

Here is some information that you should know.....

Garbage pickup is getting a new look and a new day!!! **Starting on Wednesday, July 2, 2003, and every Wednesday thereafter**, Natural Environmental, Inc. (or NEI), will be picking up garbage and recycling in the Village. Modern Disposal's final pickup date will be Monday, June 30, 2003. ***Therefore, there will be two garbage pickups that week - Monday and Wednesday.*** Very little will change as far as what can be set out to the curb, except NEI accepts unlimited **recycling**. Included with this newsletter is a flyer they have provided explaining what they will and won't accept. ***Please remember that garbage and recycling should not be placed to the curb before 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup but should be out to the curb by 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning.***

Just some other reminders

BRUSH PICKUP

Brush chipping is scheduled for each Monday during the spring, summer, and fall. There is no brush chipping done during January, February, or March, unless there is excessive winter storm damage. If a holiday falls on a Monday, or if there is an emergency, the chipping will be done on Tuesday.

Brush is to be placed at the curb, butt side towards the street. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ROOTS, STUMPS, GRAPEVINES OR ROSEBUSHES OUT FOR CHIPPING!** These items can cause the machine to jam and possibly injure the workers. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in ***all*** brush remaining on site. ***Brush should not be put out to the curb before Sunday evening.***

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please help keep our community clean! As we advised in last year's newsletter, the Board of Trustees passed a much more comprehensive code to enforce property maintenance in March 2002 that could result in a hefty fine for non-compliance. This code addresses unlicensed cars, rubbish, etc. **If you continuously place garbage and recycling and/or brush to the curb too early, you could be cited under this code.** More information regarding this may be obtained by calling the Code Enforcement Officer at 772-7826 or the Village Hall at 735-3303.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Warm weather brings open windows. Please be considerate of your neighbors to avoid a visit from the police. The Village noise ordinance prohibits loud noises, barking dogs, vehicles without mufflers, and/or loud music. There is no set time for enforcement of this ordinance, meaning it can and will be enforced at any time during the day or night if the Police Department receives a complaint. It can only be enforced on a complaint, so please do not hesitate to call if there is a problem.

Here is an update of what the Board of Trustees has accomplished lately....

In July of 2002, the Village sponsored a recreation program for children entering Kindergarten through Sixth grade for the first time in many years. The overall response was very positive, and plans are being made to hold the recreation program this year. For more information, call the Village Hall.

Has your new radio read water meter been installed yet? Most of the meters in the Village were replaced during the period of July through December 2002. There are just a few households that still need a new meter. These meters are more efficient than the old mechanical ones and have cut the reading time for the Public Works Department from about two days to approximately one hour, allowing them to work at other things to keep our Village looking great. These meters allow the billing process to be much easier and smoother, as well.

Did you know that the Board of Trustees closed the Village well in 2001? Since September 11, 2001, security measures have become an issue, so the well will not reopen. All water is now purchased from Niagara County. This water is not as hard as the well water, and will leave fewer mineral deposits in the new meters, thus allowing them to remain extremely efficient.

The Scout House is in the process of getting a facelift! To date, additional insulation, new windows, and some new lighting have already been installed, and vinyl siding is on the way. Now that the Scout House is being used more than ever, it's important that it is energy efficient to keep heating costs to a minimum. At present there are eight Boy and Girl Scout troops using the House for meetings, as well as a few not-for-profit groups. More and more people are renting the House for functions on the weekends, and the fees are helping make the Scout House self-sufficient. If you are interested in renting the Scout House, please contact the Village Hall. Remember, however, that the Scouts come first when it comes to reserving dates, and only Village residents may reserve the Scout House.

The contract for speed enforcement with the Town of Royalton has been in place for two full years now. This has been a win-win situation, because it has made the roads in Royalton safer and has not cost the Village at all. Officers are scheduled to be on patrol in Royalton only after coverage is met for the Village. There is always an officer on duty in the Village whenever one is on duty in the Town.

Have you seen the new police vehicle? The Middleport Police Department was able to purchase a 2003 Ford Expedition at very little cost to the Village. The Town of Royalton, with the assistance of Police Chief John Swick, was able to secure a \$15,000 state grant toward the cost of the vehicle, and the state bid price was only about \$22,000. As you can see, we only had to spend about \$7,000 for this new vehicle.

Were you able to get to the National Day of Prayer Service or the Memorial Day Services held at the Commons in May? If you did, then you heard the new sound system the Village purchased. This sound system will be available for all the Village events held at the Commons. In addition to the above listed dates, it will also be used at the Labor Day Celebration and the Veterans' Day Services, as well as Community Choir concerts. At present, there are no plans to make this system available for rental or use by any other organizations other than the Village.

Have a safe and happy summer, and if you have any questions or need anything clarified, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE - 735-3303

Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Schweigert

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

We do not close at lunchtime.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - 735-3373

Superintendent James Mahar

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 735-3373

Police Chief John Swick

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Non-emergency calls: 735-3700