

CLEAN UP DAYS 2014 at the MIDDLESEX TOWN BARN

Saturday, August 16th

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

Sunday, August 17th

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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 were signed into law in May, 2010 and took effect on April 1, 2011. This year, we will continue to 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 2014!

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

THE MIDDLESEX PLANNING BOARD

Steep Slope Draft Law Revisions Update

**Informational Meeting will be held at the Middlesex Fire Hall
Thursday, July 17th at 6:30 pm**

With a constant reminder of Steep Slope concerns, Middlesex took another hit this spring with flash flooding which caused erosion and sediment deposits in the Canandaigua Watershed, sending mud plumes two-thirds across the lake, washing out culverts and roadways as stream beds rose beyond their limits. The Planning Board, with help from local environmental agencies, is continuing to make necessary revisions to our Steep Slope Draft Law, incorporating public comment into a more workable document for all. Relevant to this, a Public Comment Informational Meeting will be held to allow local residents and all interested parties a time for open dialogue and review of the current status of the draft law. NOTE: Stay informed of any changes by reviewing our Town Website: www.middlesexny.org

THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

The Highway Barn fire last year has put additional strain on our already tight budget. I estimate that the State mandated prevailing wage law added an additional \$100,000 to the total cost of construction. We borrowed \$150,000 on a bond anticipation note which also incurred additional costs because of State mandated laws regarding the Town's procedure to borrow money. The recent storm damage of over \$300,000 presents further challenges for our fund balance. Yates County has received word that the County qualifies for federal assistance which may provide some financial relief as we struggle with the development of the 2015 budget.

The new Highway Barn is almost finished and will provide a new more energy efficient building and better working conditions for Highway employees. There are plans to finish the Robeson Store renovation this year but this will depend on other budget expenses that may occur. Our new accounting system is now in place paving the way for the next Supervisor.

The Water District tank is in need of repairs so as a possible source for funding this project we have applied for a grant to replace the old tank with a new tank that will require much less maintenance. Included in the plan is also an update to one section of the water distribution system.

THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Contact the Town's Code Office to assist you through all phases of your particular project, keeping you in compliance with current town/state regulations. Most permit applications can be found inside Town Hall or online at www.middlesexny.org.

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.

Current Office Hours are Wednesdays, 9am to noon; Thursdays 6-8pm and always by appointment. Contact Dawn Kane, CEO at [\(585\) 554-3607](tel:5855543607) during office hours or by cell at [\(585\) 329-6163](tel:5853296163)

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's office ended another assessment year with the filing of the final assessment roll July 1, 2014. The values on this roll will be used by the Marcus Whitman and Naples School Systems in September 2014, for their tax billing and in January 2015 for the Town of Middlesex and County of Yates tax billing.

Please send me any address corrections as soon as possible. If my addresses are wrong, that could delay the arrival of your tax bills in September and January. You need to remember that it is your responsibility to pay the taxes even if you do not receive a bill. So it is important to keep your address current with us to avoid any problems.

We have just completed a town wide assessment update. All properties in the town were reviewed and most properties had changes; this was the first town wide update in six years.

New York State had all of the residents in the State getting the STAR exemption reregister this year, those that failed to register will have their STAR exemption removed, If you received a letter from the New York State Office of Taxation and Finance and did not register please call them or go online to register now. If your School tax bill comes and the exemption is removed, call them, 518-457-2036, or go online at www.tax.ny.gov .

My office hours are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to Noon and the second and fourth Thursday nights of the month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MIDDLESEX HERITAGE GROUP

Thanks to our dedicated volunteer historians, the Middlesex Heritage Group will continue to support major programs with the Town of Middlesex.

At 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 13, we will host an ice cream social to celebrate the dedication of a plaque for our historic Overackers Schoolhouse. Everyone is invited and the ice cream is free. Senator Tomas O'Mara is scheduled to attend the event at the schoolhouse.

On August 3 at 2:00 PM at the firehouse we will celebrate the 11th Annual Citizen Appreciation day. The selection committee has chosen Orion Newell, Bonnie and Tom Mahaney and the late Frank Arnold to be honored. They all were long term residents who made significant contributions to the town through their volunteer efforts. Everyone is invited to this inspiring, positive event.

The third major program is Seneca Heritage Day, celebrated on the final Saturday of August, August 30 at 2 PM at the Overackers Schoolhouse. Once again the program highlights the close relationship of our Town with the Native Americans of our area. This year the theme will concentrate on education. All are welcome and later that evening; the bonfire will take place on Bare Hill.

We would also like to note that the repairs on the cupola have been completed. Thank you for your contributions. Our Group is totally reliant on your generosity so we continue to seek your participation and financial support.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

MIDDLESEX READING CENTER

Looking to relax this summer? Check out the Middlesex Reading Center! We have a good selection of fiction and non-fiction books to satisfy everyone's tastes in reading materials. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall.

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

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 and 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.

Summer Story hours for children ages 3-9 are 11:00-12:00 Saturdays July 12 & 26 and August 2 & 23. This year's theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read." Children are encouraged to bring their favorite books.

THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

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 one 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 nearly 50 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.

Water Collection Hours

Sabra Dunton is the Water Collector for the Middlesex Water District. You can pay your bill in person at the lower level reading center during the following collection hours:

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

DOG CONTROL LAW

A reminder to all residents that the Town of Middlesex has a local Dog Control Ordinance which states the following:

- All Dogs must be licensed
- It is unlawful to keep more than four (4) dogs, more than four (4) months old or older, at any premises except at a duly licensed kennel **regardless of the number of owners.**
- It is unlawful for any dog to run at large unless said dog is restrained by an adequate collar and leash or unless accompanied by its owner or responsible person able to control the animal.
- It is unlawful to allow a dog to engage in habitual loud howling or barking or to conduct itself in such manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.

VINE VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE SUMMER EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS/CLASSES:

Friends & Family CPR NEW: July 14/August 11, 7-8:30pm
Watercolor Portrait Workshop NEW: July 8-10, 1-4:30 pm
FFL Collaborative presents 5th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition: Aug. 1,2,3
Opening Reception Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-5pm; Sun. 12-5pm

TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES:

July 15: Finger Lakes Land Trust 7pm
July 22: History of the Middlesex Airport 1pm
Aug 12: Land and Lake Panel 7pm
Aug 19: Humpty Dumpty Show and Tell 1pm
Aug 26: Who Decides? 7pm

IRONWOOD FOLK SCHOOL SERIES (Fee based classes)

July 2 & 16: Sheep to Scarf 6-8:30pm
July 6, 13 & 20: Songwriting & Music Appreciation 6-8pm
July 7-10: Sketchbook Journaling 6-9pm
July 12 & 13: Wooden Bird Carving 9am-4pm
July 18: Introduction to Home brewing: 6-9pm
July 26,27: Beginner Stone Carving: 9am-4pm
July 28: Stone Carving-Lettering on Limestone 9am-4pm

Vine Valley Methodist Church Events:

July 19: Church Supper Surprise! Time TBA/ CANCELLED!
Aug 10: Ice Cream Social 1-4pm

VINE VALLEY BEACH

Summer is here. Enjoy our public beach safely when our lifeguards are on duty from 10am-8pm through Labor Day.

FREE Swim Lessons will be offered.
Sign-up sheets are at the lifeguard station.

Please "carry in-carry out" all personal items and waste at the beach to keep it beautiful for all!
Reminder that all animals are NOT allowed on the beach at any time.

Contact Dawn Kane, Recreation Director with comments, concerns or questions [585\) 329-6163](tel:5853296163)

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