

Now that summer is almost here, we've put together some information that might be of interest to you regarding the way some things are done here in the Village.

## BRUSH PICKUP

Brush chipping is scheduled for each Monday during the spring, summer, and fall. There is no brush chipping done during January, February, or March, unless there is excessive winter storm damage. If a holiday falls on a Monday, or if there is an emergency, the chipping will be done on Tuesday.

Brush is to be placed at the curb, butt side towards the street. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ROOTS, STUMPS, GRAPEVINES OR ROSEBUSHES OUT FOR CHIPPING!** Failure to comply with this requirement will result in *all* brush remaining on site. Brush should not be put out to the curb before Sunday evening.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP

1. All garbage, trash, and recycling will be collected on Monday of each week. Normal collection time will begin at 6:30 a.m. and continue until collection is completed. Said collections will be made from the edge of the traveled portion of the street.
2. **Refuse may not be placed at curbside more than twelve (12) hours before start of scheduled pickup. Refuse is not to be placed for pickup at any other time.**
3. If New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Christmas Day fall on a Monday, said collection will be made on Tuesday. These are the only holidays that interrupt garbage pickup.
4. All garbage must be placed in closed containers made of metal, plastic, and/or plastic garbage bags.
5. Other refuse or rubbish must be in substantial containers that are not adversely affected by the elements. The containers shall not weigh more than sixty (60) pounds when filled.
6. All recycling must be in a recycle bin. Replacement bins are available at the Village Hall for \$4 each.
7. There is no large items garbage pickup day in the Village. **One** large item (i.e., couch, refrigerator, etc.) may be placed at curbside per week. **Refrigerators must be certified Freon**

**free or they will not be picked up.** If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall at 735-3303.

8. One tire without the rim is allowed with your garbage per week.

## NOISE ORDINANCE

Warm weather brings open windows. Please be considerate of your neighbors to avoid a visit from the police. The Village noise ordinance prohibits loud noises, barking dogs, vehicles without mufflers, and/or loud music. There is no set time for enforcement of this ordinance, meaning it can and will be enforced at any time during the day or night if the Police Department receives a complaint. It can only be enforced on a complaint, so please do not hesitate to call if there is a problem.

## GRASS MOWING

The Board of Trustees asks that all residents voluntarily comply with the following Village Code:

"It shall be the duty of the occupant or owner of all land located in the Village of Middleport to cut the grass and weeds growing on said land not less than every three weeks so that the grass or weeds shall not exceed a height of six inches above ground level."

If the grass is not mowed, it will be done by the Department of Public Works, and the cost will be charged to the property owner.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Board of Trustees passed a much more comprehensive code to enforce property maintenance in March 2002 that could result in a hefty fine for non-compliance. This code addresses unlicensed cars, rubbish, etc. More information regarding this may be obtained by calling the Code Enforcement Officer at 772-7826 or the Village Hall at 735-3303.

## LEASH LAW

Dogs are prohibited from running loose in the Village. Owners of loose dogs will be ticketed for a court appearance and fined.

When you walk your dog, please be courteous and pick up after it.

## PLAYING IN THE STREET

Children should be discouraged from playing in the street, no matter where they are in the Village. This is a dangerous practice; obstructing vehicular traffic is illegal, as well. Skateboards should not be used in the streets, either.

## HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

Due to recent changes required by the New York State Department of Conservation, the Village will no longer be selling hunting and fishing licenses effective with the 2002 - 2003 hunting/fishing season (August 2002). These licenses will still be available at any town hall. We will continue to sell the 2001-2002 fishing licenses through the end of September.

## WATER/SEWER BILLS

Starting with the August 1, 2002, water/sewer billing, bills will be printed on green cards. Please look for green cards in the mail, rather than marigold as in the past. Many residents may not be aware that a change was made in August 2001 regarding penalties on these bills. Water/sewer bills have no penalty the first 30 days of the cycle, a 10-percent penalty the next 30 days of the cycle, and a **20-percent penalty is added on after 60 days from the original billing date for unpaid bills.** Water services can, and will, be shut off for non-payment following a warning notice after 60 days from the original billing date. Please note that the no-penalty period is for 30 days. **This means that the August and May bills must be paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, not the 31<sup>st</sup>.** The Village does not waive sewer charges when water is used to fill swimming pools, water gardens, etc.

## HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS

Handicap parking permits are available at the Village Hall. Please note that we can issue permits to Village residents only. There is no cost to you for the permit.

## BUILDING AND ZONING QUESTIONS

If you have questions about needing a building permit, zoning, etc., please do not hesitate to contact Tom Arlington, the Village Code Enforcement Officer, at 772-7826.

We hope that these tips and reminders will help you have a safe and healthy summer. If you have any questions or need anything clarified, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE - 735-3303**

#### **Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Schweigert**

**Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**

**We do not close at lunchtime.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - 735-3373**

**Superintendent James Mahar**

**Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT - 735-3373**

**Police Chief John Swick**

**Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**

**Non-emergency calls: 735-3700**

# We're bringing back the Recreation Program...

There will be a Recreation Program for Village of Middleport children this summer. Children entering Kindergarten through Sixth grade, who are residents of the Village, are invited to come and have some fun

July 15 through August 9, 2002

Monday through Friday

**9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon**

**at the Middleport Elementary**

**64 State Street**

Registration forms are available at the Middleport Free Library, 9 Vernon Street, and the Village Hall,

24 Main Street. These forms must be returned by July 5, 2002, to the Village Hall. If you want more information, please call the Village Hall, 735-3303.