

**DATE:** December 8, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Health Members  
**FROM:** Jacquelyn Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN - Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda for December 12, 2023

City of Middletown Board of Health & Environment will meet in regular session **December 12, 2023** at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C at the City Building with the following agenda. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call 513-425-1818.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**- Motion to excuse absent members

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -November 2023

**RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT** -November 2023

### **EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Pertussis-Dr. Jennewine

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. PHAB
2. Tobacco21 (T21)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Travel Authorizations
2. Approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2023-03- Pay and Benefits
3. Approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2023-04- Health Department Budget
4. 2024 Board of Health Meeting Dates
5. Board Member Topic-Open Discussion

### **REPORTS**

Health Commissioner  
Medical Director  
Director of Nursing  
Environmental Health Director

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024 at 7:30am

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
November 14, 2023

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on November 14, 2023.

Members Present

Mayor, Nicole Condrey, BS, President  
Jeff Bonnell  
Sally Kash, MS, RN  
Ruth Lolli  
Emily Miller, BSN, RN  
Joseph Richmond, MBA  
Amy Sibcy  
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS  
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN  
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2023

Ms. Lolli noted that page three of the October BOH minutes stated that Sunrise Treatment Center had been contracted to clean the glass at Central Connections, Ms. Lolli clarified that Sunrise Treatment Center staff had volunteered to assist with senior citizen's facility needs. Ms. Phillips Carter informed them that the glass in the building needed to be cleaned. The city provided cleaning supplies and Sunrise Treatment Center provided the manpower.

**Motion:** Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the October 2023 minutes with corrections.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Miller, Lolli, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-October 2023

**Motion:** Mr. Richmond moved, seconded by Ms. Sibcy to receive and file the October 2023 Financial Report.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Miller, Lolli, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

Education Presentation- Lead- Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN

Ms. Corbin provided the board with a presentation on childhood lead poisoning. Ms. Corbin explained that lead is a heavy metal that occurs naturally in the earth's soil. Most lead comes from manufacturing and mining. Lead is also used in metals, bullets, batteries, paints and previously in gasoline.

Exposure to lead in childhood can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavioral problems, and hearing and speech problems.

Children are often exposed to lead in homes built before 1978 (through deteriorating paint), paint removal and demolition, soil and water, some cosmetics may contain lead, foreign produced candies and toys may contain lead and work exposure by parents.

Children under three are at the highest risk of developing lead poisoning. Medical providers are equipped with a risk questionnaire, if the child answers yes to any of the risk questions or is on Medicaid, the child must be tested according to Ohio state law.

Elevated blood lead levels require that the child follow up with their physician regularly. Ten or more micrograms per deciliter requires an environmental survey by Ohio Department of Health. Children that test positive for lead are connected with Help Me Grow programs for possible early intervention needs and additional resources.

Additional tips to avoid lead poisoning include washing children's hands and toys regularly; regularly cleaning floors, windowsills and dusty surfaces with wet mop/cloths, using cold water for formulas, drinking and food prep; letting the faucet run for a few minutes to clear any possible sediment in pipes; avoiding high-risk products or certain home remedies; inspecting the condition of painted surfaces; using caution during renovation and hiring a professional.

#### Discussion

Dr. Zollett asked how the lead is eliminated from the child.

Ms. Corbin replied that once the lead hazard is identified and exposure prevented, the child will be retested in six to twelve weeks. A low-fat high-protein diet is also beneficial in eliminating lead from the system.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that it is not always the parents homes that are found to be a lead problem, but the caretakers homes that are the culprit. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that most times lead levels come down in children after they are removed from the exposure site.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she and Butler County Health Commissioner, Erik Balster, presented the Community Health Assessment (CHA) to Family Children First Council (FCFC). The CHA is also provided on the CMHD website. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that she would like to invite board members to participate in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP has three areas of focus: mental health and addiction, infant mortality and chronic illnesses.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD is currently working on the Annual Report which is due in December. Eighty-nine of the one hundred and twelve health departments in Ohio have been accredited, which means that 94% of Ohio's population is being served by accredited health departments.

#### Tobacco 21 (T21)

Ms. Ealy stated that tobacco license applications and letters were mailed out at the end of October. All tobacco retailers are required to be licensed by January 1, 2024. CMHD has collected completed applications and payments for twenty of the seventy tobacco retailers at this time.

#### 2024 Budget Discussion

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the 2024 budget is not yet ready to present to BOH. This budget season is different than previous years as the city is trying to merge two pay scales. Currently employees that have been with the city prior to 2018 are on a separate pay scale than those hired after 2018. All employees will be on the same scale in 2024. The Board of Health will adopt the budget and pay and benefit ordinances once it has been approved by City Council. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the budget will be presented to the BOH in December.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Travel Authorizations

There were no travel authorizations requested.

### Board Member Topic-Open Discussion

Dr. Zollett asked Ms. Phillips Carter if she was still overseeing Central Connections.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated yes.

The City Manager has appointed a committee that is looking at best practices and center sustainability.

Mayor Condrey stated that the City has hired a staff member.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that was correct, the part-time staff member is being paid out of the City Manager's budget.

Mayor Condrey stated that she has a question about the demolition of buildings and if the health department has any say in that process.

Ms. Phillips Carter and Ms. Ealy both stated that the Health Department does not play a role in the demolition of buildings, that would be Development Services.

Mayor Condrey stated that she was told by Development Services that properties can be condemned by the Chief Building Officer or the Health Commissioner. Mayor Condrey stated that she had followed up to that statement with a question asking how many buildings had been condemned by the Health Department, but has yet to receive a response.

Mayor Condrey informed the board that she did not run for a second term as Mayor, the December BOH meeting will be her last. Mayor Condrey reminded Ms. Miller that if she is interested in continuing to serve the BOH, she will need to reapply as her term expires at the end of December.

### REPORTS

#### Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter thanked Mayor Condrey for her service both as mayor and as president of the Board of Health. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that it is wonderful having the mayor of City Council serve as BOH president as it provides the BOH with more eyes and voices in public health.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Elizabeth Slamka will be mayor effective January 1, 2024. All city departments will be putting together a presentation providing an overview of their departments for the new mayor.

Ms. Phillips Carter thanked Ms. Lolli and Sunrise Treatment Center employees for their volunteer work at Central Connections.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Middletown Connect is entering Phase II which will continue to build up a community ambassador base, engage residents in neighborhoods, solidify relationship with city partnership and enhance efforts to remove barriers to health services and community connectedness. Middletown Connect will be focusing on Census Tracts 122, 141 and 144 (Wildwood and Amanda areas).

#### Medical Director

In Dr. Jennewine's absence, Ms. Corbin reported the October Communicable Disease cases.

Brucellosis	2
Campylobacteriosis	2
Chlamydia infection	20
COVID-19	193
CPO	2
E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2
Gonococcal Infection	13
Hepatitis B	6
Hepatitis C	6
HIV	1
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	1
Pertussis	1
Q Fever	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae- invasive	3

**Director of Nursing**

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD has flu vaccine available for board members upon request. Ms. Corbin informed board members that there has been an increase in cases of the flu, including hospitalizations due to flu. Ms. Corbin informed the board that she has now taken over the role of Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC). CMHD participated in a statewide medical countermeasure (MCM) involving an anthrax exercise. Ms. Corbin informed the board that front office staff had completed CPR training.

**Environmental Director**

Ms. Ealy informed the board that it has been a busy month. Plans have been received and approved for the following: Waffle House, Name Brandt Distillery, three micro markets, All Hustle Tattoo and Salon Halo. CMHD has also received plans for Master's Touch body art facility.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that she and Sarah Chaney attended Ohio Environmental Health Association training at Sinclair Community College.

Ms. Ealy stated that Ohio Department of Agriculture conducted a pool and campground survey for the years 2018-2022. Ms. Ealy stated that typically these surveys are performed yearly, but ODH is running behind. Several other counties and cities are waiting 3-4 months before receiving the results of their surveys. Ms. Phillips Carter noted that many county and city health departments have been placed on provisional status in the Pool Programs.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Tobacco 21 (T21) applications had been sent out in October, and CMHD has received twenty back. Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD will send second notices at the end of November. All tobacco retailers are required to be licensed by January 1, 2024.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Cancun Mexican Restaurant is still working on some facility issues and has not opened yet.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD is working hard to get school inspections completed before the holidays.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM. The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2023 at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C.

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Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Secretary

Nicole Condrey, President  
City of Middletown Board of Health

## City of Middletown Health Department

### November 2023 Financial Notes

#### Vital Statistics

- \$7,875 Revenue Earned
- 673 Certificates Sold
- 65 Burial permits Sold

#### Environmental

- \$6,810 Revenue Earned
  - Including \$4,570 Tobacco21 Revenue

#### Indigent Services

- \$20,000 budgeted for 2023 exhausted – Expense-to-date = \$25,565
- 34 Applications approved
  - 5 OD's
  - 2 COD'S pending
  - Embalmer's Association Reimbursement Program ended May 2023

#### Current Grants

- Workforce Development (WF-23) 7/01/2023-11/30/2027 - \$445,000
  - Multi-year project to support the development of current and future public health workforce
    - Original award granted to CMHD \$435,000
    - \$10,000 awarded to all LHD's in Ohio for equity specific training.
      - \$10,000 *Deposited October 2023*
      - \$3,217.37 *Deposited November 2023*
- Tobacco21 (T21) 8/01/2023-7/31/2025 - \$86,415
  - Two year grant through Interact for Health to support T21 program
  - Payments will be awarded twice a year
    - 8/29/2023-\$30,000 – *Deposited August 2023*
    - 12/30/2023-\$16,415
    - 6/30/2024-\$20,000
    - 9/30/2024-\$20,000
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 - \$24,361.62
  - Deliverable based pass-through with BCGHD
  - \$4,453 Payment Received – *Deposited October 2023*
- Allotrac Medicaid Billing (MAC Billing) 1/01/2023-12/31/2023
  - Yearly agreement payments approved quarterly
    - \$20,007 – *Deposited April 2023*
    - \$15,164 – *Deposited June 2023*
    - \$15,579 – *Deposited September 2023*

## City of Middletown Budgetary Control Report

Period Ending December 4, 2023

Health & Environmental Fund	Current Year Appropriation	Supplements & Transfers	Carryover & Encumbrance	Total Appropriated	Month-to-Date Expenses	Year-to-Date Expenses	Balance	Encumbrance	Combined Encumbrance	Remaining Budget Percent
<b>Personnel Services</b>										
228.450.51110 Salaries & Wages	\$565,079.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565,079.00	\$68,054.05	\$520,897.76	\$44,181.24	\$0.00	\$44,181.24	7.8%
228.450.51211 Pers	\$79,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,111.00	\$5,889.13	\$72,138.62	\$6,972.38	\$0.00	\$6,972.38	8.8%
228.450.51220 Worker's Compensation	\$22,603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,603.00	\$0.00	\$947.18	\$21,655.82	\$21,655.82	\$0.00	0.0%
228.450.51230 Group Health Insurance	\$103,148.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,148.00	\$0.00	\$87,179.00	\$15,969.00	\$8,595.65	\$7,373.35	7.1%
228.450.51270 Medicare City Share	\$8,194.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,194.00	\$965.23	\$7,307.83	\$886.17	\$0.00	\$886.17	10.8%
228.450.51275 Life Insurance	\$1,899.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,899.00	\$152.10	\$1,673.10	\$225.90	\$0.00	\$225.90	11.9%
<b>Personnel Services Totals</b>	<b>\$780,034.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$780,034.00</b>	<b>\$75,060.51</b>	<b>\$690,143.49</b>	<b>\$89,890.51</b>	<b>\$30,251.47</b>	<b>\$59,639.04</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
<b>Contractual Services</b>										
228.450.52110 Travel & Training	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,522.30	\$1,477.70	\$0.00	\$1,477.70	36.9%
228.450.52111 Mandatory Training (Finance Chg.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$0.00	-\$50.00	0.0%
228.450.52120 Employee Mileage	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$146.33	\$2,174.31	\$825.69	\$0.00	\$825.69	27.5%
228.450.52222 Telephone Line Charges	\$5,640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,640.00	\$0.00	\$5,894.39	-\$254.39	\$0.00	-\$254.39	0.0%
228.450.52310 Municipal Garage Charges	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,747.81	\$752.19	\$0.00	\$725.19	21.5%
228.450.52480 Other Professional Services	\$41,085.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,085.00	\$4,206.74	\$18,698.35	\$22,386.65	\$0.00	\$22,386.65	48.7%
228.450.52481 Workforce Development Grant	\$33,398.00	\$0.00	\$8,086.69	\$41,484.69	\$0.00	\$19,843.48	\$21,641.21	\$18,379.95	\$3,261.26	4.6%
228.450.52488 Health Department COVID	\$121,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,625.00	\$135,625.00	\$0.00	\$11,578.06	\$124,046.94	\$18,430.00	\$105,616.94	77.9%
228.450.52490 Outside Printing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$382.75	\$859.99	\$1,140.01	\$0.00	\$1,140.01	57.0%
228.450.52510 Maintenance of Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,014.71	\$8,098.35	-\$98.35	\$0.00	-\$98.35	0.0%
228.450.52820 Licenses & Permits	\$11,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,340.00	\$1,197.75	\$11,073.75	\$266.25	\$0.00	\$266.25	2.3%
228.450.52920 Memberships, Books & Periodicals	\$1,587.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,587.00	\$0.00	\$1,082.93	\$504.07	\$0.00	\$504.07	31.8%
<b>Contractual Services Total</b>	<b>\$234,550.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,711.69</b>	<b>\$257,261.69</b>	<b>\$8,948.28</b>	<b>\$84,623.72</b>	<b>\$172,637.97</b>	<b>\$36,809.95</b>	<b>\$135,828.02</b>	<b>46.6%</b>
<b>Commodities</b>										
228.450.53100 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$341.55	\$2,192.19	\$307.81	\$0.00	\$307.81	12.3%
228.450.53210 Food	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$17.25	\$203.50	-\$3.50	\$0.00	-\$3.50	0.0%
228.450.53610 Small Tools & Equipment	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$247.27	-\$47.27	\$0.00	-\$47.27	0.0%
228.450.53710 Chemicals & Labs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$91.62	\$408.38	\$0.00	\$408.38	81.7%
<b>Commodities Total</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$358.80</b>	<b>\$2,734.58</b>	<b>\$665.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$665.42</b>	<b>19.6%</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>										
228.450.54310 Auto Depreciation	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,360.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	9.2%
<b>Capital Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,360.00</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>Health Fund Year-to-Date Totals</b>	<b>\$1,022,784.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,711.69</b>	<b>\$1,045,495.69</b>	<b>\$84,367.59</b>	<b>\$781,861.79</b>	<b>\$263,633.90</b>	<b>\$67,061.42</b>	<b>\$196,572.48</b>	<b>18.2%</b>

\*Some charges have not been loaded by Finance for this month. Expenses incurred in these areas will not be seen on this report and/or amounts represented may be from the previous month.

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT  
 HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION  
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED December 04, 2023

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	CURRENT YEAR APPROP'S	SUPP. APP'S & TRANSFERS	CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL APPROPRIATED			YTD-EXPENSE	UNEXP-BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCE	Combined							
				MTD-EXPENSE	YTD-EXPENSE	Unexp-Balance				Unencumbered Amount	REM-%						
<b>HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION</b>																	
228.450.51110 SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 565,079.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 565,079.00	\$ 68,054.05	\$ 520,897.76	\$ 44,181.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,181.24	7.8%							
228.450.51120 OVERTIME WAGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.51211 PERS	79,111.00	0.00	0.00	79,111.00	5,889.13	72,138.62	6,972.38	0.00	6,972.38	8.8%							
228.450.51220 WORKERS COMPENSATION	22,603.00	0.00	0.00	22,603.00	0.00	947.18	21,655.82	21,655.82	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.51230 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	103,148.00	0.00	0.00	103,148.00	0.00	87,179.00	15,969.00	8,595.65	7,373.35	7.1%							
228.450.51240 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.51270 MEDICARE-CITY SHARE	8,194.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.00	965.23	7,307.83	886.17	0.00	886.17	10.8%							
228.450.51275 LIFE INSURANCE	1,899.00	0.00	0.00	1,899.00	152.10	1,673.10	225.90	0.00	225.90	11.9%							
228.450.51290 EMPLOYEE AWARDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
PERSONAL SERVICES	780,034.00	0.00	0.00	780,034.00	75,060.51	690,143.49	89,890.51	30,251.47	59,639.04	7.6%							
228.450.52110 TRAVEL & TRAINING	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	2,522.30	1,477.70	0.00	1,477.70	36.9%							
228.450.52111 MANDATORY TRAINING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	<50.00>	0.00	<50.00>	0.0%							
228.450.52120 EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	146.33	2,174.31	825.69	0.00	825.69	27.5%							
228.450.52222 TELEPHONE LINE CHARGES - HEALTH A	5,640.00	0.00	0.00	5,640.00	0.00	5,894.39	<254.39>	0.00	<254.39>	0.0%							
228.450.52230 POSTAGE AND POSTAL CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52310 MUNICIPAL GARAGE CHARGES	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	2,747.81	752.19	0.00	752.19	21.5%							
<b>228.450.52340 EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE RENTAL</b>																	
228.450.52410 LEGAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52420 MEDICAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52480 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	41,085.00	0.00	0.00	41,085.00	4,206.74	18,698.35	22,386.65	0.00	22,386.65	48.7%							
228.450.52481 WORKFORCE GRANT CONTRACTUAL SERVI	33,398.00	0.00	8,086.69	41,484.69	0.00	19,843.48	21,641.21	18,379.95	3,261.26	4.6%							
228.450.52482 SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52488 HEALTH DEPT COVID-19 EXPENSES	121,000.00	0.00	14,625.00	135,625.00	0.00	11,578.06	124,046.94	18,430.00	105,616.94	77.9%							
228.450.52490 OUTSIDE PRINTING	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	382.75	859.99	1,140.01	0.00	1,140.01	57.0%							
228.450.52510 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	3,014.71	8,098.35	<98.35>	0.00	<98.35>	0.0%							
228.450.52680 MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52820 LICENSES AND PERMITS	11,340.00	0.00	0.00	11,340.00	1,197.75	11,073.75	266.25	0.00	266.25	2.3%							
228.450.52920 MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, PERIODICAL	1,587.00	0.00	0.00	1,587.00	0.00	1,082.93	504.07	0.00	504.07	31.8%							
228.450.52930 PHOTO SUPPLIES & PROCESSING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.52940 INDIGENT BURIALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	234,550.00	0.00	22,711.69	257,261.69	8,948.28	84,623.72	172,637.97	36,809.95	135,828.02	46.6%							
228.450.53100 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	341.55	2,192.19	307.81	0.00	307.81	12.3%							
228.450.53101 SUPPLIES FOR HIV GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.53102 HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%							
228.450.53210 FOOD	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.25	203.50	<3.50>	0.00	<3.50>	0.0%							



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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
VITAL STATISTICS	2023	JANUARY	8211.78		8211.78	
	2023	FEBRUARY	6931.82		15143.60	
	2023	MARCH	15077.02		30220.62	
	2023	APRIL	7890.19		38110.81	
	2023	MAY	6572.04		44682.85	
	2023	JUNE	7422.40		52105.25	
	2023	JULY	7393.48		59498.73	
	2023	AUGUST	8459.36		67958.09	
	2023	SEPTEMBER	6675.94		74634.03	
	2023	OCTOBER	7520.02		82154.05	
	2023	NOVEMBER	6210.34		88364.39	
	2022	JANUARY	9943.78		9943.78	
	2022	FEBRUARY	12804.90		22748.68	
	2022	MARCH	9988.38		32737.06	
	2022	APRIL	7246.66		39983.72	
	2022	MAY	12784.71		52768.43	
	2022	JUNE	8441.08		61209.51	
	2022	JULY	7882.86		69092.37	
	2022	AUGUST	11438.70		80531.07	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	7582.86		88113.93	
	2022	OCTOBER	9745.86		97859.79	
	2022	NOVEMBER	7424.42		105284.21	
	2022	DECEMBER	8203.78		113487.99	
	2021	JANUARY	10859.20		10859.20	
	2021	FEBRUARY	8137.22		18996.42	
	2021	MARCH	11431.46		30427.88	
	2021	APRIL	13803.40		44231.28	
	2021	MAY	8012.54		52243.82	
	2021	JUNE	10141.38		62385.20	
	2021	JULY	9711.26		72096.46	
	2021	AUGUST	10607.62		82704.08	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	8905.68		91609.76	
	2021	OCTOBER	9698.06		101307.82	
	2021	NOVEMBER	8431.80		109739.62	
	2021	DECEMBER	9935.12		119674.74	
	2020	JANUARY	10015.20		10015.20	
	2020	FEBRUARY	9483.04		19498.24	
	2020	MARCH	12877.27		32375.51	
	2020	APRIL	4432.06		36807.57	
	2020	MAY	5381.40		42188.97	
	2020	JUNE	9390.42		51579.39	
	2020	JULY	6208.34		57787.73	
	2020	AUGUST	10881.84		68669.57	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	9347.00		78016.57	
	2020	OCTOBER	9432.98		87449.55	
	2020	NOVEMBER	9382.42		96831.97	
	2020	DECEMBER	9515.10		106347.07	
	2019	JANUARY	8291.04		8291.04	
	2019	FEBRUARY	8104.16		16395.20	
	2019	MARCH	10480.58		26875.78	
	2019	APRIL	8680.02		35555.80	

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
VITAL STATISTICS SHIPPING CHAR	2023	JANUARY	134.35		134.35	
	2023	FEBRUARY	-203.92		-69.57	
	2023	MARCH	173.00		103.43	
	2023	APRIL	-124.85		-21.42	
	2023	MAY	-134.30		-155.72	
	2023	JUNE	38.30		-117.42	
	2023	JULY	77.00		-40.42	
	2023	AUGUST	9.25		-31.17	
	2023	SEPTEMBER	-38.60		-69.77	
	2023	OCTOBER	-9.25		-79.02	
	2023	NOVEMBER	-86.25		-165.27	
	2022	JANUARY	53.60		53.60	
	2022	FEBRUARY	138.15		191.75	
	2022	MARCH	-27.05		164.70	
	2022	APRIL	89.50		254.20	
	2022	MAY	-134.45		119.75	
	2022	JUNE	223.70		343.45	
	2022	JULY	-184.21		159.24	
	2022	AUGUST	-62.85		96.39	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	45.05		141.44	
	2022	OCTOBER	391.55		532.99	
	2022	NOVEMBER	-316.50		216.49	
	2022	DECEMBER	93.60		310.09	
	2021	JANUARY	-3.10		-3.10	
	2021	FEBRUARY	-49.80		-52.90	
	2021	MARCH	43.60		-9.30	
	2021	APRIL	107.90		98.60	
	2021	MAY	-123.80		-25.20	
	2021	JUNE	126.75		101.55	
	2021	JULY	0.45		102.00	
	2021	AUGUST	-103.75		-1.75	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	58.15		56.40	
	2021	OCTOBER	-90.20		-33.80	
	2021	NOVEMBER	98.45		64.65	
	2021	DECEMBER	6.70		71.35	
	2020	JANUARY	80.10		80.10	
	2020	FEBRUARY	43.55		123.65	
	2020	MARCH	-3.10		120.55	
	2020	APRIL	204.60		325.15	
	2020	MAY	-260.40		64.75	
	2020	JUNE	-131.75		-67.00	
	2020	JULY	86.80		19.80	
	2020	AUGUST	-68.20		-48.40	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	15.50		-32.90	
	2020	OCTOBER	35.85		2.95	
	2020	NOVEMBER	-18.60		-15.65	
	2020	DECEMBER	-94.55		-110.20	
	2019	JANUARY	41.40		41.40	
	2019	FEBRUARY	51.75		93.15	
	2019	MARCH	-43.65		49.50	
	2019	APRIL	25.50		75.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
PATERNITY AFFIDAVITS	2023	FEBRUARY	120.00		120.00	
	2023	MAY	60.00		180.00	
	2023	AUGUST	20.00		200.00	
	2022	MARCH	80.00		80.00	
	2022	JUNE	60.00		140.00	
	2022	AUGUST	160.00		300.00	
	2022	NOVEMBER	120.00		420.00	
	2022	DECEMBER	20.00		440.00	
	2021	FEBRUARY	160.00		160.00	
	2021	MAY	40.00		200.00	
	2021	DECEMBER	20.00		220.00	
	2019	FEBRUARY	80.00		80.00	
	2019	MAY	80.00		160.00	
Total					1020.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
FSO RESTAURANT LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	848.00		848.00	
	2023	FEBRUARY	35233.00		36081.00	
	2023	MARCH	24797.19		60878.19	
	2023	APRIL	1072.50		61950.69	
	2023	MAY	863.00		62813.69	
	2023	JUNE	2054.50		64868.19	
	2023	JULY	3261.50		68129.69	
	2023	AUGUST	859.50		68989.19	
	2023	SEPTEMBER	1799.00		70788.19	
	2023	OCTOBER	1133.00		71921.19	
	2023	NOVEMBER	846.00		72767.19	
	2022	JANUARY	323.00		323.00	
	2022	FEBRUARY	20502.50		20825.50	
	2022	MARCH	15041.50		35867.00	
	2022	APRIL	1560.25		37427.25	
	2022	MAY	70.50		37497.75	
	2022	JUNE	1211.50		38709.25	
	2022	JULY	1972.50		40681.75	
	2022	AUGUST	639.00		41320.75	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	643.50		41964.25	
	2022	OCTOBER	842.00		42806.25	
	2022	NOVEMBER	405.00		43211.25	
	2022	DECEMBER	900.00		44111.25	
	2021	JANUARY	199.36		199.36	
	2021	FEBRUARY	28067.00		28266.36	
	2021	MARCH	23096.00		51362.36	
	2021	APRIL	3939.50		55301.86	
	2021	MAY	1834.50		57136.36	
	2021	JUNE	1677.00		58813.36	
	2021	JULY	3537.50		62350.86	
	2021	AUGUST	1640.00		63990.86	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	946.00		64936.86	
	2021	OCTOBER	545.00		65481.86	
	2021	NOVEMBER	674.00		66155.86	
	2021	DECEMBER	567.00		66722.86	
	2020	JANUARY	795.00		795.00	
	2020	FEBRUARY	40896.32		41691.32	
	2020	MARCH	17632.75		59324.07	
	2020	APRIL	983.50		60307.57	
	2020	MAY	542.50		60850.07	
	2020	JUNE	507.00		61357.07	
	2020	JULY	1367.00		62724.07	
	2020	AUGUST	1470.00		64194.07	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	806.00		65000.07	
	2020	OCTOBER	-570.00		64430.07	
	2020	NOVEMBER	934.00		65364.07	
	2020	DECEMBER	1249.64		66613.71	
	2019	JANUARY	1179.00		1179.00	
	2019	FEBRUARY	36346.50		37525.50	
	2019	MARCH	23426.25		60951.75	
	2019	APRIL	817.50		61769.25	

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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	300.00	300.00	300.00
	2023	FEBRUARY	13216.00	13516.00	13516.00
	2023	MARCH	8676.75	22192.75	22192.75
	2023	APRIL	482.50	22675.25	22675.25
	2023	MAY	1302.00	23977.25	23977.25
	2023	JUNE	2586.00	26563.25	26563.25
	2023	JULY	592.00	27155.25	27155.25
	2023	AUGUST	723.00	27878.25	27878.25
	2023	SEPTEMBER	524.00	28402.25	28402.25
	2023	OCTOBER	1464.00	29866.25	29866.25
	2023	NOVEMBER	78.00	29944.25	29944.25
	2022	FEBRUARY	12010.00	12010.00	12010.00
	2022	MARCH	3381.00	15391.00	15391.00
	2022	APRIL	166.00	15557.00	15557.00
	2022	MAY	300.00	15857.00	15857.00
	2022	SEPTEMBER	84.00	15941.00	15941.00
	2022	NOVEMBER	300.00	16241.00	16241.00
	2022	DECEMBER	471.00	16712.00	16712.00
	2021	FEBRUARY	12292.00	12292.00	12292.00
	2021	MARCH	11461.00	23753.00	23753.00
	2021	APRIL	391.00	24144.00	24144.00
	2021	JUNE	421.50	24565.50	24565.50
	2021	JULY	531.25	25096.75	25096.75
	2021	AUGUST	717.00	25813.75	25813.75
	2021	SEPTEMBER	185.00	25998.75	25998.75
	2021	OCTOBER	370.00	26368.75	26368.75
	2021	DECEMBER	323.00	26691.75	26691.75
	2020	JANUARY	234.00	234.00	234.00
	2020	FEBRUARY	16938.00	17172.00	17172.00
	2020	MARCH	7535.00	24707.00	24707.00
	2020	APRIL	991.00	25698.00	25698.00
	2020	JUNE	95.00	25793.00	25793.00
	2020	SEPTEMBER	767.00	26560.00	26560.00
	2020	OCTOBER	673.00	27233.00	27233.00
	2020	NOVEMBER	580.00	27813.00	27813.00
	2020	DECEMBER	185.00	27998.00	27998.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	17873.00	17873.00	17873.00
	2019	MARCH	6261.75	24134.75	24134.75
	2019	APRIL	300.00	24434.75	24434.75
	2019	MAY	185.00	24619.75	24619.75
	2019	JULY	150.00	24769.75	24769.75
	2019	SEPTEMBER	452.00	25221.75	25221.75
	2019	OCTOBER	374.00	25595.75	25595.75
	2019	NOVEMBER	335.00	25930.75	25930.75

Total

127276.75

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
VENDING LICENSE	2023	FEBRUARY	611.49		611.49	
	2023	MARCH		37.06	648.55	
	2023	JUNE		37.06	685.61	
	2023	NOVEMBER		49.06	734.67	
	2022	FEBRUARY		51.96	51.96	
	2022	MARCH		571.56	623.52	
	2021	JANUARY		34.64	34.64	
	2021	FEBRUARY		17.32	51.96	
	2021	MARCH		629.52	681.48	
	2021	APRIL		-23.32	658.16	
	2020	FEBRUARY		617.52	617.52	
	2020	MARCH		17.32	634.84	
	2019	FEBRUARY		629.00	629.00	
	2019	MARCH		106.25	735.25	
Total					3386.44	

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FOOD SAFETY CLASSES	2023	MARCH	210.00		210.00	
	2023	OCTOBER		30.00		240.00
	2021	OCTOBER		60.00		60.00
	2020	MARCH		150.00		150.00
	2019	JANUARY		300.00		300.00
	2019	MARCH		120.00		420.00
	2019	MAY		90.00		510.00
	2019	JULY		30.00		540.00
	2019	AUGUST		30.00		570.00
Total					1020.00	

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SWIMMING POOL/SPA	2023	APRIL	3160.00	3160.00	3160.00
	2023	MAY	2560.00	5720.00	5500.00
	2023	JULY	-220.00		
	2022	APRIL	3920.00	3920.00	
	2022	MAY	1829.00	5749.00	
	2022	JUNE	275.00	6024.00	
	2022	JULY	283.00	6307.00	
	2021	APRIL	3700.00	3700.00	
	2021	MAY	1945.00	5645.00	
	2020	APRIL	2320.00	2320.00	
	2020	MAY	660.00	2980.00	
	2020	JUNE	1985.00	4965.00	
	2020	JULY	440.00	5405.00	
	2020	AUGUST	220.00	5625.00	
	2019	APRIL	4440.00	4440.00	
	2019	MAY	1545.00	5985.00	
Total			29062.00		

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TATTOO LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	562.50		562.50	
	2023	OCTOBER	250.00		812.50	
	2023	NOVEMBER	250.00		1062.50	
	2022	JANUARY	562.50		562.50	
	2022	JUNE	250.00		812.50	
	2022	DECEMBER	1500.00		2312.50	
	2021	JANUARY	1000.00		1000.00	
	2021	JULY	250.00		1250.00	
	2021	NOVEMBER	500.00		1750.00	
	2021	DECEMBER	750.00		2500.00	
	2020	JANUARY	812.50		812.50	
	2020	AUGUST	250.00		1062.50	
	2020	DECEMBER	500.00		1562.50	
	2019	JANUARY	1250.00		1250.00	
	2019	DECEMBER	750.00		2000.00	
Total					9437.50	

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
PARK/CAMPS LICENSE FEES	2023	APRIL	163.00		163.00	
	2022	MARCH		100.00	100.00	
	2022	APRIL		113.00	213.00	
	2021	APRIL		213.00	213.00	
	2020	APRIL		100.00	100.00	
	2020	MAY		113.00	213.00	
	2019	APRIL		100.00	100.00	
					902.00	
Total						

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE	2023	JANUARY	2337.50		2337.50	
	2023	FEBRUARY	205.00		2542.50	
	2023	MARCH	155.00		2697.50	
	2023	APRIL	47.23		2744.73	
	2023	SEPTEMBER	94.44		2839.17	
	2023	OCTOBER	30.00		2869.17	
	2022	JANUARY	1361.25		1361.25	
	2022	MARCH	802.98		2164.23	
	2022	MAY	130.00		2294.23	
	2022	JUNE	120.00		2414.23	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	287.05		2701.28	
	2022	OCTOBER	100.00		2801.28	
	2022	DECEMBER	1940.00		4741.28	
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE	2021	JANUARY	1730.00		1730.00	
	2021	FEBRUARY	1180.00		2910.00	
	2021	MARCH	295.00		3205.00	
	2021	APRIL	2742.56		5947.56	
	2021	MAY	15.00		5962.56	
	2021	JULY	65.00		6027.56	
	2021	AUGUST	180.00		6207.56	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	3324.45		9532.01	
	2021	OCTOBER	-74.00		9458.01	
	2021	NOVEMBER	406.00		9864.01	
	2021	DECEMBER	1750.00		11614.01	
	2020	JANUARY	6583.25		6583.25	
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE	2020	FEBRUARY	3840.00		10423.25	
	2020	MARCH	3190.28		13613.53	
	2020	APRIL	2075.00		15688.53	
	2020	MAY	340.00		16028.53	
	2020	JUNE	1315.00		17343.53	
	2020	JULY	180.00		17523.53	
	2020	AUGUST	140.00		17663.53	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	156.62		17820.15	
	2020	DECEMBER	1340.00		19160.15	
	2019	JANUARY	2530.25		2530.25	
	2019	FEBRUARY	476.25		3006.50	
	2019	APRIL	188.75		3195.25	
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE	2019	MAY	15.00		3210.25	
	2019	JUNE	45.00		3255.25	
	2019	AUGUST	240.00		3495.25	
	2019	SEPTEMBER	208.25		3703.50	
	2019	OCTOBER	2450.00		6153.50	
	2019	NOVEMBER	4995.00		11148.50	
	2019	DECEMBER	8935.00		20083.50	

Total

58468.11

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Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
REIMBURSEMENTS	2023	JANUARY	7756.78		7756.78	
	2023	MARCH	3314.59		11071.37	
	2023	APRIL	3622.37		14693.74	
	2023	MAY	8046.96		22740.70	
	2023	JUNE	18195.00		40935.70	
	2023	JULY	11.74		40947.44	
	2023	AUGUST	5003.82		45951.26	
	2023	SEPTEMBER	34453.38		80404.64	
	2023	OCTOBER	550.93		80955.57	
	2023	NOVEMBER	4750.00		85705.57	
	2022	JANUARY	451.92		451.92	
	2022	FEBRUARY	775.00		1226.92	
	2022	MARCH	12263.09		13490.01	
	2022	APRIL	56288.07		69778.08	
	2022	MAY	4509.89		74287.97	
	2022	JUNE	22525.43		96813.40	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	20564.64		117378.04	
	2022	OCTOBER	3964.75		121342.79	
	2022	DECEMBER	15386.55		136729.34	
	2021	JANUARY	250.00		250.00	
	2021	FEBRUARY	1667.10		1917.10	
	2021	MARCH	11270.58		13187.68	
	2021	APRIL	134.34		13322.02	
	2021	MAY	3685.00		17007.02	
	2021	JUNE	46169.56		63176.58	
	2021	JULY	2325.00		65501.58	
	2021	AUGUST	8990.39		74491.97	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	19569.42		94061.39	
	2021	OCTOBER	1935.97		95997.36	
	2021	NOVEMBER	1800.00		97797.36	
	2021	DECEMBER	69141.70		166939.06	
	2020	FEBRUARY	9708.10		9708.10	
	2020	MARCH	33887.93		43596.03	
	2020	MAY	8285.37		51881.40	
	2020	JULY	10493.82		62375.22	
	2020	AUGUST	6512.59		68887.81	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	26994.04		95881.85	
	2020	OCTOBER	3943.65		99825.50	
	2020	NOVEMBER	8662.57		108488.07	
	2020	DECEMBER	25465.01		133953.08	
	2019	JANUARY	580.00		580.00	
	2019	FEBRUARY	1515.48		2095.48	
	2019	MAY	1578.76		3674.24	
	2019	JULY	24524.57		28198.81	
	2019	AUGUST	1336.04		29534.85	
	2019	OCTOBER	43347.25		72882.10	
	2019	NOVEMBER	348.39		73230.49	
	2019	DECEMBER	3241.04		76471.53	
Total					599798.58	

## Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.43370

Date 04 Dec 2023

Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEV GR	2023	MARCH	35650.42		35650.42	
	2023	JULY	39310.05		74960.47	
	2023	OCTOBER	10000.00		84960.47	
	2022	JUNE	47808.32		47808.32	
	2022	SEPTEMBER	26792.77		74601.09	
	2022	DECEMBER	30438.44		105039.53	
Total			190000.00			

## Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.43368

Account	Year	Month	Date 04 Dec 2023		
			Total	Month	Total YTD
COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING GRANT	2023	MARCH	6538.40	6538.40	
	2023	JULY	22002.50		28540.90
	2022	JANUARY	98050.00	98050.00	
	2022	MAY	52157.10		150207.10
	2021	OCTOBER	9282.75	9282.75	
	2020	AUGUST	19071.07	19071.07	
	2020	OCTOBER	66715.14		85786.21
	2020	NOVEMBER	49304.97		135091.18
	2020	DECEMBER	32856.00		167947.18
Total			355977.93		

## Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.43367

Date 04 Dec 2023

Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT	2023	MAY	65649.94		65649.94	
	2023	JUNE	49788.45		115438.39	
	2023	JULY	9561.61		125000.00	
	2022	MARCH	24022.00		24022.00	
	2021	JANUARY	8990.39		8990.39	
	2021	FEBRUARY	20000.00		28990.39	
	2021	MARCH	5000.00		33990.39	
	2021	AUGUST	18459.61		52450.00	
	2021	SEPTEMBER	229857.75		282307.75	
	2021	OCTOBER	-9282.75		273025.00	
	2021	NOVEMBER	98382.00		371407.00	
	2020	AUGUST	14903.27		14903.27	
	2020	SEPTEMBER	10268.82		25172.09	
	2020	OCTOBER	37951.91		63124.00	
	2020	DECEMBER	235997.00		299121.00	
Total			819550.00			

## Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.43330

Date 04 Dec 2023

Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
STATE HEALTH SUBSIDY	2023	FEBRUARY	20100.36		20100.36	
	2023	MARCH		9329.20		29429.56
	2022	MAY		9333.70		9333.70
	2021	APRIL		9135.25		9135.25
	2020	MARCH		9135.25		9135.25
	2019	JULY		9135.25		9135.25
Total				66169.01		

## Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.44225

Date 04 Dec 2023

Account	Year	Month	Total	Month	Total	YTD
IMMUNIZATION CLINICS	2022	MARCH	1200.00		1200.00	
	2022	DECEMBER	3000.00		4200.00	
	2021	DECEMBER	3000.00		3000.00	
	2020	DECEMBER	3000.00		3000.00	
	2019	JANUARY	40.00		40.00	
	2019	FEBRUARY	150.00		190.00	
	2019	MARCH	300.00		490.00	
	2019	APRIL	20.00		510.00	
	2019	JULY	40.00		550.00	
	2019	OCTOBER	3000.00		3550.00	
Total			13750.00			

**MBHE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES AND CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR  
EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Middletown, Butler and Warren Counties, Ohio:

**Section 1**

(A) Effective January 1, 2024 the salaried classifications within the service of the Middletown Department of Health and Environment are hereby established in pay ranges as follows:

Job Classifications	2023	Salary Ranges for Employees Hired: <b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>
Administrative Assistant	184 / 246	184
Director of Environmental Health	178 / 264	<b>177</b>
<b>Director of Environmental Health / Assistant</b>		
Health Commissioner	178 / 264	<b>176</b>
Director of Nursing	178 / 264	<b>177</b>
Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training	184 / 246	184
Health Clerk	195 / 213	195
Health Commissioner	170 / 288	<b>168</b>
Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)		
Coordinator	181 / 255	181
Public Health Nurse	182 / 252	182
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	183 / 249	<b>182</b>
Secretary	<del>187 / 237</del>	-
Vital Statistic Deputy Registrar	187 / 237	<b>186</b>
Vital Statistics Registrar	186 / 240	<b>184</b>

All employees shall be paid in the Range provided above, except as otherwise stated herein, and the salary ranges above shall be equivalent to those set forth in the most current ordinance establishing pay ranges for City of Middletown employees.

(B) The **Assistant Health Commissioner/Director of Environmental Health**, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Nursing, Health Commissioner and Medical Director positions are exempt employees.

(C) Adjustments for Health Commissioner.

(1) Any Health Commissioner who obtains or possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, or receives or possesses certification

~~or licensure deemed by the City Manager to be similar or equivalent to such a degree in a field related to his/her employment, shall be paid in Range 169, or Range 291 if hired January 1, 2018 or later.~~

~~(21) Any Health Commissioner who obtains or possesses a masters or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university, or receives or possesses certification or licensure deemed by the City Manager to be similar or equivalent to such a degree in a field related to his/her employment, shall be paid in Range 168, or Range 294 if hired January 1, 2018 or later one range higher than their regular rate of pay.~~

(D) Implementation of Reclassifications for Employees Hired Prior to 2018.

(1) All reclassifications included in Section 1(A) of this Ordinance shall be implemented by providing a step increase to the affected employee on his/her next anniversary date. If an affected employee is scheduled to receive a step increase regardless of the reclassification, no additional increases in base pay will be provided during 2023 2024 except for the scheduled step increase.

(2) However, any affected employee whose scheduled step increase in 2023 2024 would not result in an amount equivalent to or higher than Step A of the new Range assigned to the position occupied by the affected employee shall be placed in Step A of the new Range effective January 1, 2023 2024. These employees shall be given a new anniversary date of January 1.

(3) Any part-time employee affected by a reclassification in this Ordinance shall be assigned to a step in the new Range for that position at the step equivalent to at least four percent (4%) higher than their present rate of pay.

(4) The procedures for implementation of the reclassifications set forth in Section 7 of the City's Pay and Benefits Ordinance are not applicable to the reclassifications set forth in Section 1(A) of this Ordinance.

## Section 2

The position of Medical Director shall be on call at all times and available to handle any health-related emergency affecting the community. The schedule of the Medical Director shall be determined by the Health Commissioner. The Medical Director shall be paid an annual salary in the amount of \$13,000.00 to be paid monthly in twelve (12) equal increments.

## Section 3

Employees of the Middletown Department of Health and Environmental shall receive benefits and be subject to the pay policies as set forth in the most current ordinance establishing the pay policy and benefits for City of Middletown employees.

#### **Section 4**

**In the event of a public health pandemic declaration, the City Manager may, at their sole discretion, award exempt employees of the Middletown Board of Health cash bonus payments to those who are working over and above their regular work week without overtime compensation. Cash bonus payments may not exceed five percent (5%) of an exempt employee's annual salary.**

#### **Section 5**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Nicole Condrey, President

Middletown Board of Health

Adopted:  
12/12/2023

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Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, Secretary  
Middletown Board of Health

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Law Director

**MBHE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04**

**A REGULATION APPROVING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown Board of Health was created under authority of the laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Middletown to administer all programs and activities of the City of Middletown Health district and its department, the City of Middletown Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown Board of Health of the City of Middletown Health District may make such order and regulations as are necessary for the public health, for the prevention or restriction of diseases and for the prevention, abatement or suppression of nuisances; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Middletown Board of Health of the City of Middletown Health District, State of Ohio, that said board hereby approves the fiscal year 2024 budget request of the Department of Health in the amount of \$967,344 (as described in the attached document); and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City of Middletown Board of Health certifies that the funds requested in the fiscal Year 2024 budget request as described previously are necessary for the Board of Health and the City of Middletown's Health District's Health Department to perform their responsibilities and duties as set out in Section 3707.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Charter of the City of Middletown, Ohio.

Adopted by the City of Middletown Board of Health of the City of Middletown Health District, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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Nicole Condrey, Mayor, President,  
City of Middletown Board of Health

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Jacquelyn Phillips Carter, MPH,  
BSN, RN, Health Commissioner,  
City of Middletown Health  
Department, Board of Health  
Secretary

DATE ADOPTED:

December 12, 2023

Approved as to form:

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Law Department, City of Middletown

**PROFORMA PROJECTIONS**  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND**

	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	BUDGET 2023	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
BEGINNING BALANCE: 1/1	714,448	853,206	796,597	553,099	289,601	(105,846)
<b>PROJECTED REVENUES</b>						
STATE HEALTH SUBSIDY	9,135	9,335	29,430	9,300	9,096	9,096
US HHS STIMULUS	0					
COVID EO, CO & VN GRANTS	371,407	24,022	158,398			
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		105,040	76,735	123,000	100,000	100,000
OTHER GRANTS	9,283	150,207		43,000		
CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH)	0	700	0	0	0	0
VITAL STATISTICS	119,746	113,798	107,060	108,131	109,212	110,304
PATERNITY AFFIDAVITS	220	440	163	200	202	204
ENV. VENDING (FSO)	658	624	640	620	626	632
ENV. FOOD SERVICE OPERATION (FSO)	66,723	44,111	67,945	63,000	63,630	64,266
ENV. RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (RFE)	26,692	16,712	27,603	22,000	22,220	22,442
ENV. RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE	11,614	4,741	1,629	3,500	3,535	3,570
ENV. FOOD SAFETY ED.	60		1	90	0	0
ENV. SWIMMING POOLS & SPAS	5,645	6,307	5,701	5,700	5,757	5,815
ENV. TATTOOS & BODY ART	2,500	2,313	1,530	1,500	1,515	1,530
ENV. CAMP GROUNDS	0	213	217	215	217	219
ALLOTRAC MAC BILLING	0	0	35,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
IMMUNIZATIONS	3,000	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
FROM CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND						
MISC. (PHEP, SMOKING, INDIGENTS)	167,152	140,928	235,002	44,000	44,000	44,000
Subtotal	793,835	619,491	747,056	447,256	383,010	385,079
	-15.1%	-22.0%	20.6%	-40.1%	-14.4%	0.5%
WATER & SEWER FUND ADMIN FEES	51,788	53,342	54,942	56,591	58,288	60,037
TRANSFER FROM CITY INCOME TAX	241,500	103,500	0	200,000	160,000	160,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,087,123</b>	<b>776,333</b>	<b>801,998</b>	<b>703,846</b>	<b>601,298</b>	<b>605,116</b>
	-21.2%	-28.6%	3.3%	-12.2%	-14.6%	0.6%
<b>PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</b>						
	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>103.2%</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>163.3%</b>	<b>192.7%</b>	<b>197.5%</b>
PERSONAL SERVICES	698,021	694,474	780,034	822,793	850,532	879,289
OTHER	243,686	131,391	257,162	136,251	137,614	138,990
GARAGE CHARGES	1,861	2,281	3,500	3,500	3,800	3,800
AUTOS & TRUCK DEPR	4,796	4,796	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
<b>Budget Savings</b>						
ENCUMBRANCES						
<b>TOTAL HEALTH ENVIRONMENT/ADM.</b>	<b>948,364</b>	<b>832,942</b>	<b>1,045,496</b>	<b>967,344</b>	<b>996,745</b>	<b>1,026,878</b>
	24%	-12%	26%	-7%	3%	3%
REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	138,759	(56,609)	(243,498)	(263,498)	(395,447)	(421,762)
UNEXPENDED BALANCE	853,206	796,597	553,099	289,601	(105,846)	(527,608)
<b>UNENCUMBERED ENDING BALANCE: 12/31</b>	<b>853,206</b>	<b>796,597</b>	<b>553,099</b>	<b>289,601</b>	<b>(105,846)</b>	<b>(527,608)</b>

**INCLUDING GRANTS**

All Revenues (Admin and grants)  
All Expenditures (Admin and grants)

**HEALTH FUND**  
**HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

	Actual Expenditures 2022	Amount Budgeted 2023	Department Budget 2024
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (178)	1	1	1
DIRECTOR OF NURSING (264)	1	1	1
HEALTH COMMISSIONER (168)	1	1	1
ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR (255)	1	1	1
REG. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPEC (249)	1	1	1
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPEC - IN TRAINING (246)	0	1	1
VITAL STATISTICS DEPUTY REGISTRAR (237)	1	1	1
VITAL STATISTICS REGISTRAR (186)	1	1	1
MEDICAL DIRECTOR (NG)	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES:</b>			
228.450.51110 SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 499,946	\$ 565,079	\$ 600,840
228.450.51120 OVERTIME WAGES	3,655	-	-
228.450.51211 PERS	73,341	79,111	84,118
228.450.51220 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	12,397	22,603	24,034
228.450.51230 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	95,598	103,148	103,148
228.450.51270 MEDICARE - CITY SHARE	7,746	8,194	8,712
228.450.51275 LIFE INSURANCE	1,791	1,899	1,941
<b>Total - PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>694,474</b>	<b>780,034</b>	<b>822,793</b>
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:</b>			
228.450.52110 TRAVEL AND TRAINING	2,611	4,000	4,000
228.450.52120 EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,480	3,000	3,000
228.450.52222 TELEPHONE LINE CHARGES	4,432	5,640	5,640
228.450.52310 MUNICIPAL GARAGE CHARGES	2,281	3,500	3,500
228.450.52480 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	16,650	41,085	41,085
228.450.52481 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT	54,443	41,485	55,771
228.450.52488 HEALTH DEPT COVID 19 EXPENSES	24,296	135,625	-
228.450.52490 OUTSIDE PRINTING	970	2,000	2,000
228.450.52510 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	6,621	8,000	8,000
228.450.52820 LICENSES AND PERMITS	8,998	11,340	11,855
228.450.52920 MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, PERIODICAL	492	1,587	1,500
<b>Total - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>	<b>123,274</b>	<b>257,262</b>	<b>136,351</b>
<b>COMMODITIES:</b>			
228.450.53100 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,224	2,500	2,500
228.450.53102 HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES	7,396	-	-
228.450.53210 FOOD	213	200	200
228.450.53610 SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	249	200	200
228.450.53710 CHEMICALS & LAB SUPPLIES	315	500	500
<b>Total - COMMODITIES</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,400</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
228.450.54310 AUTO & TRUCK DEPR	4,796	4,800	4,800
<b>Total - CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>4,796</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 832,942</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,496</b>	<b>\$ 967,344</b>

## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT FUND

Revenues	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 289,302	\$ 264,563	\$ 175,300
Charges for Services	246,801	302,433	284,546
Miscellaneous Revenue	136,729	235,002	44,000
Transfers	103,500	-	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 776,332</b>	<b>\$ 801,998</b>	<b>\$ 703,846</b>

Table 4.5 Health & Environment Fund revenue sources for 2022-2024

Division Expenditures	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Personal Services	\$ 694,474	\$ 780,034	\$ 822,793
Contractual Services	123,274	257,262	136,351
Other	15,194	8,200	8,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 832,942</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,496</b>	<b>\$ 967,344</b>

Table 4.6 Health & Environment Fund division expenditures for 2022-2024

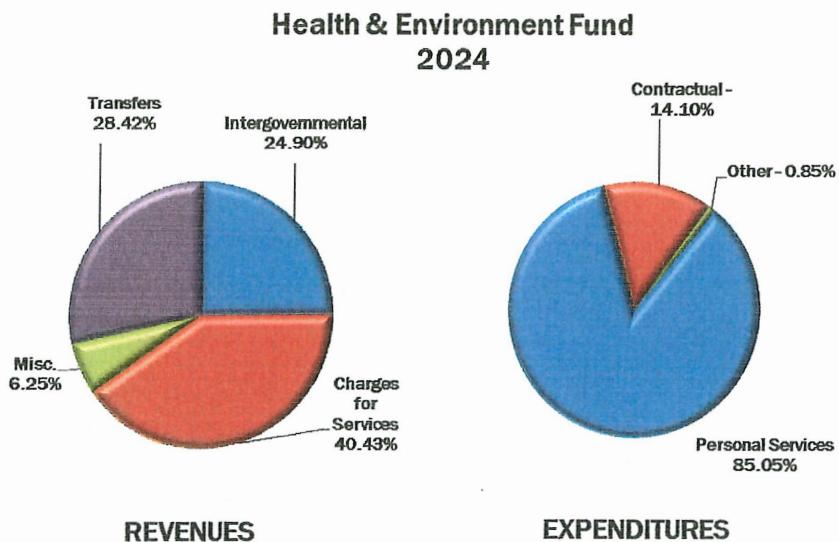


Figure 4.6 Health & Environment Fund revenues and expenditures for budget year 2024

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT****Summary**

The City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD) is dedicated to our mission to prevent disease and injury, promote health and wellness, protect the environment and achieve health equity.

The CMHD is under the immediate direction of the Health Commissioner, who is appointed by the City of Middletown Board of Health (Board). The Environmental Department led by the Director of Environment and consists of a Registered Environmental Specialist and an Environmental Specialist-in-Training. The medical functions of our department are led by the Director of Nursing in consult with our Health Commissioner and Medical Director. The Administration team includes a Vital Statistics Registrar and Deputy Registrar that maintain and certify all records of birth and death for the City of Middletown. The department also includes a Public Health Accreditation (PHAB) Coordinator that leads the team in public health accreditation efforts and a Medical Director who is responsible for development and evaluation of standards of medical care throughout the department and advises the department and Board of Health on medical policy. The Board is composed of seven members, appointed by the City Council, as specified in the City Charter of Middletown. By virtue of the office, the Mayor of the City Council serves as an ex-officio member and chairperson and the presiding officer of the City of Middletown Board of Health.

The CMHD inspects and licenses commercial and nonprofit food service operations (restaurants), retail food establishments (groceries), vending operations (vending machines), public swimming pools & spas, household sewage installations, private water supplies, tattoo parlors, waste and fresh water haulers. The CMHD conducts environmental inspections of all school buildings and the city jail; educates food service/retail facilities on proper food safety practices, maintains programs for rabies control, the Ohio smoke free workplace enforcement and camp grounds. CMHD participates and coordinates with the nursing and environmental departments in case management activities.

The CMHD is responsible for community health assessments, community health improvement plans, infectious and communicable disease control, outbreak investigations and bioterrorism/emergency response. Tuberculosis (TB) treatment is available through an agreement with Butler County General Health District. Butler County provides tuberculosis treatment, while the CMHD provides support of said treatment. The CMHD contracts with Hamilton County Environmental Services for air pollution monitoring. Community education is available through the CMHD, as well as the city and partners in the community.

**Goals and Objectives**

The 2024 budget totals \$967,344 which includes eight full time positions, one part-time Medical Director and three contract employees.

**GOAL 1:** **Continue to assess community chronic disease incidence and prevalence rates; assess community prevalence of health risks behavior; and institute measures to reduce chronic disease rates.**

- Analyze community mortality and morbidity statistics via comparison with state and national rates.
- Assess present prevalence rates of chronic disease as identified by community programs including programs funded by grants.

- With the Syringe Exchange Program no longer in Middletown, it will be crucial to closely monitor all associated infectious diseases that are related to high drug use behaviors and intravenous drugs; such as: Hepatitis A, B and C, HIV, Endocarditis, Strep and Staphylococcus Infections (MRSA). We will track and report any high instances of elevated cases.
- We will be prepared to implement strategies to immediately educate and address current harm.

**GOAL 2: To monitor needs and assess availability and accessibility of adequate primary care in the community.**

- Identify primary care providers (physicians and clinics) and determine willingness to provide care for Medicaid and medically indigent clientele.
- Assess performance of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) that accept Medicaid patients without reservation: 1) Centerpoint Health 2) Primary Health Solutions.
- Monitor and control number of clients going to the hospital emergency department for management of non-emergency medical problems.

**GOAL 3: To maintain environmental health conditions within the community.**

- Continue the ongoing training of departmental staff members and the regulated industry regarding the state and local ordinances; their interpretation and application.
- Continue the cost analysis of programs to calculate the actual cost of administering and enforcing the environmental laws and implement as necessary the appropriate license fees for all environmental programs; specifically with changes to state food service operations, retail food establishments and sewage.
- Thorough cooperative educational inspections of regulated industries.

**GOAL 4: To establish collaboration between entities and agencies that will enhance quality of life in the community.**

- Engage in health and wellness programs with the city.
- Engage in health and wellness activities with Atrium-Premier Health.
- Engage in health and wellness activities with the Greater Area YMCA.
- Engage in activities that enhance family and connectivity while collaborating with festivals, CBI and the Robert "Sonny" Hill Community Center.
- Engage in health and wellness with the Middletown City Schools.

**GOAL 5: To improve the health of the community through collaboration and partnership with local, county, and state health agencies and other stakeholders.**

- Develop and implement plans to address identified significant morbidity.
- Assess community and environmental health problems.
- Work cooperatively with community members to address the reportable STD rate.
- Analyze community morbidity statistics via comparison with state and national rates.
- Collaborate with healthcare partners on education and prevention of emerging or increased cases of multi-drug resistant organisms.

**GOAL 6: To assure that the community is prepared to respond to a public health emergency.**

- Develop, evaluate and revise emergency response plans specific to the CMHD.
- Participate in regional and local exercises to evaluate plans and response activities.

- Staff will participate in emergency response training provided by the state health department, Butler County EMA, various colleges, universities and others as applicable
- Collaborate with area health agencies, other city and county departments, the hospital, practitioners and other regional health districts to provide a coordinated response during multi-jurisdictional emergencies.

**GOAL 7:****To maintain Accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board.**

- To continue to enhance department efficiency, engagement, access to care and performance management through execution of PHAB standards and measures.
- As of November 2022, the City of Middletown Health Department was awarded accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board and now meets the State of Ohio requirement to attain accreditation. We are now one of 364 health departments across the US to obtain this high standing of engagement, care, performance and efficiency.
- Each year the CMHD will submit Accreditation Annual Reports to the Accreditation Board in order to maintain our accreditation status. In the fifth year, the CMHD will be required to resubmit all documentation and plans to be re-accredited.

**FUND SUMMARY FOR FUND 228**  
**HEALTH FUND**

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE: JANUARY 1	\$853,206	\$796,597	\$553,099
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$289,302	\$264,563	\$175,300
Charges for Services	246,801	302,433	284,546
Miscellaneous Revenue	136,729	235,002	44,000
Transfers	103,500	-	200,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$776,332</b>	<b>\$801,998</b>	<b>\$703,846</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$1,629,538</b>	<b>\$1,598,595</b>	<b>\$1,256,945</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Personal Services	\$694,474	\$780,034	\$822,793
Contractual Services	123,274	257,262	136,351
Commodities	10,398	3,400	3,400
Capital Outlay	4,796	4,800	4,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$832,942</b>	<b>\$1,045,496</b>	<b>\$967,344</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$796,597</b>	<b>\$553,099</b>	<b>\$289,601</b>

# CITY OF MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

## 2024 MEETING DATES

- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 11, 2024
- July 9, 2024
- August 13, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- December 10, 2024

# 2024

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	26	27	28	29	30

MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4				
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	30	

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	27	28	29	30	

## Health Commissioner Notes

November 2023

### T21 Update:

- 23 out of 70 tobacco retailers paid

### Grant OHIZ

- Met with Ambassadors of Phase I
- Communities very same yet very different
- Community involvement continues
- Beginning Phase II-Amanda and Wildwood Areas in January

### BC Housing Meetings Continue

- Butler County Continuum of Care Program Initiative
- Continue to meet with Tami Ecton- Serve City, Commissioner Carpenter, Dr Rasmus, Dr. Moss and other Housing representatives,

### BC Cares

- Continue to meet every Wednesday at 1p to discuss community issues-Eclipse planning, homelessness, grants, CHA, staffing, events, hospitality, economy, Marijuana legalities.

### One Ohio Opiate

- Now State is discussing restructure
- Possibly no longer region authority
- Collaborating with Universities for treatment specialist
- Pat Moeller wrote another letter regarding dismay with the process and change
- Will send them info on our timeline readiness and the despair in waiting for the process to happen while people and families are falling deeper into the addition web
- Meetings Continue next meeting 1/4/2024

### PHAB

- Submitted Annual Report for PHAB 12/6/2023

### Internal/External Meetings and Tasks

#### City of Middletown

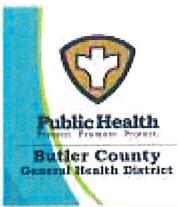
- Continue to Meet w/ CM and assistant CM's

## GEM City Market

- Looking for sponsors says Lisha Morlan Asst Economic Development Dir or opportunity may not be possible
- Weekly Sr. Staff Meetings
- YWCA Board Meeting
- CenterPoint program committee
- BC Board of Development and Disabilities

## Senior Citizen Update

- Holiday Party will be held at the Senior Citizens this year
- May start to look at starting revenue opportunities after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year



# Butler County Monthly Communicable Disease Surveillance Report

November of 2023

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## Notifiable Communicable Diseases

### Summary:

- Number of Disease Cases Reported in Butler County: 1,472
- Most Frequently Reported: COVID-19, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, Gonococcal infection, Hepatitis B.

**Table 1. Comparison of Reported Cases of Confirmed or Probable Notifiable Communicable Diseases, November 2023** (excluding Chlamydia infection and gonorrhea)

Reported Cases	Rate per 100,000	Rate Ratio	Confidence Interval
State of Ohio (excluding BC)	-	-	-
Butler County	1,354	346.9	-

**Interpretation:** The residents of Butler County were - more likely to be the subject of a notifiable disease report when compared to the rest of Ohio as a whole. These results are statistically significant. (excluding Chlamydia infection and Gonorrhea)

**Table 2.\* Communicable Diseases by Jurisdiction (November 2023)**

Jurisdiction	Count	Rate per 100,000	Change from Previous Month
Butler County General Health District	851	308.4	↑14.1% from October 2023 (n=746)
Middletown City Health Department	308	603.5	↑21.7% from October 2023 (n=253)
City of Hamilton Health Department	313	493.8	↑29.3% from October 2023 (n=242)
<b>Butler County (all inclusive)</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>377.1</b>	<b>↑18.6% from October 2023 (n=1,241)</b>

**Table 3.\* Butler County Reportable Diseases by Subgroups (November 2023)**

Reportable Disease Subgroup	Count	Trend
Viral Hepatitis (B and C)	35	↓2.8% from October 2023 (n=36)
Sexually-Transmitted Infections (Chlamydia infection, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and HIV)	118	↓22.9% from October 2023 (n=153)
Enteric Diseases (Hepatitis A, Amebiasis, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, Cyclosporiasis, STEC, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, Vibriosis and Yersiniosis)	10	↓54.5% from October 2023 (n=22)
Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, influenza-associated hospitalizations, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , Bacterial meningitis, Mumps, Pertussis, invasive <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , Tetanus, and Varicella)	1,294	↑28.6% from October 2023 (n=1,006)

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**Table 4.\* Diseases Reported in Butler County (November 2023)**

Jurisdictions	Butler County General Health District	Middletown City Health Department	City of Hamilton Health Department	Butler County (all inclusive)	Count of Cases
C. auris	1	0	0	1	
Campylobacteriosis	2	0	1	3	1600
Chlamydia infection	43	18	29	90	
COVID-19	743	269	264	1276	
CPO	3	0	0	3	
E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	1	0	0	1	
Giardiasis	0	0	1	1	
Gonococcal infection	9	7	7	23	
Haemophilus influenzae - invasive	0	1	1	2	
Hepatitis A	1	0	1	2	
Hepatitis B	8	3	0	11	
Hepatitis C	15	6	3	24	
HIV	0	1	0	1	
Influenza-associated hospitalization	4	0	1	5	
Legionellosis	1	0	0	1	
Lyme Disease	1	0	0	1	
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	1	0	0	1	
Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis)	2	0	0	2	
Pertussis	4	1	0	5	
Salmonellosis	2	0	1	3	
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	1	0	0	1	
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive	3	1	0	4	
Syphilis	1	1	2	4	
Tuberculosis	3	0	0	3	
Varicella	2	0	2	4	
C. auris	1	0	0	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>1,472</b>	

**6. Disease Surveillance**

Table 6 outlines Butler County's select, reportable disease counts by year, that were classified as either "probable" or "confirmed" during the years of 2018 through 2022 and provides a 5-year average column for comparison. Graph includes those diseases that represent a consistent threat to public health.

**Table 6.\* Reported Probable/Confirmed Cases in Butler County (2018–2023)**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5 Year Avg.	Up to 11/30/2023
Amebiasis	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
Botulism- wound	0	0	0	0	1	<1	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	2	0	<1	0
Candida auris (not reportable prior to 2019)	-	0	0	1	13	-	33
Campylobacteriosis	33	45	30	35	48	38.2	44
Chlamydia infection	1,592	1,631	1,512	1,406	1,359	1,500	1,256
COVID-19 (not reportable prior to 2020)	-	-	26,420	39,521	49323	38,421.33	10,224
CPO (replaces CP-CRE) (not reportable prior to 2019)	-	4	10	11	12	9.25	91
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	1	2	0	1	1	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	6	4	6	5	7	5.6	6
Cyclosporiasis	4	2	0	0	1	1.4	3
Dengue	0	1	0	1	1	0.6	0
E. coli, Shiga-Toxin Producing	14	11	14	15	17	14.2	16
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis	0	0	1	1	1	<1	0
Giardiasis	12	12	4	14	7	9.8	13
Gonococcal Infection	668	732	651	480	473	600.8	386

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Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	17	10	7	6	11	10.2	18
Hemolytic uremic syndrome	0	0	0	1	0	<1	1
Hepatitis A	304	104	2	1	0	82.2	2
Hepatitis B - acute/chronic/perinatal	166	109	67	85	78	101	80
Hepatitis C – acute/chronic/perinatal	750	552	486	434	390	522.4	264
HIV	43	24	17	58	38	36	33
Influenza-associated Hospitalization	479	325	266	18	306	278.8	41
Legionellosis – Legionnaires' Disease	16	17	10	9	15	13.4	12
Hansen's disease	0	0	0	0	1	<1	0
Listeriosis	1	0	0	0	1	<1	1
Lyme Disease	4	3	2	0	2	2.2	2
Malaria	2	2	2	1	3	2	3
Meningitis – aseptic/viral	16	25	9	14	10	14.8	10
Meningitis – bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	3	4	3	3	11	4.8	10
Meningococcal dz. – Neisseria meningitidis	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	-	-	-	15	7	-	1
Mpox (not reportable prior to 2022)	-	-	-	-	4	-	0
Mumps	2	1	0	0	0	<1	0
Pertussis	16	38	13	3	3	14.6	5
Salmonellosis	32	32	20	26	34	28.8	52
Salmonalla Paratyphi	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Salmonella Typhi (Typhoid Fever)	0	0	0	2	0	<1	1
Shigellosis	45	7	8	3	6	13.8	7
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (including RMSF)	0	0	2	0	1	<1	0
Streptococcal – Group A – invasive	23	24	27	24	34	26.4	35
Streptococcal – Group B – in newborn	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae – Invasive	54	59	31	33	40	43.4	39
Syphilis (all stages)	47	11	17	23	45	28.6	61
Tuberculosis (active)	2	8	6	7	8	6.2	4
Varicella	13	14	1	5	8	8.2	18
Vibriosis (not Cholera)	2	1	0	2	2	1.4	3
West Nile Virus Disease	0	0	0	0	0	<1	1
Yersiniosis	0	1	0	1	2	<1	4

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Figure 1: Fairfield SSP Site Visitors by Month for 2022 and 2023

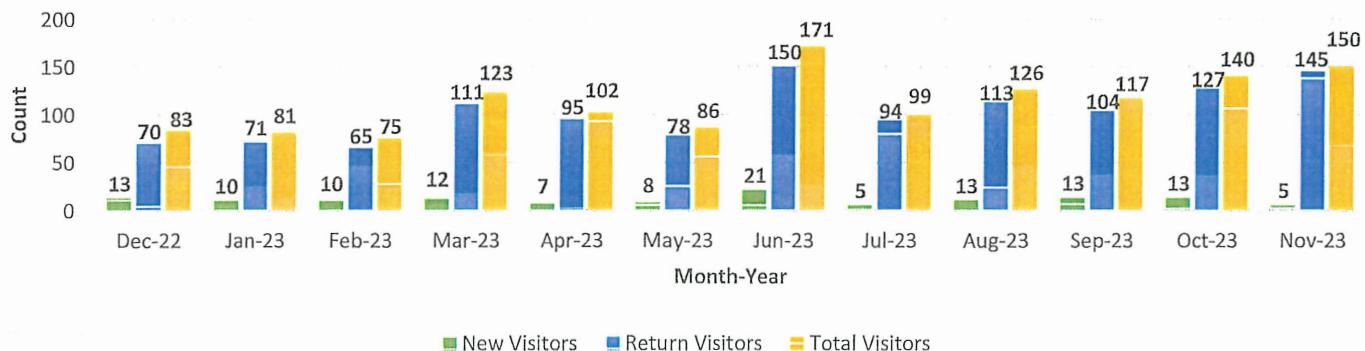


Figure 2: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Month for the Fairfield SSP Site for 2022 and 2023

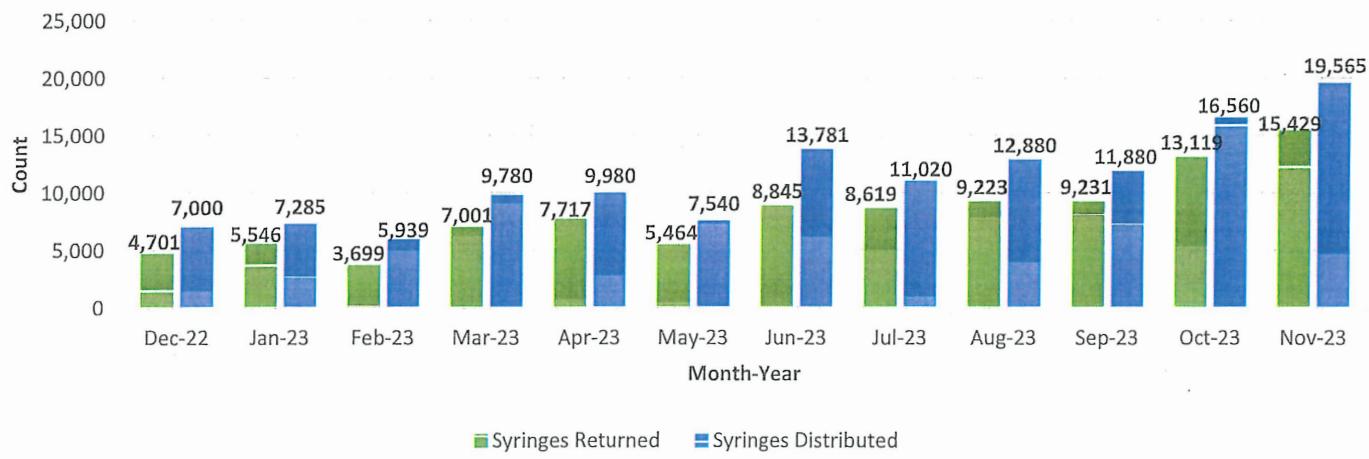


Table 1: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Visitors' Home County of Residence for the Fairfield SSP Site for November 2023

County	Syringes Returned	Syringes Distributed	Percent Returned
Butler County, OH	14,290	18,155	78.71%
Clermont County, OH	0	40	0.00%
Hamilton County, OH	120	430	27.91%
Montgomery County, OH	169	190	88.95%
Warren County, OH	850	750	113.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,429</b>	<b>19,565</b>	<b>78.86%</b>



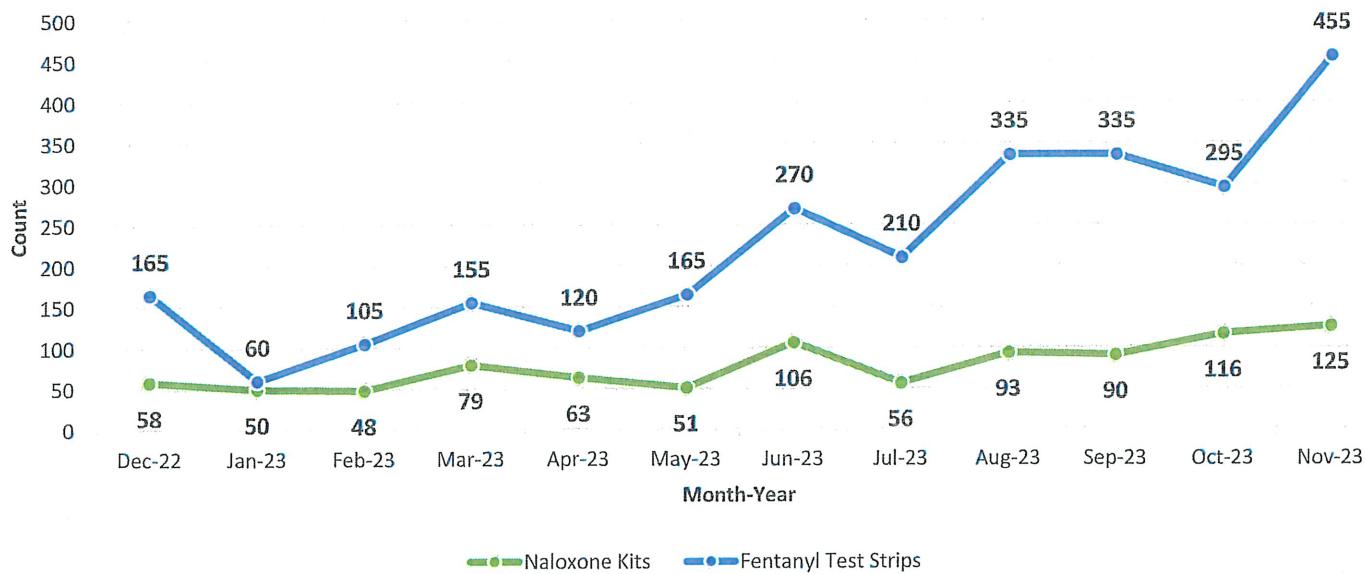
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**Butler County**  
**General Health District**

Table 2: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Zip Code - City for the Fairfield SSP Site by Butler County Visitors' Home Residence for November 2023

Zip Code - City	Syringes Returned	Syringes Distributed	Percent Returned
<b>Hamilton</b>			
45011	3,140	4,630	67.82%
45013	6,180	7,500	82.40%
45015	1,630	2,015	80.89%
<b>Hamilton Total</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>14,145</b>	<b>77.41%</b>
<b>Middletown</b>			
45042	650	1020	63.73%
45044	1510	1810	83.43%
<b>Middletown Total</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>76.33%</b>
<b>45014 - Fairfield</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>45056 - Oxford</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Butler County Total</b>	<b>14,290</b>	<b>18,155</b>	<b>78.71%</b>

Figure 3: Naloxone Kits and Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed by Month for the Fairfield SSP Site for 2022 and 2023

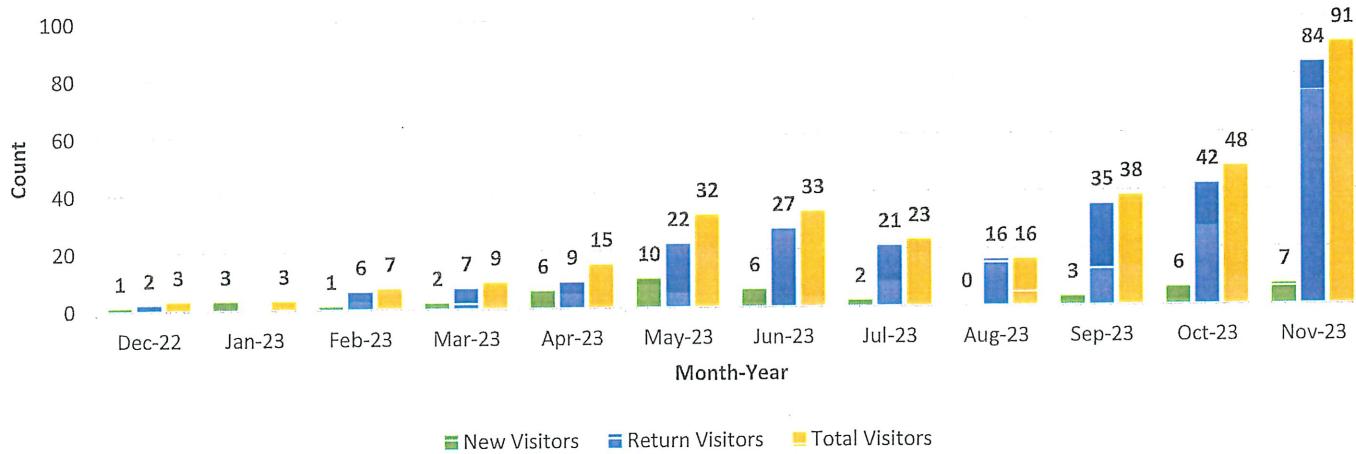


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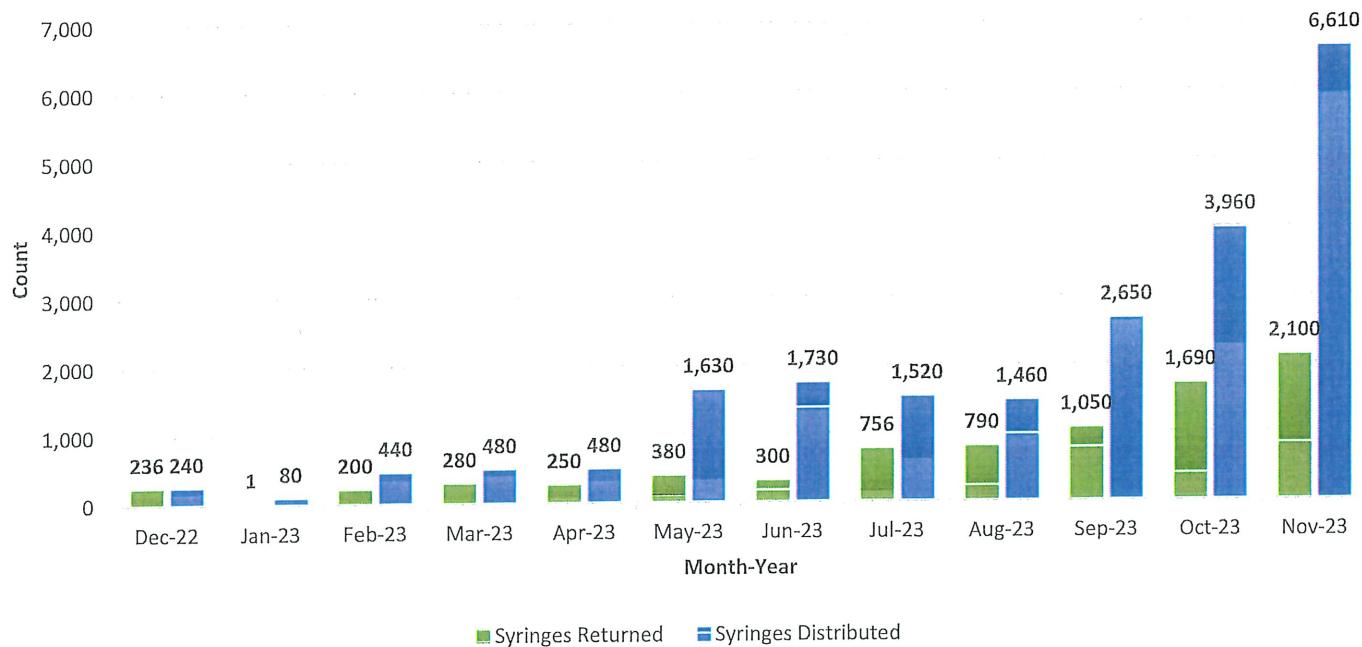


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**Figure 1: Oxford SSP Site Visitors by Month for 2022 and 2023**



**Figure 2: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Month for the Oxford SSP Site for 2022 and 2023**



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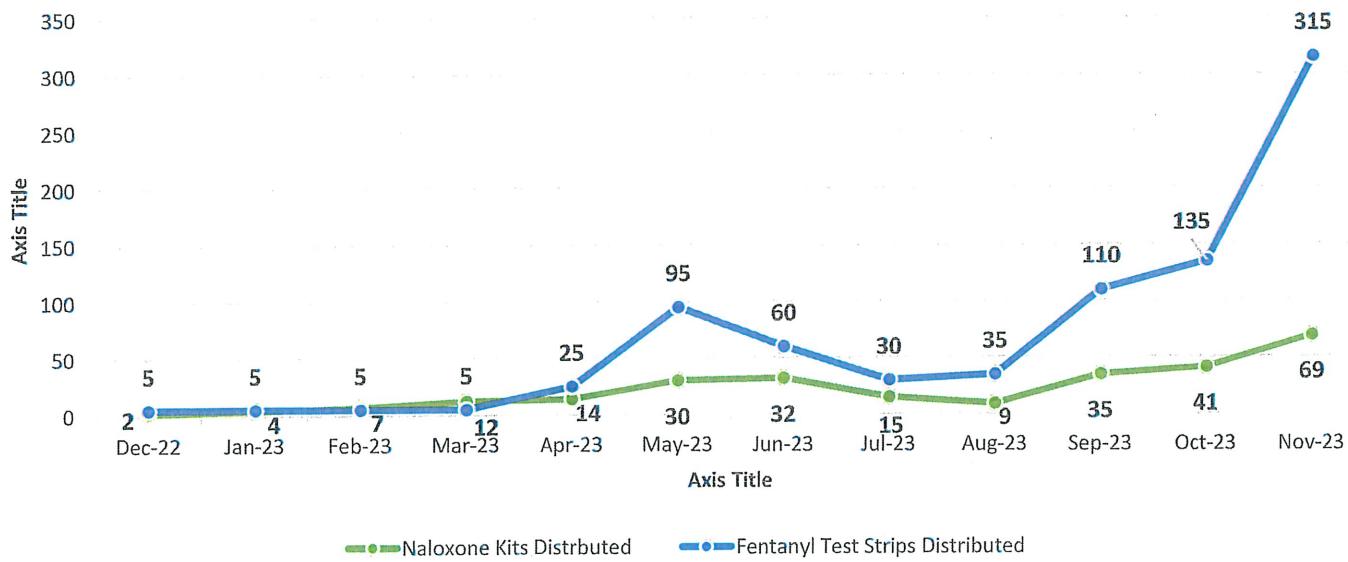


**Butler County**  
**General Health District**

Table 1: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Zip Code - City/County for the Oxford SSP Site by Visitors' Home Residence for November 2023

Zip Code - City	Syringes Returned	Syringes Distributed	Percent Returned
<b>Hamilton</b>			
45011	710	3,500	20.29%
45013	0	360	0.00%
45015	0	80	0.00%
<b>Hamilton Total</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>18.02%</b>
<b>45014 - Fairfield</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>45044 - Middletown</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>11.63%</b>
<b>45056 - Oxford</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>78.18%</b>
<b>45067 - Trenton</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Preble County, OH</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>31.77%</b>

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# City of Middletown Health Department

## November 2023

### Vital Statistics

	MONTHLY	YTD
Birth Certificates Filed	74	788
Death Certificates Filed	111	951
Birth Certificates Issued	308	3735
Death Certificates Issued	365	3578
Indigent Cremation Services	3	34

### Deaths Filed

#### Accidental

	MONTHLY	YTD		MONTHLY	YTD
Drug Overdose	4	28	Food Service Operations(FSO)	26	431
Falls	0	8	Retail Food Establishments(RFE)	16	178
Motor Vehicle	0	5	Prelicense/Consultations	12	98
Exposure to Elements	0	2	Sewage Inspections	0	9
Choking	0	0	School Inspections	4	40
Fire	0	1	Vending Locations	6	15
Homicide	0	4	Temporary FSO/RFE	2	72
Suicide	0	7	Mobile FSO/RFE	1	17
COVID-19 Related Deaths	0	3	Complaints	2	48
Could Not Be Determined	0	0	Smoking Complaint Inspections	0	4
Pending Investigation	12	12	Swimming Pools	0	121
			Tattoo	1	8
			Temp Park/Park Camp	0	6
			Jail Inspection	0	1
			Site Visit (Septic)	0	0
			Well Inspection	0	0

\*\*Totals reflect City of Middletown residents that died inside of city limits only

### Level 1 Certification Training

Number of Attendees

0

### Animal Bite Events

6

Dog	5	92
Cat	0	15
Bat	0	1
Raccoon-Animal Exposure	0	1



City of Middletown Health Department

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## Smoking Complaint Spreadsheet

For November 2023

Business Name		Date	Notice of Report	Dismissed	Notice of Violation (30 Days)	Letter of Warning (15 Days)	Civil Fine Letter	Violation Contested	Notice of Hearing	Additional Comments
1										
2										
3										

Notes:

No new smoking complaints to report for November.

Billy T's owes \$1200 in fines, unpaid.

Buster's Bar owes \$200 in fines, unpaid. **This facility is closed for business and is for sale.**



'Tis the Season! Holiday Safety is at the forefront this time of year!

Below are Twelve Days of Safety to make sure your holidays are merry and bright:

1. Check Your Smoke Detector Batteries
2. Keep Holiday Plants Away From Pets
3. Designate A Sober Driver
4. Don't Post On Social Media About Being Out Of Town or Away From Home
5. Choose Age Appropriate Toys as Gifts
6. Always Turn Off Your Decorations When You Leave Your Home and When You Are Sleeping
7. Water Your Live Tree Daily
8. Never Leave a Source of Heat or Fire Unattended
9. Never Hang Lights Alone! Always Have a "Decoration Spotter"!
10. Always Have Fire Extinguishers Nearby-Especially When Cooking
11. Do Not Place Electrical Cords Where They Could Cause Tripping Hazards
12. Make Sure Everyone is Aware of the Fire Evacuation Plan

Stop by Your City of Middletown Health Department for more information regarding Holiday Safety. Happy Holidays!!

# 6 vying for 2 seats on Middletown council

Two incumbents, including vice mayor, not seeking re-election for five-seat council.



*JEFF WELLBAUM*



*KRISTI ASBURY*



*JENNIFER BURG-CARTER*



*STEVEN WEST II*



*CLAYTON CASTLE*



*JOHN FERRANDO*

BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

ELECTION 2023

MIDDLETOWN — The five-person Middletown City Council is about to have at least two new faces.

Six candidates are running for two open seats, and the crowded field does not include Vice Mayor Monica Thomas and longtime council member Tal

Moon, who decided not to run for re-election.

Mayor Nicole Condrey also isn't running and two candidates are seeking her seat.

Not all six candidates in the field will have their names on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Candidates Jennifer Burg-Carter, Clayton Castle, John Ferrando, Jeffrey Wellbaum, Steven West II and write-in candidate Kristi Asbury are seeking election. Being a write-in candidate, Asbury's name will not be on the ballot.

Instead, voters must write her name on their ballot.

None of the six has any political experience. There is a chance when council takes office in January the five members will have four years of total experience, with Zack Ferrell and Rodney Muterspaw each serving two years.

### Kristi Asbury

Kristi Asbury doesn't believe being a write-in candidate will hurt her chances of winning a council seat.

She has spent years volunteering with several organizations and people will "recognize" her face, she said.

"I love our city, I truly do," said Asbury, an adjudicator for Bank of America.

Four years ago, she said, council inherited "a heck of a mess." She has seen improvements throughout the city.

"I want to be a part of that," she said. "I don't want us to go backward."

If elected, Asbury said she will work closely with her fellow council members and city staff to keep Middletown moving forward.

Jennifer Burg- Carter

Jennifer Burg-Carter said she will represent those who live in the South End.

"I want to sit at that table and speak for those people," she said when asked why she's running for council. "I want to create change. We are better together."

Residents in those neighborhoods have told Burg-Carter they want a public pool back at Douglass Park.

Burg-Carter said she decided to seek a council seat while serving as an ambassador with Middletown Connect, a group of concerned citizens. After riding a bus with others throughout certain tracts in the city, she learned "there are a lot of things that we need to work on together."

While other candidates are pushing for additional police officers and firefighters, Burg-Carter said the city can be safer by improving the overall health of its residents.

She ran for council two years ago and lost to Ferrell and Muterspaw.

Clayton Castle

Clayton Castle said he has pondered entering the political arena for years.

Now, he said, is the "right time, right place."

Castle said his father served as a police officer on the University of Cincinnati police force. He's pushing for Middletown to add at least five officers.

"It's vital to have top-notch safety," he said. "We can do better."

He also wants to see the city increase its economic development in the East End and downtown. When he drives along I-75 from Dayton to Cincinnati, he

sees major developments at several exits. He said Middletown needs a similar project off the interstate to draw motorists.

"We can't get them downtown if we can't get them off the highway," he said.  
"We are getting beat really bad."

Middletown's former city manager, Jim Palenick, proposed a \$1.3 billion project called Hollywoodland. The project died before reaching council.

While Castle called Hollywoodland "a disaster of a plan," it showed that Middletown needs to "dream big. Why can't we have nice things?"

### John Ferrando

John Ferrando, a downtown business owner, has worked with numerous Middletown groups, including Middletown Holiday Whopla, Downtown Middletown Inc., and the Middletown Arts Center.

After living in the city 15 years, Ferrando said it was time for him to enter the political arena and "be the voice of the people."

He has seen improvements in the city and it's time to "take this momentum and keep it going," he said. "There is pride here.

The people really do care about the community, the future of this community."

Ferrando said the crowded field of six candidates for two seats and two candidates running for mayor shows that Middletown residents "really want to be involved" in local politics where they can make a difference.

### Jeffrey Wellbaum

Jeffrey Wellbaum believes he can do the "greatest good for the greatest number of people" as a member of Middletown City Council.

That's why he decided to run for one of the two open seats.

He promised to push for an additional five to 10 police officers.

"We need neighborhoods that are safe," he said during a recent candidate forum.

He also believes Middletown needs to do a better job of promoting the positive things happening in the city.

"It has a lot of potential," he said of Middletown. "We just need to change the perception."

Steven West II Steven West II said the "hot topics" facing the city drove him to run for Middletown City Council now instead of later in his life.

He wants to serve as the city develops "a big project," a \$200 million project in the East End that calls for a 3,000-seat, multi-purpose event center, Class A retail and office, hotels, restaurants and a variety of residential product and continues revitalizing downtown.

"We have seen quite a bit of progress," he said. "Now is the time to make some key investments that can change the next generation in our city. We need to show that kids don't have to leave to pursue their dreams."

West, like other candidates, said the city needs to increase its public safety department by hiring additional police officers and firefighters. Too many times, he said, those in public safety are leaving the city for higher paying positions in neighboring communities.

## MIDDLETOWN CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

**KRISTI ASBURY** EDUCATION: Graduated from Ohio State University and Sinclair Community College

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Adjudicator for Bank of America

FAMILY: Wife: Joyce Romine

JENNIFER BURG-CARTER EDUCATION: Attended Santa Rosa Junior College and Laney College

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Community health worker at the Health Care Connections FAMILY: Husband: William Carter

CLAYTON CASTLE EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in journalism, Northern Kentucky University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Public relations specialist at Northern Kentucky University FAMILY: Wife: Heather

JOHN FERRANDO EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in nursing, Curtis School of Nursing

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Owner Haute Fusion Glass Studio and Gallery FAMILY: Wife: Stephanie; Children: Aaron, Elizabeth, Lilly, Julianna

JEFFREY WELLBAUM EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Wright State University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Southeast Dayton Priority Board

CAREER: Educational assistant at West Carrollton City Schools

FAMILY: Wife: Lara; Daughter: Elly

STEVEN WEST II EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Miami University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Defense contractor, specializing in program management and research contracts

FAMILY: Wife: Michelle; Children: Katherine and Christopher

# 5 candidates on ballot for Middletown school board

Board president, 2 others hope to retain their seats.



*Students exit Middletown High School, on Sept. 15. Middletown City Schools earned a 2-star rating on the state's latest district report cards, the lowest in Butler County.*

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*Verlena Stewart*



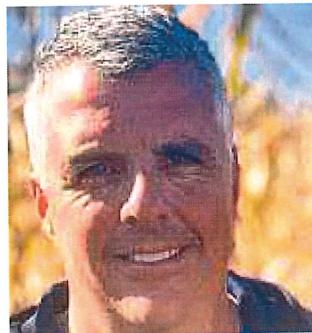
*Holly Snow*



*Charles Cokeley*



*Anita Scheibert*



*Chris Urso*

BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

## ELECTION 2023

MIDDLETOWN — Voters will have five candidates to choose from when they cast their votes Tuesday for the three seats on the Middletown Board of Education.

Those running include incumbents Anita Scheibert, Verlena Stewart and Board President Chris Urso, and newcomers Charles Cokeley and Holly Snow. Stewart is filling the unexpired term of Michelle Novak.

Board members Todd Moore and Cathie Mulligan have two years remaining on their terms.

Several candidates said one of their goals is improving the district's continued poor performance on the Ohio Department of Education's annual review of the state's public schools.

The state recently released the report card results and Middletown Schools, with an enrollment of about 6,200 students, continued its streak as one of the lowest-performing Butler County districts, with an overall 2-star rating.

Charles Cokeley

Charles Cokeley said some Middletown residents, those he has met through youth sports and adult bowling leagues, convinced him to run for school board.

"The time is here," said Cokeley.

That means it's time to remove the "black cloud" hanging over the district, Cokeley said, referring to poor public perception of the district.

"We have a lot of great students but the bad stuff is hurting us," he said.

"We have to remove that and bring some light to the city. Too many families are sending their children to private schools. We have to reverse that."

Cokeley, a sales and account manager, said he follows the data and when looking at the Middletown district, "it's not been in our favor for quite a few years."

Anita Scheibert

Anita Scheibert doesn't want to see the momentum the district is enjoying to be derailed this election.

She praised former Superintendent Marlon Styles and his replacement, Deborah Houser; the district's teachers and staff; and the work of the school board.

"We have tried to find people who can move the vision forward," said Scheibert, a retired teacher and counselor.

"We have a good plan of action. We are on track. When you change the school board, everything is uprooted. I'd hate to see that, for consistency."

There are "many challenges" in the district, according to Scheibert. She mentioned economics, joblessness and the homeless population.

To address some of the shortcomings in the district, Scheibert would like to

see more parent involvement.

She said there are only so many hours in the day when students are in class. Parents need to use “simple stuff” to continue that learning at home, she said.

“Every move you make there is a possibility for learning,” she said.

### Holly Snow

Holly Snow, who has seven children enrolled in the district, said she decided to run for office because she wants to see changes.

She wants the students to achieve higher scores on the state testing, the district to better manage its finances, and to reduce bullying and unfair disciplinary actions, she said.

Snow said the district shouldn’t have earmarked money that originally was proposed to build preschools at the Robert “Sonny” Hill Jr. Community Center to the transportation fund to build a bus garage.

“That doesn’t affect our students,” she said.

While the district has all new or remodeled school buildings, Snow said the district’s performance doesn’t match the “shiny new buildings.”

She said the district needs to address its disciplinary policy. When there is a fight in school, Snow said all students involved are disciplined, even if one student is being bullied.

“We need to find a solution,” she said. “We should not be punishing the victims.”

Verlena Stewart In her first year on the school board, Verlena Stewart said she “learned a great deal” about how the district operates.

She is hoping voters give her the opportunity to serve four more years. She

has been a longtime Middletown resident and has lengthy volunteer and employment records.

“My heart is in the community,” she said when asked why she deserves voter support.

“I want to see the kids supported and Middletown and the community do better.”

She also wants to see the district continue its “significant progress” as it relates to student progress. Before the COVID-19 pandemic started, Stewart said, students’ scores revealed they were making progress.

Then the pandemic arrived.

“We lost a lot of traction,” she said. “We got a lot of catching up to do.”

Chris Urso

Chris Urso is a cheerleader for the district, he said.

He and his wife graduated from the Middletown district and their two children are enrolled.

“I feel confident our kids are not being held back by perception,” Urso said. “We enjoy our life here. Our children are going to be successful.”

He said one of the board’s responsibilities is “creating a climate that permeates throughout the district.”

That means being transparent, visible at community functions and serving as a conduit between families, their children and the district, he said.

Urso said it’s been “an honor” to serve as board president for eight years and he believes the district is in a position to take the next step forward.

“This is an important election,” he said.

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## MIDDLETOWN CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT CANDIDATES

### CHARLES COKELEY

EDUCATION: Earned a GED while serving in the U.S.

Army

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Sales and account management

FAMILY: Married, with two children

ANITA SCHEIBERT EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in education from Miami University, master's degree in counseling from Xavier University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served eight years on school board

CAREER: Retired elementary school teacher, counselor; working part-time at John XXIII Elementary School FAMILY: Husband: Richard. Children: Gloria, Marianne, Alissa

HOLLY SNOW EDUCATION: Attended University of Phoenix

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

CAREER: Stay-at-home mom FAMILY: Husband: James. Seven children

### VERLENA STEWART

EDUCATION: Graduated from Miami University Middletown

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served one year on the school board

CAREER: Executive director of Community Building Institute

FAMILY: Husband: Jimmy. Children: Cheri, Nina

CHRIS URSO EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, master's degree and PhD from Miami University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Eight years on school board, all as president

CAREER: Success coach for undergraduate students at Miami University

FAMILY: Wife: Julie. Children: Evan, Claire

# County coroner records highest number of suicides

Mental health experts say residents are still dealing with trauma from the pandemic.



*Robert Detzel stands watch over a flag-draped casket outside the Butler County Veterans Service Commission office in Hamilton as part of a veteran suicide awareness program.*

**NICK GRAHAM / STAFF FILE**

BY KEITH BIERYGOLICK - STAFF WRITER

Officials say more people died by suicide in Butler County last year than ever before, and federal data suggests suicide is now more common in the United States than at any time since the dawn of World War II.

In 2008, the Butler County coroner investigated 53 suspected suicides. That was the most since at least 1999, according to data provided by the coroner's office.

Last year, 64 people died by suicide.

That was 14 more than in 2021, or a 28% increase. It was a 68% increase from 2020.

Scott Rasmus, executive director of the county's mental health and recovery board, said the pandemic was the biggest factor in the increase.

"A lot of people suffered real trauma," he told the Journal-News.

Martin Schneider, administrator for the Butler County coroner, called the increase troubling.

These are the number of suspected suicides since 2018, according to the coroner's office:

- 2018: 42 people;
- 2019: 47 people;
- 2020: 38 people;
- 2021: 50 people; and
- 2022: 64 people.

Rasmus pointed out the previous Butler County high in 2008 coincided with the most severe economic crisis since the Great Depression.

And he said the only issue that effects a greater percentage of the

population than mental illness is obesity. Nationally, he said, one in five people struggle with addiction or mental health disorders.

It's closer to one in four locally, Rasmus said.

"It's not just war. It's global warming. It's pandemics and new pandemics," he said. "Our residents across Butler County are much more stressed out and much more apt to seek mental health services."

But 50% of the people who need help will not seek it, Rasmus said, largely due to stigma or a lack of awareness about potential options.

In America, about 49,500 people died by suicide last year, according to the Associated Press. That is also the most ever, according to government data posted in August.

In Butler County, suicide was the third-leading cause of death investigated by the coroner last year.

- 184 accidental drug overdoses;
- 110 deaths by natural causes;
- 64 deaths by suicide;
- 34 deaths by accidents;
- 30 deaths by traffic crashes;
- 18 by homicide; and
- 9 undetermined.

During budget hearings last month, Butler County Coroner Lisa Mannix told county commissioners those who work in suicide prevention want to conduct more psychological autopsies.

Those types of autopsies are different than what the coroner normally does.

They delve more into why something happened and what the underlying factors were.

"Our goal is to figure out how to prevent future deaths," Mannix said.

As of Nov. 6, the coroner's office said 46 people have died by suicide this year.

Officials say that means there will likely be more than 50 suicides in the county before the year is over.

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#### MORE DETAILS

If you need help, call 988 for the national Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

To reach the local Beckett Springs hotline, call 1(513) 525-5024 for immediate assistance.

# Senior center property worth about \$1M less than city paid for it, developer says

\$8.8M in taxpayer money has been spent on center in 11 years.

BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

## ONLY IN THE JOURNAL-NEWS

MIDDLETOWN — Those in charge of guiding the city how to best handle the operations at Central Connections heard some numbing numbers Monday afternoon.

Lenny Robinson, an accomplished commercial developer in Middletown, was asked by city leaders to tour the senior center property and provide professional guidance to the group.

After comparing the Central Avenue property and building on Central Avenue to a comparable property that has sold in the area, Robinson said Central Connections is worth about \$800,000, or \$1 million less than the city paid Middletown Senior Citizens Inc. for the property last month with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The property was appraised for \$2.3 million by the Butler County Auditor's Office even before the \$1.5 million renovations.

If the city decides to turn the building into an event center and rent it for weddings, anniversaries and other parties, it would need to invest \$400,000 to \$500,000 to make it competitive with other wedding venues, Robinson

said.

"You have to dress this up to meet what people want today," he said.

A lot of that expense, he said, would include adding about 200 parking spaces to the 115 spaces.

He said one parking space is needed for every two people, and he was told Central Connections has a 600-person capacity.

When the group asked deeper questions, Robinson said: "There are so many unknowns."

Then he added: "There is a lot of good here."

Bob Nolan, a business consultant and tax specialist, asked Robinson how much it would cost to construct a similar sized building like Central Connections. Then Nolan told Robinson it would cost more than \$2 million.

"I see a lot of right," Nolan said.

The city also is considering leasing the property, according to City Manager Paul Lolli.

Lolli said Robinson's presentation was "a lot to digest," and the city is seeking input from another developer and restaurant owner.

Some in the group expressed concern that they would make a recommendation for the best use of the business, then City Council would reject their opinions. Lolli said he was "very confident" that council members would "put a lot of stake" into the group's recommendation.

The goal of the task force, according to Lolli, is to create a plan for the property at 3907 Central Ave., then present legislation to City Council for approval early next year. By that time, council will have four new members.

The "end game" goal is for the city to get out of operating the center,

according to Lolli.

Lolli stressed that providing “mission critical” services to seniors is “an absolute priority.”

One person in the group suggested contacting the larger, local churches in Middletown to see if they would have room for the seniors to meet socially and receive medical testing.

Central Connections found itself in financial difficulty after Diane Rodgers, former executive director, was terminated in July. She is under investigation for possible theft, though no charges have been filed, according to Middletown police.

Middletown residents have invested in the center twice. Voters approved two five-year, 1-mill senior levies that generated \$7 million to provide or maintain senior services at the center.

The levy expired on Dec. 31, 2022 after 10 years.

Counting the \$1.8 million purchase price, \$8.8 million in taxpayers’ money has been spent on the center in the last 11 years.

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# With Issue 2 passage, here's when you can legally possess pot in Ohio

## STATE ISSUE 2



*A sign supporting Issue 2 sits in a residential yard on Tuesday in Cincinnati. Ohio adults excited by the state's legalization of recreational marijuana Tuesday will need to wait a month to partake if they want to be legally protected.*

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BY AVERY KREEMER - STAFF WRITER

Ohio adults excited by the state's legalization of recreational marijuana Tuesday will need to wait a month to partake if they want to be legally protected.

According to the state's final, unofficial results, the citizen-initiated statute

that made Ohio the 24th state to legalize recreational marijuana passed with 57% of the vote on Tuesday, winning in six of nine counties in the Miami Valley region. The law will legalize possession and home growing and creates the Division of Cannabis Control, which will eventually allow the sale and purchase of recreational marijuana products.

But Ohioans aren't protected by the law until Dec. 7, according to Tom Haren, spokesperson for the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, the campaign that drafted the law and petitioned it onto the ballot over the course of two years.

Once the bill goes into effect, it will immediately allow Ohioans over the age of 21 to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana in plant form or up to 15 grams in extract form and grow up to six marijuana plants per adult (capped at 12 plants per household).

However, the legal market outlined in Issue 2 will take much longer to actually put in place.

As of now, the Division of Cannabis Control has nine months to establish its rules and licensing guidelines, but that timeline could be altered if Ohio lawmakers decide to amend Issue 2, which many legislators have highlighted as a definite possibility.

So, on Dec. 7, Ohioans 21 years old or older will have the ability to possess marijuana and grow cannabis in their own home but no way to legally obtain either plant or seed.

Haren said Issue 2 does not speak to how of-age Ohioans would get their hands on marijuana. While many Ohioans already travel to Michigan to partake in its legal market, it's a violation of federal law to carry it over state lines.

Local action The 30-day waiting period for possession protection gives local governments a window to decide what action, if any, they'd like to take.

"There is still home rule in Ohio, so cities can pass moratoriums on it to say, 'Hey, woah, let us look at it' or they can turn around and pass a moratorium that says 'Yea, this might be state law but we're not going to allow it in our jurisdiction.' So, there's a lot of local governments that are going to have to figure out what they're going to do about it," said Kettering Municipal Court Clerk Rob Scott, an attorney who previously served on the city council for 10 years.

According to Scott, those moratoriums could range from locally prohibiting recreational marijuana facilities to actually banning marijuana possession or home grow.

Absent any local restrictions, there's still the question of how the Dec. 7 deadline will impact Ohioans who are currently facing marijuana possession charges but have not yet been convicted or sentenced.

Scott said "it's very likely that (small marijuana charges) will potentially go away," throughout most of the state, with the caveat that local rules and the discretion of prosecutors and judges will play a big factor in those cases.

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# 4 new faces joining City Council, Slamka new mayor

West II top vote-getter in race for council.



*Steve West II was elected to Middletown City Council. Jennifer Burg-Carter also won a Middletown City Council seat.*



*Elizabeth Slamka won the race for Middletown mayor.*



*Voters cast their ballots on Election Day, Tuesday at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Middletown.*

**NICK GRAHAM / STAFF**

BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

## MIDDLETOWN CITY OFFICE RACES

MIDDLETOWN — Middletown City Council will look a lot different when members are sworn into office in January.

And there's still one more member to be named after former police chief Rodney Muterspaw announced he's resigning his seat after two years of his four-year term due to family health issues.

It appears when the new council is seated in January, members will appoint someone to fulfill Muterspaw's unexpired term, though City Manager Paul Lolli indicated Tuesday night he'd rather the more experienced current council complete that task.

There are five members on council and only Zack Ferrell will have experience after serving two years.

Political newcomer Elizabeth Slamka received the most votes for mayor, narrowly defeating Joe Mulligan, who served eight years on council, according to unofficial results from the Butler and Warren county boards of elections.

Two other candidates, Steve West II and Jennifer Burg-Carter, also first-time public office holders, captured the two open council seats.

There were three vacancies on council after Mayor Nicole Condrey, Vice Mayor Monica Thomas and veteran council member Tal Moon decided not to seek re-election.

Slamka finished with 5,377 votes in Butler and Warren counties, while Mulligan garnered 5,239 votes, according to unofficial results.

Of the six council candidates on the ballot, West II received the most votes with 3,791, followed by Burg-Carter (3,733), Clayton Castle (2,851), John Ferrando (2,845), Jeffrey Wellbaum (2,384) and write-in Kristi Asbury (209).

Slamka credited her campaign team that worked since early April to get her elected.

Her yard signs and billboards were visible throughout the city, and Slamka spent countless hours campaigning door-to-door, she said.

Her goal the next four years, she said, is to listen to the needs of the residents and react to them.

“A peoples’ mayor” she called herself.

Mulligan, in an email to the Journal-News, congratulated Slamka on her victory and wished her the best. He also thanked the departing council members for their “years of service and effort on behalf of Middletown.”

West II said now that his campaign and the election are over, it's time "for the real business of making Middletown better."

He thanked his supporters and those who voted for him.

"Now the pressure is on," he said. "All eyes will be on the new council."

Earlier, when asked why she was running after being defeated two years ago, Burg-Carter said she wanted to represent her neighborhood and "speak for those people. I want to create change. We are better together."

Burg-Carter said she decided to seek a council seat while serving as an ambassador with Middletown Connect, a group of concerned citizens. After riding a bus with others throughout certain tracts in the city, she learned "there are a lot of things that we need to work on together."

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# Butler County nearly split, but pro-choice votes win

The measure passed by a margin of 50.63% to 49.37% here.



*Political signs line the entrance at the Butler County Board of Elections office in Hamilton on Oct. 19.*

*NICK GRAHAM / STAFF*

BY KEITH BIERYGOLICK - STAFF WRITER

## ISSUE 1

Abortion is legal in Ohio. The same state where Donald Trump won twice by convincing margins.

On Tuesday, this ballot measure won by a double-digit margin.

In Butler County, the result was much closer. But it passed.

And the result in what's long been known as a Republican stronghold is perhaps even more striking.

On social media, the county's Democratic Party celebrated.

"Butler County is Pro-Choice!", read a post.

In Butler County, the measure passed by a margin of 50.63% to 49.37%. The difference was 1,456 votes. In neighboring Warren and Clermont counties, the measure failed, with 51.80% of residents voting against it.

Election results will not be finalized until Nov. 28.

Kathy Wyenandt, chairwoman of the Butler County Democratic Party, said for the second time this year, voters "sent a loud and clear message to the corrupt, out-of-touch Republicans in Columbus that their agenda is too extreme for Ohio.

"We look forward to continuing our important work of standing up for common sense, decency, and democracy in 2024," she said.

The Journal-News reached out to the Butler County Republican Party and will update this article when representatives respond.

On Tuesday, Ohio voters passed Issue 1 and guaranteed a limited right to abortion in the state constitution, nullifying the state's temporarily-blocked 6 week abortion ban that provides no exceptions for cases of rape or incest.

The race was called by the Associated Press just after 9 p.m. Ohioans approved Issue 1 by a margin of 56.3% to 43.7%, according to unofficial results. The result was similar to August's vote on whether everyday Ohioans should keep this power to change the state constitution via ballot issue.

Tuesday's abortion rights vote was a constitutional amendment, so it is

harder for politicians who disagree with it to change it. But Ohio's statehouse Republican leaders said they plan to try.

"As a 100% pro-life conservative, I remain steadfastly committed to protecting life, and that commitment is unwavering," said House Speaker Jason Stephens, R-Kitts Hill. "The legislature has multiple paths that we will explore to continue to protect innocent life. This is not the end of the conversation."

# Call to attend Middletown's annual Veterans Day celebration



*James Sherron*

Middletown feted World War II veteran Tracy Isaacs, helping to celebrate his 104th birthday in September.

There was cake.

At least four generations of his family members were there. And for a brief moment, Isaacs' street turned into a parade route with police and fire vehicles, Jeeps with American Flags and motorcycles.

It was a wonderful moment, and a fitting tribute to one of the last of what newsman and author Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation."

This heartwarming event underscores the significance of our veterans within our community and the depth of our respect for their service.

With roughly 8 percent of our population, or over 3,000 veterans, residing in Middletown, we must recognize and support these individuals who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

Every Veterans Day in Middletown, we seek to honor their service with a celebration luncheon at the American Legion Post 218. Congressman

Warren Davidson, an Army Ranger, and West Point graduate, is the featured speaker for this year's event on Saturday, Nov. 11.

In Middletown, we have the unique opportunity to connect with these veterans, hear their stories, and convey our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication. It is a chance to pay homage to those who have gone above and beyond to serve our country, preserving the freedoms and way of life we often take for granted.

We are incredibly grateful to our Gold Star families whose loved ones sacrificed their lives for service and whose participation we welcome.

Middletown is home to a diverse and dedicated group of veterans. The largest segment of our veterans served during the Vietnam Era, marked by profound challenges and a stirring resilience that left an indelible mark on the nation. The first Gulf War Era veterans follow closely behind, a testament to our city's enduring commitment to service and duty.

Furthermore, our community is graced with veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Gulf Wars, making it evident that a rich tapestry of service and experience defines our town.

Moreover, this event extends beyond mere celebration.

It underscores the importance of supporting programs like Veterans' Courts, which focuses on treatment and diversion rather than punishment.

These specialized dockets offer a lifeline to veterans entangled in legal issues, emphasizing rehabilitation, counseling, and support.

By attending the Memorial Service and Luncheon, attendees can express support for rehabilitating veterans and their reintegration into society.

As Municipal Judge, I am privileged to participate in this event, knowing that it is a testament to the unity and appreciation within our community.

Let us continue to come together on Veterans Day to remember, connect, and make a difference.

May the parade of gratitude that flowed to Tracy Isaacs' home inspire us all, motivating us to attend and celebrate the remarkable contributions of our veterans.

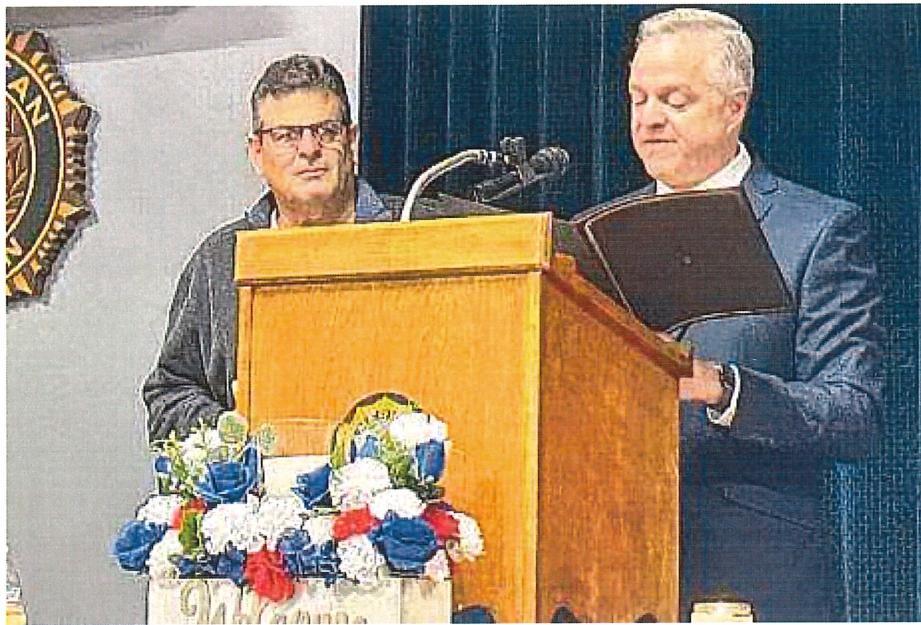
James Sherron is Municipal Judge at Middletown Municipal Court. He administers a specialized docket in the Veterans' Drug Treatment Court.

# Verity Award winner Pearce says he wants to 'give back and pay forward'

MIDDLETOWN



*Ben Johnis, a member of Team Fastrax, a Middletown-based professional skydiving team, lands with the American flag Saturday morning at Woodside Cemetery as part of the city's Veterans Day ceremony. PHOTOS BY RICK MCCRABB / STAFF*



*Middletown Municipal Court Judge James Sherron (right) presents the C. William Verity Award for outstanding community service to Dave Pearce on Saturday at American Legion Post 218.*

BY RICK MCCRABB  
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLETOWN — After Middletown Municipal Court Judge James Sherron read a lengthy list of Dave Pearce's accomplishments in his hometown, Pearce accepted the C. William Verity Award for outstanding community service Saturday at the American Legion Post 218.

"I give back and pay forward," Pearce said in accepting the award that has been presented every year since 1964, except for 2020. "I had a wonderful childhood growing up in Middletown and I want to do my part to make things better in the community."

It's easy to find Pearce's fingerprints on several community projects.

He spearheaded a \$1 million renovation of Jacot Park, helps organize the Ohio Balloon Challenge that just celebrated its 20th year with record attendance, coached his daughters' soccer and basketball teams and serves

on numerous boards.

Sherron called Pearce “a motivator and collaborator” who has delivered “prosperity and enjoyment” to area residents.

Pearce, a 1978 Middletown High School and 1982 Miami University graduate with a business degree, worked for a bank in Columbus, then returned in 1992 to his Middletown roots, where he and his wife, Karen, raised their two daughters, Sarah and Maggie.

He retired six years ago and hasn’t stopped volunteering yet. He’s working with a group of business and community leaders advising the city how to best operate Central Connections, the city’s senior and event center.

The list of former C. William Verity Award winners reads like a Middletown honor roll. Sherron said Pearce stands “shoulder to shoulder” with those recipients.

Pearce said the award is “quite an honor.”

U.S. Rep. Warren Davidson (R-Troy) a former Army Ranger and graduate of West Point, was the featured speaker for this year’s celebration.

Before the event at the Legion, a short ceremony was held at Woodside Cemetery.

Ben Johnis, a member of Team Fastrax, the Middletown-based professional skydiving team, landed with an American flag and the American Legion and VFW combined honor guard performed a 21-gun salute.

Middletown is home to over 3,000 veterans, representing a diverse and dedicated group of individuals, including World War II, Vietnam, Korean and Gulf War veterans.

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# Butler County to celebrate National Adoption Day

Annual 'feel-good' day to see 13 kids adopted by nine families today.



*Shania and Tyler Cox are adopting two siblings Matthew (left), 10, and Billie (right), 8, on National Adoption Day. They already have two biological kids Zeke, 7, and T.J., 8.*  
NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

BY DENISE G. CALLAHAN - STAFF WRITER

## ONLY IN THE JOURNAL-NEWS

Annual 'feel-good' day to see 13 kids adopted by nine families today.

By Denise G. Callahan Staff Writer More than a dozen children will finalize their forever families today as part of the National Adoption Day celebration Butler County.

Shania and Tyler Cox will officially make 10-year-old Matthew and his 8-year-old sister, Billie, a part of their family at the annual celebration in the Butler County Historic Courthouse. Matthew told the Journal-News he was thrilled to join the family he has known as his own for nearly a year.

"I'm super happy," Matthew said about the big day. "I can still see all my friends and I can hang out with the best mom ever."

It's always organized chaos on the third Saturday in November with kids running and laughing and parents trying to corral them before Probate Court Judge John Holcomb and his magistrates to seal forever families. This year, Theresa Cooper, permanency administrator for Butler County Children Services, said 13 children will be adopted by nine families.

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"They've been through so much and that feeling that they get that day, that this is their family forever can bring tears to your eyes."

She said Billie and Matthew have been in the child protective system for several years and came into their permanent custody in January, after

attempts to reunify them with their biological parents failed. It is Children Services' job to investigate reports of abuse and neglect and take action if warranted. She said they have 277 children in their custody and 80 are eligible for adoption.

The Coxes have two biological sons T.J., 8, and Zeke, 7, and Shania said her aunt had a large group of foster kids when she was growing up, and she knew she wanted to do the same.

"When I met Tyler I told him first thing I really want to foster and adopt in the future and you'd better be OK with that," she said. "He said me too and I was like sweet."

She said they saw an article a few years ago that BCCS needed more foster families and they decided to put their words into action, they have fostered a total of five children. Tyler said growing up one of his best friends was adopted and while he had the same vision as his wife it was a little scary.

"When she showed me that article that Butler County was in need I thought we're too young, I don't make enough money, I just got my first job in Ohio," he said. "We lived in a single wide trailer at the time, I thought there's no way we can afford to do this, but really you don't need money to get started, you really don't need money, you don't need a big house."

He's 25, and Shania is 28, and they live in Reading. He works at the Ohio Cat dealership, and she was a stay-at-home mom but has gone back to work as a teachers aide at Reading Elementary, "so I get see the kids all day."

The Coxes said Matthew and Billie had difficult childhoods and now are normal kids, except Shania jokes Billie loves to clean the bathrooms and Tyler says Matthew loves to do "guy stuff" with him like "loves to go fishing and camping and all that stuff ... he's good for me."

BCCS is always looking for foster and adoptive families, especially to take in teens and sibling groups. This year Cooper said they have one 17-year-old girl who has been in the system for most of her life being adopted and a couple

other families adopting “sib groups.”

Foster and adoptive parents aren’t left to fend themselves, Cooper said adoptive children with identified special needs can qualify for adoption assistance which includes Medicaid for the child and a monthly subsidy that is negotiated with the family and based on the needs of the child.

A typical subsidy amount ranges from \$400 to \$500 per month.

“We do our very best to qualify the kids through the program and once they qualify we go through the process of negotiations where the family and agency agree to an amount,” Cooper said. “We can start at zero but very few kids get nothing.”

The foster care rates for families range from \$734 to \$1345 depending on the needs and age of the child.

She said there have been 45 adoptions so far this year and hope to finalize more by year’s end. BCCS finalized 44 adoptions last year, down significantly from 91 in 2016, just prior to the pandemic in 2019 there were 87.

The agency has 133 licensed foster families and the county’s Job and Family Services Executive Director Julie Gilbert urged more people to consider fostering or adoption.

“We are so fortunate to have adoptive families who are committed to caring for these children and becoming their forever families.

The love and the caring they provide is to be celebrated and to be recognized,” Gilbert said. “They receive support from our agency, from their fellow foster and adoptive parents and it’s just an extremely fulfilling and meaningful calling for people.”

This will be Holcomb’s third National Adoption Day since taking office and he plans as usual to have the giant gavel at the ready for the kids to bang on his bench after the adoptions are final. He said they have “large, extra large and

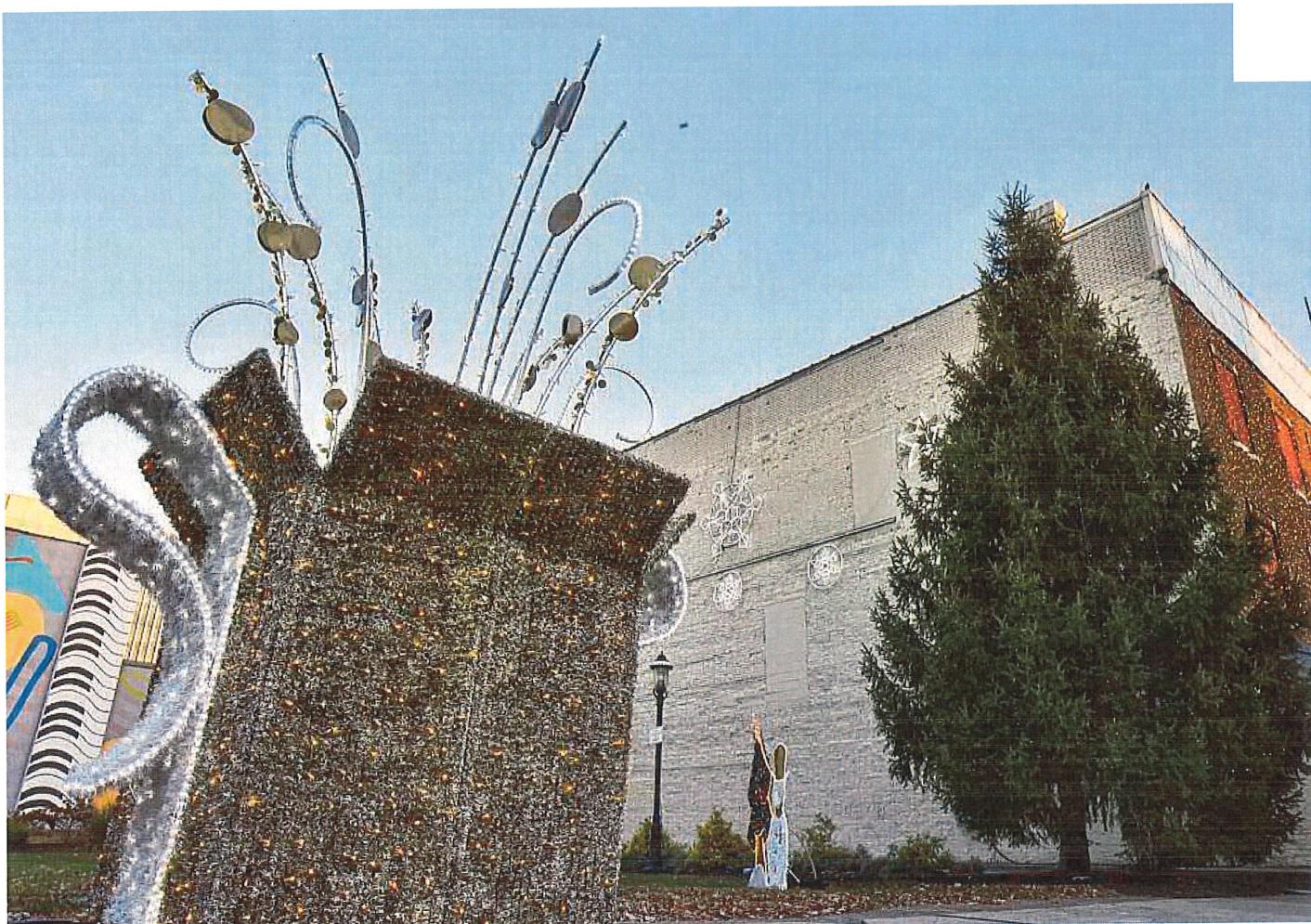
jumbo" gavels to get the job done.

"Seeing the joy on the families faces as they get their adoptions finalized to kick off the holiday season," he said is his favorite part.

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## HOLIDAY ON MAIN STREET



*Downtown Middletown is decorated for holiday festivities with an ice-skating rink and a light display. Holiday on Main Street presents The Magic of Middletown Tree Lighting Ceremony from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 24 with the tree lighting at 6 p.m. The evening includes wagon rides, caroling, Santa's arrival, photos with Santa and more.*

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# City seeks to fill council vacancy

Rodney Muterspaw resigned, citing family health issues.



*Middletown City Council member Rodney Muterspaw is resigning after two years due to family health issues.*

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BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

## MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN — After much discussion during Tuesday night's City Council meeting, members decided they wanted to appoint the person to fulfill the two years remaining on Rodney Muterspaw's unexpired term instead of leaving that responsibility to the next council.

Muterspaw, who was elected two years ago, announced on Nov. 7 that he

was resigning, citing family health issues. His family is his main priority, said Muterspaw, who missed two recent council meetings because a family member was having surgery and due to sickness.

When talking about his two years on council, Muterspaw said: "It's been quite a ride," though he and other council members didn't always see "eye to eye."

Muterspaw said council member Zack Ferrell, who also was elected two years ago, helped "rejuvenate" him after he lost some of his passion for the city.

Vice Mayor Monica Thomas told Muterspaw: "Don't ever lose your spark." She said Muterspaw has a way to "ignite passion in people."

Mayor Nicole Condrey talked about Muterspaw's frequent Facebook posts and how they send positive messages about Middletown.

During citizens comments, Jennifer Chen said at the Nov. 7 council meeting, people said the incoming council was too inexperienced to appoint Muterspaw's replacement.

She was "flabbergasted" by those comments, she said.

Instead of going through an application and interview process, Chen said the candidate who finished third in the Nov. 7 election should be appointed, followed by the person who finished fourth.

Steve West II, who was elected on Nov. 7, also spoke at Tuesday's meeting and said he "fully supports" whatever decision council makes.

Since Condrey, Thomas and longtime council member Tal Moon didn't seek re-election this year, and with Muterspaw resigning, only Zack Ferrell, who was elected two years ago, remains on council.

Newly elected Elizabeth Slamka, who won the race for mayor, and council members Jennifer Burg-Carter and West II will be sworn in on Dec. 12.

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## HOW TO APPLY

Middletown City Council is seeking qualified electors of the city of Middletown to submit a letter of interest and a resume to be considered for appointment to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Rodney Muterspaw that expires on Dec. 31, 2025.

Candidates must live within the city of Middletown, be a registered voter and at least 18 years old.

Letters of interest, with a candidate's full legal name and address, and resumes should be emailed to Clerk of Council Amy Schenck at [amys@cityofmiddletown.org](mailto:amys@cityofmiddletown.org) or delivered to the City Council office, 1 Donham Plaza, second floor, Middletown, Ohio 45042 before 5 p.m.

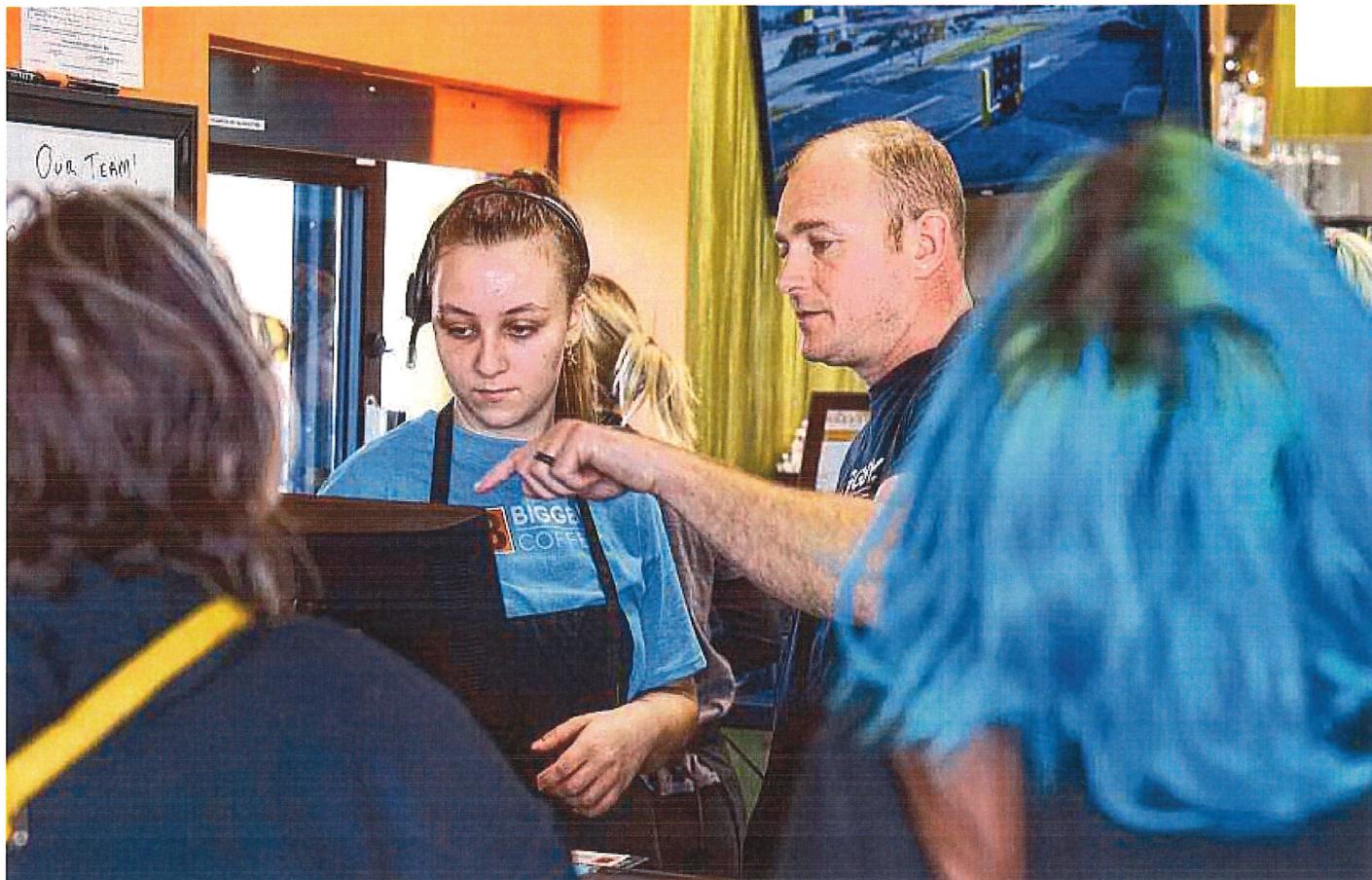
Nov. 30.

Applications will be reviewed and considered by City Council and in-person interviews will be scheduled and conducted at 9 a.m. Dec. 4 and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 for candidates unable to attend an interview Dec. 4.

SOURCE: City of Middletown

# Couple opens new coffee shop with drive-thru

Biggby Coffee store also has 2 conference rooms, play area.



*Owner Scott Bunch helps Rebekah Martin punch in orders at the new Biggby Coffee, 3593 S. Dixie Highway, in Middletown, on Tuesday, its opening day.*

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*A new Biggby Coffee location opened Tuesday morning on South Dixie Highway in Middletown.*

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BY RICK MCCRABB - STAFF WRITER

## MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN — A business that has been brewing in a Middletown strip center for several months opened Tuesday morning.

For the last five months, Scott and Molli Bunch have remodeled an empty storefront formerly occupied by OrthoSport Physical Therapy Center, 3593 S. Dixie Highway at Ohio 122.

The Biggby Coffee shop features a drive-thru, two conference rooms with eight seats each and TVs, three study pods, a play area for families and seating for an additional eight customers.

Scott Bunch called the five-month build out and grand opening "quite a journey."

The Springboro couple, owners of S&M Global Investments, signed a franchise agreement in November 2022 and received a \$15,000 small business grant from the city of Middletown in April. Bunch said the grant helped finance the drive-thru construction and the furniture and TVs for the conference rooms.

"It's a beautiful space," he said Tuesday while sitting in one of the conference rooms with his wife.

The addition of a drive-thru is "absolutely huge," especially during the winter months and for customers with small children, he said.

The couple envisions the conference rooms being "community gathering areas" for family events and church and business meetings, he said.

Molli Bunch said the spaces have been "well received" by real estate agents who said they plan to use them as places to complete paperwork.

The couple also owns and operates a Biggby franchise on Ohio 741 in Springboro, where they live. Opening a business is "terrifying" because they invested their life saving into the venture, he said.

The city said the couple was expected to invest more than \$425,000 into the interior build-out, addition of a drive-thru and equipment procurement.

But they're confident the Middletown location will be successful, especially as development in the East End continues with a proposed \$200 million project on 50 acres at the southeast corner of Ohio 122 and Union Road.

That project is expected to include a 3,000-seat, multipurpose event center, Class A retail and office, hotels, restaurants and a variety of residential products on the property, according to developers.

Until then, he said, they need to figure out "what busy looks like in Middletown."

Bunch said he plans to hire about 20 employees with an annual payroll of \$220,000 that will generate \$4,400 in taxes, according to city leaders.

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