

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

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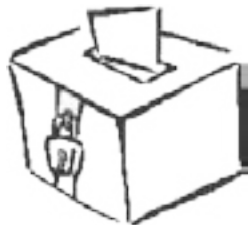
## TOWNWIDE SURVEY: Future of Middletown Springs

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission is in the process of renewing the Town Plan. In order to obtain input from the residents and taxpayers of the town, a survey is being mailed to all landowners and registered voters. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will provide valuable feedback to the commission for drafting the new plan.

The commission would like all completed surveys back by the middle of October so that the results can be tabulated and analyzed. Completed surveys may be dropped off at the Town Clerk's office, the Post Office, the Library or Grant's Village Store, or mailed to the Town Clerk. If you are a resident of Middletown Springs and did not receive a survey in the mail, additional copies are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The Planning Commission looks forward to hearing your vision for the future of Middletown Springs.

-- John Arsenault, chair  
Planning Commission



## LAST CALL to subscribe to the Community Calendar!

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

Calendars are \$6 in advance or \$8 upon delivery. ALL requests must be received by October 2 - so we know how many calendars to order. Listing your family's birthdays and anniversaries is optional but encouraged.

Contact us at the library: 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or stop by during open hours.

Kristal Hier, Alida Tarbell, Lois Dansereau,  
Patty McWilliams, Beth Miller - Library Trustees

## Friends For Education (FFE)

**Walking School Bus** will take place the week of October 5-10. Look for groups of students between 7:15 and 7:50 am on their way to school from the north, south, east, and west.

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** is underway. Order packages should have arrived home with the oldest student in the family at Middletown Springs Elementary. Don't forget: you can also order online. If you order online, please use code # 990034328, which links your order to our fundraiser. Thanks.

**Ski & Skate Programs:** Middletown Springs Elementary School will once again be participating in the PICO Ski and Georgetti Skate programs on Friday afternoons. FFE will continue to support this program by providing scholarships for students in need. FFE is glad to accept donations from the community to help with this support. In addition, FFE helps provide for appropriate clothing for these winter sports. In the past, donations of gloves/jackets/goggles as well as purchases of socks from Darn Tough have helped outfit the students. If you have winter clothing or gear which you no longer need, please consider donating the items to the program. Items may be dropped off during school hours. They will be greatly appreciated.

Looking for more information or how to get involved with FFE, contact Meredith Morgan (235-2059) or Tracy Weatherhogg (235-1500).

## 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.

## Library Programs

**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 **Wednesday, October 12** at 7 pm for an intergenerational discussion, with refreshments.

**Beginning Monday, October 3**, stop in at the library and explore several **early maps of Middletown**, on loan from the Historical Society. Travel back in time and see if you can find your homestead.

**SPARK A CULTURE OF INNOVATION: Toy Hacking** – was a great success. A second session will be scheduled soon. Interested? Let us know and we will do our best with scheduling. Program designed for kids 9-13, younger children (6-8) will want to bring an adult helper to get the most from the experience.

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

A second session will be scheduled later in the fall. Let us know if you are interested, yet not available Oct 1.

Space is limited, please sign up in advance.

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.

**Halloween Rest Stop**  
**Monday, October 31**  
**5-7pm**  
**at the Library**

**Warm up, Catch your breath,**  
**Have a snack, Select a book**  
**to keep as your TREAT!!**

**Toddler Time:** stories, songs, and a snack for our youngest patrons and their caregivers. Join Melissa and Martha on October 5 & 12. Next session runs Nov. 2-Dec. 14 (not Nov. 23) at 9:30 am. Come to one, or come to them all!

The **Library Book Group** will discuss Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, on Thursday, October 27, 7 pm, 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, found on the library website, or [click here](#).

**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](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com) or <https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com>.



## Historical Society Museum Open House

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.

## Basket Raffle Benefit

There will be a Basket Raffle Benefit for Eddie Groesbeck, Jr., at the Castleton American Legion on **Saturday, October 22**. Doors open at 11 am with the drawings beginning at 1 pm. Eddie recently had brain surgery to try to control his numerous seizures. His mother, Pam Marcy, was raised in Middletown Springs and her parents, Ray and Janice, are still residents. Please come support this event.

For more details, call Cindy Warner, at 235-2697.

## Open House & Potluck

MSES will be holding an Open House for students, parents, and community members on **Wednesday, October 5** from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will also have a Potluck Dinner during that time.

Parents: please complete and return the Potluck Dinner Forms sent home with Friday Notices on Sept. 23 to let us know if you will be bringing a dish to share. Thank you!

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## MSES Soccer Schedule

Come out and cheer for the Middletown Magic!

- 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)

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## Food Shelf

The Poultney Food Shelf serves the residents of Middletown Springs, as well as Poultney and Hampton, NY. The Food Shelf is located in The Stonebridge (at the northeast corner of Rt 30 and Main Street), and is open each Tuesday from 3 to 5 pm. Please be prepared to show ID and verify your town of residence (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).

For more information call 287-9558.

The Poultney Food Shelf is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

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## Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing

Middletown Springs' Forum started January 1, 2011. Since then, 343 Members from our 320 Households have made **3,180 Postings**.

It's free. It's local. And it's friendly. Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com/>

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**Next month...**  
**your group's event could be announced here!!**

## 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 (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.



## 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](mailto:kletendre@qualityadvancement.com), or call Kathy at 235-1369

# Calendar of Events

## October

<b>Oversize Trash/Metal</b>	<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>6am-Noon</b>	<b>West St</b>
<b>E-Textiles Program</b>	<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>1-4pm</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Museum Open House</b>	<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>2-4pm</b>	<b>MSHS</b>
Planning Commission	Mon 3	4pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 3	7-9pm	Library
Fire Dept Training	Tues 4	6:30pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 5	7pm	MSHS
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7pm	MSHS
Fire Dept Training	Tues 11	6:30pm	Firehouse
<b>VT READS discussion</b>	<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Library</b>
School Board	Thurs 13	6pm	School
Select Board	Thurs 13	7pm	Town Office
First Response	Sun 16	6:30pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept Training	Tues 18	6:30pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 20	7pm	MSHS
Fire Dept Training	Tues 25	6:30pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 26	7pm	Library
Select Board	Thurs 27	7pm	Town Office
<b>Halloween Rest Stop</b>	<b>Mon 31</b>	<b>5-7pm</b>	<b>Library</b>

## November

Fire Dept Training	Tues 1	6:30pm	Firehouse
Register to VOTE by	Wed 2	5pm	Town Office
Building Committee	Wed 2	7pm	MSHS
Historical Society	Thurs 3	7pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 7	4pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 7	7-9pm	Library
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Tues 8</b>	<b>7am-7pm</b>	<b>Firehouse</b>
Fire Dept Training	Tues 8	6:30pm	Firehouse
School Board	Thurs 10	6pm	School
Select Board	Thurs 10	7pm	Town Office
Fire Dept Training	Tues 15	6:30pm	Firehouse

*Calendar Events – subject to change.*

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

Welcome to the new  
**TOWN NEWSLETTER!!**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5 pm.

**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.