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Middletown's Annual Fourth of July Parade

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company Hosts Parade for Seventh Year

MIDDLETOWN, VA, June 22, 2011 – The Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company will be hosting Middletown's 2011 Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4, 2011 at 4 p.m. The parade instills a sense of community pride and hometown spirit, bringing everyone together to celebrate Independence Day. The fire company has hosted the parade since 2005.

Megan Bowers, parade director and secretary of the Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, announced on Wednesday, that former Virginia Governor and 2012 Senate hopeful Tim Kaine will be participating in this year's parade. Along with Kaine, she stated that Virginia Delegate Beverly Sherwood will also be in attendance, along with several other local political figures. Bowers stated that "Lieutenant Billy Moreland of the Virginia Task Force 1 International Urban Search and Rescue Team out of Fairfax, VA will be this year's grand marshal. The Task Force just completed missions in both Haiti and Japan, following the devastating earthquakes and tsunamis." Lauryn Ricketts, a meteorologist from Fox 5 DC, formerly of TV3 Winchester, will be the co-grand marshal.

Bowers stated that there is still time for local business, organizations, and individuals to register for the parade. Entries are due to the fire station by 5 pm on Friday, July 1. Late parade entries will be taken from 2:30 pm-3:40 pm at the registration table at Lord Fairfax Community College. It is recommended that late entries bring a completed registration form with them to help with traffic flow. Registration forms may be downloaded at <http://www.middletownfire.com/4thparadeforms.htm>.

The parade will begin at Lord Fairfax Community College and continues south on Main Street to Fifth Street, then north on Church Street ending at First Street. Parking along the parade route will not be permitted until the conclusion of the parade.

Numerous events are planned at the Middletown Park on July 4, including a softball game, children's carnival hosted by the Grace United Methodist Church, a crafts fair, horse-drawn carriage rides, live music from 'NIGHTRIDER', and fireworks at dusk. A farmer's market will be held from 9 am-noon at Wayside Inn. In the event of rain, most of the events will be held; however, the fireworks will be postponed to Saturday, July 9. A complete schedule can be viewed at on the website. Alcohol is prohibited in the park.

For more information, please visit the event's website at <http://www.middletownfire.com/4thofjuly.htm>.

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