

Village of Middleport Annual Spring Newsletter – May 2015

Here we are... coming up on our first full year of the new recycling program. So far it has been fairly successful. Here are some questions that we get asked:

- **Why did the Village go to every-other-week recycling pickup?** *This new recycling schedule enabled the Village to lower its costs for refuse and recycling pickup.*
- **I don't want to use the big carts. Can't I go back to using the small bin?** *The program is set up for the carts as Modern uses automation to pick up the carts for dumping. If the cart is too big for you to take to the curb, consider asking a neighbor or family member to place it to the curb for you. Remember, it doesn't have to be full to be placed to the curb.*
- **We can't fit all of our recycling into a single cart. May I purchase a second cart?** *The Village pays for only one recycle cart pickup per taxable property. There are solutions to fitting more recycling into the cart. Crush cans and plastic containers before putting them in the cart. Break down and bundle your cardboard and place it next to your cart. These space saving tips can help a lot!*
- **I can't remember which week is my pickup week. Where can I find the schedule?** *There is a schedule available at the Village's website (villageofmiddleport.org), on the Village's Facebook page, or you can stop in any time to pick one up at the Village Hall.*

Keep recycling, folks! It's the right thing to do! PLEASE remember that ONLY recycling should be placed in the large green & gray carts. If garbage is placed in the cart, it will be left at the curb. Please also remember that refuse & recycling should not be placed to the curb before 6:30 p.m. the night before pickup but no later than 6:00 a.m. the morning of pickup.

From the NYS DEC's website: Beginning January 1, 2015, New York State law changed and covered electronic equipment will no longer be accepted for disposal at a solid or hazardous waste management facility from any organization, business or person. Items such as TVs, computers, monitors, video games, etc. must be recycled because they contain small amounts of metals that are toxic if leaked into the environment but valuable when recovered. DO NOT place covered electronic items in containers along with other solid waste or recycling.

- DO NOT leave covered electronic items at your curb. Modern Disposal will not pick them up.
- DO recycle covered electronic items properly by taking them to a registered collection site or by working with a registered electronic waste recycler for collection and processing.

FIND INFORMATION about collection programs and registered collection sites via the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html>) or 518-402-8706 or call the Village Hall at (716) 735-3303.

The Village has recently been advised that small electronics recycling will continue to be picked up at the Village Hall. Acceptable items are ink cartridges, handheld electronic gadgets, ink and toner, and cell phones.

A word from Building Inspector Brian Belson:

Just a reminder about the Village's property maintenance codes:

- Property Maintenance: Village of Middleport, Chapter 143: All premises and immediate exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or grass in excess of 6 inches.
- Property Maintenance of NYS Chapter 3: All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

Keeping your grass mowed and your property neat will help you avoid receiving a letter or a visit regarding it.

Mr. Belson also reminds everyone that permits issued by his office are required for all additions, porches, decks, roofing, siding, and swimming pools. Permits are also required for demolition of buildings. For an application, please contact Mr. Belson at 735-3303, ext. 401, or via email at Code.Enforce@villageofmiddleport.org. It is recommended that you contact Mr. Belson prior to commencing any remodeling job to determine if a permit is necessary before proceeding. If you are uncertain at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Belson.

Village Historian Christa Lutz has set up shop in the Board Room of the Village Hall. Interested in learning something about the Village's history or have something you think she'd be interested in? Stop in to see her any Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. She loves getting visitors!

Have you wanted to purchase a commemorative brick for the Walkway at the Commons but thought it was too late? Well, it isn't!!! This is an ongoing fundraiser for the Middleport Area Tourism & Beautification Committee (MATABC). Although they only put in an order each year in April, you may place your order with them any time throughout the year. Applications are available at the Village's website or at the Village Hall. Due to the increase in the cost of materials, the price per brick is now \$60.

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Veterans! Make sure you're getting all of the benefits you're entitled to for serving our great country! The Veterans' Outreach Program was so successful in 2014 that it has been brought back for 2015. A representative from the Niagara County Veterans Service Agency will be at the Village Hall (24 Main Street) on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, from 9 am to 4 pm. Call the Village Hall at 735-3303 to make an appointment. Each appointment takes about an hour. You will need to bring your discharge papers with you. (A HUGE thank you is sent out to all of our Veterans for their service!)

Are you in need of a Notary Public? Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Schweigert is a licensed notary. Should you need notary services, be certain to have photo identification with you.

Village Coordinator Bobbitt would like to offer this annual reminder:

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 Bryan Bobbitt at 735-3303 for arrangements.

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.* Check with Mr. Bobbitt about when the DPW will be starting leaf pick up each fall.

CLIP & SAVE:

<p>Swim class signup will be held at the Village Hall, 24 Main Street, on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The swim program is open to any child in the Royalton-Hartland School District age 6 months or older. Notices are sent home with elementary students at the end of May. Session 1 will run from July 6 to July 24. Session 2 will run from July 27 to August 14.</p>	<p align="center">2015 Niagara County Rabies Clinics – all clinics are on Saturdays</p> <p>6/6/2015 2-4 pm Hyde Park- Oasis/Centennial Pavilion 911 Robbins Drive, Niagara Falls</p> <p>7/11/2015 2-4 pm Town of Lewiston Highway Garage 3356 Wilson-Cambria Rd, Wilson</p> <p>9/19/2015 2-4 pm Town of Lockport Highway Dept. 1445 Swann Road, Lewiston</p> <p>12/5/2015 2-4 pm City N. Tonawanda Public Works Dept. 758 Erie Ave, N. Tonawanda</p> <p>By law, all cats, dogs & domesticated ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination from 4 months of age on. For cats & dogs: without proof of prior vaccination, a one-year vaccine will be give. With proof, a three-year vaccine will be given. Ferrets must be vaccinated annually.</p> <p>ALL ANIMALS must be properly restrained. Cats & ferrets must be in a box or carrier. Dogs must be leashed. If you plan to bring more than 6 animals, you must contact the Health Dept. at least one week prior to the clinic.</p> <p>For more information, call the NC Dept. of Health at 439-7511</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME. CALL THE NCHD IF YOU WANT TO HELP!</p>
<p>The Village's recreation program will be held from July 6 through August 7, 2015. This program is open to children living in the Village who will be entering Kindergarten through 6th grade September 2015. Watch for flyers around town in June with more information.</p>	
<p>2015 Holiday Refuse/Recycle Schedule: pickup will be delayed in the Village one day for the following federal holidays in 2015 ONLY: Memorial Day and Labor Day. No other holiday will interrupt service.</p>	

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Email: MiddleportPD@villageofmiddleport.org

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – (716) 735-3373 ext 301
Village Coordinator Bryan Bobbitt
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri.
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Your elected Village officials:
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