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From The Desk Of

Laura Wright
Executive Director

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Happy Fall y'all! Gone are the hot and sticky days of late summer and now comes the crisp, cool, air and autumn colors everywhere! We love this time of year!



We are excited to tell you our refreshed website is now up and running! Please see our announcement on page 2 for more information.

September was loaded with events... and the weather cooperated perfectly! The Middletown Festival was a HUGE success, as was our brand new Non-Profit section! What a GREAT turnout! A fun time was had by all. Two businesses held their Ribbon Cuttings this month and we held several other networking events, including our well-attended Happy Hour at Roosters! Thank you to ALL of our volunteers and vendors who work to make our events possible. We know we could NOT do it without your help!

Looking ahead to October, mark your calendars and RSVP now to attend our first ever "Sips & Cigars" Networking event on October 11... because who wouldn't want free tastings of Jefferson's Bourbon? Also, don't forget about our Veteran's Chamber Luncheon coming up on October 12, and reserve your space now, too, for our Halloween Trick or Treat Event on October 28 as spaces for this event go quickly!

Apples, caramel, and pumpkin spice... hope your October is EXTRA-nice!



**Hey everyone,
our New &
Improved
Chamber website
is live!**



Please feel free to check our website

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

to confirm your company account information
is still accurate.



If you would like to create your account
to edit your own listing, email Deanne at

DEANNE@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

Be sure to include the following information:

Company Name, Contact Name and Contact Email

Within a week, you will receive an email from Laura
with instructions for sign on and edit.

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LADIES & GENTS
INVITED!

SIPS & CIGARS

MIDDLETOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NETWORKING EVENT



FREE
JEFFERSON'S
Bourbon
TASTINGS



Wednesday, October 11, 2023

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Bourbon Tastings, Stogies & Networking!

PLEASE RSVP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TASTINGS:
502-245-0404 or LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

MIDDLETOWN VFW POST 1170
107 N EVERGREEN RD
MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243
**Food & Bar available for purchase at the VFW*

OCTOBER CHAMBER LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

SPONSORED BY:



(502) 375-0440
6909 Enterprise Dr
Louisville, KY 40214
www.hussung.com



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2023
11:30am-1:00pm

CELEBRATION HALL
11711 MAIN ST,
MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243

SPEAKER: ANDY REED
& THE VFW HONOR GUARD

JOIN US!

\$20 ONLINE/\$25 AT THE DOOR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND RSVP TODAY AT:

<https://middletownchamberky.com/product/october-luncheon-10-12-23/>



TRICK OR TREAT MIDDLETOWN ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST EVENT

10/28/23
10AM-12PM



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH PARKING LOT
11711 MAIN ST

TRICK OR TREATING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
(CHILDREN 12 & UNDER ONLY AND NO PETS PLEASE)

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST + FREE CANDY + GAMES + DOOR PRIZES + BOOTH DECORATING
CONTEST + ACTIVITIES + FACE PAINTING + STORYTELLING + POLICE CARS + MUSIC +
BOUNCE HOUSES



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Serving Greater Kentucky and South Central Indiana

Reanna Smith-Hamblin, President/CEO

13104 Eastpoint Park Blvd, Louisville, KY 40223

Phone: (502) 583-6546, BBB.org



BBB September Hot Topics

1. **BBB has received multiple reports from consumers regarding scam Bed Bath & Beyond “going out of business” sales.** Scammers are taking advantage of Bed Bath & Beyond’s bankruptcy and subsequent acquisition by Overstock.com by targeting consumers with fake sales sites. BBB advises consumers to avoid clicking on third-party ads when shopping sales, and instead visit a retailer’s site directly.
2. **A consumer alerted BBB that they received a suspicious email that appeared to come from BBB.** BBB advises consumers that we will never contact you and ask you for personal information. If you receive a suspicious email, report it to BBB right away.
3. **A local business received an email stating that they had won a “Best of New Albany” award.** This is a vanity award scam. BBB advises consumers to be wary of any “award” that requires the recipient to pay for a trophy or plaque.
4. **A consumer reported a fake Kohl’s website to BBB.** The consumer ordered two pairs of shoes from the phony site, which they never received. BBB advises consumers to visit retailers’ websites directly instead of clicking on third-party ads.
5. **A consumer received a phone call from a scammer claiming to collect donations for the Police Alliance.** BBB warns consumers to be on the lookout for phony charities. Visit BBB’s Give.org to read information and reviews on charities and non-profits before making a donation.
6. **A consumer purchased a Stanley cup for a low price online, only for the item to never arrive.** The consumer did not receive a response to a refund request. BBB advises consumers to be wary of sales ads that seem too good to be true, particularly for popular or big-ticket items.
7. **A consumer recently hired a contractor via social media to complete a deck project.** After the consumer hired the contractor and paid upfront, the contractor began the project only to leave it unfinished and has not responded to the consumer’s contact attempts. BBB advises consumers to review all contractors and companies on BBB.org, and to be wary of any contractor who demands a large down payment (or full payment) before starting work.
8. **A consumer purchased a horse only to find that the horse was completely misrepresented in the ad.** BBB advises consumers to research breeders and sellers on bbb.org before purchasing an animal, always see the animal in person first, and pay with a credit card.
9. **A consumer responded to an employment listing recently, and after accepting the job offer was told they would need to send \$100 as payment for software programs.** This is an employment scam. Be extremely cautious of any job that requires you to send payment for supplies or sends you a check to cash for the purchase of supplies.
10. **A consumer reported receiving a scam Geek Squad invoice.** Invoice scams often involve the victim receiving a phony invoice for a service or product they did not buy. If you receive a suspicious invoice, do not pay until you confirm its validity.

CONTACT THE CHAMBER

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

MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

<https://middletownchamberky.com/member-to-member-discounts/>

MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

<https://middletownchamberky.com/member-incentive-program/>

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

JOB BOARD

<https://middletownchamberky.com/category/news/>

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

WEEKLY CHAMBER CHATTER

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

MONTHLY CHAMBERLINK NEWSLETTER

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

CHAMBER RESOURCE LINKS

WEBSITE HOME

<https://middletownchamberky.com/>



Welcome

NEW & RETURNING CHAMBER MEMBERS

Martin Lalnunsanga, Middletown Seventh-day Adventist

James Wilson, Right At Home Louisville

Aaron White, That 1 Painter Louisville

Russell Fallon, DGI Group, LLC

T. Greg Clark, Associates in Accounting, CPA

Chase Vincent, Budget Blinds

Chase Vincent, Kitchen Tune-Up

Karen Kuster, Arbonne

Tiante Harris, Fuchs Family Dental

Daniel Preston, AIA, Studio Archon, LLC

Robert Reed, Budget Business Services Inc

John Rickert, Southwest Funding

Andy Rogers, First Financial Bank

Ellen Sartin, ZenBusiness

Scott Walsh, Main Event Entertainment

Rosa Montano, Montano's Collection

Laura Calhoun, Individual

Tina Rogers, J K Rogers Construction Inc

Jon Fairfield, PRG Commercial Property Advisors

Sylvia Vandroff, Dungarvin

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND...

THANK YOU
NEW BOARD MEMBER!

LAUREN STROUD
The Grand Senior Living

PICTURED:
Board President Tom Stone
of Stone Legal Group
swears in new Chamber
board member Lauren
Stroud.



CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



9520 Ormsby Station Rd
Suite 150
Louisville, KY 40223

502-239-0012 Direct
502-593-4867 Cell

Mary Witten has been providing payment processing services to Kentuckiana businesses for over 20 years. She joined First Data Corp in 2000 and was invited to become a partner at Streamline Payments in 2015. Streamline Payments is a highly regarded independent payment processing company, headquartered in Louisville, whose main focus is service to the client. They offer 7 day/wk local service and vow to never lock businesses into a processing contract or raise rates. Whether you want to process payments the traditional way, add a convenience fee or want to pass the fees on to the cardholder, Mary can help you get what you need and keep you compliant. She is experienced and knowledgeable in all forms of payment processing and has access to networks that can integrate with many payment systems and software including medical PMS. Streamline Payments built and supports its own payment processing portal for business-to-business transactions or e-commerce.

Streamline Payments will process 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS in 2023

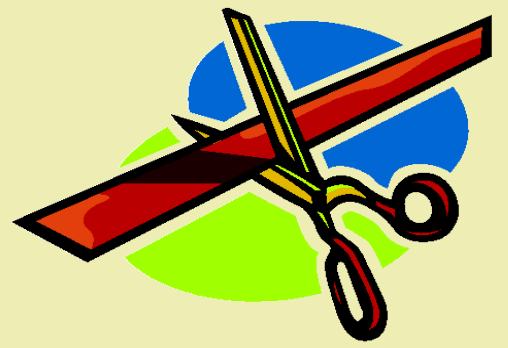
Mary was born and raised in Louisville but now resides in Mount Washington. She has two adult children and 5 grandchildren, including 2 sets of identical twins.



MARY WITTEN
Senior Payment Consultant



RIBBON CUTTINGS



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JENNIFER WILLIAMS,
SPARC HOPE





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**THANK YOU TO OUR HOST:
CARRIE GERARD,
EASTERN AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**



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NON-PROFITS ARE THE  OF OUR COMMUNITY!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
10/4/23	5:00PM	NETWORKING	MEGA NETWORKING, 3RD TURN OLDHAM GARDENS 6302 OLD LAGRANGE RD, CRESTWOOD, KY 40014
10/5/23	1:00PM	PLANNING	CHAMBER EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAMBER OFFICES
10/10/23	12:00PM	NETWORKING	NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP, CELEBRATION HALL
10/11/23	5:00PM	NETWORKING	SIPS & CIGARS NETWORKING EVENT VFW POST 1170, 107 N EVERGREEN RD, MIDDLETOWN
10/12/23	11:30AM	NETWORKING	OCTOBER CHAMBER LUNCHEON, CELEBRATION HALL
10/12/23	6:00PM	MONTHLY	CITY MEETING, CITY HALL
10/17/23	9:00AM	NETWORKING	WBN COFFEE, EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME COFFEE 7504 WESTPORT RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40222
10/19/23	9:00AM	MONTHLY	CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, CHAMBER OFFICE
10/19/23	1:00PM	NETWORKING	CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION, CHAMBER OFFICE
10/24/23	11:45AM	NETWORKING	SENIOR SYNERGY, THE ENCLAVE OF EAST LOUISVILLE 100 SHELBY STATION DR, LOUISVILLE, KY 40245
10/24/23	4:30PM	RIBBON CUTTING	FLOOR COVERINGS INTERNATIONAL LOUISVILLE EAST 12224 AIKEN RD, SUITE 309, LOUISVILLE, KY 40223
10/25/23	9:00AM	NETWORKING	COFFEE CHIT CHAT WITH THE CHAMBER, SPARC HOPE 1192 BRINLEY AVE, SUITE 101, LOUISVILLE, KY 40243
10/28/23	10:00AM	SPECIAL EVENT	MIDDLETOWN ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT/PANCAKE BREAKFAST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH/CELEBRATION HALL PARKING LOT
11/1/23	9:30AM	RIBBON CUTTING	TEE IT UP GOLF USA 201 BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY, DOUGLASS HILLS, KY 40243
11/8/23	12:00PM	PLANNING	JOINT CEC & CGC MEETING, STORYPOINT

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**

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

SAVE THE DATE

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, 10/10/23, NOON - 1:00PM
 *BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS & DESSERT PROVIDED

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

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



JOIN US!

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.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME COFFEE NETWORKING
 Tuesday, 10/17/23, 9:00-10:00AM

GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY:
 JOMIYA COLEMAN, EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME
 7504 Westport Road, Louisville KY 40222

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

Fall Blessings



CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION

THURSDAY
 OCTOBER 19, 2023
 1-2PM



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

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

HELLO 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

WHEN:
 TUESDAY,
 10/24/23
 11:45AM-12:45PM




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JOIN US FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING

IF YOUR BUSINESS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH SERVING SENIOR CITIZENS... PLEASE JOIN US!

WHERE:
 THE ENCLAVE OF EAST LOU
 100 Shelby Station Dr
 Louisville, KY 40245

**Enclave of East Louisville has generously agreed to provide lunch for those in attendance. Please RSVP by to laura@middletownchamberky.com.

COFFEE CHIT CHAT WITH THE CHAMBER

You're Invited!




HOST: JENNIFER WILLIAMS SPARC HOPE
 11921 Brinley Ave
 Suite 101
 Louisville, KY 40243

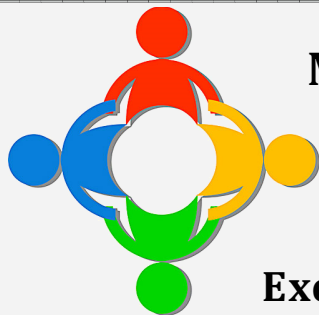


Middletown Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 43546
Middletown, KY 40253

Office Located at City Hall:
11803 Old Shelbyville Rd
Middletown, KY 40243

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

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Email: laura@middletownchamberky.com
Website: www.middletownchamberky.com
Facebook: Middletown Chamber of Commerce



**MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Assistant Executive Director, Debbie Walthall (non-voting)

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