

Village of Middleport  
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**Middleport Has  
Its Own Website**

*Have you checked out the Village's website?* In June 2009, we went online with our own website at [www.villageofmiddleport.org](http://www.villageofmiddleport.org). FMC has sponsored a website for years ([www.middleport-ny.com](http://www.middleport-ny.com)) and has done an outstanding job keeping residents up to date on community information. We are very grateful for all they have done promoting the area and have no intention of duplicating all of their hard work. However, it became apparent that the Village government needed its own website in order to look toward the future. Now, residents can access documents such as a building permit application or a Scout House rental application at our website. All village officials have their email address posted on the website, so if you want to contact any of them, you can easily do so online. With this website, we hope to one day make it possible to pay bills online. Check it out soon!

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[MiddleportNY@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:MiddleportNY@villageofmiddleport.org)

## **Do Not Solicit List**

If you don't like salespeople knocking on your door, you can now do something about it. The Village requires that all door-to-door salespeople obtain a permit to sell goods in this manner. If do not want to have salespeople come to your door, call the Village Hall and get on the new "Do Not Solicit" list. When a salesperson applies for a permit, this list will be given out with the permit.

Many people in the Village don't realize that door-to-door salespeople are supposed to have a permit. If someone comes knocking on your door without a permit, please let the Clerk's Office or the Middleport Police Department know about the incident.

## **Reporting a Street Light Outage**

Is there a street light near your house that is out? Constantly turning on and off? Buzzing loudly? You can report problems to the Village Hall or you can go to the Village's website to report it. First, get the number off the pole. It usually starts with "N" or "NM." Then, call the Village Hall at 735-3303 with this information or access the link on the website to report the problem. It's as easy as that!

### **REMINDER**

The Village of Middleport Public Works Dept. reminds Village residents of its yard waste pickup policies:

**BRUSH:** will be chipped each Monday *except for the months of January, February and March*. Brush is to be placed at the curb on Sunday evenings, butt site toward the street, stacked no more than 4 feet high. Please do not place roots, stumps, vines or rose bushes out for chipping. *Failure to follow this advice can cause all of the brush to be left at the curb. Continually leaving brush at the curb too early can be cause for citation of the Village's yard maintenance law.* When tree or lawn work is performed by a private contractor, they should take away the debris.

**WOOD CHIPS:** Wood chips are available for Village residents' yard use. Please call Dan Dodge at 735-3303 for arrangements.

**LEAVES:**the fall, leaves are to be raked to the edge of the street and left in open piles. *Any other time they are to be bagged and placed out with garbage.*

**CLIP & SAVE**  
**IMPORTANT REFUSE/RECYCLE**  
**INFORMATION**

**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 recycle bin** and 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. Tires will not be taken. 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. *This year's holiday schedule is printed on the back of the recycle insert with this newsletter.* If you're not sure, call the Clerk's Office at 735-3303 to verify when pickup will occur.

**CLIP & SAVE**  
**BUILDING PERMITS FOR**  
**SWIMMING POOLS**

**New York State now** requires building permits for the installation of above-ground pools. Call or stop in at the Village Hall to get your building permit application. You can also access the application at the Village's website ([villageofmiddleport.org](http://villageofmiddleport.org)). If you have any questions, contact Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Tom Arlington at 735-3303 or by email (see back page for address).

**CANCER PREVENTION STUDY-3 COMING**  
**TO LOCKPORT RELAY FOR LIFE!**

There has never been any doubt that Relayers are dedicated to the mission of the American Cancer Society to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. Every year at the Relay For Life in Lockport, members of our Middleport community work effectively and enthusiastically to increase the funds raised for research, patient services, education and advocacy. This year we have an historic opportunity, a one time chance to go beyond our fund-raising and actually participate personally in the next Cancer Prevention Study of the American Cancer Society, CPS-3.

This study will track 500,000 participants over time (20-30 years) to determine relationships between genetics, lifestyle, behaviors, and environment to the occurrence of cancer and will help determine more effective ways to prevent this disease.

We will be benefiting our children and future generations as researchers learn more ways to prevent cancer. That means we as individuals can play a simple yet significant role in the efforts to prevent cancer. Simple because our commitment is the time it takes to complete a questionnaire every two years and the commitment to stay in touch.

Who is eligible? We are looking to enroll men and women between the ages of 30 & 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer and are willing to commit to this long term study. Enrollment will be held at the Lockport Relay For Life (which began in Barker) on Saturday, June 19th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Eligible participants will complete a brief questionnaire, provide a waist measurement, and provide a small blood sample similar to a doctor's visit. Quest diagnostics will provide trained, certified phlebotomists to draw your blood.

Soon after, participants will receive in the mail a full length questionnaire which will ask for detailed

information concerning personal and family history as well as lifestyle and behavioral information.

If you have personally experienced cancer, ask family members and friends to consider participating in the Cancer Prevention Study-3 to support your dedicated fight against cancer. If you want to affect the lives of our children, then take action.

Again, this is a one time opportunity for us to help prevent cancer by participating in research - don't miss it! We must keep our eye on the goal of a cancer-free world. For more information visit [cancer.org/cps3](http://cancer.org/cps3) or email [cps3@cancer.org](mailto:cps3@cancer.org), or call toll free at 1-888-604-5888. For local information contact Darlene Lutz at 795-9313, or by email at [darlene.lutz@aes.com](mailto:darlene.lutz@aes.com). Research today for a cancer-free tomorrow...

**Relay For Life of Lockport on June 19-20, 2010**

Visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/lockportNY>

## **SWIM PROGRAM**

### **SIGN UP DATE**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the sign up date for the annual Royalton-Hartland swim program will be **Sat., June 12, 2010**, from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall, 24 Main Street, Middleport. The sign up is usually the first Saturday in June; however, this year it will be the second Saturday.

**Swim Classes** will be held from July 5 through July 23, 2010, and July 26 through August 13, 2010. Any child in the Roy-Hart School District age 6 months or older is invited to take these no-cost classes.

Parents must register their children themselves or send a signed permission slip with another adult who will sign for them. Children cannot sign for themselves. All children registered in either of the preschool classes must have a **parent** with them in the water during the lesson.

**THERE WILL BE NO PHONE SIGNUPS PRIOR TO THIS DATE. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND SIGNUP, PLEASE SEND SOMEONE IN YOUR PLACE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO THAT AND IF THERE IS ANY ROOM AFTER SIGNUP, YOUR CHILD MAY BE FIT IN.**

### **SEWER CALLS**

As a courtesy to Village residents, the Public Works Department will make sewer calls during regular business hours only. The majority of sewer calls that the DPW make are usually the homeowner's responsibility.

Should you have a sewer problem after hours, on the weekend, or on a holiday, it is your responsibility to contact a plumber for the problem. **Village Code Article IV, §150-8. "Cost born by owner"** states that "All work and expense incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer from the building to the sanitary sewer connection shall be borne by the owner."

Please remember that sanitary napkins, baby and adult diapers, sanitary hand wipes, baby wipes and many other things of this nature should not be flushed down the toilet. They can cause a blockage in the main, which then can cause sewer problems for your neighbors.

## **SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

**Did you know** that you are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk in front of your property (including shoveling in the winter)? Does it need repair? Middleport has a reimbursement program to help ease the cost. You will be reimbursed \$3.00 per square foot of sidewalk replaced or half of the cost of the work, **whichever is less**.

The following are the required specifications for sidewalks within the Village:

- **Four inch (4-inch) concrete, minimum**
- **48 inches minimum width**
- **All concrete must be minimum 3500 P.S.I.**
- **All concrete must be sealed**
- **Reinforcing wire mesh to be used**
- **Must run through the driveway and cannot be paved over**

All work must be inspected and approved by the Village Coordinator before reimbursement will be authorized.

Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Arlington advises on.....

## **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**

Effective February, 22, 2010, carbon monoxide alarms are required in essentially all residences, both new

and existing. This law is also referred to as “Amanda’s Law”. The specific requirements differ for new and existing residences and also when the buildings were built and subcategories of occupancy groups.

Probably the most asked question will be the requirement for existing one and two family residences. These types of residences will be required to have one carbon monoxide detector alarm installed on the lowest story having a sleeping area (a room or space in which people sleep). Follow the alarm manufacturer’s installation directions on how to mount and locate the alarm. The alarms must comply with UL 2034 or CAN/CSA 6.19. In existing buildings constructed before January 1, 2008, cord-type, direct plug, or battery-operated alarms are permitted. Keep in mind, a carbon monoxide alarm is not a substitute for a smoke detector.

For more information, or if there are any questions, you can call the Office of Code Enforcement or go to the website <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code> and click on “carbon monoxide alarms”.

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

Even though winter has passed, here is some information for the future:

- When you plow or shovel your driveway, please do not push the snow onto the sidewalk. Property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalk passable for pedestrians, especially your mail carrier.
- It violates state motor vehicle laws to push snow from your driveway to the opposite side of the street.
- Avoid putting items in the Village’s right-of-way (the part of your lawn between the street and the sidewalk) as they could be damaged by snowplows. Municipalities are not responsible for property damage done during snow plowing.

## **ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor: Julia Maedl

Deputy Mayor: Dick Westcott

Trustees: Tom Conley, Liz Bateman, and

Frank Sarchia

### **VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE – 735-3303**

Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca A. Schweigert

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.

Email: [ClerkTreasurer@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:ClerkTreasurer@villageofmiddleport.org)

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – 735-3373**

Village Coordinator Daniel A. Dodge

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri.

**Summer hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.**

**Email: [MiddleportDPW@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:MiddleportDPW@villageofmiddleport.org)**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – 735-3373**

Police Chief John J. Swick

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.

Non-emergency calls: 735-3700

Emergency calls: 911

Email: [MiddleportPD@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:MiddleportPD@villageofmiddleport.org)

### **CODE/ZONING OFFICER – 735-3303**

Tom Arlington

Email: [ZoningandCode@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:ZoningandCode@villageofmiddleport.org)

## **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!**

### **DRIVEWAY PAVING INFORMATION**

Some residents have been advised by paving companies that the sidewalk could be paved over or removed when having their driveway paved or repaved.

*If there is an existing sidewalk crossing through your driveway, it violates Village Code if you pave over or remove the sidewalk. This is a misdemeanor and could result in a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment up to 6 months.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office or the Public Works Department.

**FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2010**

By law, all cats, dogs and domesticated ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination from four months of age and on.

**FOR ANY CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS: call 439-7511**

**Sat., May 22** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Phone: 433-8839)  
**Cornell Cooperative Extension ("County Fairgrounds")**  
4487 Lake Avenue, Town of Lockport

**Saturday, June 5** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Phone: 286-4956)  
**Hyde Park – Oasis/Centennial Pavillion (behind Ice Arena)**  
911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls

**Tuesday, August 10** 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (Phone: 745-7721)  
**Veterans Park, Village of Youngstown**  
corner of Nancy Price Way & Church Street

**Saturday, September 18** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Cornell Cooperative Extension** (see May 22 for details)

**Saturday, December 4** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Phone: 695-8585)  
**City of North Tonawanda - Public Works Department,**  
758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

**FOR DIRECTIONS** call the specific clinic site

## **NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES**

For your convenience, Notary Public services are now available at the Clerk's Office. Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Schweigert received her Notary Public commission in March 2010. If you need something notarized, please be sure to have proper identification with you when you come in.

## **WATER/SEWER BILLING**

Water/sewer bills are sent out May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1 of each year. If you don't get one shortly after that date, please call the Village Hall. Unless the card comes back to us, we have no way of knowing that you didn't receive it. Please note, you are still responsible for the late fee added onto an unpaid bill even if you didn't receive the bill. As a homeowner, you are expected to anticipate bills that will be coming due and to watch for them.

## **LICENSES**

Should you need a marriage license, a hunting and/or fishing license, or need to license a dog, you get these from the town hall. Villages do not issue these licenses. **Building permits** for properties within the Village limits are issued by the Village.

## **RECREATION PROGRAM**

Yes, we will be having recreation again this year. Watch the paper for details or call the Village Hall. Info should be available in June.

**STREET DANCE** on Sat. July 24, 2010. Dance to the Easy Street Big Band from 7 pm—9 pm at the Commons (corner of Park & Main) and enjoy free hot dogs all courtesy of the Barge Canal Art Center and the Middleport Area Tourist & Beautification Committee.