

CLEAN UP DAYS 2011 at the MIDDLESEX TOWN BARN

Saturday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21st

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To ensure that we comply with DEC regulations and facilitate work flow, we have added additional staff and will have more dumpsters on site. Staff at the gate will verify residency and control the flow of traffic.

Please note that all materials must be sorted by metal, wood and trash. If debris includes tires, there will be a \$2.00 charge per tire. ***Any appliance with Freon (including air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers) must be accompanied with proof of removal of the Freon by a certified technician.*** (For a listing of certified technicians, please refer to the yellow pages listing under "refrigerating equipment".)

The New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act was signed into law in May, 2010 and took effect on April 1, 2011. This year, we will be able to collect:

Computers, Televisions, small scale servers, computer peripherals (including monitors, keyboards, mice, fax machines, document scanners and printers) as well as small electronic equipment (including VCRs, video records, DVD players, cable or satellite receivers, video game consoles.)

Over the years we have worked to develop a smooth process. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a very successful Clean Up Days for 2011!

RESTRICTED ITEMS FOR CLEAN UP DAYS NO EXCEPTIONS!

No hazardous waste

No radioactive waste

No unapproved industrial, asbestos or medical waste

No free liquids (i.e. paint cans with wet paint must be completely dry)

No intact steel and plastic drums or liners (must be empty and crushed)

No intact containers greater than 5 gallon size

(Must be empty and crushed)

No materials with less than 20% solids

No appliances with Freon unless proof of extraction is provided

No bulk yard waste

No suspicious or unrecognizable materials

To dispose of above items, go to www.earth911.com for disposal information.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The 2% tax cap has been adopted without any meaningful mandate relief. This will hopefully have a minimal effect for our Town Budget but it will have a major effect for the County Budget. The 2% cap will allow an increase tax of \$248,492 for the County. The anticipated State mandate increases and State aid reductions are expected to create a deficit in excess of \$1,000,000 above the cap.

We have qualified for Federal Emergency aid for the recent storm damage and expect to recover a major part of our expense for repair and clean up. The Highway employees and the Fire Department did an excellent job in responding to the emergency.

I would welcome any comments, suggestions and discussions regarding Town services. You can e-mail me at tmiddlesexny@aol.com or leave a voice mail at 585-554-3607. Please identify yourself and leave a phone number or e-mail address so we can discuss and consider any concerns.

SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

The base contract for the sidewalk project was successfully closed out last year, however landscape work along North Main St. had to be extracted to enable the close out. Late last year, work was contracted and completed on retaining walls and planter boxes. The final scope of the remaining landscape work has now been agreed to with the affected residents and is in the process of being awarded to a local company. Work is anticipated to begin in August. It will be a combination of low maintenance plants and grass, with necessary topsoil.

The NYSDOT has announced that both Water Street and Main Street will be repaved as part of a larger Rt. 245 project. Engineering and contracting efforts are underway now, with work to begin in the near future. Although no schedule has been issued at this point, it may be completed this year. During the planning of this work, a meeting will be held with the DOT to discuss issues that were identified during the sidewalk project, such as culvert work and shoulder repair along South Main Street.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2011 brought significant changes to the dog licensing system in the State of New York. Previously, the Department of Ag & Markets was the clearing house for dog licenses. However, on January 1, 2011 all of that changed when the local governments were charged with the responsibility of managing all aspects of dog licensing.

In order to be prepared for the enormous changes that 2011 would bring, my office began to network with other area Town Clerks as well as personnel at the County level. In addition, a number of years ago, I began the process of computerizing the office of Town Clerk; this put our Town ahead of the curve as our vendor assured us the software would be made ready for the licensing changes that would be required at no additional cost to the Town (and ready it was!) In addition, the Supervisor and I worked with our Town Attorney to prepare all the modifications that would be required of our Local Law for Licensing, Identification and Control of Dogs.

We hit the ground running in January, mailing out renewal notices and the response has been tremendous. Residents have been wonderful about turning paperwork around quickly – we just couldn't have asked for the process to go any smoother!

If you have any questions about dog licenses or any question in general, please don't hesitate to contact me. My phone number here at the Town Hall is (585) 554-3607 and my office hours are as follows:

Tuesday and Thursday evenings – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Saturday mornings – 9:30 a.m. until Noon
And always by appointment

NEWS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board continues to review site development in our Town using our Master Plan, current zoning, outside resources such as our Town Engineer and the Yates County Planning Board when necessary to ensure best management process. Development generated around the Lake District and in our steep slopes challenges us to re-visit our local laws to keep current with community needs. To date, a reduction of site plans in 2011 from last year indicates this process in a more careful consideration of site plan review as it pertains to development in these areas.

The Development of Private Roads in the Lake Residential District by Special Use Permit became Local Law #1 of 2011 in May. Issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, this law provides for a two-board involvement in determining environmental impact onsite to better protect environment during development.

Final work on our Draft Steep Slope Law is now in progress. A draft model, developed by the Canandaigua Watershed Council, for the lakeshore municipalities surrounding the lake provided us a starting point in developing specific regulations based on slope and grade rather than by Zoning District.

Currently a redraft of the Uniform Dock and Mooring Law is in its final stages in development and may be accessed on the Ontario County Website: www.co.ontario.ny.us under Programs and Projects.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLESEX HERITAGE GROUP

The 8th Annual Citizen APPRECIATION DAY will be held on August 14th at the Middlesex Fire Hall from 2-4pm. The event honors outstanding citizens who have made major contributions to the Town of Middlesex. This year's Honorees are Hazel Robeson, Verona Mack Newell and Ron Davis.

Seneca Heritage Day at the Overacker Schoolhouse (Rt. #364 and North Vine Valley Road) will be held on September 3 from 1:30-7pm. Featured speaker will be Peter Jemison, Site Director at Ganondagan State Park – the Origins of the Seneca Nation in our area. Take note of the following events:

- Displays in the 1874 restored schoolhouse
- 2pm – Peter Jemison, Site Director at Ganondagan State Park. Please bring lawn chairs!
- Native storyteller and craft demonstrator
- 4pm – pulled pork dinner, \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door
- Crooked Lake Fiddlers
- 5:30pm – Chris Holder, singer/storyteller
- 9pm – Annual bonfire on Bare Hill, signaling start of “Ring of Fire” around Canandaigua Lake. Begin hike at 8pm; flashlights and blankets recommended.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

MIDDLESEX READING CENTER

The Middlesex Reading Center is located in the basement of the Town Hall. In addition to our collection and as a member of the Southern Tier Library System, we have rotating collections of: Popular Fiction, large print, audio, Video/DVD, Children's books. If we don't have what you are looking for, books are also available to loan from the other member libraries of the Southern Tier System.

Hours: Monday and Wednesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEWS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Always contact the Code Office to guide you through the permitting process before starting any project to review compliance with town/state regulations. Building permit applications are conveniently located on the Town hall entry wall and on our town website. Current Office Hours are Wednesdays, 9am-Noon; Thursdays, 6-8pm; every Saturday from 8-10am and always by appointment. Contact Dawn Kane, CEO at (585) 554-3607 during office hours or by cell at (585) 329-6163.

Regulations to note:

- Current Pool Regulations now include any structure containing more than 24" of water. This includes: above and on ground pools, spas, hot tubs, and fixed in-place wading pools. All require a minimum 4 ft. barrier that completely surrounds and obstructs access to the body of water. Gates on the barrier must lock securely and be equipped with pool alarms. Contact me with any questions or concerns.
- New York State Property/Maintenance Code allows for ONLY ONE unregistered vehicle on your property. There are several local auto companies that will remove these vehicles for you at no cost. Please contact the Code office for the local list if you require assistance.
- Please reference www.dec.ny.gov for burning regulations or contact the Code Office for further information.
- Look for the Town of Middlesex Building Permit Application online within the Town's website: www.middlesexny.org/codeenforcement.html

VINE VALLEY BEACH

Enjoy our public beach safely! It will be open for your swimming enjoyment this summer daily while lifeguards are on duty from 10am-8pm through Labor Day. Contact Dawn Kane, Recreation Director with comments, concerns or questions at (585) 329-6163. Swim Camp will be offered the week of July 25 and August 8th. Sign-up sheets are at the lifeguard station. Personal items and waste at the beach will be on a "carry in-carry out" system for everyone. Reminder please: All animals are NOT allowed on the beach at any time.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CANANDAIGUA WEGMANS AND THE ONTARIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL UPGRADES & SUPPORT DONATED TO OUR VINE VALLEY BEACH & STAFF!

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Town of Middlesex Assessor's Office has been busy this year. We have just completed a town wide update again this year. The change in level of assessment was 5%, showing that the town has continued to be popular with real estate buyers. And why not; as one man from Tennessee told me, this is beautiful county. I agree with him, but so do real estate investors from all over the county. My office is seeing buyers from Virginia, California, New Jersey and all over the north east.

The State of New York has passed an additional legislation this year. As I read the bill, the tax cap will take effect for the 2012 budgets. You should be hearing more on this as time goes on.

I have had a lot of questions on the topic of the update of values. These updates are driven by the NY State Office of Real Property Service's equalization rate studies. The State of New York tracks sales and then compares them to the assessments of property in the Town. This gives them a ratio of sale price to assessed price, if this ratio is 95% or less the Town Assessor needs to revalue the property to bring it up to 100%. Keeping the equalization rate at 100% is important because this rate is used to apportion the share of School and County taxes that each town's taxpayers pay. If we allow the equalization rate to drop we will be paying a larger share of those taxes.

My office is open Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and the second and fourth Thursday night from 6 pm to 8pm.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLESEX WATER DISTRICT

Is your water bill higher than expected? The main cause of a higher bill is usually a toilet. To check your toilets use the following procedure:

1. After toilet tank is full, add 3 or 4 drops of food coloring.
2. Let this set for 5-10 minutes.
3. After elapsed time, check the toilet bowl for any coloring.

If you find coloring then the toilet may be leaking in on of two places. The first place is the flapper valve at the bottom of the tank, changing this may solve the problem. The second place that might leak is water flowing over the overflow tube at the center of the tank, this may need a new fill valve or float level adjustment.

Water System Maintenance

As many of you know our main water district is over 48 years old. The water mains are made from cement-lined cast iron. These mains are subject to break at any time due to their age. If you should see water coming out of the ground along the roadside please call. I would rather check it out and have it be nothing, rather than be wasted water. If you live near a fire hydrant please consider maintaining the area around it. This is especially important during the winter months with snow. If the area around fire hydrants is debris-free, firefighters will be able to respond more quickly.

VINE VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE

SUMMER EVENTS

JULY

- July 12th A Honey of a Program (about bees) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Tuesday Lecture Series.
- July 16th Poke Along Poker Fundraiser 9:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm. Enjoy our Fifth annual South Lake Road walk. Entry Fee is \$5.00.
- July 19th Hydrofracking 7:00 pm Tuesday. Presentation by Tom Drennen and Beth Kinnen.
- July 23rd Flea Market and Craft Sale 9:00 am to Noon. The Vine Valley Church hosts its annual treasure trove. To rent a table, call 554-0402.
- July 26th Let's Honor our WWII Veterans. 2:00-3:30 Tuesday Lecture Series.
- July 29th, 30th and 31st Art Show and Sale. Friday 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday Noon to 5:00 pm. Vine Valley residents Marnie and Christin Lersch and their friend Aaron Sprague proudly present an exhibition of their art works.

AUGUST

- August 2nd Remembering Roseland Park 7:00 pm Tuesday Lecture Series.
- August 6th Community House Business and Entertainment
Saturday Book 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Fire Extinguisher Demo & Fire Truck Tour 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Chorale Concert 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Annual Meeting 5:30 pm Saturday
- August 9th Land-Lake Panel & Meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday Lecture series.
- August 13th Free Community Fair 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Hosted by the Middlesex Baptist Church.
- August 14th Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. A Vine Valley Methodist Church tasty fund raiser.
- August 16th Fifty Years and Still Alive Selling Dead Stuff 2:00pm – 3:30pm Tuesday Lecture series.
- August 23rd Uncovering the Underground Railroad. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Tuesday Lecture series.
- August 30th Fifty Years at Indian Village. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Tuesday Lecture series.

SEPTEMBER

- September 3rd Seneca Heritage Day at the Overackers Corner School. No. Vine Valley Road & Route 364
RING OF FIRE – 9:00 pm Saturday night.
- September 17th Harvest Pot Luck Supper 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Saturday. Bring a dish to pass, plates and silverware.

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Board

2nd Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Assessor

Wednesday: 9:30 am to Noon
2nd & 4th Thursday: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Town Justice

Traffic & Criminal – Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Middlesex Reading Center

Monday: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Town Clerk

Tuesday: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursday: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30 am to Noon

Planning Board

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Historian

Wednesday: 9:00 am to Noon

Middlesex Town Supervisor

Robert Multer: 554-6642

Councilmen

Allan Button: 554-6154 Wayne Dunton: 554-6024
Peter Gerbic: 554-3265 Daniel Paddock: 554-6969

Town Phone Numbers

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Kathryn Pelton: 554-3607

Highway Superintendent

Thomas Reifsteck: 554-6319; Town Barns 554-3188

Town Justice

Margaret L. Randolph: 554-3607

Planning Board Chairman

Martin DeVinney: 554-6106

Historian

Dan Robeson: 554-3607

Librarian

Sabra Dunton: 554--6024

Grievance Board Chair

Richard DeMallie: 554-3785

Code Enforcement Officer

Dawn Marie E. Kane: 329-6163

Assessor

Pat Grimaldi: 554-3607

Town Attorney

Alaine Espenscheid: (315) 789-4957

Zoning Board Chairman

Arthur Radin: 554-6819

Health Officer

Robert Ostrander: 554-3119

Water Superintendent

Alan Williams: 554-6952

Yates County Board of Elections

315-536-5135

Yates County Legislature Representatives

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Douglas Paddock (315) 536-8343

Robert N. Multer (585) 554-6642
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