

## **“WHAT’S NEXT MIDDLESEX?” COMMITTEE REPORTS AUGUST 2018**

Below are reports from What’s Next Middlesex? committees as of August 2018, with contacts for each:

- 1) “Middlesex Makers and Creators” event
- 2) Promotion & Publicity Committee
- 3) Food Committee Committee
- 4) Youth Involvement Committee
- 5) Site Logistics Committee
- 6) Fundraising Committee

### **1) “Middlesex Makers and Creators”:**

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This Oct 12 partner-event being planned in the Village, to lead up to the Oct 26-27 WNM at Rumney. See the page at [www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org](http://www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org) for details.

### **2) Promotion and Publicity Committee:**

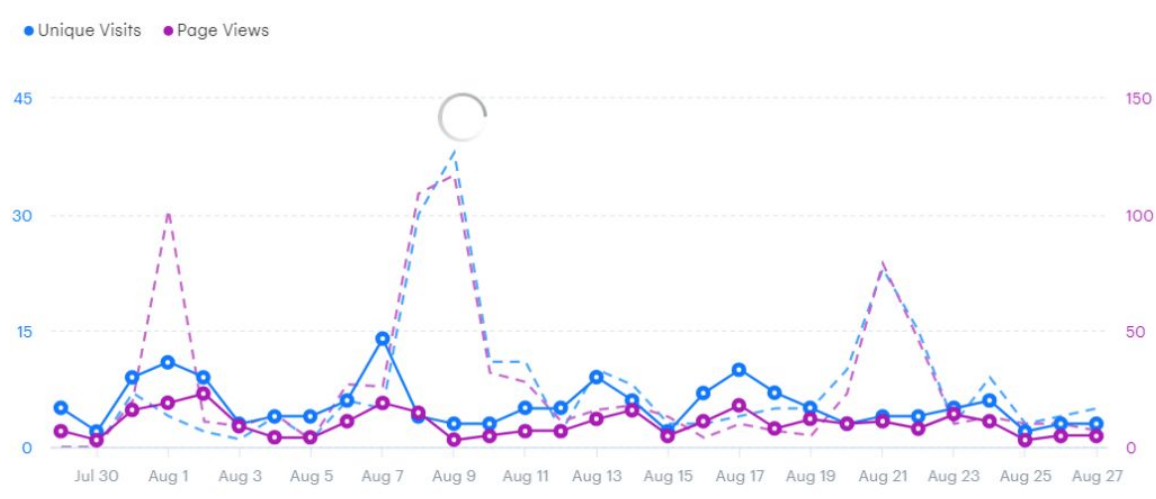
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This committee did outreach at many events over the summer: At least two Sunday evenings at Camp Meade, at least four bandstand concerts, Primary Voting Day at Town Hall, and the ice cream social at Rumney. Committee members plan to meet with Kimberley Jessup in August to brainstorm ways to reach out to key residents in different Middlesex neighborhoods.

The WNM website now publicizes the Arts/Makers event (October 12th).

This committee is coordinating with the Food Committee on a flyer to be mailed to everyone in Middlesex. A volunteer has stepped up to design it, and the Middlesex Selectboard has approved funding for printing/mailing.

The chart below shows traffic to the WNM website in both July and August. (July is the dotted lines, August is the solid lines.) Not surprisingly July saw much more traffic than August. We’ll expect an uptick in September as folks get back from their vacations.



**3) Food Committee:** The WNM Food Committee offers the notes below from their summer meeting.

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**We have set the following menus/plans:**

**Friday night Harvest Dinner**

Various soups (hopefully donated from/bought from the same vendors as last year, open to more donations)  
 Salad (hoping for donated greens, will make maple balsamic dressing)  
 Red Hen bread (our fave!)  
 Dessert to be made by Liz, Ursula, girl scouts  
 Plus coffee, tea, and apple cider

**Saturday morning, open arrival and again at the first break**

Blueberry and possibly apple muffins  
 Potentially pastries from Red Hen (may save them for the afternoon break)  
 Coffee, tea

**Saturday lunch**

Red Hen bread (thanks again and again)  
 Lunch meat, lettuce, tomato,  
 Hummus  
 Apples or pretzels  
 Drinks may include lemon aid or cider

### **Saturday afternoon break**

Red Hen pastries  
and/or Original Girl Scout cookies

### **What's needed/next steps:**

Honi and Susan (and Liz?) will work on creating the invite that may include a RSVP bonus/raffle ticket/perk. Must refine the wording.

Honi, Susan, Liz will work on a letter to last year's sponsors to again ask for their support.

Honi will work to secure food donations for Friday night dinner.

Honi will contact Nutty Steph's about a sweet donation for Saturday snacking.

Liz will order needed items via Sabria Morse/Rumney food account.

Sat 10/20 Liz, Ursula, and girl scouts will make the dessert for Friday night, the muffins for Saturday AM and also the original GS cookies. Mike and Mitch have volunteered to help as well.

*Thursday, Oct 25th we will need help to get the tables/chairs from the Church.*

*Friday, Oct 26th we will need help to set up the gym from 1-4.*

*We are looking for help on Friday night to clean up from residents from other towns. (Ursula is asking other GS troops.)*

*Saturday we will prep the lunch meal before the day begins.*

### **4) Youth Involvement Committee:**

**Contact:** For youth grades K-6: Aimee Toth, [atoth@u32.org](mailto:atoth@u32.org)

For youth in grades 7-12 or older:

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Rumney's grades 3-4 and Community Connections plan to help students interview Middlesex elders to create an "oral history" element to be featured at WNM.

Meanwhile, outreach to U32 teachers is underway to identify high school students who might be interested in facilitating or otherwise helping as a public service. Some students in the PILOT project may be interested in an extended project. High school students may be able to get school credit.

## **5) Site Logistics Committee:**

**Contact:** Joanne Breidenstein, [jobreid57@gmail.com](mailto:jobreid57@gmail.com)

This team has scoped out all of the Rumney rooms as break-out spaces, and details about chairs, flip charts etc. are all being taken into consideration. This committee offers the detailed notes below:

These are the rooms we plan to use for breakout sessions:

1. Room 117- Diddlemeyer
2. Room 118- Robitaille
3. Library
4. Room 119- Costello (bring chairs)
5. Room 120- Emmons (may need a few larger chairs)
6. Art
7. Music
8. Conference Room (need 3 additional chairs- max of 12 suggested)
9. Staff Room (Need 4 additional chairs- max of 12 suggested)
10. Room 116- Babcock (bring chairs)

Alternate Room: Upper Wing Break Out Room (limited seating capacity—10?)

Childcare will be handled by Community Connections in Matt Pelkey's Room and the Pre-K room. If no grant funds are secured, Aimee T will coordinate payment.

Set-up logistics for Friday afternoon (all except Silent Auction tables can be done after the end of the school day):

Silent Auction tables in halls - confirm quantity and placement with Honi.  
Place easels/chart paper and markers in all Breakout rooms  
Post signs/maps of Breakout Room locations

We have decided to have participants (assisted by Facilities Committee members) move folding chairs when necessary, rather than bring more chairs in from Doty.

To Do List:

Talk to Doty and food shelf network about helping with clean-up on Friday night

Decided which tables are needed for Silent Auction  
Make signs/maps of Breakout Room locations

**6) Fundraising Committee**

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Volunteers have submitted two different grant applications. We'll hear back later this fall.