

CHAMBER LINK



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**OUR MISSION
IS TO HELP
OUR MEMBERS
R.I.S.E.**

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From The Desk Of

Laura Wright
Executive Director

Hello and happy summer to all! Here at the chamber, we are excited to finally be heading into the summer months. The weather is beautiful.. Let's get out and enjoy it!



Our annual Golf Scramble, held on May 8th, was a HUGE success! THANK YOU to all of our sponsors for making this event possible. Please see page 10 for a shout out to those who gave so generously to this great cause (as level sponsors, hole sponsors, door prize donations and/or swag bag donations). Our charity of choice, the Middletown VFW (Post 1170), will benefit greatly from your generosity!

Our summer events just keep heating up! Our Chamber June 8th Annual Awards Luncheon will feature Louisville's new Mayor, the Honorable Craig Greenberg, as speaker. Be sure to go out to our website to RSVP for this luncheon (\$25 online/\$30 at the door). Also, the date for our Annual Vintage Market & Craft Fair is set and will be held on July 29th. We're changing the venue this year so please watch for upcoming information on that soon!

HAPPY June!



Serving Louisville, Southern Indiana, and Western Kentucky

Reanna Smith-Hamblin, *President/CEO*

844 South 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Direct Line: (502) 588-0043, BBB.org



MAY Hot Topics

1. A local consumer's Facebook account was hacked recently, **and the hacker made a post claiming the consumer was selling several items as part of a moving sale.** The hacker then requested any interested buyers first send a deposit in an attempt to defraud the consumer's Facebook friends. If you believe a friend's social media account has been hacked, contact them via phone or email to let them know. Report any hacked accounts to the social media platform.
2. A local consumer reported a scam that occurred on Craigslist.com. The consumer paid a deposit on a Jeep; however, **when the consumer attempted to pick up the car and complete the sale, the seller was a no-show and the consumer was unable to contact them.** BBB warns consumers to be cautious when sellers on Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and other online selling sites request deposits to "hold" items. Always pay with a credit card whenever possible.
3. **A local consumer fell prey to a complex tech support scam.** The consumer was contacted by someone alleging to represent Microsoft and informed their computer and smartphone had been compromised. The scammer requested the phone number of the victim's bank and claimed they would connect the victim to their bank via a "secure line." The "bank representative" was part of the scam, and the victim lost close to \$10,000. BBB warns consumers not to grant access to their personal devices in response to unsolicited "tech support" messages, and to not give out personal or financial information as well.
4. **A local consumer received a phone call from a scammer claiming to be an FBI agent.** The scammer alleged the consumer's identity had been stolen and asked her to provide personal and bank account information to verify her identity. This is a phishing scam. Government agency and law enforcement imposters will often use scare tactics to convince victims to give out their personal and/or financial information.
5. **A local consumer recently lost \$3,000 in a puppy scam.** BBB reminds consumers who want to buy from breeders to always see the animal in person first, check the breeder's credentials and references, and always pay with credit card.
6. **A local consumer was contacted via phone by someone claiming to be the consumer's granddaughter.** The granddaughter said she'd been jailed after an accident and needed bail money. This is commonly known as the grandparent scam. If you receive a similar call, do not wire money or give out your financial information over the phone. If you are concerned the caller may be legitimate, hang up and contact another family member or friend who can verify the caller's story.
7. **BBB has received a report of a reshipping employment scam from a local consumer.** Any "job opportunity" that involves receiving other people's mail and packages at your home address so that you can inspect and reship the packages is a scam and not a legitimate work-from-home job.
8. **A consumer alerted BBB that they were receiving multiple phone calls from a loan company claiming to be accredited with BBB.** This turned out to be untrue. Consumers can always verify whether a company is BBB accredited (as well as see their rating, reviews, and any complaints) by visiting bbb.org.
9. Multiple consumers have reported receiving **fraudulent phone calls claiming to represent Amazon customer support.** BBB reminds consumers that Amazon will not call you to question a purchase on your account. If you have any concerns about your Amazon account, contact the company directly.
10. A local consumer ordered a flower delivery from a florist, **only for the delivery to be cancelled and no refund issued.** BBB advises consumers to check a company's reviews and complaints at bbb.org before purchasing a product or service.



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JUNE Hot Topics

1. **A consumer reported a Facebook customer service scam to BBB.** The consumer's daughter was scammed via phone by someone claiming to represent Facebook's customer service team. BBB warns consumers to be extremely cautious when giving out financial information, including payment app account information, over the phone.
2. **A consumer purchased a product from what appeared to be Dicks Sporting Goods' website but turned out to be a fake look alike site, and the consumer never received the product.** BBB advises consumers to avoid clicking on ads and instead visit companies' websites directly when shopping online.
3. **Scam Publishers Clearing House phone calls are on the rise again in BBB's service area.** As a reminder, the real Publisher's Clearing House only contacts winners by mail, **not** by phone or text. Any "sweepstakes" that claims you need to pay money to claim your winnings is very likely a scam.
4. A consumer attempted to buy Stanley brand cups by clicking on a Facebook ad, but never received the cups. **BBB warns consumers to be wary of prices that seem too good to be true, and to avoid clicking on third party ads.** It's best to visit the manufacturer or company's website directly.
5. **A consumer reported a puppy scam to BBB that occurred via a Facebook group.** After joining the group and attempting to purchase a puppy from the group's administrator, the consumer received multiple requests for money from the alleged seller – and never received the dog. The consumer was later blocked by the seller. BBB advises consumers to always view a pet in person before purchasing, check a breeder's reviews and credentials, and always pay with a credit card.
6. A consumer attempting to sell a desk on Facebook Marketplace was scammed by a fake buyer. **BBB reminds consumers when selling items online to never give out personal information to potential buyers, including phone numbers.**
7. **BBB warns consumers to be on the lookout for medical bill scams.** If you receive a bill, verify the claim first, look up the customer service number listed on the bill and make sure it's registered with an official business, don't give in to scare tactics, and guard your personal information.
8. A consumer attempted to purchase a Ninja knife set for what seemed like a very low price, only to be scammed. BBB reminds consumers that if a price seems too good to be true, especially for name brand or high-quality items, the website is likely a scam selling counterfeit products – or no products at all.
9. **BBB saw a rise in reported work-from-home job scams during the month of May.** BBB advises consumers to always check a company's profile on **BBB.org** before interviewing, be wary of any interview that seems to go too quickly, and if the employer sends a check to purchase supplies or equipment, it is very likely an employment or fake check scam.
10. As we enter summer vacation season, **BBB warns consumers to beware of online hotel booking scams.** Only book hotels through official websites, research any hotel or business you aren't familiar with, and pay with a credit card.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<https://middletownchamberky.com/events-calendar/>

KCC
<https://middletownchamberky.com/kentucky-chamber-of-commerce/>

GLI

<https://middletownchamberky.com/gli/>

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

<https://middletownchamberky.com/business-directory/>

MEMBER AWARDS

<https://middletownchamberky.com/member-awards/>

SPACE FOR RENT/LEASE

<https://middletownchamberky.com/space-for-rent-or-lease/>

JOB BOARD

<https://middletownchamberky.com/job-board/>

WEEKLY CHAMBER CHATTER

<https://middletownchamberky.com/chamber-chatter/>

CHAMBERLINK NEWSLETTER

<https://middletownchamberky.com/newsletter/>

CHAMBER RESOURCE LINKS

WEBSITE HOME

<https://middletownchamberky.com/>



Welcome

NEW & RETURNING CHAMBER MEMBERS

Amy VanValkenburg, Middletown Spa & Aesthetics
Andy Mitchell, Summitt Trucking
Charles George, Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of KY
Bhavna Patel, Subway, Middletown
Olivia Castro, Penske Truck Leasing
Courtney Pettway, KidVestors, Inc
William Yates, Paragon Homes, Inc
Scrogham, A Novel Romance, LLC
David Snyder, Reliable Tek Help
John King, German American Bancorp
Stacey Weber, Dextera Logistics

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TERESA KINBERGER KINBERGER LAW PPLC



Kinberger
LAW OFFICE

11707 MAIN ST
MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243



Attorney Teresa Kinberger's focus is on estates, celebrating an adoption, or helping divorce or loss of a loved one. She handles Healthcare Surrogates and Living Wills), Mediations, and Family Law issues. Teresa is practicing law for 33 years, serving the Middletown

helping families whether it's in planning their them through difficult times such as a Estate Planning (Wills, Powers-of-Attorneys, Adoptions, Prenuptial Agreements, also a certified mediator. She has been and greater Louisville area for 30 of those years.

Teresa represented abused and neglected children for 8 years and served on the Jefferson County Foster Care Review Board, wherein she reviewed current placements in the foster care system ensuring their cases were progressing as needed. She has a passion for helping others making her law practice very client focused.

Teresa works with Orphan Care Alliance (OCA) in Middletown to help families going through the process of adoption. Both OCA and Kinberger Law Office have a goal of making adoptions affordable for everyone.

Teresa recently won a Kentucky Supreme Court case that changed the laws in Kentucky. Because of her tenacity, now individuals under a guardianship can get a divorce in Kentucky helping to diminish adult abuse.

Kinberger Law Office's goal is to give each client competency, compassion, and commitment to handling their legal needs. They offer both in person and Zoom Conferences to best accommodate the needs of their clients.



**FAMILY
LAW**



**ESTATE
PLANNING**

(502) 425-9920

kylawyers@gmail.com

WWW.KYLAWYER.NET



**APPELATE
LAW**



**PROBATE
LAW**



Health Centers
CHIROPRACTIC | WELLNESS
Jeremiah Holmes D.C.

Welcome to our
GRAND OPENING!

**727 SPECKMAN RD
MIDDLETOWN, KY
WWW.GOTCORE.NET**



CHAMBERLINK CLIPPINGS FROM MAY...

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR-TRUCK-BIKE SHOW



CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION



WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK



COFFEE HOST: WANDA BASTERT NEW YORK LIFE



CHAMBER BOARD PRESIDENT, TOM STONE STONE LEGAL GROUP, SWEARS IN NEW BOARD MEMBER, WAYNE TURCHETTA HMC SERVICE COMPANY



NETWORKING

COFFEE CHIT CHAT WITH THE CHAMBER

*A great big THANK YOU to our MAY Coffee host:
TAYLOR CLEMENTS, POTHOS HAIR & COMPANY*

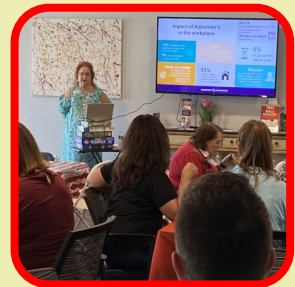


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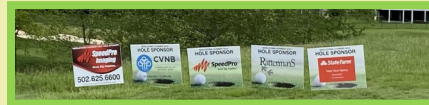
A SMALL GROUP WHOSE SUM IS > ITS PARTS

**THANK YOU TO OUR HOST:
LAUREN STROUD, THE GRAND SENIOR LIVING**

**THANK YOU
to our speaker:
Lisa Young,
Alzheimer Association
Senior Walk Director**



MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER GOLF SCRAMBLE



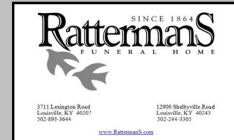
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THANK YOU GOLF SCRAMBLE SPONSORS!

TO BENEFIT MIDDLETOWN VFW 1170



MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF SCRAMBLE SPONSORS 5/8/23



HOLE SPONSORS

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| 502 Hemp | Glaser's Collision | Senior Health Kentucky |
| Abbott Rentals, LLC | Jan-Pro | SpeedPro |
| Bornstein General Contracting 1890 | Kentucky Gymnastics Academy | State Farm Tracy Blair Haus |
| Chase Marketing | MAGNA Pharmaceuticals | State Farm Agency Holly Coy |
| Chris Drouin Video | Middletown, Jeffersontown & St. Mathews Magazine | Stock Yards Bank |
| City of Middletown | Neptune Society | Stockton Mortgage Tyra Anderson |
| ClearPath Mutual Insurance Company | Phoenix IT | The Legacy at English Station |
| Cumberland Valley (\$50,000 Hole In 1) | Rattermans Funeral Home | The Willows at Springhurst |
| Encore Wealth Management | Republic Bank | Tazikis Mediterranean Cafe |
| Executive Suites of Kentucky | Roosters | Texas Roadhouse |
| Forest Springs Health Campus | Rye, Wright & Hiegel (2 Holes) | |

If you are interested in joining the Middletown Chamber or need more information, please contact us at: 502.245.0404 or laura@middletownchamberky.com for more information.

DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS

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| 502 Hemp | Creations Hair Salon, Dana McGill | HMC Services | SPARC Hope |
| Allstate | Critically Loved | Immaculate Detailing | Stockton Mortgage, Tyra Anderson |
| Biscuit Belly | Crumb! Cookies | Jenny's Garden | Stone Legal Group |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | East End Cleaners | Mattingly & Howell Orthodontics | The Grand Senior Living |
| Chick-a-D's | First Watch | Middletown Chamber of Commerce | VFW Women's Auxiliary |
| ClearPath Mutual | Gander | Roosters | Woodhaven Country Club |
| Coals Pizza | Harmony at Tucker Station | Rumors | |

SWAG BAG DONATIONS

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| 502 Hemp | Kentucky Elder Law, PLLC | Middletown United Methodist Church | River City Bank |
| Chick-A-D's | Kentucky Gymnastics Academy | Minuteman Press Middletown | Salsarita's Fresh Mexican Grill |
| Greenway Shredding | Legacy Home Realtors, Nancy Gries | Neptune Society | State Farm, Holly Coy |
| Harmony Senior Services | LG&E | Oasis Senior Advisors | Stock Yards Bank |
| HMC Services | Middletown Chamber of Commerce | Perioimplants Associates | |
| Hotworx Middletown | Middletown Eyecare | Phoenix IT | |

May

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our speaker, John Hassmann, owner of A Taste of Kentucky, who's business acumen and insights were extremely informative!



**THANK YOU JOHN!
WE WISH YOU WELL
IN YOUR RETIREMENT!**



WELCOME

**A TASTE OF KENTUCKY NEW OWNERS:
ROB & KAREN TAYLOR**

**THANK
YOU**
to our
caterer's:

**THE BLOCK
GOURMET
DELI**



UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
|---------|---------|------------------|---|
| 6/8/23 | 11:30AM | MONTHLY | CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON, CELEBRATION HALL |
| 6/8/23 | 6:00PM | MONTHLY | MIDDLETOWN CITY MEETING, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 6/13/23 | 12:00PM | NETWORKING | NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP, CELEBRATION HALL |
| 6/15/23 | 9:00AM | MONTHLY | CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, CHAMBER OFFICE |
| 6/15/23 | 11:00AM | PLANNING | CHAMBER EVENTS/GROWTH COMBINED MEETING, STORYPOINT |
| 6/15/23 | 1:00PM | MONTHLY | CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 6/20/22 | 12:00PM | BI-MONTHLY | MIDDLETOWN NETWORKING GROUP, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 6/20/23 | 4:30PM | NETWORKING | WOMEN IN BUSINESS HAPPY HOUR HAIR BAR, 11524 SHELBYVILLE RD, MIDDLETOWN KY 40243 |
| 6/21/23 | 8:00AM | NETWORKING | COFFEE CHIT CHAT, UNIFIED TECHNOLOGIES 11500 BLANKENBAKER ACCESS DR, LOUISVILLE KY 40299 |
| 6/21/23 | 11:00AM | NETWORKING | LEADS AT LIGHTNING SPEED, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 6/27/23 | 11:45AM | NETWORKING | SENIOR SYNERGY, TBD |
| 7/4/23 | HOLIDAY | INDEPENDENCE DAY | CITY & CHAMBER OFFICES ARE CLOSED |
| 7/13/23 | 4:30PM | MONTHLY | CHAMBER 9TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY BASH MIDDLETOWN VFW POST 1170, 107 N EVERGREEN RD |
| 7/13/23 | 6:00PM | MONTHLY | MIDDLETOWN CITY MEETING, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 7/18/23 | 12:00PM | BI-MONTHLY | MIDDLETOWN NETWORKING GROUP, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 7/19/23 | 11:00AM | NETWORKING | LEADS AT LIGHTNING SPEED, MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL |
| 7/20/23 | 9:00AM | MONTHLY | CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, CHAMBER OFFICE |

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS,

<https://middletownchamberky.com/events-calendar/>

You Are Invited To The
 Middletown Chamber Of Commerce
ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



Guest Speaker:
**LOUISVILLE MAYOR
 CRAIG GREENBERG**

When: 11:30 am-1:00 pm
 Thursday, June 8th, 2023

Where: Celebration Hall, Middletown
 11711 Main Street

Cost: \$25 per person in advance
 \$30 at the door

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS:
<https://middletownchamberky.com/product/monthly-luncheon-6-8-23/>

Questions? Call Laura at 502-245-0404
 or email laura@middletownchamberky.com



NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP



PLEASE JOIN US!

WHAT: NETWORKING WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS
 WHERE: MIDDLETOWN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 11721 MAIN ST, MIDDLETOWN KY
 WHEN: TUESDAY, 6/13/23, NOON - 1:00PM
 *BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS & DESSERT PROVIDED

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL LAURA: 502-245-0404, LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION

THURSDAY
 JUNE 15, 2023
 1-2PM




Held on the 3rd
 Thursday of
 every month!
 PLEASE RSVP

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OFFICE
 11803 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD, MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243


HELLO my name is... New Member ...not just for new members!

Join fellow chamber members and Chamber Staff as we highlight everything our Chamber of Commerce has to offer you! Come get acquainted with our offices, benefits, events, and communications. Oh, and don't forget to bring your business cards for the networking opportunity too!

To participate, you MUST register in advance: Registration is not available online. Please call Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404 or e-mail her at laura@middletownchamberky.com



CALLING ALL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



MYP

Middletown Young Professionals Mission Statement:
 To provide young professionals (ages 21-35) in the Louisville area fun opportunities to connect, collaborate, and develop professionally. Whether you are a young professional looking for social events, volunteer opportunities, or career enrichment, the Middletown Chamber Young Professionals group can help you grow professionally while providing you with exciting ways to deepen your connection with the Louisville community!

JW CAFE & BAKERY COFFEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6/7/23
 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 JW CAFE & BAKERY
 2301 TERRA CROSSING BLVD, #105
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40245

PLEASE RSVP TO LAURA AT 502-245-0404 OR EMAIL LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



MIDDLETOWN WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT:

To connect women from all different departments within a business, to share experiences, brainstorm new initiatives, and increase connections that support, enrich, and inspire women to advance professionally and personally.

HAIR BAR HAPPY HOUR!

Tuesday, 6/20/23, 4:30-6:30PM

GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY:
HAIR BAR

11524 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40243

TO RSVP:

CALL LAURA AT 502-245-0404 OR
EMAIL LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM



JOIN THE FUN! LEADS...

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 21, 2023
11:00AM-12:30PM



MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL
11803 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD
MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243

AT LIGHTNING SPEED!



Only one company per industry is allowed to attend.

If you attended the previous month, you must sit out a month.

A total of 20 participants per event, first to respond can attend.

Laura will confirm your reservation.

Must be a Chamber member and in good standing to participate.

Bring your business cards to share with the other 19 participants.

Speed networking will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

You will have 2 minutes, each round, to give your commercial.

Refreshments will not be provided

Signed up, but didn't attend? Must sit out 2 months.

Registration is not available online.

Please call Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404 or e-mail her at laura@middletownchamberky.com.



COFFEE CHIT CHAT WITH THE CHAMBER



**HOST: ANDY BALDERSON,
UNIFIED TECHNOLOGIES**

11500 BLANKENBAKER ACCESS DR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40299



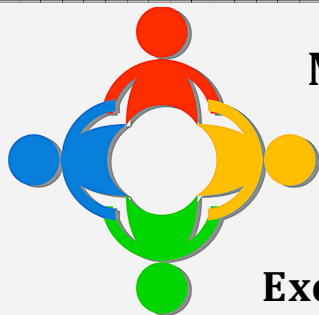


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**Please refer to our website listed below
for our most up-to-date information!**

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**MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Executive Director, Laura Wright (non-voting)

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Tom Abbott, Abbott Rentals
Jeanna Ashley, River City Bank
Wanda Bastert, New York Life Insurance
Wayne Turchetta, HMC Service Company
Eric Vorseth, Cumberland Valley National Bank
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Cliff Whalin, Christian Care Communities