



THE MIDDLEPORT MESSAGE....

MAY 2018

CORNING'S GLASSBARGE 2018 IS COMING TO MIDDLEPORT

The Corning Museum of Glass (CMoG) *GlassBarge* is stopping in Middleport in August!!!! This is a fully-equipped, glassblowing demonstration studio built on a 30' x 90' steel barge. The *GlassBarge* is a one-of-a-kind floating venue for the Museum's signature Hot Glass Show, a live, narrated glassblowing demonstration.

Hot glass demonstrations will be offered free to the public throughout the day while the *GlassBarge* is in port. Up to 150 guests can be accommodated onboard for each 30-40-minute performance.

Seating is limited, so guests are strongly encouraged to register online as soon as possible (<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ny--corning/glassbarge/>). If you don't use the internet, stop at the library or the Village Hall for help getting registered.

REUNIONS & MEMORABILIA

Is your Roy-Hart class holding a reunion this year? Next year or in the near future? Did you have one last year or in the recent past?

The Village's Historian, Christa Lutz (you might remember her as a 2nd grade teacher at the former Middleport Elementary School), would love to have a copy

Registration will be available four to six weeks prior to each stop. The *GlassBarge* will arrive in Middleport the evening of Aug. 7, docking behind the Village Hall. It will be open on Weds., Aug. 8 for tours from 11 am to 6 pm.

The Lois McClure will also return to Middleport as it accompanies the *GlassBarge* on its tour of the Historic Erie Barge Canal. Self-guided tours of this schooner replica will also be offered on Weds., Aug. 8 only from 11 am to 6 pm.

The RH Community Library will have a special event that ties into this visit. Watch for information!

The *GlassBarge* and the Lois McClure will leave early Thurs. Aug. 9.

For more information on the *GlassBarge* visit their website at

of whatever program or current class information you distribute at your reunion.

She is slowly developing an extensive collection of Royalton Hartland Central School District mementos and would love to have your class included in it!

If you have items to donate, stop in to see her Tuesdays

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<https://www.cmog.org/glassmaking/demos/hot-glass-demos/glassbarge>

For more information on the Lois McClure, visit their website at <https://www.lcmm.org/visit/lois-mcclure/>

We hope you'll have a chance to join in on this very exciting opportunity!

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US

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VILLAGE HALL: (716) 735-3303

FAX: (716) 735-3432

EMAIL:

MiddleportNY@villageofmiddleport.org

WEBSITE:

www.villageofmiddleport.org

See 2nd & back pages for more information about hours & contacting individual officials directly

Did you know that when you call the Public Works Department or the Police Department during regular office hours, the Clerk's Office employees answer the phone? We dislike automated services as much as you do, so you'll get a human when you call Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 4 pm.

or Thursdays at the Village Hall, 24 Main St., Middleport or call her at (716) 735-3303 on one of those days. She is also available via email at

Historian@villageofmiddleport.org.

Please keep her in mind when you hold future reunions. She'd love to keep the memories of your class alive!

2017 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

The Village's Annual Water Quality Report for 2017 may be accessed at the following website address: <http://villageofmiddleport.org/content/Generic/View/15:field=documents;/content/Documents/File/168.pdf>

Copies are also available at the Village Hall, 24 Main St., Middleport, New York

40 YEARS & MORE!

In March of this year the Board of Trustees honored Police Chief John J. Swick for his 40th anniversary working for the Middleport Police Department. He was hired as a part-time police officer in March 1978, earned full-time status in June 1982, and was appointed as Chief in April 1987, one of the youngest, if not the youngest, chiefs in New York State. State, county, and local officials were on hand for a public reception held in Chief Swick's honor at

the Middleport Fire Hall. Nearly 200 people from the community were also in attendance to congratulate the Chief. A big thank you is sent out to the Fire Department for offering use of their hall for this event.

Along with Chief Swick, Middleport is fortunate to have several other long-term employees.

In September Gary Purser will reach 39 years with the Village. Mr. Purser has worked as an Operator at the

Wastewater Treatment Plant since 1979. We are grateful for his commitment and thoroughness on the job.

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Demmin has been working in the Clerk's Office since 1986, celebrating 32 years this coming July. She is a tremendous asset to the office.

In February Doug Eggert celebrated 30 years as a Motor Equipment Operator with the Village.

Anyone who has ever seen him operating a backhoe

knows how gifted he is with the equipment.

We all benefit from the dedication these employees have to their jobs and the Village.

Thank you to them all for helping make Middleport "A Friendly Place" to live!

THREE NEW EMPLOYEES

In 2017 the Department of Public Works added two employees and the Clerk's office added one.

Village native and resident Sarah Barr Quackebush started working part-time in the Clerk's office as a Deputy Clerk in February. She has been such a great addition to the office that in

June she will become a full-time employee.

Justin Adams was hired for the dual position of DPW Maintenance & Wastewater Treatment Operator, starting June 2017. He splits his time between public works jobs and training as a Plant Operator at the Wastewater

Treatment Plant.

Sarah Bottorff started as a summer laborer, but we were so impressed with her, that in November she was hired as a full-time laborer for the DPW.

We are very fortunate to have such hard workers on our team!

POLICE DEPARTMENT
(716) 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 (NCS Dispatch)
Emergency calls: 911
Email:
MiddleportPD
@villageofmiddleport.org

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
(716) 735-3373. ext 301
Bryan Bobbitt
Village Coordinator
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Mon. to Fri.
Email:
MiddleportDPW@
villageofmiddleport.org

FROM THE BUILDING & CODE OFFICE.....

New York State regulations have changed in the recent past, and some folks aren't aware of those changes.

Building permits are now required when a pool is installed, when siding is installed or replaced, and when your roof is replaced. Middleport enforces state, county, and local laws and codes when

applicable.

Contact Brian Belson with your permit questions and concerns. His office hours are Saturdays 9 am - 11 am. Telephone: (716) 735-3303, ext. 401. He can also be reached via email at Code.Enforce@Villageofmiddleport.org.

BACKYARD FIRES

Mr. Belson would also like to remind residents that within the Village limits the size of recreational fires permitted is 3 feet in diameter and flames no higher than 4 feet.

Enjoy your backyard, but please keep yourself and your neighbors safe by obeying open fire laws.

The NYS DEC puts a residential burn ban in place every year from mid-March to mid-May. Trees, bushes, and grass are very dry & fire can spread quickly.

BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE OFFICE
(716) 735-3303, ext 401
Brian Belson
Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturdays
BY APPOINTMENT Mon., Tues., or Weds. evenings

QUARTERLY WATER/SEWER BILLINGS are mailed out Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, and Nov 1 each year. If you don't receive yours, contact the Clerk's Office for a duplicate. A 10% penalty is added if unpaid 30 days from bill date. An additional 10% penalty is added if unpaid 60 days from bill date. Water service may be shut off after 60 days unpaid.

WHAT TO DO WITH YARD WASTE

The Village of Middleport Public Works Department 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 end 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.*

DOG WASTE DISPOSAL BAGS ARE A THING & WE HAVE THEM!

Did you know there are two dispenser stations located along the canal that have disposal bags for dog waste?

One station is located near the pavilion in Margaret Droman Park, which is located east of the lift bridge.

The second station is located near the bell memorial just west of the bridge.

When you're out

getting exercise and fresh air with your dog, please feel free to use the bags to help keep the canal bank and the Village clean of dog waste.

There are trash cans located throughout the Central Business District in the Village (Main and State Streets), so disposal of the used bags is easy.

Thanks for being a responsible dog owner!

ROY-HART SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

sign up will be Sat., June 2, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall, 24 Main St., Middleport, NY. Open to RH kids 6 mos & older.

- Session I will run from July 2 to July 20, with no classes on July 4.
- Session II will run from July 23 to August 10.

More information regarding the swim program is available at the Village's website.

MIDDLEPORT SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Village Recreation Program will be held from July 9 to August 10. Sign up will start at Swim Program sign up on June 2. Applications will also be available at the Village Hall & online after that date.

Village residents who will be entering kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall are invited to attend the Recreation Program. There is a limit of 30 participants so sign up early.

SCOUT HOUSE & PAVILION RENTAL:

Scout House rental is \$100 for Village residents and \$175 if you live outside the Village. Pavilion rental is \$25 regardless of where you live. For more info, call the Clerk's office (716) 735-3303 or go to the Village's website, www.villageofmiddleport.org Click on Parks & Recreation Click on Rotary Park & the Scout House

DISABLED PARKING

Has your disabled parking hang tag expired or do you need one? The Clerk's Office issues them to Village residents. Paperwork is available to take to your doctor for a temporary or permanent hang tag. Contact the Clerk's office for more information.

REFUSE & RECYCLING REMINDERS

The Clerk's Office regularly gets calls regarding "large item pick up days."

Through the contract with Modern Disposal for refuse & recycling pickup, large items may be put to the curb weekly.

One large item a week is allowed. Any item that can be easily picked up by two people may be put to the curb for weekly refuse pickup. If an item is larger than that, it is the resident's responsibility to arrange for

disposal of the item.

With biweekly recycling pickup, it's sometimes confusing to remember which week to put the recycling out.

Recycling schedules are available throughout the year, either at the Clerk's Office (24 Main Street) or by downloading it from the Village's website www.villageofmiddleport.org.

Please note that a total of six (6) items only may be placed to the curb for pickup, including a large item, garbage

cans or bags, and your recycling cart. The large green carts are for recycling only.

Refuse/recycling should be at the curb between 6:30 pm the night before pickup and 6:30 am the morning of pickup. Drivers change all the time, so don't rely on "they usually are here by...." to get your trash out.

If your address gets missed, please call the Clerk's office to report it. After hours, leave a message.

PUBLICITY NEEDED?

If your civic or not-for-profit organization needs extra publicity for an event, let us know at the Clerk's Office & we'll promote it on the Village's Facebook Page.

REMINDER: There is a drop box for unused prescription and OTC drugs & dietary supplements in the Police Office. Stop in the Clerk's Office anytime they're open for assistance in disposing of these items.

Here's how to contact your elected officials:

Mayor Richard Westcott:
mayorwestcott@villageofmiddleport.org

Deputy Mayor Tom Conley:
trusteeconley@villageofmiddleport.org

Trustee Wayne Blumrick:
trusteeblumrick@villageofmiddleport.org

Trustee Diane Edwards:
trusteedwards@villageofmiddleport.org

Trustee Dennis McAvoy:
trusteemcavoy@villageofmiddleport.org

If you do not use email, call or send a letter to the Village Hall.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE - (716) 735-3303
Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer , Notary Public,
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.
Email: ClerkTreasurer@villageofmiddleport.org

ROYALTON HARTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

The Library's Board of Trustees and staff would like to thank everyone who voted to increase the tax levy for the library at the 2018 budget vote.

With the increase in tax revenues for the library, they will soon be able to better serve the community with extended hours and more programming.

Libraries Rock! Summer Reading begins July 9th

Your child can avoid the "Summer Slide" with the Reading Rock Star Challenge! Grades K-8 can earn "Reading Rocks" and basket raffle tickets for every 20 minutes read between July 9th and August 18th. Enough minutes read earn them a star in the Reading Rock Star Hall of Fame!

Teens and adults can join in the fun with Book Bingo!

Stay up to date with library events by visiting their website or liking them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Pinterest.

9 Vernon St.
Middleport, NY 14105
(716) 735-3281
royhartcommunitylibrary.com



GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE by following us on Facebook and Twitter. Information is updated almost daily on these social media pages.

Annual Events in Middleport

- Mr. Ed's Run** - 5K walk & run benefits the Mr. Ed's Scholarship sponsored by the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Held Super Bowl Sunday.
- Fish Dinners** - by the Cataract Lodge, 20 Main Street - Fridays during Lent
- Maple Weekend** - pancake breakfast served by Boy Scout Troop 23 at Middleport Fire Hall on a Sunday in March. Watch for signs.
- Village Elections:** Third Tues in March. If the 3rd Tues is 3/17, election is 3/18.
- Easter Egg Hunt** - by Boy Scout Troop 23 at Rotary Park, 131 Telegraph Road. Saturday, day before Easter.
- Arbor Day Celebration** - last Friday in April at 9:30 a.m. Location TBA
- National Day of Prayer Service** - held at the Commons, corner of Main & Park, noon, 1st Thursday in May.
- Village-Wide Garage Sale** - first Saturday in May.
- Poppy Drive** - during May. Find Clute Phillips American Legion Unit 938 Auxiliary members throughout the Village. Please support our veterans.
- Memorial Day Parade, Services & Celebration** - Memorial Day - Services held by Clute Phillips American Legion Post 938 & Middleport Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, Inc. Contact Kathy Kindel (716) 735-6807 to participate in the parade. Duck race in canal following services. Refreshments available.
- Classic Car Cruise** hosted by the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co. No 1, Inc. - Sunday following Labor Day Includes book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Royalton Hartland Community Library.
- Trick or Treating** Halloween Day, 5 pm to 7 pm. Party for kids up to age 12 at the Fire Hall 7 pm
- Veterans' Day Service & Boy Scout Flag Retiring Service** the Commons, corner of Main St. & Park Ave. - Veterans' Day at 11 a.m.
- Annual Michelle's Memorial 5K** - Saturday before Thanksgiving. Proceeds fund the Michele A. Bewley Scholar Athlete Award. Registration is at the Fire Hall.
- Annual Thanksgiving Service** - 2 pm Sunday before Thanksgiving by the Middleport Area Churches & Clergy Association. Location changes each year.
- Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** - Early December.

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