

*Spring is finally here* so let's all pitch in to keep our Village the beautiful place we all know it is. We'll impress our neighbors and visitors by remembering the following:

**Brush** pickup is on *MONDAYS* and during the spring, summer, and fall months only. Brush is not picked up during January, February or March. If a holiday falls on Monday, chipping will be done on Tuesday. **Brush should not be placed to the curb before Sunday**, and when it is, the butt side should be towards the street. *Please do not place roots, stumps, grapevines, or rosebushes out for chipping.*

**Garbage and recycling** is picked up on Wednesdays. Garbage and recycling *should not be placed to the curb before*

*6:30 p.m. the night before.* Residents and businesses that regularly place their trash to the curb more than 12 hours before pick up day could be cited for violating the Village's yard maintenance code. This could result in a \$250 fine and/or imprisonment for up to 15 days.

Each **address** is allowed to place one large item at the curb per week that cannot be contained in a bag or can. These items shall include (but are not limited to) furniture, mattresses and box springs, carpets, appliances, and Christmas trees. If any item requires more than two people to lift it, it **will not** be taken. Freon must be removed from any freezers, refrigerators, or air conditioning units before it will be taken. This removal is the responsibility of the resident. One tire per week will be taken, as well. Please note: garbage cans weighing more than 60 pounds **will not** be emptied. Please be considerate of your neighbors. When the weather is bad, make sure your trash won't blow around. If it does, please pick it up instead of leaving it for others to do.

The following holidays may delay trash pick up by one day: **NEW YEAR'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING, AND CHRISTMAS.** If collection day is on or follows any of these holidays during the week, collection will be one day later. If you're not sure, call the Clerk's Office at 735-3303 to verify when pickup will occur.

If you have any questions regarding garbage and recycling pick up, please call the Village Hall at 735-3303. We will gladly send you a fact sheet for future reference.

Our noise ordinance will be enforced. 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.

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## Other items of interest:

**Does your dog, cat, or ferret need a rabies shot?** The Niagara County Health Department will be holding rabies clinics on **Sat. June 3** at the Hyde Park - Oasis/Centennial Pavilion, 911 Robbins Dr., Niagara Falls (286-4956; on **Sat. Sept. 16** at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (the "County Fairgrounds"), 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport 433-8839; and on **Sat. Dec. 2** City of N. Tonawanda DPW, 758 Erie Ave., N. Tonawanda 695-8585. Cats and dogs will receive a certificate valid for one year if they arrive **WITHOUT PROOF** of prior immunization. Cats and dogs **WITH PROOF** of previous immunization will receive a certificate valid for 3 years. Ferrets must be immunized annually, regardless of previous immunization. **Clinics are free of charge for animals owned by Niagara County residents**, and animals must be at least 4 months old. **ALL ANIMALS** must

be properly restrained; all cats and ferrets must be in a box or carrier, while dogs must be leashed. **Please call 439-7511 if you are interested in volunteering to work at one of these clinics.**

**The Scout House** is a wonderful asset to the Village. We continually get asked if it is available for rental by people who don't live in the Village. Well, starting June 1, 2006, the answer is "yes," and the cost for rental will be as follows: Village residents: \$75; non-residents: \$150; Pavilion rental: \$25 (allows access to Scout House restrooms); Non-profit organization: free. As always, preference for use will be given to the Scout Troops in the Middleport area. Preference will also be given to residents over non-residents when reservations are made. For information and rental, contact the Clerk's Office at 735-3303 or by email at MiddleportNY@rochester.rr.com.

**There is a 2-hour parking limit** on Main and State Streets in the business district now. This parking limit will be enforced from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

**If you read the signs as you enter the Village**, you will note that parking on Village streets is prohibited from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily. However, the Police Department mainly enforces this from the first Sunday in November through the first Sunday in April each year. Cars can interfere with snow removal, so parking overnight on Village streets during the winter could result in a ticket! Please let overnight guests know this during the winter months.

<p>Do you know who your elected and appointed Village Officials are?</p> <p>Mayor: Julie Maedl</p> <p>Deputy Mayor: Tom Conley</p> <p>Trustees: Liz Bateman, Tim Herriven, and Terry Kirkpatrick</p> <p><b>VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE - 735-3303</b></p> <p>Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Schweigert</p> <p>Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri.</p> <p>We do not close at lunchtime.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - 735-3373</b></p> <p>Superintendent James Mahar</p> <p>Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri.</p> <p><b>POLICE DEPARTMENT - 735-3373</b></p> <p>Police Chief John Swick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ANNUAL EVENTS HELD IN</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>Chocolate Event</b> sponsored by Friends of the Library - February</p> <p><b>Sweet Seniors Dance</b> sponsored by Towpath Optimists - February</p> <p><b>Fish Dinners</b> sponsored by the Cataract Lodge - during Lent</p> <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> sponsored by Rotary Club - day before Easter</p> <p><b>Arbor Day Service</b> - last Friday in April</p> <p><b>National Day of Prayer Service</b> - first Thursday in May</p> <p><b>Village-wide garage sale, including Boy Scout chicken barbeque</b> - first Saturday in May</p> <p><b>American Legion Poppy Drive</b> - during May</p> <p><b>Memorial Day Parade, Services &amp; Celebration, including the Rotary Club duck race in the canal &amp; the library's used book sale</b> - Memorial Day</p> <p><b>Labor Day Festivities, including Charlie Shephard Memorial Kiddies Parade</b> - Saturday before Labor Day</p> <p><b>Car Show sponsored by the Fire Department</b> - Sunday following Labor Day</p> <p><b>K-9 Dog Walk</b> sponsored by Towpath Optimists - October</p> <p><b>Holiday Arts &amp; Crafts Show</b> at the Fire Hall - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October</p>
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri.  Non-emergency calls: 735-3700  Emergency calls: 911	<b>Veterans' Day Service &amp; Boy Scout Flag Retiring Service - Veterans' Day</b>  If you would like any more information about these events, please call the Clerk's Office at 735-3303.
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**Swim Classes** will be held from July 3 through July 21, 2006, and July 24 through August 11, 2006. Sign up will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall.

**Summer Recreation** will be held again for **Village residents only** entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will run from July 10 through July 28, 2006. Sign up sheets are available at the Library and the Village Hall.