

middle **TOWN NEWS** letter

September 2016

Mergers, Taxes, and the Future of MSES

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 7pm

Please join us for a community forum on the opportunities and challenges facing our town under Act 46, the state's 2015 educational governance reform law. After nearly a year of information gathering, meetings, outreach and planning, the time for action is drawing near.

Forum will be held at the school.

As Shirley Moyer wrote in a recent town newsletter, throw "I can't" out the window and come get informed and involved!

--- The School Board

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Saturday, October 1

The dumpster is located at 577 West Street (across from Parker Water Wells)

Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. **NO CONTRACTORS**, please. **NEW** this year: Fee of \$5 per vehicle load will be charged for large trash. Metals are collected for free.

Hours are **6 am to Noon** for BOTH Oversize Trash and Metal.

Community Calendar is BACK!!

The Library Trustees have taken on the task and the deadline is coming up fast. Please help them make this happen by pro-actively reaching out to the library or any one of the trustees.

Calendars are \$6 in advance or \$8 upon delivery. ALL Orders must be received by September 28, pre-paid date. Listing your family's birthdays and anniversaries is optional but encouraged. Business sponsors are also being sought. Additional information is available on the library's website: <https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com>.

Call us before we call you ... and help get the calendar out on time!!
Kristal Hier, Alida Tarbell, Lois Dansereau, Patty McWilliams, Beth Miller - Library Trustees

Library Lawn Sale Saturday, Sept. 10

8 am-Noon on the Town Green. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All proceeds go to benefit the library.

Donations of clean, new or gently used items are gratefully accepted on Friday, September 9, 2-6pm. Please, no clothing or large furniture/appliances. For more information, contact: Maureen McCormack 235-1245 or moe@vermontel.net.

Your business listing online

The Creative Economy group is working with the town's webmaster to bring our Town Business Directory online...making it even easier for neighbors to connect with neighbors when needing services. As you know, our Middletown Springs Directory includes Middletown Springs-based businesses & services. This handy paper directory is great when you are trying to find a local service provider. Recently, our 2015-16 business & service section has been added to our Town's website, making it even easier for people to find you.

If you are one of these businesses, you can take it a step further. We can set-up 'hotlinks' for you in the online version of the directory! There are two different types of hotlinks: 1) we can connect your listing to your email address and/or 2) we can connect your listing to your website OR Facebook page. If you would like to set-up these hotlinks for your Middletown-based business listing, please send an email to kletendre@qualityadvancement.com, or call Kathy at 235-1369

1st Quarter Property Tax Due Thursday, Sept. 15

Jenny will be in the town office that day
9am-Noon & 1-4pm

Or mail checks, postmarked on for before 9/15:
Town of Middletown Springs
attn: TOWN TREASURER
PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Property Tax Notices

First Quarter Property Taxes are due on or before September 15, 2016. The treasurer will be available to collect taxes in the town office on September 15 from 9 - noon and 1 pm - 4 pm.

Tax bills were mailed early August. Several have been returned as undeliverable. If you haven't received your bill yet, contact the treasurer at mtstreasurer@vermontel.net or 802-235-3256 and leave a valid mailing address or arrange for pickup at the office.

Homestead Information

- 1. Rebates:** If you haven't received a homestead rebate and should, or if the amount seems incorrect, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes directly.
- 2. Residential Declaration:** If you live in town full time, and haven't done so yet, you must declare your homestead status to the state. The deadline was April 18, 2016. The late deadline is by October 17, 2016. You will be assessed a 5% late fee. Again, if you have an issue with this, you must contact the Vermont Department of Taxes directly.

Support Your Local Economy: Turn to your neighbors when you are in a need of a service - find them in the Directory

Do you need small engine repair? Help with a remodeling project? Office services? Use our little orange book (The Middletown Springs Telephone & Business Directory) to find a neighbor right around the corner. You can look in your paper directory or on our town website when you need an electrician, snowplowing, firewood, landscaping, or any of the 53 services listed in our own brand of "yellow pages." Why not support your very local economy by turning to a neighbor first?

Have you misplaced your little orange directory? You can purchase an extra one for \$2 at the Town Office or the Library.

Milestones

DEATHS:

Charles A. Parker
October 22, 1944 - August 2, 2016

Library Programs

Summer Wrap Up: In the Library's Best Olympic Sports Playoff, Fencing won the Gold Medal! Gymnastics won the Silver. Thank you, or to everyone who participate in any of the summer programs. We definitely "Got in the Game"!

VT READS: The Shackleton books are here! Borrow either book: *The Endurance* by Caroline Alexander or *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong. One of the greatest survival stories provides opportunity to consider the power of vision, courage and perseverance, the nature of leadership and the spirit of adventure and exploration. Join us in early October for an inter-generational discussion, and a panel discussion on navigation.

SPARK A CULTURE OF INNOVATION:

Toy Hacking – Sat. September 24, 1-4 pm, geared to 9-14 year-olds. We'll take apart toys to see how they work to learn about circuits (inputs & outputs, power & sensors) and then remake toys into something new.

E-textiles – Sat. October 1, 1-4 pm, geared to 12+ & adults, with basic sewing skills. Basic circuitry and how to embed LEDs into fabric using conductive thread; your wardrobe will never be the same!

Space is limited, please sign up in advance. There will be a second offering of the programs later in the Fall.

These two makerspace programs were developed by the Craftsbury Public Library and funded by the Vermont Community Foundation's Innovations and Collaborations grant program and supported in part by the Vermont Dept. of Libraries.

Toddler Time: stories, songs, and a snack for our youngest patrons and their caregivers. Join Melissa and Martha for this next 6-week session beginning Wednesday, September, 7 at 9:30 am. Come to one, or come to them all!

The **Library Book Group** will discuss John Steinbeck's *The Pearl* on Thursday, September 29, 7pm, at the library. Copies of the book are available at the library. A list of all of the books & discussion dates can be picked up from the library.

Knitting Circle: First Monday of the month (7-9 pm) October-May. Novice to experienced knitters welcomed. Come for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation.

Library programs are free and open to the public. More information available at the library. Stop in or call 235-2435, or make digital contact: middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or <https://middle-townsprings.wordpress.com>.



Upcoming Events at the Historical Society

At the Historical Society Annual Meeting on **Sunday, September 18 at 2 pm**, Rutland historian and President of the Pittsford Historical Society Bill Powers will give a PowerPoint presentation about Irish immigrants to Middletown Springs, focusing on his Powers family ancestors. Refreshments will be served and there will be a brief business meeting.

The Historical Society Trustees are looking for new board members for the 2016-2018 term. If you would like to join a small energetic group to attend monthly board meetings (first Thursdays at 7 pm) and help with planning events, among other duties, please contact a current member: Pat Hemenway, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, Alice Hoisington, Linda Hurcomb, Karen Svenningsen or David Wright for more information.

On **Sunday, October 2**, from 2-4 pm the Museum Open House will offer informal guided tours to see how museum objects are stored, documented and cared for. Refreshments will be served and all ages are invited to visit.

More details at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/2016/08/01/upcoming-events-at-the-historical-society/> or call David W. at 235-2376.

Community Church Events

Chicken Curry on the Green has seen such a great turn out this summer - a fun and relaxed opportunity to get to know each other and grow community. September's Curry will be served up on **Thursday, September 22**.

Studying the Bible: Adult Study at 9am each Sunday. Pastor Mathews is currently leading us in reading the book of Acts, an accurate historical account of the early Church which builds a strong case for the validity of Christ's claims and promises. This is a great time of informal discussions and learning.

Sunday Worship @ 10am: All are invited to be part of this fellowship. Nursery and Children's Church for kids up to 6th grade are available during Worship. All of our adult children's ministry volunteers have been background and fingerprint checked.

In addition, there are many weekly and bi-weekly Christ-centered activities. More info <http://middletownspringscommunitychurch.org>

Thank You Note

The Friends For Education would like to thank all the community members and students for making a wonderful first day breakfast. We had so many guests come out and see the students and the school. What a terrific way to start the year!

I am always so thankful and impressed at the many hands that come out to help with this event. FFE would like to thank all the donors: Kim Carr, Winnine Grace, Mary Lamson, Kristal Hier, Rosemary Moser, Sarah Haley, Jeanne Arsenault Tarbell, Lois Dansereau, Bridget Tarbell, Maureen McCormack, Betsy Shaw, Martha Heitkamp, Luke Larson and Ashley Fioretti. We also really appreciate all those who helped in and outside the kitchen: Diane Rosenmiller, Alida Tarbell, Elizabeth Cooper, Deb Squires, Kimberly Mathewson, Tracy and John Weatherhogg, and Barbie Carr. A huge special thank you to Lisa Myette, our school Chef, for allowing us to take over her kitchen. We are fortunate to have someone so generous with her well kept kitchen and her time during a busy morning.

FFE would like to remind the community of our first meeting of the school year **September 12**, at 7 pm at the school. We are hoping you will come and join this active group; we are looking for old members, new members, new ideas, and new causes. Please consider coming out to the meeting and being part of the school community. Our students and school need the support of the people who live in their town.

Thank you,
Meredith Morgan for FFE

Elementary School Calendar

Soccer

- 9/19 MSES @ Mettawee 4:30
- 9/21 MSES vs Poultney 4:30 (home)
- 9/26 MSES @ Clarendon 4:30
- 9/28 MSES @ West Rutland Girls 4:30
- 10/5 MSES vs Mettawee 4:30 (home)
- 10/10 MSES @ Poultney 4:30
- 10/12 MSES vs Clarendon 4:30 (home)
- 10/17 MSES vs West Rutland 4:30 (home)

Open House for Parents and Students

Wednesday,
October 5, 5-7pm



Calendar of Events

September

First Response	Thurs 1	6:30pm	Firehouse
Book Group	Thurs 1	7pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 1	7:30pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 5	3pm	Town Office
Toddler Time (6-wks)	Wed 7	9:30am	Library
Building Committee	Wed 7	7pm	MSHS
School Board Forum	Thurs 8	7pm	School
Select Board	Thurs 8	7pm	Town Office
FOL Lawn Sale	Sat 10	8am-Noon	Town Green
Friends for Educ. (FFE)	Mon 12	7pm	MSES
Friends of the Library	Tues 13	7pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7pm	MSHS
PROPERTY TAX DUE	Thurs 15		Town Office
MSHS Talk	Sun 18	2pm	MSHS
Fire Dept	Tues 20	6:30pm	Firehouse
Select Board	Thurs 22	7pm	Town Office
Toy Hacking Program	Sat 24	1-4pm	Library
Library Trustees	Wed 28	7pm	Library
Book Discussion	Thurs 29	7pm	Library

October

Oversize Trash/Metal	Sat 1	6am-Noon	West Street
E-Textiles Program	Sat 1	1-4pm	Library
Museum Open House	Sun 2	2-4pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 3	3pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 3	7-9pm	Library
Building Committee	Wed 5	7pm	MSHS
First Response	Thurs 6	6:30pm	Firehouse
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7:30pm	MSHS
School Board	Thurs 13	7pm	School
Select Board	Thurs 13	7pm	Town Office

Calendar Events – subject to change.

When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

Lake Party Send-Off

MSVFD Lieutenant Tyler Manning is being deployed to Dubai in September of 2016. Please come and help send him off with a party!

Join us at Lake St. Catherine State Park on **Sunday, Sept. 4** at noon. We will supply the hot dogs and burgers. Please bring a side dish and your choice of beverages. We hope to see you there.

Please RSVP to 235-2160.

Welcome to the new TOWN NEWS LETTER!!

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

This supplements and enhances the town website & Front Porch Forum, and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies available as a PDF. The PDF is posted to FPF, the town website or sent free via email to those who sign up. It is also available in hard-copy delivered by USPS to those who subscribe for \$6 a year postage. Copies are posted at the town office, store, and library.

Questions: call 235-2435 or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
PO Box 1206
Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of the month
for inclusion in upcoming issue.

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Polls Open: 7am-7pm at the Firehouse.

Last day to register to vote: November 2, 2016 by 5pm.
Last day to request early or absentee ballot: November 7, 2016 Request must be made to the town clerk before the close of business. Town clerk accepting requests now.

Please be considerate of the clerk's time: don't wait until the last minute.