

May 2024



VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

SPRING NEWSLETTER

PLEASE READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 2023 Annual Water Quality Report is available for your review at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6zdmtp>

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 27, 2024**, weather permitting.

LASTLY, Coordinator Bobbitt would like to **REMIND EVERYONE** if you have **not** had your water meter head replaced to please contact the Village Clerk's office. at 716-735-3303. It only takes a few minutes to switch out the old meter head and install a new one. We want to complete this project this year as it has taken much longer than anticipated.

Thank you for your cooperation!

From the Mayor's desk

Please join me in welcoming our newest Board members, Kellie LePard and Renee' Holly-Eberhard. I would also like to thank Tom Conley and Denny McAvoy for their many, many years of serving on the Village Board. We really appreciate your dedication to the Village.

I need to address a **SERIOUS PROBLEM** within the Village. **PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH** "flushable wipes." They cause sewer mainlines to back up, wreak havoc on our pumping stations, and get stuck in the bar screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because they are **NOT BIODEGRADABLE**. **PLEASE DISPOSE OF "flushable wipes" in your garbage**. If this continues and equipment is damaged as a result of your lack of cooperation, the Village will be forced to raise sewer rates to cover the cost of repairs.

I have previously asked for your assistance with the feral cat problem in the village. Apparently, there are still residents that continue to feed these cats, and it is a major problem in certain neighborhoods. We have contacted several agencies, but no one accepts feral cats. We were told by the SPCA that in order for them to leave the area, you **MUST FIRST STOP THEIR FOOD SOURCE**. **PLEASE DO NOT FEED feral cats**. We should all be considerate of our neighbors, and the damage that the feral cats are subjecting them to.

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.

Time to Say Goodbye as your Police Chief

I have finally decided to retire on June 28, 2024. It is a bittersweet decision. The Village of Middleport has been a great place to live and raise my family. It has also been a tremendous place to work my entire law enforcement career. When I started on March 20th, 1978, I had no idea I would still be here, 46 years later. So many things have changed over the last 46 years, but the one thing has not changed - that our Village is still a great place to live. Thank you for trusting in me and giving me a part in protecting our quality of life here in Middleport. It hasn't always been easy to police a small community where you know everyone, but the good days do far outweigh the difficult days. This is not good-bye completely as I will still be using Middleport as a home base. Wende and I hope to travel and camp more when we retire and then there are the 6 grandchildren. We will certainly spend more time in Old Forge and Pendleton with our family.

Thank you for all your support and love through the years,

John J. Swick



From the Historian

If you are around town, please stop by the Village Hall and check out my new display cabinets. I am able to display many more items now. Please keep this office in mind as you clean out things that could be of historical significance to our community. Remember, one man's trash just might be an absolute treasure to preserving the history of the Village so PLEASE ask me if I would be interested before discarding items. My office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.



Roy-Hart Summer Swim Program

Sign up will be on Saturday, June 8th, 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)

IN ORDER TO BE PLACED IN LEVEL 1 THIS YEAR, CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO STAND IN THE SHALLOW END WITH THEIR HEAD ABOVE WATER.

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



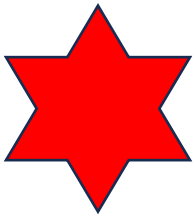
Monday, May 27, 2024, at noon

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
2024 Spring/Summer Events



May

Adopt-a-Barrel Begins

May 4th - Community Yard Sale

May 25th - Community Clean Up

May 27th - Food Trucks and Duck Derby after the
American Legion Memorial Day Parade, Veteran, & Fireman Services

June

June 18th - 1st Concert in the Park at
The Village Commons (Park Ave) featuring McHenry & Baz from 6 pm to 8 pm

July

July 16th - 2nd Concert in the Park at
Margaret Droman Park featuring Evan Anstey & His Band from 6 pm to 8 pm

August

August 6th - National Night Out to Honor Police in our Community

Food trucks, games, and dunk tank

Hot Country Line Dancers

August 6th - 3rd Concert in the Park at The Village Commons (Park Ave)

The STANTON Band from 5 pm to 6:30 pm

The Pocket Change Trio from 7:15 pm to 8:45 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!*

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.

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

The NYS DEC has a Burn Ban in effect from March 16, 2024, to May 14, 2024.

If you have not done so yet this year, please remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR DECKS AND POOLS AS WELL AS ROOF REPLACEMENT AND SIDING. ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY PROJECT.

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 2024 group of 13 Hometown Heroes will be joining the previous 130 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 28, 2024, 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, 2022, and 2023.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Daniel Dodge: mayor@villageofmiddleport.org
Deputy Mayor Blumrick: trusteeblumrick@villageofmiddleport.org
Trustee Dottie Barr: trusteebarr@villageofmiddleport.org
Trustee Kellie LePard: trustee1@villageofmiddleport.org
Trustee Renee' Holly-Eberhard: trustee3@villageofmiddleport.org

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

*Village Hall
24 Main St
PO Box 186
Middleport NY 14105*

(716) 735-3303