

Middleport

Life in the Village is just a bit slower and simpler. It's one of the things that residents of Middleport, a quaint Niagara County village nestled against the historic Erie Canal, really enjoy.



Middleport has affordable homes loaded with charm, beautiful parks, playgrounds and restaurants. In the Village, trips to the library, post office, running track, tennis courts, school, medical center, banks, churches, and post office are all within walking distance so residents have more time to enjoy daily life.

There is time to be friendly, enjoy the morning coffee on your front porch, walk down Main Street or take a stroll on the Erie Canal towpath. It's bound to make you reminisce about life back when.

Our strong sense of community, high performing rural school district, safe streets, wide array of service organizations and community activities make Middleport a great place to live and raise a family.

*Named one of the best places to raise children by
BusinessWeek Magazine.*

*Location,
location,
location!*

Residents enjoy many amenities without getting into a car!

Middleport is about an hour drive from Buffalo, Rochester and Niagara Falls.



A place to grow and prosper



In November 2007, BusinessWeek magazine listed the Village of Middleport as number 11 on its list of 50 places in the U.S., and number 1 in New York State, that offer children and their parents the right combination of safety, community and education.

Students' test scores at the Royalton-Hartland Central Schools, cost of living, recreational and cultural activities, including the Royalton Hartland Community Library and its programs for children, and low incidence of crime, were all part of this recognition.

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Residents enjoy a favorable cost of living compared with the national average for mortgages, rent, insurance, repairs, maintenance, education, entertainment, food and health services.



For years Middleport has seen very few incidents of crime, with numbers well below the state average. The Middleport Police Department works seamlessly with the Niagara County Sheriff's Department to provide Middleport area residents with law enforcement services 24/7. Together with the Middleport Fire

Department and local ambulance service, they are on call to protect and serve.

With a quality hospital, the Orleans Community Health Facility, only 10 minutes away, residents have easy access to emergency, diagnostic, and medical/surgical care. Local physician and dentist offices are also located right in the Village.

<p>Middleport Police Department</p>	<p>Middleport Volunteer Fire Department</p>	<p>Village of Middleport Public Works</p>	<p>Tri-Town Ambulance</p>
<p>Protecting and serving the Village and Towns.</p>	<p>Trained Middleport residents serving the community since 1884.</p>	<p>Maintaining and beautifying the Village.</p>	<p>Located in the Village. Professionally trained emergency crews on call 24/7.</p>

Lots to do and see

A number of shopping centers are a short 10-15 minutes from the Village in nearby Lockport, Albion, and Medina. Serious shoppers enjoy the Outlet Mall in nearby Niagara Falls for designer and name-brand products at great prices.

Middleport is in close proximity to a wide variety of recreational and cultural activities. Whether it's a trip to see migrating Canada Geese or Bald Eagles at the Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, an off-Broadway musical or a gallery showing of world-renown art collections at the Albright-Knox Gallery, there is something for everyone. Science and history buffs satisfy their curiosity at the Buffalo Museum of Science and the Buffalo Historical Museum, both only 45-minutes away.



A true taste of the past is the drive-in movie theater (on Route 31 in Middleport), one of the 32 remaining outdoor drive-ins in New York State. It features three screens, a soda shop and an ice cream stand. People of all ages flock to a night at the drive-in to experience this fun throwback to days gone by!

The growing number of fine wineries on the Niagara Wine are right around the corner, the closest only two miles from the Village.

With so much so close, it is no wonder that the Village received national recognition as a community that “provides a good measure of all the things a child needs to grow and prosper.”



Museums	Theater	The Arts	Recreational
The Buffalo Zoo, The Aquaruium of Niagara Falls, Buffalo Science Museum, Buffalo Historical Museum	The Palace Theatre, Buffalo's Theater District - Shea's, Irish Classical Theatre, Summerfare	Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, The Albright-Knox Art Center, Burchfield Penney Art Center	Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, Seneca Niagara Casino, Niagara County Parks, Niagara-Orleans County Club , Shelridge County Club

In the heart of the Village



The Royalton-Hartland School District's Central Office, Middle School, and High School buildings are located within the Village. The New York State Commissioner of Education has designated Roy-Hart as "High Performing" and has recognized the district as one of the four local rural schools academically outperforming comparable U.S. districts.

The Middleport Outdoor Playground at the Royalton-Hartland Central School District's Middleport campus provides a

safe and scenic place for children to play and parents to relax.

Our parks feature two picnic pavilions, one with a Village-owned meeting place available for rental that has a complete kitchen and outdoor horseshoe courts. Margaret Droman Park on the north side of the canal is a favorite of bicyclists and walkers and anyone who wants to enjoy the sounds and scenes of the waterfront right in the Village.



The Royalton Hartland Community Library has a weekly story hour for pre-schoolers and special summer programs for elementary and middle school-aged

children. A Book Club for adults meets monthly to discuss both new and classic works of literature, and WiFi is available there 24/7. As a member of the NIOGA Library System, residents can access and return books to the library in Middleport from 22 libraries all over Genesee, Orleans and Niagara Counties.

School Athletic Fields	School and Village Parks	Royalton Hartland Community Library	Summer Youth Programs
Tennis courts, 8-lane all weather track, football field, soccer field, baseball/softball diamonds	Middleport Outdoor Playground, Margaret Droman Park, Rotary Park	Pre-school Story Hour, Book Club, Summer Programs for kids ages 3-14	Village Youth Recreation Program, Summer Swim Program, Youth Baseball, Soccer

A strong sense of community

The Village of Middleport is noted locally for its special festivities and parades celebrated on both Memorial Day and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

In addition to those annual events, the Middleport community hosts several special events including the annual Canal Duck Derby, a Fall Holiday Art and Craft show, the National Day of Prayer observance and Christmas Tree Lighting, all of which are frequent occasions for the Middleport Community Choirs to perform.



Since 1999, the Middleport Community Choirs, both the vocal and hand bell choirs, express musical enjoyment and foster the ecumenical spirit at performances throughout the year, both locally and in a variety of other venues including New York City and Germany. New members are always welcome to share their talents.

Middleport's churches often host the Middleport Community Choir at a number of ecumenical events that take place annually. Representatives from the local churches meet as the Middleport Area Clergy and Churches Association (MiACCA) to foster a sense of community in the Village.

Community events are supported by our many local businesses that range in size from international corporations to small independently-owned local operations. The Royalton-Hartland Business and Professional Association brings many of these businesses together to promote and build up the business community.



MiACCA	RHBPA	Middleport Community Choirs	Churches
Ecumenical group from area churches that work together for community's spiritual needs.	Association of local businesses meets monthly to promote local business in the area.	Both vocal and handbell choirs made up of community members.	Fundamental Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, United Methodist, Universalist congregations in the Village.

All around the town



Village Murals

Outdoors - Main and State Streets,
Village Hall Building

Indoors - U.S. Post Office on Main Street

Village Parks

Margaret Droman Park - North canal bank -
picnic pavilion with tables

South canal bank - electric, water hook
ups, picnic tables, public bathroom and
shower facilities

Monument Park and Memorial Walkway on
the Village Commons

Memorial walkway, veterans monument,
fire fighters monument

Middleport Rotary Park - picnic pavilion,
horseshoe courts, meeting facility
(behind Scout House on Route 31)

Along the Towpath

Boating, fishing, canoeing, walking,
running, and bicycling

Boat ramp - east of Village on Route 31

Middleport Community Clock

Original McClintock clock restored in
2004

Tennis Courts

at Royalon-Hartland Sr. High School grounds



Middleport Outdoor Playground

At the Royalton-Hartland Middle School
on State Street

Bruno Pacini Field - Track

At the Royalton-Hartland High School
on State Street

Golf

Niagara-Orleans Golf Course,
Telegraph Road in Middleport

Shel-Ridge Golf Course, Medina

Historic Landmarks

Cobblestone Universalist Church
46-48 Main Street

Belva Lockwood Memorial
South of the Village on Griswold Street

Main Street Lift Bridge over Erie Canal

Thirty-Mile Point Lighthouse

North of the Village on Lake Ontario

Asher Freeman Homestead

corner of Freeman and Mountain Roads

Philip Freeman House

106 Telegraph Road

Middleport Community Calendar



February/March

Annual Lenten Dinners sponsored by the
Masonic Lodge

March/April

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the
Middleport Rotary Club

Spring Concert by Middleport
Community Choir

Arbor Day Celebration
(Last Friday in April)

May

Community Yard Sale
(First Saturday in May)

National Day of Prayer Celebration
(First Thursday in May)

Memorial Day
Parade and Celebration at
Veteran's Memorial Park followed by
Canal Duck Derby

July

4th of July parade in Gasport. Evening
fireworks display at Royaton Ravine

Music in the Park - Wine, music, food at
Rotary Park sponsored by the RHBPA
(Third Saturday in July)



August/September

(Saturday of Labor Day Weekend)
Annual Middleport Festivities, Charles
Sheppard Kiddie's Parade, food, events
on the Village Commons

Classic Car Cruise
(Sunday following Labor Day)

October

Annual Halloween Party for the
children at the Middleport Fire Hall

Annual Fall Craft Show and Sale at the
Middleport Fire Hall on Main Street
(Fourth Saturday)

November

Veteran's Day Ceremony and Boy Scout
Flag Retiring Service

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
(Location rotates through local churches)

December

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and
Sing-a-long at Village Commons

Christmas Concert by Middleport
Community Choir

Past to Present

Located on the Erie Canal, Middleport's history is tied to the historic waterway. When contracts for the western part of the canal were let in 1821, clearing of the present day Main Street began through much of what at that time was forest.

When canal traffic was in full swing, packet boats brought workers to Middleport's factories, mills, and business establishments daily. The older residents of the Village can remember when a half-dozen or more barges at a time would be lined up to unload and the heavy "chug" of the engines often caused dishes to rattle a quarter-mile away.

Now the canal, Middleport's second "Main Street," is a haven for canal enthusiasts who enjoy its scenic beauty, our public bath and shower facilities, electric and water hookups, picnic pavilion, and the generous expanse of green space along both sides of our canal banks.

Middleport's very unique working lift bridge on Main Street in the Village has always been a popular attraction. The towpath on the north side of the canal is perfect for walkers, runners and bicyclists in the warm weather, and cross-country skiers in winter. Autumn offers stunning scenes of vibrant colors.

Middleport was first settled in 1806 and incorporated as a Village in 1872.

Life in the Village

The beauty of rural Western New York and the amenities of city living.

Middleport offers the best of the past and the present!

