

middle TOWN NEWS letter

October 2017

Creative Economy Project: Update on Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of Rutland County municipalities, the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, and the Rutland Region Economic Development Corporation. The goal of the initiative is to grow the economy in our region.

Our town group, the Creative Economy Project, is involved with the Regional Marketing Initiative. Since the favorable vote on Town Meeting day to support the regional program, Kathy Letendre and Tom Hurcomb have met several times with the regional group. The regional group leaders Mary Cohen (Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce) and Lyle Jepson (Rutland Region Economic Development Corporation) also came to Middletown Springs and met with our Creative Economy group and our Planning Commission. Our aim is to have Middletown Springs and other small towns well represented in regional efforts like the Regional Marketing Plan.

The Regional Marketing Initiative's advertising agency is Mondo Mediaworks from Brattleboro. Their videographer visited Middletown Springs to take video footage at Sissy's, the Town Green, the school, and other town locations. They also visited other towns in the region, so we don't know if we will be included in the initial advertising videos, but it's a good start. We were glad to be included in their first round of visits.

The Regional Marketing Plan will be unveiled at the Rutland Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on October 19 at the Paramount Theater. Mondo Mediaworks will present the Marketing Plan details and advertising program at that time.

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

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

Museum Open House at MSHS Sunday, October 8, 2-4 pm

The Historical Society's annual Open House includes free tours of the Society's collection storage areas and demonstrations of how artifacts are conserved, accessioned, stored and maintained. This year, Jon Mathewson will show how glass-plate negatives are preserved and stored.

Go behind the scenes and discover the strength of the collection. It is a great time for teachers and home educators to learn about educational resources for the classroom.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments! It is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Jon Mathewson at 235-2561.

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.

FOL's Annual Lawn Sale

Thanks to all the donations, volunteers, and shoppers, the Friends of the Library's Lawn Sale was once again a giant success. All proceeds of the sale will be used by the Friends in support of special projects at the Town Library. The Friends of the Library is a 501c3 non-profit which exists solely to support the library. For more information about the Friends and their mission, click here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByEuP9fj2L54R1VEdVIDU2hHV28>. Or, reach out to any member of the FOL Executive Board; Maureen McCormack, Claudia Gonda, Pat Hemeningway, Ursula Smith, Judy Robinson, Shane Thornton, or Erick Ericksen.

News from the School

Students and staff have had another great start to the school year. The Friends for Education with other community members put on the Community Breakfast for the opening day of school. A lot of work was done on the school over the summer. The last of the old carpet was replaced with new carpet squares, a new drop ceiling was installed in the main office, new wood chips were spread on the playground and a number of classrooms were painted. The school looked good for everyone's return!

Fifth grade students are again attending STARBASE for a five week science program. STARBASE Vermont has served students, teachers and schools since 1994. Their mission is to raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of youth in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). They provide an exciting activity-based curriculum involving hands-on STEM, teambuilding, and healthy choices. One of the most anticipated activities is that students have an opportunity to build and launch rockets. All students will also be attending Castleton State College for two free performances in the next few weeks.

Middletown Springs Elementary students continue to do well on the SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) assessment for reading and math. To supplement the student information from the spring SBAC, the school also does MAP (Measured Academic Progress) three times a year with all students. This provides a way throughout the year to monitor progress and identify academic needs. It is important to have multiple measures to show academic progress by the students.

LAST CALL to order a 2018 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 \$8 in advance or \$10 upon delivery. ALL requests must be received by October 10 so that we know how many calendars to order. Listing your family's birthdays and anniversaries is optional but encouraged. (click here for the [form](#))

Business Sponsors: ad info is due - ASAP!

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

Kristal Hier, Alida Tarbell, Patty McWilliams,
Beth Miller, Diane Rosenmiller - Library Trustees

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 find-



ing 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**. If you have one and have finished reading, please bring it back so others can read it, too.

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 about 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.

Knitting Circle: starts up again after a summer hiatus. Join novice-to-experienced knitters the first Monday of the month (7-9 pm), October through May at the library for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation.

Library Hours

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

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Calendar of Events

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	2-4 pm	MSHS
Columbus Day	Mon 9		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 10	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 10	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs 12	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 12	7 pm	Town Office
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 Rest Stop	Tues 31	5-7pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 31	6:30 pm	Firehouse

November

Building Committee	Wed 1	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 2	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 6	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 7	6:30 pm	Firehouse
School Board	Thurs 9	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 9	7 pm	Town Office
Veterans Day	Sat 11		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 14	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 16	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs 23		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 28	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 29	7 pm	Library
Auditors	Wed 29	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 30	7 pm	Town Office

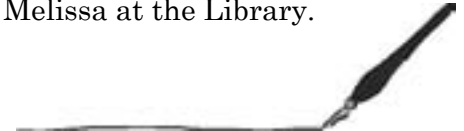
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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.

