

CLEAN UP DAYS 2013 at the MIDDLESEX TOWN BARN

Saturday, August 17th

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

Sunday, August 18th

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 2013!

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

NEWS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Current progress on the Master Plan, amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance and the Draft Steep Slope Law have been continuous over the last year. Revisions to the Draft Steep Slope Law are being considered to incorporate comments and concerns from many residents, the Canandaigua Watershed Council, the Yates County Planning Board and the Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council drafted the original model law from which municipalities around the lake could work from.

Our current Moratorium of Hydro & Gas Fracking which includes both vertical and horizontal drilling was extended until September. Reviews of current zoning law amendments and an update of our Master Plan include revisions to protect the community from heavy industrial uses once the state lifts its' present Moratorium.

PHASE 1 OF THE TOWN BARN RENOVATION TO BEGIN

Phase I of the Town Barn rebuilding project was awarded on 6/29/13. This part of the project is to install a new roof over the undamaged portion of the facility in preparation for overall remodeling of the structure. Work shall start on or about 7/10. Phase II should be awarded during the week of 7/1. This part of the project will include new exterior metal siding, interior liner panels with insulation and (4) large overhead doors for the northern half of the facility, which will be new, heated truck storage. Within the month of July, three (3) additional bid packages will be prepared and sent out for bids: a new concrete heated floor system, a new boiler and building electrical. It is planned that all the above will be done prior to the end of the year. Included in this scope will be new surface treatments for the office, break room and parts area that sustained smoke damage. The south end of the facility where the fire occurred will likely be demolished this year as well, in preparation for a new two bay truck maintenance section. Budget planning for this final phase is underway at present.

NEWS FROM THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

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

NEWS FROM 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 during office hours or by cell at (585) 329-6163.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's office ended another assessment year with the filing of the final assessment roll July 1, 2013. The values on this roll will be used by the Marcus Whitman and Naples School Systems in September 2013, for their tax billing and in January 2014 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.

New York State is playing with the STAR program and will be sending post cards to anyone who gets the Basic STAR program. The department of taxation and finance who now controls the State Real Property Office will be requiring you to go online and register with them to ensure that no one is getting more than one STAR exemption. They have also firmed up the requirements for those who reside in more than one state. They will also pull your STAR exemption if you owe the State any income tax money. STAR is only available if Middlesex is your primary residence.

The Assessor's office is looking at doing a 2015 town wide revaluation as we are seeing an increase in sale prices. New York State could change our plans if they press us to do the update for 2014.

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.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLESEX HERITAGE GROUP

Thanks to our dedicated volunteer historians, the Middlesex Heritage Group will continue to support major programs with the Town of Middlesex. On August 4, we will celebrate the 10th annual Appreciation Day honoring three distinguished citizens. The selection committee has chosen Mary Lafler, Rodney Bassett and Bob DeVinney. Mary and Bob are deceased. They were all long term residents who made significant contributions to the town through their volunteer efforts.

Mary was the Ambulance dispatcher 24 hours a day for many years. Rodney has been and continues to be a dedicated member of the Fire Department. Bob DeVinney was a bomber pilot in World War II and actively supported the Boy Scouts. The program will take place August 4 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Middlesex Fire Hall. It is a positive, inspiring event and all are invited.

The second major program will take place on the Saturday preceding Labor Day, August 31. Seneca Heritage Day is a historical and educational event highlighting our long standing relationship with the Native Americans of our area. This year the focus will be on Seneca women and the production and use of white corn. The program will take place at the Overacker School House on August 31 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

We need to mention that the school bell tower or cupola is in need of repair. It sits on the roof and a leak has developed, damaging the interior ceiling. Frankly, we need donations to help defray the cost of repair. Please make checks to Middlesex Heritage Group, PO Box 147, Middlesex, NY 14507. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration and help.

There are two other programs scheduled. The small Historical Societies of Yates and Ontario Counties have formed a partnership and we are actively participating. They are sponsoring a presentation on the Middlesex Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad by Mr. Richard Palmer at 2:00 PM on September 15 at the Rushville Methodist Church. Mr. Palmer is a retired news writer who has authored several articles on railroads.

The second program is by Mr. Russ Hurlbutt, also at the Methodist Church in Rushville on October 20 at 2:00 PM. He will talk about his Uncle Major Barney Hurlbutt, an early aviator and war hero. All are welcome and once again, it is free.

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 Camp 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.

YATES COUNTY ENHANCES EMERGENCY CELL PHONE NOTIFICATIONS

Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike advises that the Yates County 911 Communications Center utilizes the Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System as a method for "reverse 911 notifications" for emergency preparedness and other notifications of county-wide residents. The system automatically uses land line telephone numbers provided by telephone companies. However for people who use wireless "cell" phones, or use TDD/TYY, or digital VoIP phone, or a service like Magic Jack then those numbers are not included in the Hyper-Reach agency database and those people are urged to sign up for Hyper-Reach notifications. "The number of people who are dependent on their mobile telephone is increasing every day and 911 dispatchers receive a majority of calls on these devices," said Sheriff Spike, "We also utilize the Nixle system for community advisories via texts and email."

"The Hyper-Reach system has been used in the past by dispatchers for notifications of localized emergencies, hazardous material incidents, barricaded persons, missing persons, criminal activity, and other dangerous conditions in a neighborhood or identified geographical area," said Chief Dispatcher Sandra Smith, "911 Dispatchers can choose an address range or map a geographical municipal area, and send a mass recorded voice message to all telephones in that area very quickly."

To register your wireless phone go to www.yatescountysheriff.org (home page) and click on Hyper-Reach community link located at bottom of the page and complete the electronic form which will be kept confidential. Please use the complete number and street address not a PO Box number. For additional information contact by email sheriff@yatescounty.org or call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at (315) 536-4438.

MIDDLESEX READING CENTER

Looking for a cheap "get-away-from it all"? 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 13 & 27 and August 10 & 24. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite books.

VINE VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE SUMMER EVENTS

JULY

- July 20 Vine Valley Church Flea Market – 10:00 a.m.
July 23 Presentation on Taxes - 7:00 p.m.
July 30 Get the Kids Outdoors! 1:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- August 2, 3, 4 Future of the Finger Lakes Art Show and Sale
August 6 Safety and Security – 7:00 p.m.
August 11 Ice Cream Social – 1:00 p.m.
August 13 Sustainable and Alternate Fuels – 7:00 p.m.
August 20 Land and Lake Panel – 7:00 p.m.
August 27 Remembering the Crab Trees – 1:00 p.m.
and
Vine Valley Community House Annual Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

FEE BASED CLASSES

Register early for art classes by Elaine Verstraete: evmail@frontiernet.net

Beginner Watercolor 3 weeks- Mondays, July 8, 15, 22 10 am - 1 pm

Intermediate Watercolor 3 weeks- July 29, 5, 12 10 am - 1 pm

Picture Book Illustration 6 weeks - July 11, 18, 25 - August 1, 8, 15 - 6-9 pm

Register early for food and craft classes: ironwoodfolkschool.org

July 10, 17, 24, 31 Making Fermented or Cultured Food

July 27-28 Stone Sculpting

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is open every Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Donations of clean, reusable items are welcome to be donated at any time. The front porch is always unlocked and tax receipts are available inside. Should have any questions, please contact Cora Martin, Friendship House Director at 585-520-0803.

FOOD PANTY REQUIREMENTS

You must reside in the Marcus Whitman School District and be in need of assistance. You will receive seven days of food per family member, free, one time per month. Please bring proof of residence like a utility bill (a driver's license cannot be used as proof of residence.)

THRIFT STORE

All are welcome to shop in the Thrift Store where prices are very affordable. We have "Bag Sale Days" regularly where you can fill a 13 gallon bag for only \$6.00. We also have furniture for sale.

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See inside front cover for details.