

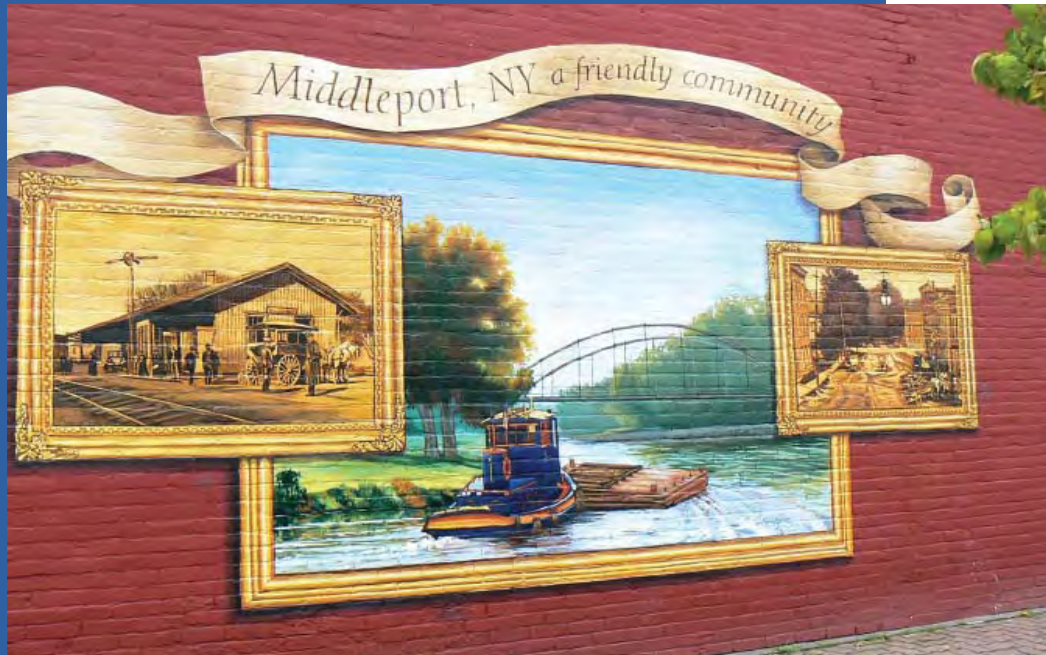
# Middleport, New York



**Chosen as the #1 Best Place in New York State  
#11 in the United States to Raise Children**  
*BusinessWeek Magazine, November 2007*

# Come Visit

Please come visit Middleport in beautiful Niagara County.  
We're just a 30-minute drive from Buffalo or Niagara Falls.



## We're just around the corner

Middleport is located in Niagara County approximately 30 miles north east of Buffalo, New York.

This quiet Village, home to about 2,000 residents, is a safe community where families can grow and prosper.

Middleport's median household income is \$42,000 according to the most recent Census Bureau data and we enjoy reasonably priced housing. Our strong sense of community, high performing rural school district, beautiful parks and playgrounds, safe streets, and wide array of service organizations and community activities make Middleport one of the best places to live and raise a family in New York State and in the nation.

Pay us a visit and you'll find a friendly community with stately homes on tree-lined streets surrounded by scenic farmland dotted with dairy farms, apple orchards, and fields of grain.



## On the Erie Canal

Middleport was first settled in 1806, the United States Post Office was established in 1825, and incorporated as a Village in 1859. This Village on the Erie Canal, midway between Rochester and Buffalo, offers residents the beauty of rural upstate New York and all the amenities of city life within a short distance.

Middleport's slogan, "A Friendly Community," came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt who stopped in Middleport while traveling in the Erie Canal. FDR commented that this looks like "A Friendly Community."

Being 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 boaters, bikers and walkers who enjoy its scenic beauty, free electric and water hookups, public bath and shower facilities, and the generous expanse of green space along our canal banks.

## Welcome to Middleport

How we came to be known as "The Friendly Community" and more.



## Boaters, hikers, bikers and walkers

Enjoy the seasons on the canal



Middleport is a great place to raise children.

## National recognition as one of the best

In November 2007, Business Week magazine listed 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.

Our students' test scores, cost of living, recreational and cultural activities, including the Middleport Free Library and its programs for children of all ages and low incidence of crime, were all part of this recognition.



With a quality hospital 10 minutes away, residents have easy access to quality emergency, diagnostic, and medical/surgical care.

Middleport was noted as a community that “provides a good measure of all the things a child needs to grow and prosper.”

### Service Clubs

Middleport Rotary Club, Senior Citizens, Masons, The Middleport Rod and Gun Club

### Youth Organizations

The Boy Scouts, The Girls Scouts, Youth Baseball Leagues, The Hub

### Places of Worship

Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, and several non-demoninational churches

### Music and the Arts

The Middleport Community Choir, Barge Canal Art Center

Safety, high performing schools and places for children to play.

## There's no place like ...



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

And for years, Middleport has seen very few incidents of crime, in fact, the numbers are well below the state average. With its own five-man police force, the department works seamlessly with the Niagara County

Sheriff's Department, providing residents with services 24/7.

An attractive feature for young parents is Middleport's proximity to a wide variety of shopping, recreational and cultural activities, all within 50 minutes of the Village. Middleport's three parks provide children and adults access to modern gym equipment, basketball and tennis courts, soccer, baseball, football fields and an eight-lane all weather track.

### Museums

The Buffalo Zoo, The Aquarum of Niagara Falls, Buffalo Science Museum, Buffalo Historical Museum

### Theater

Buffalo's Theater District - Shea's, Irish Classical Theatre, Summerfare

### The Arts

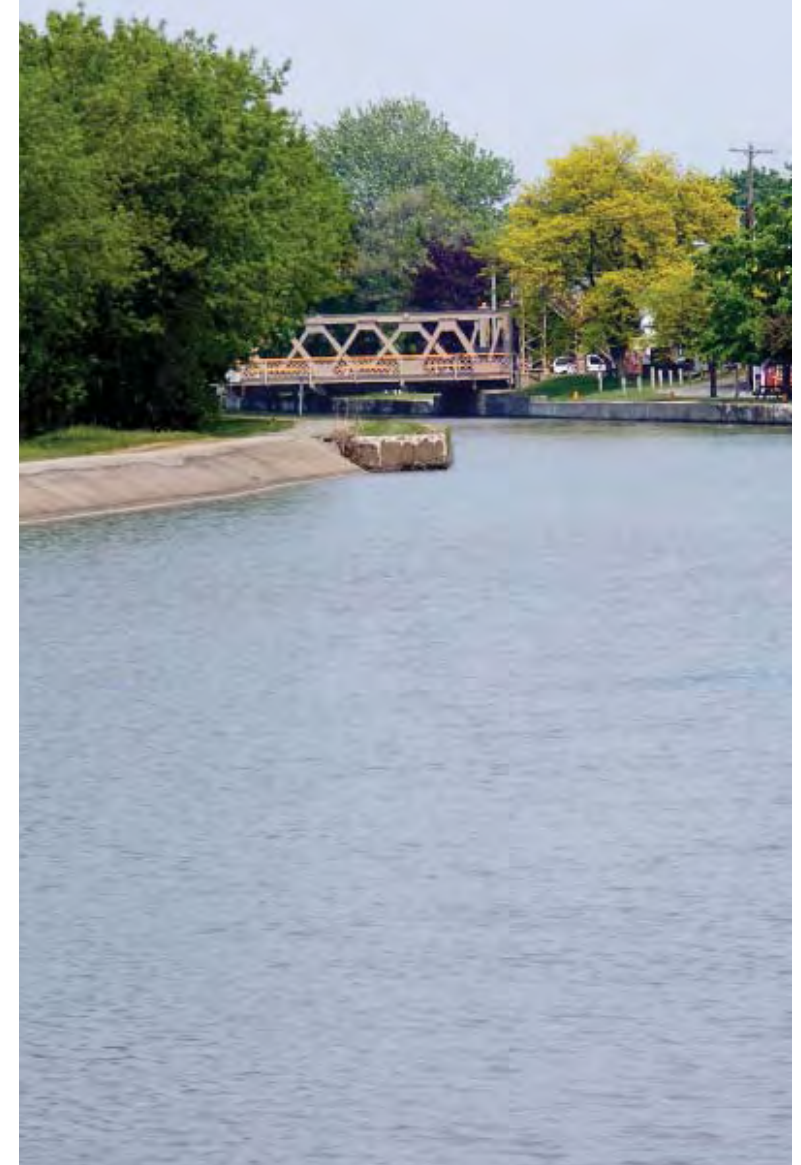
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, The Albright-Knox Art Center

### Recreational

Seneca Niagara Casino, Niagara County Parks, Niagara-Orleans County Club, Shelridge County Club

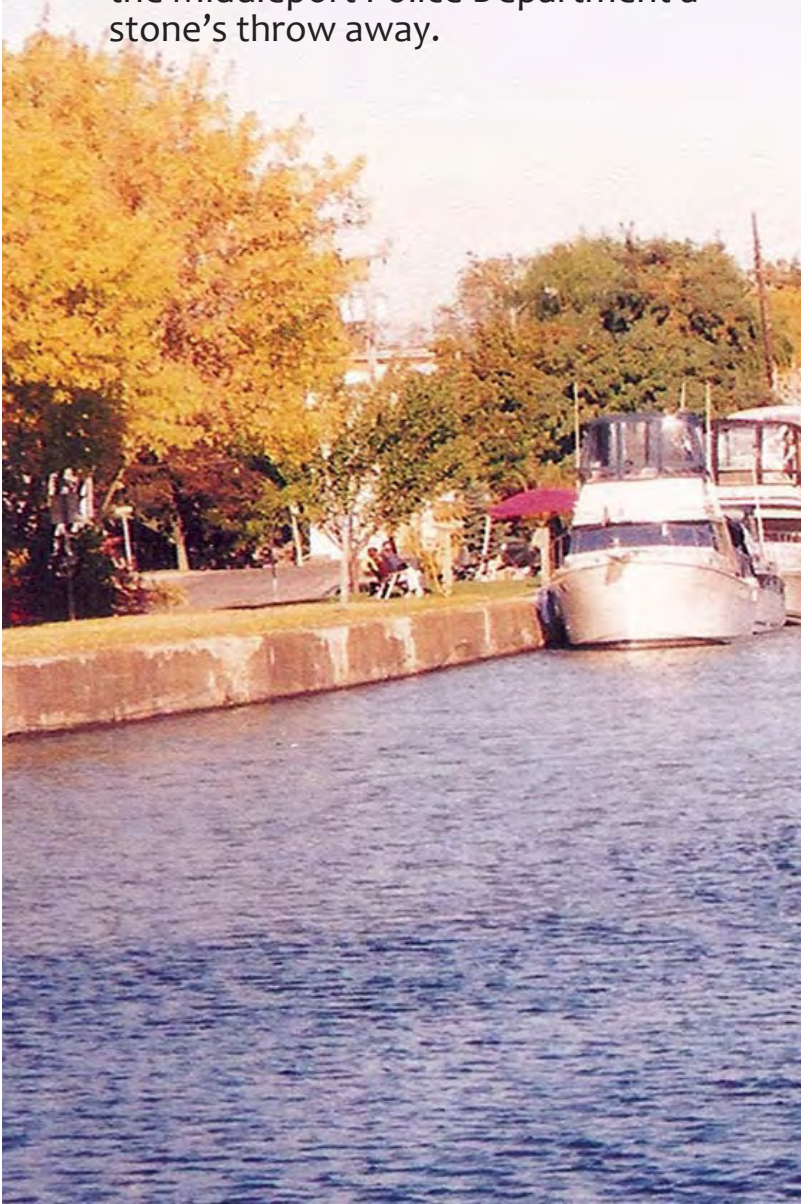
## The Scenic Erie Barge Canal

Beauty along the towpath



## Parks and greenspace

Middleport’s canal banks offer a safe place for boaters to rest and relax with the Middleport Police Department a stone’s throw away.



Space for growing in close proximity to two metropolitan areas.

## Learning and living in Western New York

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 recognized the district as one of the 4 local rural schools academically outperforming comparable U.S. districts.



The Middleport Free Library on Vernon St. offers a weekly story hour for preschoolers and special summer programs for elementary and middle school-aged children. The playground and garden at the school’s Middleport campus provides a safe and scenic place for children to play and parents to relax. Margaret Droman Park, canalside, and Rotary Park on Route 31 are perfect for picnics.

### School Athletic fields

Tennis courts, 8-lane all weather track, football field, soccer field, baseball/softball diamonds

### School and Village Parks

Middleport Outdoor Playground, Margaret Droman Park, Rotary Park

### Middleport Library Programs

Pre-school Story Hour, Summer Programs for kids ages 3-14

### Summer Youth Programs

Village Youth Recreation Program, Youth Baseball and Soccer

Community groups, local government and businesses working together.

## Middleport - the friendly community



The Village is noted locally for its special festivities and parades celebrated on both Memorial Day and Labor Day.

The Middleport community hosts a variety of other special events including the annual canal duck derby, a fall art show, National Day of Prayer observance and Christmas tree lighting, all of which are frequently occasions for the Middleport Community Choir to perform.

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 business together to promote and build up the business community.

### **Middleport Police Department**

Five-man police force protecting and serving since the Village and Town.

### **Middleport Volunteer Fire Department**

Trained Middleport residents serving the community since 1909.

### **Village Public Works**

Middleport Department of Public Works - Maintaining and beautifying the Village

### **Tri-Town Ambulance**

Located in the Village. Professionally trained emergency crews on call 24/7.

## **Middleport Area Clergy and Churches Association**

**Working together for all.**

