevention and safety measures to include in your cleaning routine this year

[Link to March Fire Safety](#)

## Administration & Water Department

2023 Vehicle Stickers,  
Motorcycle tags  
& Pet tags  
will be sold at Village Hall!



Stay tuned for additional information

Check out these great Q&A's for our upcoming 2023-2024 Vehicle Sticker/Pet Tag sales! Click on the link below.

[Village Sticker and Pet License Information](#)

Why are Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags Important?  
Click on the link below.

**SOMETHING  
YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW**

## The Village of Midlothian Offers Residents the Following Items to Rent

### **Animal Traps**

Traps are available for residents to rent for up to 2-weeks. There is a deposit fee of \$75 per trap, which is refundable after it has been returned.\*

### **Block Parties/Street Closures/Multi-Residence Events**

These events will require a permit request, and a \$10 deposit for barricades, which is refundable after they are returned. Permit requests are available on our website, and at Village Hall.

**\*A Trap or Barricade Deposit Fee will be refunded in the form of a check that will be mailed to you within 30 days.**

## Building Department

### **YOUR HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE MATTER!**

Your home is your biggest investment. Code compliance on home improvement projects will reduce potential hazards, unsafe conditions and sub-par construction. Contact the Building Department to verify if a permit is required for your home improvement project.

ARE YOU A RESIDENTIAL TENANT? Is your Landlord keeping up with repairs and property maintenance? If not, contact the Building Department to schedule a rental inspection.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Is there a property in your area that requires clean up? Is there Fly-dumping in an alley or vacant lot? Please notify the Building Department with the address.

**[buildingdepartment@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:buildingdepartment@villageofmidlothian.org)**

Phone: 708-385-8642

## Happening Around Midlothian

**[Upcoming Events- Click Here for the Full List](#)**

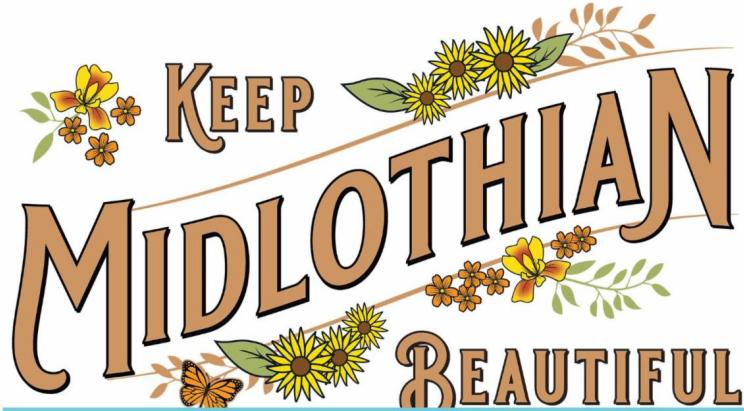
## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in volunteering for The 2023 Independence Day Parade, email Trustee Sandi Crowley at [scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org)

Saturday, July 1, 2023



Email Trustee  
Crowley



THE GREAT MIDLOTHIAN CLEAN UP IS BACK!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE AT 8:30AM FOR COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. AREAS TO BE TENDED TO WILL BE DISTRIBUTED, AS WELL AS TRASH BAGS, GLOVES AND TOOLS FOR CLEAN-UP. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS - APPROXIMATELY 12:30PM.

See the Village Website and Facebook page for additional information

## The Village Has Volunteer Opportunities

*Community Policing and Safety Committee* - Contact Trustee Crowley at [scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org)

*Beautification Committee* - Contact Trustee Killelea at [dkillelea@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:dkillelea@villageofmidlothian.org)

*Events Committee* - Contact Trustee Johnson at [kjohnson@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:kjohnson@villageofmidlothian.org)

*Historical Society* - Contact Clerk Moskal at [amoskal@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:amoskal@villageofmidlothian.org)

*Economic Development Committee* - Contact Trustee Caveney at [kcaveney@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:kcaveney@villageofmidlothian.org)



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