



# TRADE WINDS

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## Come, Meet Forum ...

Join us for Lunch on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Noon at **Pete's Greenside Café** at **Middleton Golf Course**, a *green* venue! Pete's whipping up a memorable meal of marinated pork, a vegetable dish, and all the fixings! Enough to satisfy everybody.

We'll be holding a special candidates forum for the Middleton business community. The House of Representatives candidates for the 20<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District, Bradley Jones (R) and Claire Paradiso (D), and the 4<sup>th</sup> Essex District, Brad Hill (R) and Donald Bumiller (D), have accepted our invitation to attend this unique forum. Both districts encompass portions of the Town of Middleton. Each will give a short statement and then take questions from the gathering.

The cost of lunch is \$19.00 per person. Please make your reservation, no later than **Tuesday, October 14, 2008**, with **Samantha Marra**, at phone 978-423-7485 or email [samanthamarra@gmail.com](mailto:samanthamarra@gmail.com).

## Due Dues \$\$\$

It's that time of year to complete your renewal/new member application form (we sent it to you last month!) and return it with the \$60 dues. It provides an opportunity to update your particulars, including cyber-wise.

## Pumpkin Festival - Oct. 25th!

The Middleton's "Mr. Pumpkin" **Paul Richardson** reports that the 24th Annual Middleton Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday, *October 25, 2008* at Middleton Green. The MBOT, Kiwanis and *Richardson Farms* team-up to produce this yearly extravaganza. The Pumpkin Festival climaxes at night with the sentilating haunted hay-rides (care of *Richardson's Dairy* and *Encore*) and give-a-ways by MBOT members.

We're always looking for a few more folks to help with large hay-ride lines, the MBOT ice cream and apple pie give-away (serving, not eating) and other various duties (e.g. "Witch"); contact Paul or the *other pumpkin* **Tim Houten**. **Bob & Shirley Murphy** and **George Dow** usually lead the team at that MBOT table! Guaranteed fun will be had by all volunteers and little goblins!

## Next Meets ...

We'll gather for a very special meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008 over dinner at the wonderful new *Beverly Hosptial, Hawthorne Campus*. Thanks to the generosity of the Hospital, we'll be donating all the money collected to charity.

The Holiday Luncheon will take place on Thursday, December 18, 2008 (one week before the big red guy arrives), at the *Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel*, with the traditional collection of gifts and entertainment by the students of the Howe-

Manning Elementary School.

## **And even more Golf...**

The **MBOT 23rd Annual Golf Open** at the *Middleton Golf Course* on **Friday, October 3** once again was a wonderful success. Fifteen teams took on the course under windy conditions! ***Over \$1,050 was raised for the Middleton Holiday Lighting Fund!*** A very big thank you to **Bill George** and his crew, especially *Linda LeCroix*.

This time, in an about face from last year, Middleton teams swept the top three positions. The grass-cutters, Mike Brien, Kyle Spencer, David McDonald and Janet Lowrey, took home the top hardware, shooting only 4 under par. Few strokes separated best from worst for the day. For the record, the *Designed Benefits Group* finished well off the pace (which means in back of Arthur's group!). But we thank everyone for playing and donating!

Special thanks to **Mike Clifford** of *E.A. Stevens Insurance*, **Brian Murphy** at *Crown Trophy, Ferncroft Country Club, Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel & Coco Key Resort*, **Ralph Fratus & Brian MacAllister**, *Designed Benefits Group*, **Pam Cote** of *Remax/Advantage Real Estate*, and **Mike Boudreau**, *Fantastic Sams*, for their generous contributions!

## **Member Ticklers...**

Congratulations to Kevin, Pat, and Christina Pariello of *Platinum Posies* for recently celebrating their first anniversary of new ownership. Looking forward to many more years of gorgeous flowers!

## **The New Flint ...**

Speaking of moves, your Flint Library is on the move, as we write, back to its renewed classic edifice in Middleton Square. Look for the dedication ceremony on November 8<sup>th</sup>! We're already working on having one of our meetings in the wonderful new facility after the first of the year.

## **MBOT on World-Wide Web...**

***Be sure to check out our website at [www.MiddletonBOT.com](http://www.MiddletonBOT.com) and let us know your additions, subtractions, corrections, etc. It is a work in progress, but hope to mostly wrap up shortly.***

## **A Promotion ...**

Together with distributing the MBOT Buy Local booklet, we will be conducting a "Why Buy Local?" raffle the Pumpkin Festival. Adults will complete a short form to enter. ***We need a few more raffle prizes to award!*** Let us know if you want to contribute, by contacting **Arthur Carakatsane** at 978-777-5393.

The booklets are currently or will be shortly available at all Town offices. We've also been distributing a stash to member stores with high traffic. If you want a supply for your business, let us know soon.

Future plans call for regular local advertising, a window decal for members to

display, having the Community Greetings program including our booklet in their gift bag for Middleton residents, and a Middleton shopping day.