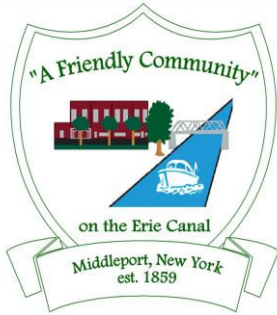


May 2022



VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

SPRING NEWSLETTER

PLEASE READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 2021 Annual Water Quality Report is available for your review at the following link: <https://villageofmiddleport.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-VILLAGE-OF-MIDDLEPORT-AWQR.pdf>

NOTES FROM OUR DPW

Brush-As a reminder BRUSH is to be placed at the curb with the **butt end toward the street** and stacked no more than 4 feet high. **Please DO NOT** place roots, stumps, vines or rose bushes out for chipping. Brush chipping is every **Monday** and runs from April thru November, weather permitting.

Under **NO** circumstances should yard waste be thrown into the street or ditches. This can cause ditch or storm drain blockage which in turn can cause flooding.

Leaves – Leaves are to be raked to the edge of the grass in the street and left in open piles. Leaf pick up will start once the leaves really start accumulating on the ground, and will end around **November 30, 2022**, weather permitting.

LASTLY, Coordinator Bobbitt would like to **REMIND EVERYONE NOT** to flush feminine hygiene products and “flushable” wipes. It has become a **MAJOR** problem within the Village. This causes sewer mainlines to back up so **PLEASE** be considerate of your neighbors and the Village. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

From the Mayor's desk

The Village has a new Code Enforcement Officer. Brian Belson resigned from the position in March and Mike Klock was appointed in April. **The new office hours are Saturday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.** Or you can schedule an appointment to meet with him. Mike can be reached by email during the week at code.enforce@villageofmiddleport.org.

I would like to thank Julia Maedl and Janet Lyndaker for the generous donation to the village for holiday decorations and their many years of dedication with the MATABC (Middleport Area Tourism and Beautification Committee). They have decided to step down from this committee with the hope that new people will continue to further promote the Village of Middleport. If you are interested in joining, attending a meeting, or would like more information about the committee, please email Trustee Barr at trusteebarr@villageofmiddleport.org.

The Village DPW workers (Bryan, Doug, and Sarah) were recognized at the Palace Theater in Lockport last year for their dedication to our community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. They were nominated by Mr. & Mrs. Palmer. They each received a NYS Assembly Citation. I would also like to commend them for the terrific job they do for the Village of Middleport.

Sincerely,

Mayor Westcott

From the Historian...

The historian's office was the recipient of Mr. Elmer Vary's patented cherry pitter thanks to the donation by former resident Mrs. Marilyn Dingman. You can stop by to see it in the display cabinet in the Board room. Please keep this office in mind as you clean out things that could be of historical significance to our community. Mrs. Lutz's hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.

ATTENTION VILLAGE RESIDENTS - Please make sure you are on the Village of Middleport's website if you are paying your water/sewer bill by credit card. The Village of Middleport is only affiliated with Allpaid Inc. through www.govpaynow.com. You can access the new website at www.villageofmiddleport.org. On the homepage, which is the front of the Village Hall, you will find on the righthand side of the page a tab for "Pay water & sewer online." This will take you directly to www.govpaynow.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303. **Thank you!**

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DPW

We are still in the process of upgrading our water meters, and *we need your help*. Please contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303 to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience to have your meter replaced. It only takes a few minutes to change out the old meter for the new meter which has a battery life of 20 years.

The Village Clerk's office would also like to update their contact information for all residents. The new software can detect leaks within your home so we want to alert you as soon as possible rather than *only* being notified when we do the quarterly readings.

Thank you!

INFORMATION FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Middleport Code 97-4: A Building Permits Required

Installation of a solid-fuel-burning heating appliance, chimney, or flue in any dwelling unit.

NO Person shall commence any work for which a Building Permit is required without first having obtained a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

NYSDEC: Open burning is permitted for small recreational fires including small cooking and campfires. Burning of waste products or garbage is **prohibited**, including newspaper, paper products, plastic, chemically treated wood (pressure treated) and plywood.

Complaints call NYSDEC @ 1-877-457-5680 (24 hours)

Premise Identification: New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification plainly legible and visible from the street. Numbers shall be a *minimum* of 4 inches.

Fire Code of NYS §507.5.5: A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Please keep snow and other obstructions away from hydrants.

The 2022 group of 30 Hometown Heroes will be joining the previous 95 banners which will adorn our village from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day. There will be a limited number of booklets available at the Village Hall after May 24, 2022, for residents who would like to learn a little more about these brave men and women. We will hold in reserve 2 booklets for every family that purchased a banner. Thank you to the generous donors who helped to make the printing of the booklets possible.

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