

middle **TOWN NEWS** letter

November 2016



VOTE!

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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

Last day to register to vote: November 2, by 5 pm.

Last day to request early or absentee ballot:
Requests must be made to the Town Clerk before the close of business November 7.

Tea & Conversation Series Continues at the Library

On upcoming Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm join the Trustees & Friends for tea, cookies, and conversation. Your neighbors and friends share something they do well, know well, or have written... after which there is time for questions and comments. These programs are free and open to the public.

Tea & Conversation is a collaborative venture of the Middletown Springs Public Library and the Friends of the Library. If you have an idea for a future program, please speak to any one of the Trustees or Friends.

November 13 – Gary Lindorff

Book Talk: *13 Seeds: Health, Karma and Initiation*

January 8 – Judy Robinson

Regenerative Gardening

January 22 – Herb Childress

Book Talk: *The PhDictionary: A Glossary of Things You Don't Know (but Should) about Doctoral and Faculty Life*

These programs take place at the Library. For more information, contact the Library at 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Friend of the Library Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 10 at 7 pm

Curious about what the Friends are all about? Then please come! Consider this your invitation to the annual meeting of the Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library. Come hear about the good stuff we've been doing and how much fun it is. Members in good standing (annual dues: \$5/individ, \$10/family) will be able to vote during the business portion of the meeting. Membership dues may be paid at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes: Reports from the officers, State of the Library from the librarian, Nomination and election of members of the Executive Committee; and any other business that arises from the floor.

The Friends are looking for new people to serve on the Executive Committee. Anyone interested/willing should either call Maureen McCormack (235-1245) beforehand, or simply show up at the meeting to be nominated from the floor.

Hope to see you then!

Judy Robinson, Membership Secretary

Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, December 4, 2016

at the School

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

2nd Quarter Property Tax

Due Thursday, Dec. 15

Jenny Munity will be in the Town Office that day
9 am-noon & 1-4 pm

Or mail checks, postmarked on for before 12/15:
Town of Middletown Springs
attn: TOWN TREASURER
PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Library Programs



Antarctica Revealed - Trip

Talk & Slideshow: Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 pm

Visit Antarctica through the eyes of one who has been there. Guest presenter Prof. John Van Hoesen, Green Mountain College, will show us the world that Shackleton and his men inhabited during their two-year ordeal. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and part of the Vermont Reads programing.

Toddler Time: Stories, songs, and a snack for our youngest patrons and their caregivers. Join Melissa and Martha on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am Nov. 2-Dec. 14 (not Nov. 23). Come to one, or come to them all!

The **Library Book Group** will discuss David Brooks's *Road to Character*, on Thursday, December 1, 7 pm, at the Library. Copies of the book are available at the Library. A complete list of books & discussion dates can be picked up at the Library, found on the Library's website ([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 or <https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com>.



Food Shelf

Thankgivings Fixings will be available Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 am-Noon.

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.

Accepting Proposals for 2016 Town Report Layout & Design

The Town of Middletown Springs invites any interested person or business to submit a proposal for the layout and design of the 2016 Town Report. An electronic copy of the 2015 Town Report is available on the Middletown Springs website, <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov>, or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

In order to gather and organize information, this project requires close coordination with the Town Clerk, members of the Select Board, and other elected officials and volunteer organizations. The selected vendor will need to scan and/or transcribe hard-copy documents for inclusion in the electronic file, as well as modify the format of Microsoft Word, Excel, and other files to fit the final layout plan. This will require visits to the Town Clerk's office to pick up documents as they become available, and active email access to receive electronic materials. In past years, layout and design work have taken approximately 35-50 hours.

It is expected that the selected vendor will deliver a print-ready electronic document to the Town's printing contractor during the first week of February, 2017. The Town will be responsible for printing and mailing the final report by its deadline of February 21.

Proposals should include a fixed-fee or hourly cost for layout, design, and coordination as described above; designate the layout/design software to be used; and include at least one sample of a prior project that the vendor has completed that is similar in scope (either in paper or in PDF electronic version). Proposals are due at the Middletown Springs Town Office by 4 pm on Friday, December 2, 2016.

If you have any questions about this request for proposals, please contact Select Board Chair Terry Redfield (235-2084 or RedboneVT@gmail.com) or Select Board Clerk Herb Childress (235-2093 or herb.childress@gmail.com).

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

Middletown Springs' Forum started January 1, 2011. Since then, 348 members from our 320 households have made **3,368 postings**.

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

Calendar of Events

November

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| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 1 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Register to VOTE | Wed 2 | 5 pm | Town Office |
| Building Committee | Wed 2 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| Historical Society | Thurs 3 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| Antarctic Revealed | Sun 6 | 3:30 pm | Library |
| Planning Commission | Mon 7 | 4 pm | Town Office |
| Knitting Circle | Mon 7 | 7-9 pm | Library |
| ELECTION DAY | Tues 8 | 7 am-7 pm | Firehouse |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 8 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| School Board | Thurs 10 | 6 pm | School |
| FOL Annual Mtg. | Thurs 10 | 7 pm | Library |
| Select Board | Thurs 10 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| VETERANS DAY | Fri 11 | | |
| Book Talk: Lindorff | Sun 13 | 2:30 pm | Library |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 15 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Library Trustees | Wed 16 | 6 pm | Library |
| Building Committee | Thurs 17 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| First Response | Sun 20 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 22 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Select Board | Tues 22 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| THANKSGIVING | Thurs 24 | | |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 29 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |

December

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| Historical Society | Thurs 1 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| Craft Fair | Sun 4 | 10 am-3 pm | School |
| Planning Commission | Mon 5 | 4 pm | Town Office |
| Knitting Circle | Mon 5 | 7-9 pm | Library |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 6 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Building Committee | Wed 7 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| School Board | Thurs 8 | 6 pm | School |
| Select Board | Thurs 8 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 13 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| PROPERTY TAX DUE | Thurs 15 | | |
| Building Committee | Thurs 15 | 7 pm | MSHS |

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

Community Birthday Calendars

Due back from the printers mid-November.
 Pre-paid Calendars will be delivered to your home.
 Payment on Delivery - \$8.
 Forgot to order? Want a calendar? No problem.
 Extra calendars available - until they are all GONE!
 For sale at the Library and at the Craft Fair.

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 or the Town website or is 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, Grant's Village Store, and the 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.

