

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Proposal for the Middleborough Board of Selectmen
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For organizing a volunteer trash group

For the past 3 years I have picked up trash off the side of the road with the Lakeville Litter Lifters. I have wanted to form a group in Middleborough since then. This group would meet at the Town Hall parking lot once a month on the 3rd Saturday of each month from May-October each year with a special Earth Day date of April 23rd. We would be a group of volunteer citizens that would pick up trash from local roadsides from 9:00-11:30. Trash pick up sites will be determined by public input via email at mbmessmovers@gmail.com. The goal and focus of this group is as follows:

- Scheduled organized pick-ups: April 23rd, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th, 2011.
- A group of all-aged volunteers will pick up trash along the public roadsides of Middleborough from 9-11:30. Depending on the number of volunteers, sub-groups may be formed to pick up trash in certain areas of concern. The bags for trash collection will be provided by me on the day of pick up.
- Trash collected will be gathered after the group has finished and be brought to the Town Landfill to be recycled and sorted by me. I will need the Town Landfill to be willing to accept these items free of charge from this group as a public service to the town.
- A press release will be sent to The Middleborough Gazette and local cable channels prior to each of these dates to notify the public of our group and encourage participation. Each press release will detail our meeting time, location, and email address for potential sites of interest for future trash cleanups. A rain date will also be provided. Postings will also be displayed at several town locations and bulletin boards.
- The last meeting in October will also be a contest in which the group of volunteers that has picked up the most trash will receive a small prize donated by a local vendor and a cake to celebrate our successful year will be on hand for all participants.
- Several letters will be sent out to local businesses and vendors and organizations asking for donations of supplies to our group. We would like to have donation boxes located in several retailers for patrons do donate trash bags, gloves and grabbers. Examples of vendors that will be contacted: Benny's, Hannaford's, Stop-n-Shop, William's Trading Post, Massasoit Community College, Ocean Spray, Flat Iron, Central Cafe. Examples of organizations that will be contacted: Middleborough Rotary.
- A vendor will be contacted for the end-of-the year contest prize donation. We will announce this winner in The Middleborough Gazette following this last pick-up. Examples of vendors to contact: Peaceful Meadows, Dairy Queen, Papa Ginos, Flat Iron for a gift certificate to their business.

- A letter will be sent out to several town departments asking for permission to put a collection box for donations from the general public. Examples of departments for a box: Council on Aging, Library.
- A letter will be sent out to several organizations asking for volunteer participation at these pick-up events. Examples of organizations: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Friend's of Middleborough, Soule Homestead, Middleborough Youth Advocates.

Sample Vendor/Business/Organization Letter for Middleborough Mess Movers

The newly formed Middleborough Mess Movers is a group of volunteer citizens that are donating their time to pick up roadside trash once a month from April-October. We are a group of all-ages that would like to see our town stay clean and green. We are seeking help from local businesses and groups to donate some materials to help our cause. We are looking for donations of the following materials for our trash collection: 30 gallon trash bags, plastic and cloth gloves, rakes, pruning clippers, mulch, and grabbers. We are also looking to put a donation box in your business for the donation of said materials from the public. We would like to post our event information on bulletin boards throughout the town as well. Any help that your business/organization can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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**Sample Volunteer Request Letter for Organizations and
Media press release for
The Middleborough Mess Movers**

The newly formed Middleborough Mess Movers is a group of volunteer citizens that are donating their time to pick up roadside trash once a month from April-October. We are a group of all-ages that would like to see our town stay clean and green. We are seeking help from the public, local organizations and groups to participate in this cause. We will be meeting on the following dates in the Middleborough Town Hall Parking lot (Nickerson Ave) from 9:00-11:30: April 23rd, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, Sept. 17th, and Oct. 15th, 2011. A rain date will be scheduled if weather doesn't cooperate. Each month we will determine an area of concern and focus on collecting the trash from that area. Trash will be collected in two groups: Recyclable items and non-recyclable items. Materials for collection will be provided, but please bring gardening gloves if you have some. We will be outside in the sun, so wear bug spray and sunscreen and bring water to drink. Look for donation boxes at several area businesses for items in need such as trash bags, gloves and grabbers. Areas of pick up will be determined on a monthly basis. Send site suggestions to mbmessmovers@gmail.com if you see an area of town that needs help. We hope to see you at any of our pick-ups!

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