



TRADE WINDS

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Let's Talk About Leafs ...

Join us for Dinner on *Thursday, November 15, 2007* at *Angelica's Restaurant*, a little part of America located on South Main Street. We will adjust our attitudes with liquids at 6:30, eat the sumptuous meal at 7:00, with our program to follow.

We'll gather to discuss the foliage or lack thereof, reminisce about Mike Rasmussen, but mostly bask in the glow of the Red Sox as World Champions!

Please make your reservation for \$25/person, no later than *Tuesday, November 13, 2007* by contacting **Samantha Marra**, at p. 777-1931 or E. samantha.marra@era.com.

Streaming Photos ...

The Middleton Stream Team recently presented its 2007 Photo Contest awards. The Middleton Board of Trade proudly sponsors the second and third prizes. Second Prize of \$100 went to Jackie Specht of N. Andover. Third Prize was awarded to Pam Hartman of Middleton.

No word on how our own **Frank DiMauro** did!

No New Tax Classes!

The Middleton Board of Selectmen will hold its annual public hearing on an early December date yet to be determined at **7:30 p.m.**, at the **Fuller Meadow School**, 143 South Main Street, to determine the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by each class of property for Fiscal Year 2008, in accordance with state law.

As many of you know, it is the policy of the Middleton Board of Trade that the Town maintain a 1:1 ratio of tax levy between residential and commercial properties. That ratio most promotes commercial growth and is the only truly equitable rate.

All studies of the Town's finances reveal that the residential properties place a very disproportionate burden on the Town for services, at the expense of commercial property owners. Any change in the tax levy ratio would tip the balance even further. This problem is now particularly acute here in Middleton, with the need to build a new school and public safety building.

Our presentation at the hearing will be led by our Tax and Business Development subcommittees. You and your body, as a business person, would be very welcome in support at the hearing. In local politics: **Numbers count!** Look for the alert in your email box in the near future!

And yet More Golf....

We are looking forward to dinner at a
Middleton institution on January 17, 2008.

The **MBOT 22nd Annual Golf Open** at the *Middleton Golf Course* on **Friday, October 5** once again was quite a success. Sixteen teams took on the course under brutal summer heat! **Over \$950 was raised for the Middleton Holiday Lighting Fund!** A very big thank you to **Bill George** and his crew, especially *David Nyman* and *Linda LeCroix*.

This time MBOT teams swept the top three positions. **Mark Turla**, *Teak Imports*, Gunter Shank, Carl Peterson and Dan Haggerty, were the bestest, shooting a mere 5 under par. Second place went to **Kurt Mann**, *Mann & Mann, P.C.*, **Ray Dugdale**, *Northshore Bank*, Scott Audette and Dan Sheridan. **Ralph Fratus**, *Designed Benefits Group*, **Brian McAllister**, *Designed Benefits Group*, Ben Holder and Steve Howard, squeaked in for third place on a match of score cards. A mere 5 strokes separated best from worst. But we thank all of them for their donations!

Special thanks to **Mike Clifford** of *E.A. Stevens Insurance*, **Brian Murphy** at *Crown Trophy, Ferncroft Country Club, Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel*, **Todd Barton**, *Tonnelli's Pizza, The Resource Connection*, **Pam Cote** of *Remax/Advantage Real Estate*, and **Danielle Penneton Zenga**, *Sol Bean Cafe*, for their generous contributions!

So you can plan your life ...

Get ready for our Holiday Luncheon on December 20, 2007 at the *Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel*, with the traditional collection of gifts and entertainment by the Howe-Manning students.

Member News ...

Call off the medi-flight! **Ira Singer**, *Middleton Town Administrator*, is well and administering again. He has cast off his armored brace and hung up the ladder for his own good. His car and his permanent well-being may have been momentarily in jeopardy, but never his golf plans with the boys at the famed courses of Hilton Head, South Carolina later this month!

What's happening with your money ...

Balance 9-30-07	\$74,193.11
Income	\$ 2,222.00
Expenses	\$ 1,300.00
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Balance 10-31-07	\$76,301.11