

THE CITY OF *Midfield* State of the City



January 2023

As we reflect on the challenges of 2022 and look forward to the opportunities of 2023, we're so proud of what we have achieved together and know that the best is yet to come.

Over the past few years, our resolve and resilience have been tested by a devastating pandemic that worsened and widened the economic disparities that existed long before Covid-19.

The pandemic caused a heartbreaking loss of revenue and mandatory shutdown of so-called non-essential businesses, our recreation center, and library.

This past year, we lost police, fire, public works, and administrative personnel due to a labor crisis that pitted municipalities and other agencies against each other for needed personnel.

This past year the City of Midfield gave its employees a 5 percent raise and made our public safety salaries competitive with other municipalities.

We have been blessed with additional new businesses like PNC Bank, The Crab Barracks Restaurant, Archwell Health, and Advance Auto Parts to help shore up the loss of revenue caused by the pandemic.

Our challenges are great as we deal with much-needed street paving and removing blighted properties, maintaining personnel, and making our neighborhoods safer. However, we are taking critical steps toward a safer, happier, and healthier City of Midfield.



PNC Bank



The Crab Barrack

Midfield Business Community Growth



Advance Auto Parts



ArchWell Health

The City of Midfield has issued numerous citations for abandoned cars and unsightly properties.

The City of Midfield is working with the Jefferson County Sheriff's office by installing live cameras to aid law enforcement.

The City of Midfield passed an ordinance that allows residents to petition for speed bump installation by getting two-thirds of residents on a street to sign a petition. Petitions can be picked up at Midfield City Hall.

The City of Midfield paved a one-mile stretch of 8th Street at a cost of \$975,000.

But we're just getting started. The goal isn't to return to a pre-pandemic Midfield, where families struggled to get ahead in communities that were left behind. Instead, we're working toward realizing a vision for the City of Midfield where people are connected to resources and opportunities that help them build a better life, and every community has what it needs to thrive.

It's a new year and a new day in the City of Midfield. It will take all of us working together to make our shared vision a reality.

While we face many challenges in the City of Midfield, we also have an opportunity to work together to make Midfield a vibrant, safe, and healthy place everyone can call home. We can start by taking care of where we live by keeping our property clean, removing junk cars, stopping parking on the lawn, and removing garbage cans after use. In the new year, we'll continue to build paths to peace, justice, and prosperity for all.

2023 City of Midfield Events:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Endometriosis Walk-March 18th at 8:00 AM
- Back to School Rally-Free School Supplies given to students K-12
- Fall Festival
- Midfield Community Clean Up including a Dumpster on MLK Drive
- Valley Creek Clean Up
- Summer Lunch Program-Provides Free Meals for Children 18 years and under
- Senior Awareness Day
- Speed Bumps/Flock Cameras
- Midfield Community Garden



Department Reports



Jesse Bell - Police Chief

Police Department

Below are listed projects that are just completed or currently ongoing with the Midfield Police Department:

1. Adding additional police officers
2. Adding 10 new Police Vehicles
3. Installation of New 911 system
4. Beginning the installation of a Computer Aided Dispatch system
5. Addition of 6 Flock License plate reader cameras around the city
6. Addition of 6 additional red light cameras in the city
7. Addition of 4 stationary speed cameras in the city
8. Additional training for officers on De-Escalation and Implicit Bias



Ken Davis, Fire Chief

Fire & Rescue

The Midfield Fire and Rescue Service is a strong progressive department consisting of men and women who are committed to providing Fire and Advanced Life Support services to the citizens of Midfield.

The Department employs Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Firefighters.

These highly trained first responders operate one fully equipped light rescue unit and two fully equipped pumper trucks to handle fire and emergency responses.

The station is staffed 24 hours/7 days a week to serve the citizens of Midfield. In 2022 the Department responded to 1,163 Emergency Responses.



Tyrone Lloyd
Public Works Director

Public Works

Street & Sanitation – Parks & Recreation

In 2022, the City of Midfield issued 342 citations to property owners for unkept properties and/or high weeds. Public Works picked up 850 tons of trash and 3000 bags of paper.

The Midfield Community Center is open part-time with full-time operation by the end of February.

Public Works improved Street Lighting with LED lighting and is currently remodeling the Highland Senior Center and adding a commercial kitchen.

The City of Midfield is now asking all residents to bag leaves for pickup and if you are discarding large household items; you can bring them to the Street Department at 600 MLK Drive. Help Keep Our City Clean!

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Community Center.....	923-2455

City Council Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month starting at 6:00 pm.

Neighborhood Association Meetings are held every 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30 pm.

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