



TRADE WINDS

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Annual Ira Blossom Festival!

The economy is up in the air, *Middleton Golf Course* is barely open, the tax-man has cometh and goneth..... So it must be time for our annual State of the Town address from **Town Administrator Ira Singer**. Ira will fill us in on the latest about zoning, business issues, budgets, construction projects and other minutia in the *Town of Middleton*.

We will meet for dinner at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, April 24, 2008**, at **Pete's Greenside Café at Middleton Golf Course**, a tried and true venue from our past! Even Paul, Mike, Bob, and Paul might be happy. Pete's giving you a choice of salmon filet baked with dill sauce or stuffed chicken breast with white wine gravy!

Come spend your tax refund and celebrate bylaws or outlaws. The tax deductible fee will be \$25.00 (IRS has not been invited!). You may tell us whether you're coming and what you're eating, no later than **Monday, April 21, 2008** by contacting **Samantha Marra** at phone 978-423-7485 or email samanthamarra@gmail.com.

So you can plan your life ...

On the evening of *May 22, 2008* we're planning our glamour meeting of the Spring as guests again of the *Ferncroft Country Club*.

Maybe on *June 26, 2008* we'll try the lobster thing under the big top, again!

A Date with Sign Bylaws ...

Many thanks to their concerned response, the Middleton Board of Selectmen, **Atty. Tim Houten**, Chairman, the Town Administrator, **Ira Singer**, and the Planning Board, **David Leary**, Chairman, have initiated an amendment to the existing Zoning Bylaws regarding temporary signs.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** at the Fuller Meadow Elementary School. The hearing is in preparation for Annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 2008**, where all business persons who are Middleton residents must attend, since the amendment requires a 2/3rd's vote in approval!

Warrant Article #32 proposes to relax the bylaw regarding temporary signs, including sandwich board signs, for one year. The MBOT's Sign Bylaw Committee is working with the various town boards with the goal of proposing permanent changes to the Town's Zoning Bylaws regarding both temporary and permanent signs, for proposal to a Special Town Meeting in the Fall.

Remembering a Gentle Man..

If Norm Nathan was mayor, then **Jim & Ruth Martin** were arguably vice-mayors. We pause to remember Jim, former owner of the Middleton Drugstore, upon his recent passing. He was a giant in the local business community for years and, at the same time, a true gentlemen. Our deepest sympathies are

with Ruthie and her family.

Throw Golf-back ...

We're very pleased to announce the *MBOT 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament*, our biggest fund-raiser of the year, will be held once again at the gorgeous *Ferncroft Country Club* on **Monday, August 4, 2008**. The good news gets even better, due to the support of the *Ferncroft Country Club* we will be rolling back the cost to ***\$125/golfer***, priced for everyone to participate! *From now, be sure to plan your vacations and appointments accordingly.*

To make this a success, we will absolutely need the help of every member: *golf yourself, get someone to golf, give a raffle prize, sponsor a hole (\$100/hole, \$200 for 3 holes!), or volunteer yourself!*

A sponsor for the **Luncheon** and a sponsor for the **Golf Shirts**, and big ticket items to be auctioned, are needed and available. If you can help, let the committee know!

Member Ticklers....

Did you know that Jim Martin was a call-fireman for many years, often riding on the back of the engine in his white pharmacist coat! Middleton Drugstore was located where Rachel's Furniture now sits, right next to the Blue Bell Diner! Of course, in those days there was no Martin Way off Sawyer Lane!

Now that you can see all the progress, if you are interested **Adele Carter** of the *Flint Library* is willing to give you a tour! Just call her to make arrangements. If you are really interested the *Friends of the Flint* still

need to raise about \$75,000 of its portion of the building costs, mandated by the state

Have a 5th with Chief Will!

The *7th Annual Chief Will's Day, Middleton's Family Festival*, has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 5, 2008**. The celebration of the Town of Middleton kicks off at 5:00 pm with a road race, midway, cookout, music, and climaxing with fireworks at 9:00!

Monetary and in-kind donations are actively being solicited by Chief **Paul Richardson** and the organizing committee. This wonderful event fosters the sense of community that pervades the Town of Middleton.

How About a Kiwana?

Make your plans for Middleton Kiwanis Club's first *Comedy Night & Silent Auction* on **Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm** at the Thomson Country Club, featuring nationally recognized comedian Paul D'Angelo and friends.

You may reserve tickets for \$30 each at middletonkiwanis@comcast.net or from any member, according to President **Diann Scaffidi**. All funds raised have been pledged to several local charitable causes.

Thank you ...

Thank you to **Chris Picillo** and her staff over at *Danversbank*, for handling our snail mail for well over ten years! We appreciate all the time, effort and cost of doing over a

100 piece mailing, at least monthly.

We are now looking for another business to contribute to the MBOT by doing our monthly mailing. We provide the copy! Let us know if your business is up to the task.