

middle TOWN NEWS letter

May 2017

We LOVE Our Parade!

For decades the Middletown Springs Grange, with the deep involvement of the Haynes family, spearheaded the Memorial Day Parade. Now, a committee of people who first met mid-April is attempting to fill those huge shoes, and wishes to extend humble and deep appreciation to those who made the parade happen year after year. The committee is **next meeting on Thursday, May 4**, at the Library at 7 pm. ANYONE who wants to help is welcome!

The parade will be held, as ever, on **Sunday, May 28, at 3 pm**. This year's parade theme is *Unity and Sacrifice*. The memorial ceremonies will take place on the Green directly after the parade. Parade line-up will commence at 2 pm.

Please contact Bob Bruttomesso if you would like to be in the parade: mykidsandi@aol.com. If you would like to help with traffic direction, plans for food concessions, decoration, logistics, or anything else! please come to the meeting on May 4, or contact any of us on the committee: Terry Redfield, Kathy Letendre, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman, Linda Peavy, Cynthia Clayton, Meredith Morgan, Leslie Silver, Hilary Solomon, Claudia Gonda, or Bob Bruttomesso.

Green Up Day Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Day Saturday, May 6

Hours are 6 am - noon

The large waste collection and metal collection day will be conducted at 577 West Street. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable.

NO CONTRACTORS, please.

PLEASE NOTE: Metal waste can be deposited without fee. Large non-metal waste will be collected FREE on Green Up Day, but for the October Oversize Trash Day there will be a \$5 a carload fee.

ALL items containing refrigerants (fridges, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc) will be collected at Fort Dumpster on May 6 as well and will be assessed a disposal fee.

Annual Gardening Festival Will Honor Winsome Moran

If it's spring, it must be time for the Gardening Festival. The Friends of the Middletown Springs Library invite the entire community—and our friends in neighboring communities—to dig into spring by joining us at our third annual Gardening Festival on **Saturday, May 20, 8-noon** on the village Green. The event is made all the more special this year by the fact that it is dedicated to the memory of Winsome Moran, who for more than 40 years shared with us her gardening expertise and her stunning floral arrangements.

It's our chance now to celebrate Winsome and to share the memories, and it's your chance to purchase those plants, shrubs, cuttings, and bulbs that will lend interest and beauty to your garden. It's also a chance to ask master gardeners about where and when to plant and how to nourish your newfound treasures. Who knows? Besides finding some new varieties and maybe restoring some old favorites, you might also find a "gently used" wheelbarrow or bird bath or planter; a book on herbs or hedges; or a sprinkler, hose, or hat. All at bargain prices! And while you're browsing, you can enjoy a cup of coffee and a home-baked muffin at our outdoor "bistro."

Two seminars will be offered during the heart of the morning. At 9 am, our own Maureen McCormack will demonstrate her creative touch in a one-hour seminar, *"Mini Gardens for Decks and Patios."* And at 10 am, don't miss Sean Parker, chief meteorologist for Local 22 (ABC) News, who will offer *"Climate, Cucumbers, and Chrysanthemums: How We Forecast, Affect, and Work with Our Planet."*

It takes a village to stock a successful Gardening Festival, and we would welcome any donations

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of indoor or outdoor plants or various gardening tools. It's a good time for sharing, since many of you have already been thinning and pruning this Spring and have cuttings and bulbs in need of a good home. If you have such items and would like to help the Friends, please bring them to the Green on **Friday afternoon, May 19, 3-6 pm**, where they will be welcomed by our volunteers. And then return on **Saturday morning, May 20**, to help us celebrate spring!

All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the Middletown Springs Library. For further information, contact Maureen McCormack, 235-1245.

Green Up Day

This Saturday is the **47th Vermont Green Up Day**, the day when Vermonters join together to pick up trash along the roadways. Come to the Middletown Springs Green on **Saturday, May 6, 8-noon**, to select your route and pick up your Green Up bags. You can also enjoy some light refreshments. If you can't make it on Saturday, call Hilary Solomon, 235-1115, to select a route and to get your bags in advance. You may drop off your filled bags at the Transfer Station (no charge).

Backyard Burn Permits

The spring weather is finally upon us, and we are all eager to get outside and start cleaning up our yards. Although we have had some wet weather in the past few weeks, please remember that the winds are very quickly drying the ground. There is still a very large potential for grass and brush fires to ignite from a small pile of brush. If you plan on burning, please contact **James Reed, Middletown Springs Fire Warden at 558-4239 or 235-2060**. Please do not leave a message at the Firehouse or on someone's answering machine. It is against the law in the state of Vermont to burn without a permit issued by the Fire Warden.

Not only is it a safety issue for homeowners and neighboring properties, it is also to inform the Fire Warden of all burns in the area. When contacted, the Fire Warden needs to inspect the location, size, and contents of the pile. A written permit will be issued upon approval. Again, it is against the law to burn without a burn permit, and property owners could be fined. The Fire Warden and the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department have the right to extinguish any fire they feel is dangerous.

4th Quarter Taxes DUE! June 15, 2017

Fourth Quarter / Final Property Tax Installment is due on or before June 15, 2017. An 8% penalty will be imposed if taxes are received or postmarked after June 15. Please plan now and mail your checks to Town Treasurer, PO Box 1022. If you would like to submit taxes in person - please do so when the Treasurer is in the Town Office on **Thursday, June 15, 9-noon and 1-4 pm**.

Library Book Sale June 3 & 4

Stock up on summer reading at the Library Book Sale. There is always a wide selection and great bargains on gently read books, movies, puzzles, and games. Come to refresh your collection of fiction, biographies, history, nature, children's books, and more!

Saturday, June 3, 8 am-3 pm and Sunday, June 4, 10 am-3 pm.

Donations of gently used books, DVDs, audio-book CDs, puzzles, and games accepted through May 31. Please NO VHS tapes, cassettes tapes, or textbooks. Please drop items off during the Library's open hours.

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

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 Rte. 30 and Main Street), and is **open Tuesdays, 3-5 pm**. Please be prepared to show ID and verify your town of residence (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).

Donations of non-perishable food and fresh produce are always welcome. The Poultney Food Shelf is a 501(c)3 not-for profit.

For more information, call 287-9558.

Milestones

DEATHS:

Edward Crocker Foster

March 23, 2017

Library Bookmarks

Library Hours Extended: Saturday's hours at the Library have been extended to 1 pm for a trial period of **April and May**. The Library will be open from **10 am-1 pm**.

Let us know if you think this change will make a difference in your Saturday routines by sending an email or, better yet, stopping in at the Library on a Saturday.

At the end of May, the Trustees will reassess. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Library.

DVDs - New & New to Us

Our collection of DVDs is growing, thanks to the recent donation of over 50 DVDs from private collections. We have also purchased a number of recent releases, including:

<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Lion</i>
<i>Fences</i>	<i>Loving</i>
<i>Hacksaw Ridge</i>	<i>Man Called Ove</i>
<i>Hidden Figures</i>	<i>Manchester by the Sea</i>
<i>La La Land</i>	<i>Moonlight</i>

Lots of NEW Books including:

NON-Fiction

Glass House Brian Alexander
Rising Strong Brene Brown
The Mushroom Hunters Langdon Cook
Photo Ark Joel Sartore

Fiction

Exit West Mohsin Hamid
Lilac Girls Martha Hall Kelly
Stars Are Fire Anita Shreve
Seventeen Neal Stephenson
What Love Sees Susan Vreeland
In This Grave Hour Jacqueline Winspear

Teen / Young Adult

Georgia Peaches & other Forbidden Fruit Jaye R. Bown
None of the Above I.W. Gregorio
The Ship Beyond Time Heidi Heilig
The Fixes Owen Matthews

Children's Books

Where Do They Go? Julia Alvarez and Sabra Field
Ada Twist, Scientist Andrea Beaty
Tugboat Bill and the River Rescue Calista Brill
Charlie's Snow Day Ree Drummond
Fablehaven: Rise of the Evening Star Brandon Mull
Omega City: 1 & 2 Diana Peterfreund
Mighty, Mighty Construction Site Sherri Duskey Rinker
A Big Guy Took My Ball Mo Willems

Death Cafe: Postponed until the fall (TBD).

Legos Wanted: In preparation for this summer's Lego Club, the Library is looking for donations of lightly used Legos. We are also looking for Lego bases, flat boards with Lego dots on which to build and display.

FREE Audiobooks for Teens!

SYNC is a free summer audiobook program for teens (13+). Beginning April 27, SYNC will give away two complete audiobook downloads a week - pairs of high-interest titles, based on weekly themes.

Sign up for email or text alerts and be first to know when new titles are available to download at www.audiobooksync.com.

Books download to OverDrive App (same free app we use at the Library- see below). Hint: download the books you are interested in each week and listen to them when you can.

More info at www.audiobooksync.com and at the Library.

Downloadable Audiobooks & e-Books

Check out FREE audiobooks & e-books from Green Mountain Library Consortium's Listen Up! Vermont. Use the free OverDrive app and your Middletown Springs Library patron number to borrow e-books and audiobooks. Titles available for kids, teens, and adults!!

Go to <https://gmlc.overdrive.com> to get started. Additional directions will be available at the Library or on the Library's website.

Questions? Contact Kimberly at the Library, 235-2435, or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Seed Swap Ongoing: Please come peruse the seed packets in the Library. There are some delicious varieties donated from High Mowing, and plenty from the neighborhood. It is not a requirement that you bring seeds to swap in order to take some away.

Come in and celebrate spring!

Toddler Time: Stories, songs, and a snack for our youngest patrons and their caregivers at the Library. **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am, April 26-May 31.**

Come to one, or come to them all!

Calendar of Events

May

Planning Commission	Mon 1	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 1	7-9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 2	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 3	7 pm	Library
Parade Planning	Thurs 4	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 4	7 pm	MSHS
Green Up Day	Sat 6		
Oversized Trash/Metal	Sat 6	6 am-noon	West Street
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 9	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Friends	Tues 9	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs 11	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 11	7 pm	Town Office
Mother's Day	Sun 14		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 18	7 pm	Library
Gardening Festival	Sat 20	8am-noon	Green
First Response	Sun 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 23	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 24	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 25	7 pm	Town Office
Book Group	Thurs 25	7 pm	Library
PARADE!!	Sun 28	3pm	
Memorial Day Obsev.	Mon 29		

June

Historical Society	Thurs 1	7 pm	MSHS
Library Book Sale	Sat 3	8 am-3 pm	Library
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Planning Commission	Mon 5	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 6	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 7	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs 8	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 8	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 13	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Property Taxes Due	Thurs 15		
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7 pm	Library
Father's Day	Sun 18		
First Response	Sun 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 20	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Selectboard	Thurs 22	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 27	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 28	7 pm	Library

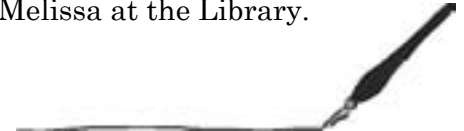
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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 are 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:

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Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

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



*Calendar Events – subject to change.
When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.*