

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX
NEWSLETTER**

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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

Middlesex Town Supervisor

Robert Multer: 554-6642

Councilmen

Allan Button: 554-6154 Leon Button: 554-5389
Wayne Dunton: 554-6024 Peter Gerbic: 554-3265

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

Town Clerk

Tuesday & 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 Thursday: 7:00 pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Wednesday: 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Historian

Wednesday: 9:00 am to noon

Code Enforcement Officer

Dawn Marie E. Kane: 329-6163

Assessor

Pat Grimaldi: 554-3607

Town Attorney

Jeffrey D. Graff (315) 462-3010

Zoning Board Chairman

Arthur Radin: 944-3153

Health Officer

Robert Ostrander: 554-3119

Water Superintendent

Alan Williams: 554-6952

Yates County Board of Elections

315-536-5135

Yates County Legislature Representatives

Margaret Dunn (585) 374-9559
Elden Morrison (315) 694-7148

Gary Montgomery (315) 536-3728
Douglas Paddock (315) 536-8343

CLEAN UP DAYS 2015 at the MIDDLESEX TOWN BARN

Saturday, August 15th

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

Sunday, August 16th

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

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 2015!

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

The Town's Steep Slope Regulations, protecting SSPA (Steep Slope Protection Areas) are now in effect and all applications pertaining to Steep Slopes can be applied for through the Office of Code Enforcement.

A copy of the law, visual maps showing individual parcels and an example of typical development drawings are available to help guide you through the application process. Please familiarize yourself with the Steep Slope Regulations on our Town Website at:

<http://www.middlesexny.org/Town-Board-Laws.php>

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. New construction, additions, roofs, decks and excavation all require building permits. Please contact the Code Office BEFORE starting your project to see if it requires a permit.

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).

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).

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's office ended another assessment year with the filing of the final assessment roll July 1, 2015. The values on this roll will be used by the Marcus Whitman School System in September 2015 for their tax billing and in January 2016 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.

It has been a stable year for property values in Middlesex. Sales continue at a slower rate than in past years, but values in Middlesex never saw the large decreases that were seen in other parts of the county. With bank rates low and the stock market doing better, prices have stabilized.

The governor's budget this year has the STAR exemption basically unchanged,, you will still see a STAR reduction on your school tax bill this September if Middlesex is your primary residence. New residents must apply for the exemption before March 1 of each year.

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

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 11 & 25 and August 8 & 22. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story". Children are encouraged to bring their favorite books to share.

MIDDLESEX HERITAGE GROUP

2015 has been a busy and productive year. We have received several grants and spearheaded several projects including:

1. Senior citizen interviews with Ruth Clark, Janet Read, Joan Stover and Laura Dorman.
2. Together with the Vine Valley Community staff a Veteran's memorial flag has been erected at the Community House. Part of the funding was provided by the estate of Virginia Mathony, a former proprietor of Willow Grove.
3. A beautiful painting of the Overacker School house has been professionally refurbished by Gary Albright, a well-known conservator. The painting was unveiled this month and will be displayed at the Town Hall. A second grant for \$5,100 was just received for the restoration of the East Hill School painting.
4. Citizens Appreciation Day will take place at the Fire Hall on August 2nd at 2:00 PM. Tom Smith, Bob Mincer and the late Howard and Miriam Middlebrook will be honored. This is a wonderful event, paying tribute to real contributors to our Town.
5. Seneca Heritage Day will be held on the Saturday before Labor Day, September 5 at 2:00 PM at the Overacker School. This program is developed with the Native American Historians at Ganondagon. Also on that date we will participate in the bonfire on Bare Hill in conjunction with the "Ring of Fire" around Canandaigua Lake.

Our volunteers continue to contribute to the success of these programs. We have received positive feedback on our Facebook page which can be accessed at [Middlesex Heritage Group](#). We continue to encourage new membership – only \$10.00 per year. Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Middlesex has received a Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) for Water District improvements in the amount of \$600,000. As part of grant requirements, the Middlesex Water District will need to provide additional funding in the amount of \$95,000. The grant was awarded to provide funding to the District to renovate and upgrade its existing water system that serves both the Hamlet of Middlesex and additional users along Route 245. Work will include:

- Demolish the existing 200,000 gallon water storage tank.
- Fabricate and install a new water storage tank that will have sufficient capacity to meet current and future growth needs.
- Design and construct tank site improvements to include control features, connection piping, securing fencing and improved site access.
- Refurnish the existing PRV vault located along Route 245 or construct a new one; whichever is recommended after cost/benefit review.
- Design and install improvements to the exiting tank telemetry system.

The project is currently in the design phase and should be complete prior to the end of 2016.

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See inside front cover for details.