



MIDDLESEX COUNTY 4-H FAIR

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2025

Happy (almost) spring! The fairgrounds will be open soon and there are lots of projects that will be starting. We are so excited to announce that grant funding has been received for the complete renovation of the restrooms in the Administration Building, to include an ADA compliant restroom. Look for updates on this and other grounds projects over the next couple of months. Upcoming events include:

- April 13 – Fairgrounds cleanup day (rain date TBD).
- April 26 – MAC Extravaganza at Hazel Grove Equestrian Center, Groton (Rain Date May 3)
- May 18 – GrotonFest Spring, Groton; the 4-H Fair will have a booth
- June 2 – Worknights begin at the fairgrounds.
- June 8 – 4-H Fair Benefit Horse Show run by the Board of Directors (see the HAC website for dates of other horse shows in 2025, www.4hmiddlesexhac.org)
- **August 22, 23, 24 – 2025 Middlesex County 4-H Fair**

4-H Fair Fun Fact: Did you know that the Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc. was incorporated on **April 5, 1955!** **The Corporation will celebrate 70 years in just a couple of weeks!**

Volunteers Needed: Are you interested in a rewarding opportunity with the 4-H Fair and helping to manage the organization, or being part of the Fair planning? Please reach out to us by email at office@4hmiddlesexfair.org.

2025 4-H Fair Challenge Lots: Since March is Massachusetts Maple Month, our featured Challenge Lots this month are for the Maple Department. The two challenge lots are Maple Popcorn and Homemade Maple Horse Cookies. The recipes will be available on our website and Facebook page. Test the recipes now to perfect them for the Fair!

Board Member Introductions:

Hi everyone, my name is Suzanne Sheehy, and I am the Secretary for the Board of Directors for the Middlesex County 4-H Fair. I have been a board member for about 10 years and only started in 4-H a couple of years before that, when my kids were members of the RCCC Club. I was privileged enough to co-lead the Rabbit and Cavy Club for about 5 years, as well as co-chair the Rabbit & Cavy Department at the Fair for several years. Now, with my focus being the Fair Board, I take the minutes at Board meetings, I am the Entry Manager for Fair paperwork, and I work with our Junior Fair Directors and Apprentices. Speaking of Junior Fair Directors and Apprentices, I would love to hear from anyone who is 12 years old or older and is interested in doing more to help run our Middlesex County 4-H Fair. We currently have a great group of JFD's and JFDA's who are excited to grow their team! Drop me an email (ssheehy50@gmail.com) if you are interested or want more information on what the Junior Fair Director group does, or, come find me on April 13th at our Fairgrounds Cleanup Day!

I can't wait to see everyone at work nights starting in June! Let's do this!

p.s. One of our family's OG bunnies, Fluff, turns 12 next month! I know you were wondering 😊

Suzanne Sheehy, Secretary
Middlesex County 4-H Fair Inc., Board of Directors