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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

SPRING NEWSLETTER

PLEASE READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 2022 Annual Water Quality Report is available for your review at the following link: <https://villageofmiddleport.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2022-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 as this may result in all of your brush not getting picked up. 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. The **ONLY** exception to this is leaf pickup in the **fall**.

Leaves – **Leaves are ONLY** picked up in the **fall**. They are to be raked to the edge of the grass in the street and left in open piles. Leaf pickup will start once the leaves really start accumulating on the ground, and will end around **November 30, 2023**, weather permitting.

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

From the Mayor's desk

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize two members of the Middleport Police Department. Sgt Roland Johnson and Officer Joshua Mandaville. Sgt Johnson was honored at the Niagara County Judges and Police Awards Banquet in April 2023 for a house fire he responded to in June 2022. Sgt Johnson arrived first on the scene and using a ladder he assisted a male out of the second-floor window and safely to the ground.

Officer Mandaville was recognized by the Niagara County Committee of the American Legion in April 2023. The Gasport American Legion submitted Officer Mandaville for this distinction for a call he responded to in April 2022 at the Royalton Hartland Elementary School where he was the first on the scene to assist a male that had fallen and was not breathing. Officer Mandaville checked for a pulse and immediately began CPR while directing someone to open the police department's AED unit in preparation to shock if necessary. The Gasport Fire Rescue arrived and connected their AED unit which indicated a shock was needed. Officer Mandaville started CPR again after the shock was given. After he was stable the gentleman was transported safely to the hospital.

Please join me in congratulating Sgt Johnson and Officer Mandaville. The Village of Middleport is grateful for your dedicated service to the community.

Mayor Dodge

SCOUT HOUSE & PAVILION RENTAL

The Scout House and pavilion are available to rent.

The rental fee for village residents is \$100.
The rental fee for non-village residents is \$175.

Pavilion rental is \$25 regardless where you reside.

Please call the Village Clerk's Office for more information at 716-735-3303.

Water/Sewer Rate Increase

The Village Board of Trustees voted in January 2023 to increase the Village's water and sewer rates. There has not been a rate increase since 2018. The Village purchases their water from Niagara County, and the county raised their rates in January. The costs of operating the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) have also increased since the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation places strict standards for the operation of WWTP that the Village must adhere to. This is why two capital projects were recently completed in order to be in compliance with their mandates. This year we have begun the Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance program (CMOM) which is an additional requirement for the operation of the WWTP.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come to any Board meeting. They are held the third Monday of every month unless there is a holiday. See the Village website for the complete schedule. Thank you!

From the Historian

If you are having a Roy-Hart class reunion, please consider donating a copy of the invitation or any material that is distributed at the reunion. Christa Lutz, our Village Historian and former 2nd grade teacher, would love to add them to the mementos she has from previous classes. After all, this is all a part of our history so let's help her preserve it.

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.

More from the Mayor's Desk

The village has a feral cat problem that I would like to address. We have been in contact with several agencies, but no one accepts feral cats. The SPCA actually recommended that residents **DO NOT** feed stray and feral cats as this will deter them from staying in the area, and they will move on to seek other food sources.

Parking Permits for Persons with Disabilities

If you are a Village resident who has an expired disabled parking tag or simply needs an application for one to take to your doctor's office, please stop by the Village Clerk's office anytime. If your tag is expired, you do not need to fill out another application. Just bring in your expired tag, and we will issue you a new one.



Roy-Hart Summer Swim Program

Sign up will be on Saturday, June 10th, from 9 am - 11:30 am at the Village Hall at 24 Main St

This program is open to all children who reside in the Town of Royalton, the Town of Hartland and the Village of Middleport

Classes are open to children ages 6 months and older
(An adult is required to be in the water with children 5 years old and younger)

There will be also be information posted on the Village website at www.villageofmiddleport.org as soon as the schedule is finalized.

CLUTE PHILLIPS POST #938 AMERICAN LEGION

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 29, 2023, at noon

ALL Veterans are invited to participate in the parade

Parade line up is behind the Village Hall on Main Street at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Ceremony and Fireman's Ceremony immediately following the parade

Middleport Beautification Committee
2023 Spring/Summer Events

May

Month of May - Curbside Cleanup Contest

May 3rd - Adopt-a-Barrel Begins

May 6th - Community Yard Sale

May 20th - Community Clean Up

May 29th - Food Trucks and Duck Derby after the
American Legion Memorial Day Parade

June

June 20th - 1st Concert in the Park at
Margaret Droman Park featuring "A" Blues Band from 6 pm to 8 pm

July

July 18th - 2nd Concert in the Park at
The Village Commons featuring Evan Anstey & His Band from 6 pm to 8 pm

August

August 1st - National Night Out to Honor Police in our Community
Food trucks, games, and the kiddie parade

August 22nd - 3rd Concert in the Park at
Rotary Park featuring the Barker Community Band from 6 pm to 8 pm

Please see the Middleport Beautification Committee Facebook page for more information.

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 it 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

There are still several water meters that need replacing so 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.

Thank you!

REMINDER...

There is a drop box for all unused prescriptions, OTC medications, and dietary supplements in the Police Department. Please stop by the Village Clerk's office for assistance in disposing of these items during office hours.

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 2023 group of 10 Hometown Heroes will be joining the previous 125 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 30, 2023, 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. There are also a few booklets available from 2021 and 2022.

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