

Middleport May 2011 FYI.....

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

We hope you have had a chance to meet the newest members of the Board of Trustees.

Richard J. (Dick) Westcott, from Mechanic Street, was elected Mayor in the March 15 Village election. Wayne B. Blumrick, from State Street, and Rebecca A. Hinkson, from Freeman Avenue, ran for the two Trustees offices that were vacant, and they were both elected. Mayor Westcott appointed Dennis J. McAvoy from Church Street to complete the remaining year in the Trustee's term that he was holding when he was elected Mayor. Mr. McAvoy was the third candidate for the Trustees seats, and received only one less vote than Mrs. Hinkson.

Congratulations to our newly-elected Village officials.

If you have a reason to contact your elected officials, find their contact information on the Village's website at www.villageofmiddleport.org.

GOOD-BYE TO FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS

We say goodbye to outgoing Mayor Julie Maedl, who served the Village as Trustee and Mayor for 19 years. We also say good-bye to Trustee Liz Bateman, who held the seat for 10 years, and Trustee Frank Sarchia, who held the seat for 4 years. We wish them well in their endeavors outside of elected life and thank them for all they did for the Village while serving in office.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW VILLAGE HISTORIAN!

After 30 years of service, Anna Wallace stepped down from being our historian in 2010. She did an outstanding job and was a wonderful overseer of Village history. We wish her well in her new home in Rochester.

Fortunately for the Village, Christa Lutz, of State Street, was willing to step in to fill some big shoes. Mrs. Lutz was appointed at the April 4, 2011, annual reorganization meeting held by the Board of Trustees.

We know Christa will do a terrific job, and do Anna proud, in her new role as Village Historian. Good luck, Christa!

We also thank Barbara Albone for her many years as and continued service as Deputy Historian.

The Board of Trustees would like to remind you about the Village's SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Does your sidewalk need repair? Middleport has a reimbursement program to help ease the cost. You will be reimbursed \$3.50 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. (The above information may also be found at www.villageofmiddleport.org.)

(The following information has run in several newsletters, but bears repeating...)

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 pickup 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.

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

LEAVES: In 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.*

BRUSH: Brush is to be placed at the curb, butt side toward the street, stacked no more than 4 feet high. Please do not place roots, stumps, vines or rose bushes out for chipping. Brush will be chipped each Monday *except for the months of January, February and March.* 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.

GRASS CLIPPINGS: Cut grass should never be put out to the curb as it washes into the storm sewer and can lead to flooding.

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Spring is here! This brings out the birds, warmer temperatures, and property maintenance complaints. Whether the complaint is initiated by a neighbor or the Code Enforcement Officer, most are usually legitimate complaints.

Most Villages, as does the Village of Middleport, enforce the PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF N.Y.S. (PMC) along with other requirements in their respective Zoning Ordinances. The Village also adopted a Property Maintenance local law in 2002. Once a complaint is ascertained, a notice is typically sent to the property owner stating the nature of the complaint and a request is made to bring the premises into compliance by a specified date. Voluntary compliance is the desired result, however if not possible, further enforcement action is taken through the court system.

Just having a license plate on a vehicle, or "for sale," is not enough to avoid it being considered a "junk vehicle." The vehicle must have insurance, current registration, and current inspection so it can legally be driven on the highway. Most refuse and garbage related complaints can be very easily taken care of through the Village's weekly garbage pickup. Grass and weed complaints, growth in excess of 6", are regulated by the PMC and a Village local law.

The code definition of property maintenance in part reads "to provide minimum requirements to safeguard public safety, health and general welfare insofar as they are affected by the occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises". In simple terms, keeping your property neat and orderly will benefit our neighborhoods and community.

SWIM PROGRAM SIGN UP DATE

The sign up date for the annual Royalton-Hartland swim program will be **Sat., June 11, 2010**, from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall, 24 Main Street, Middleport.

Swim Classes will be held from July 5 through July 22, 2011, and July 25 through August 12, 2011. 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.

If your child has taken swim lessons in the past, please have his or her most current card with you, so that he or she will be placed in the right class.

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.

Summer Recreation will be held again for **Village residents only** entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in September 2011. The program will most likely run from July 5 through July 29, 2011. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Library and the Village Hall in June. Call the Village Hall for more info at 735-3303 or check the website for updates.

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 or MiddleportNY@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. – 4 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.
8:00 a.m. – noon Fri.
Email: 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

CODE/ZONING OFFICER – 735-3303

Tom Arlington
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