

middle TOWN NEWS letter

September 2017

The Shays' Settlement Project: A Story of Revolt and Archaeology Sunday, September 17, 2 pm

Educator, writer and archaeologist Steve Butz will present *The Shays' Settlement Project: A Story of Revolt and Archaeology* at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Middletown Springs Historical Society on **Sunday, September 17**, at the Historical Society Building. The meeting will begin at **2 pm** with a dessert buffet, and a brief business meeting with election of Trustees for 2017-18. The lecture begins at 2:30 pm.

The Shays' Settlement Project is the first formal archaeological study of the ruins of a fortified 18th century settlement located in the mountains of southern Vermont near the New York border. The settlement was founded by Captain Daniel Shays and his fellow refugees who fled from Massachusetts following the uprising he commanded there in 1787. Incredibly, this lost site of American history lay hidden and untouched for over 200 years until its rediscovery in April 2013.

Steve's lecture on the Shays' Settlement Project weaves together several themes: the tale of the present day archaeological investigation, the history of Shays' Vermont settlement, the story of his heroic life as a captain in the Continental Army, his role in the infamous Shays' Rebellion, and his impact on American law. The discovery of the settlement has revealed a lost piece of American history, and is one of the most significant archaeological sites in Vermont today.

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Artifacts found in the Shays' Settlement Project excavations

Library Lawn Sale

Mark your calendar: The 5th Annual Library Lawn Sale will be held from **8-3 pm** on **Saturday, September 23** at the Town Green, sponsored by the Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library for the benefit of the Library.

Up-cycled treasures, clean and gently used items will be on sale at bargain prices - household, toys, tools, furniture, small appliances, outdoor gear and more. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Want to donate? Donated items will be accepted **Friday, September 22** from **1-6 pm**. Please no clothing, no large appliances, and no mil-dew (or outmoded electronics). If you need to have items transported or for more information, contact Pat Hemenway 235-2421.

Want to Volunteer? We still need volunteers to help price items on Friday and/or sell on Saturday. The more the merrier! Volunteers are invited to join in for an evening meal both Friday and Saturday. Give Pat a call if you want to join the fun.

Thank you, as always, for your on going commitment to the Friends of the Library and our shared mission in supporting our community's special little library.

Harvest Bake Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a Harvest Bake Sale on **September 23, 8 am-noon** - same day as the Lawn Sale - under the portico at the Historical Society. Stop on your way home from the transfer station and treat yourself and your family to some wonderful baked goods made by members of the Friends of the Library. There will be a pumpkin sale and a door prize of a pumpkin table centerpiece as well.

Want to bake? contact Alida at 235-2323 or Maureen at 235-1245. Please bring donation in disposable containers and marked if gluten free or with nuts, Friday from 4-6 pm and Saturday from 7-9 am at the Historical Society.

1st Quarter Property Tax Due Friday, September 15

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks, post-marked on or before 9/15: TOWN TREASURER,
PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757



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The Shays' Settlement Project is led by Steve Butz, educator, writer and archaeologist. With degrees from Cornell University, Steve has taught for 20 years, and has written numerous books on science, technology, and history. Steve's public education project about the settlement includes a summer archaeology field school at the site. Over a hundred students have participated in the program so far, learning techniques in archaeological field-work. The project has been in the national news and was featured on the TV show, *History... Where it Happened*. Steve's book about the project, *Shays' Settlement in Vermont: A Story of Revolt and Archaeology*, is published by The History Press. For more information visit: shayssettlement.org.

The Historical Society dining room is accessible to people with disabilities and all are welcome at this free event. Exhibit rooms will also be open 2-4 pm. For more info, call David Wright at 235-2376.

Town Treasurer Note

To All Property Owners:

1. Property Tax Bills for the new Fiscal Year 17/18 were sent out in early August. If you have not received yours, please contact me to get a copy. Please indicate your property address AND your mailing address.

2. SAVE your property tax bills - even if your mortgage company pays your taxes. You will need this bill when you file your income taxes in April.

3. I will be in the town office on Friday, September 15 from 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm to collect taxes. If you are not available to drop off your taxes then, please mail your taxes to PO Box 1022. Your envelope must be postmarked on or before September 15 to avoid late fees.

4. We accept check and cash as forms of payment. If you are paying cash, PLEASE remit exact change.

5. If you'd like a receipt, please include a stamp, self addressed envelope with your payment.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 235-3256 or mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer



Big Dumpster Day

Saturday, October 7 will be the final **Large Trash and Metal Collection** event of 2017. This will be conducted at 577 West Street (Route 140) across from Parker Water Wells. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction/demolition debris items are acceptable. **No contractors**, please. Hours will be from **6 am-noon**.

Please note that while **metal** waste will be collected without fee, there **will** be a \$5 per vehicle load charge for non-metallic large trash items.

All items containing refrigerants (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.) will be collected at Fort Dumpster only, and a separate disposal fee for handling the refrigerant material will be assessed.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Free Service to residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns (Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven). As a resident of SWAC, you may attend either of the events listed below.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 am-3 pm: Fair Haven Transfer Station on Fair Haven Avenue

Saturday Sept. 23, 8-11:30 am: Rutland Town Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Ext

Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. **Proof of residency required.**

For additional information, including list of accepted hazardous wastes, visit

www.rutlandcountyswac.org, or contact the RC-SWD (802-775-7209), Pam at the SWAC (802-342-5701).

Milestones

Rose Beatrix Kniffin born June 17, 2017
to Hillary Doran and Richard Kniffin

Nalina Wren Bagley born September 2, 2017
to Heidi and Nate Bagley

Library Bookmarks

Community Calendar

It's that time of year when we ask you to (re-) subscribe to the Community Calendar. Also called "the birthday calendar", this long-standing tradition lists many residents' birthdays as well as notices of the regular town boards and committee meetings. Subscribers have the option of including all family members' birthdays and anniversaries. Advertising Sponsors underwrite the production costs of the calendar and their ads highlight many of the businesses in town.

Please contact a Library Trustee with your calendar information.

SUBSCRIBERS: Calendars are \$8.00 in advance OR \$10.00 upon delivery. All Calendars must be pre-ordered. Birthday and anniversary listings are included in price (optional but encouraged). Please use the [form](#) in the 2017 calendar or stop by the Library to pick up a form.

New & Returning SPONSORS: Please consider supporting the Middletown Springs Community Calendar with an ad. Your payment includes an advertisement block on the frame of the calendar visible for all 12 months and one copy of the calendar. Also included: your family's birthdays and anniversaries (optional).

Fees are as follows:

Full size (single block) \$50 Added Color: \$15
Small size (half block) \$25 New Logo: \$15 (one-time fee)
Double size (pre-existing only).... \$100
Extra calendars: \$8 (prepaid)

*new double sized ads available if there is room

The **DEADLINE** for all submissions is **September 25, 2017**. All checks are payable to Middletown Springs Library and may be dropped off at the library or mailed to: Calendar Committee, c/o Middletown Springs Library, PO Box 1206, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Questions? Contact Alida Tarbell (235-2323, randatarbell@vermontel.net), Beth Miller (235-2734, millrams@vermontel.net), Patty McWilliams (235-2900, hermithill@vermontel.net), Diane Rosenmiller (235-9429, drosenmiller@vermontel.net), Kristal Hier (235-1297, kristalhaynes@hotmail.com).

Thank you in advance for support of this worthwhile community fundraiser. The calendar helps strengthen our community and the funds raised will be used to support the town library, its collection and programming.

Vermont READS ...

... *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. This beautiful memoir of the author's childhood written in verse tells the story of a young person finding her voice and examines the strength of family bonds. We have 25 copies of *Brown Girl Dreaming* to circulate and re-circulate for the months of **September and October**.

This is the 15th year of the Vermont Reads program, in which the Vermont Humanities Council invites Vermonters across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to its themes.

Intergenerational Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 17, 7 pm. Pick up a copy of *Brown Girl Dreaming* from the Library to read, and share it with your friends and family. Join us for homemade cookies & hearty conversation. The students in grades 4, 5, 6 at MSES are reading the book in class and are invited to attend this discussion.

Life Writing: writing for life

Sunday, October 29, 2:30 pm. A panel of writers of memoir vignettes, poetry, and journals will speak their experiences in exploring their lives through written words, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. Tea & cookies will be served.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information contact the library at 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Toddler Time

After a summer hiatus, the Library will restart Toddler Time if there is enough interest. This weekly hour is a great opportunity for babies and children not yet in school to come together with their caregivers for stories, songs, and a snack. On **Wednesdays at 9:30 am**, Martha Heitkamp and Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman read and sing songs, and children and their caregivers explore the riches of the Library. Please let us know if you and your child might be interested.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	2-7 pm
Friday	10 am-2 pm
Saturday	10 am-noon

235-2435

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Calendar of Events

September

LABOR DAY	Mon 4		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 5	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 6	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 7	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 11	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 12	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 12	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 14	7 pm	Town Office
School Board	Thurs 14	6 pm	School
Property Tax DUE	Fri 15		Town Office
MSHS Annual Meeting	Sun 17	2 pm	MSHS
First Response	Sun 17	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 21	7 pm	Library
Library Lawn Sale	Sat 23	8 am-3 pm	Town Green
Harvest Bake Sale	Sat 23	9 am-noon	Town Green
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 26	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 27	7 pm	Library
Auditors	Wed 27	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 28	7 pm	Town Office

October

Planning Commission	Mon 2	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 3	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 4	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 5	7 pm	MSHS
MSHS Open House	Sun 8		MSHS
Columbus Day	Mon 9		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 10	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 10	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 12	7 pm	Town Office
School Board	Thurs 12	6 pm	School
First Response	Sun 15	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 17	6:30 pm	Firehouse
VT Reads Discussion	Tues 17	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 19	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 24	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 25	7 pm	Library
Auditors	Wed 25	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 26	7 pm	Town Office
Life Writing Program	Sun 29	2:30 pm	Library
Halloween	Tues 31		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 31	6:30 pm	Firehouse

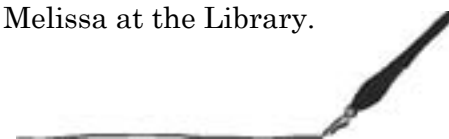
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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:

Middletown Springs Public Library
PO Box 1206
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.*