

# middle **TOWN NEWS** letter

March 2018

## **TOWN & SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Monday, March 5**

**6:30 pm at the School**

**Note: EARLIER starting time!**

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## **TOWN MEETING VOTE**

**Polls Open - Tuesday, March 6**

**7 am-7 pm, at the Historical Society**

**Note: in new place!**

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## **INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOOD SALE**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

An earlier meeting time doesn't mean you have to skip supper! The Memorial Day Parade committee will have hot dishes and cookies to help tide you over and get you in the mood for meeting. Proceeds will support the 49th annual parade.

## **3rd Quarter Property Tax**

**Due Thursday, March 15**

Jenny Munyak will be in the Town Office that day  
12 pm to 6 pm

Or mail checks, postmarked on for before 3/15:  
Town of Middletown Springs  
attn: TOWN TREASURER  
PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

## **PIE for Breakfast!**

The trustees of the Middletown Springs Public Library have a sure cure for the Wintertime Blues: Pie for Breakfast. On **Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 8 am-11 am**, the trustees will be serving up All You Can Eat PIE for Breakfast with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many different varieties. Pies are both sweet (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate...) and savory (such as quiche, spinach, ham...).

This delicious annual event is so popular that it has outgrown the Library building and the Historical Society, and is now held at the Elementary School. Same scrumptious pies, hot coffee, and fine conversation, just with more elbow room. There will also be a basket-type raffle with over 30 prizes, including maple syrup, books, craft items, housewares, and gift certificates from local businesses.

\$7 for adults; \$4 for children 5-12; under 5 are FREE. All proceeds benefit the Middletown Springs Public Library.

Would you like to donate a pie?!?! Contact Alida at 235-2323 or [randatarbell@vermontel.net](mailto:randatarbell@vermontel.net) and let her know.

For more information, contact the Library at [middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com) or 235-2435.

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## **Library Hours**

<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</b>	<b>2-7 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 am-2 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 am-noon</b>

235-2435

[middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com)

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## **Rabies Clinic**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**1 pm to 2 pm**

at the Middletown Springs Firehouse  
\$8 per animal

Dr. Susan Johnson  
Poultney Veterinary Services

Town Clerk will be available to issue licenses  
before the April 1 deadline.

## Who's on the Ballot?

Town Moderator	1-year term	Kimberly Bushnell
Town Clerk	3-year term	Laura Ann Castle Elizabeth "Beth" Miller
Town Treasurer	3-year term	Jenny Talke Munyak
Town Agent	1-year term	no candidate
First Constable	1-year term	no candidate
Tax Collector	3-year term	Laura Ann Castle
Selectman	3-year term	Carl P. Haynes
Selectman	2-year term	Christopher Fenton
Road Commissioner	3-year term	William (Bill) Reed
Lister	3-year term	Sally Achey
Auditor	3-year term	Sarah Grimm
Library Trustee	two 3-year terms	Kristal Hier Alida Tarbell
Grand Juror	1-year term	David Munyak
Trustee of Copeland Church Fund	three 1-year terms	no candidate
Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund	two 1-year terms	Alice Hoisington Alida Tarbell
Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies	two 3-year terms	Alice Hoisington Patricia McWilliams
Planning Commission	3-year term	no candidate
Planning Commission	2-year term	no candidate
School Director	2-year term	no candidate
School Director	3-year term	Jennelle Carr
School Moderator	1-year term	no candidate

## Town Report 2017

Published each year in February, mailed to residents and posted to the town website, this handy booklet includes current reports & budgets from the Select Board, School Board, Town Committees and Officers as well as the previous year's Town Meeting results and current Warnings for Articles to be voted on at the March Town Meeting.

Check out [How & Why to Read a Town Report](#), published by the Vermont Institute for Government.

## Town Phone Directory

**Reminder:** Please send new listings and changes the new issue of the Town Phone Directory.

Residential Listings - email Pat Hemenway at [ladyh@vermontel.net](mailto:ladyh@vermontel.net) or call 235-2421.

Business Listings - email Kathy Letendre at [kathy@letendreassociates.com](mailto:kathy@letendreassociates.com) or call 235-1369.

Advertising Section - email Leslie Silver at [lsilver@vermontel.net](mailto:lsilver@vermontel.net) or call 235-2335.

Printing and distribution of the Directory are paid for entirely through advertising fees.

Thank you for supporting our town Directory!

*The Directory Volunteers*

## Creative Economy Intern Introduces Herself

Middletown Springs was created originally because the mountains around were difficult to pass over. Since then, farmers and entrepreneurs of all kinds have found their way to this 22.9-square-mile town. How did this small town become so lively, with wonderful opportunities?

A few years ago, the Creative Economy Project was formed through the Planning Commission. This group's purpose is to encourage a community of diverse, creative people who all contribute to the economy and well being of Middletown Springs.

This group had a mission to promote the economic vitality of Middletown Springs as a great place to live, work, and visit. Their goal is to create a platform for community cohesion and strength, creating linkages between individuals, businesses, and community groups. This mission was simple with a flourishing environment such as Middletown Springs.

The Creative Economy group, with its steering committee and volunteer workers, decided that they wanted some new energy on the team and reached out to Castleton University, which was offering an internship. That intern will devote many hours of working with members on the team as well as reaching out to community members and handling multiple tasks.

I eagerly decided to take on that task. My personal long-term goal while interning at the Creative Economy Project is to increase awareness of the creative flow through this town, and to promote and help in any way I can. Some tasks I am taking on include designing and developing the Creative Economy webpage, as well as running the Middletown Springs Community Happenings Facebook page, with more tasks to come. If you're interested in posting any creative insights on our Facebook page, please feel free to contact me through email at [CreativeEconomyMTS@gmail.com](mailto:CreativeEconomyMTS@gmail.com). Patty Kenyon will still be in charge of the town business/election posts.

I am now in my second semester of senior year at Castleton University. I am a Communication major with a concentration of Public Relations and I minor in Marketing. I'm excited for my ideas to flow, and to grow professionally.

I thank you all as a community for being my host in this cheerful town you all call home. Thank you for allowing me to work with a small community with an endearing heart. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting with some of you! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out me at [TAF06280@castleton.edu](mailto:TAF06280@castleton.edu).

*Tori Fischer*

Creative Economy Intern

## Sweet Fun at Maple Festival March 18

Maple lore & demonstrations, sweet treats from local kitchens, a raffle and a silent auction featuring local artists and craftspersons, merchants and professionals all highlight the 30th Annual Maple Festival of the Middletown Springs Historical Society on Sunday, **March 18 from 1-4 pm.**

The event will feature a demonstration of early maple sugarmaking in a cast iron kettle over an open fire. Local sugarmaker Ryan Mahar and historians David Wright and Jon Mathewson will give a presentation on maple sugaring history and current practice using examples from the Historical Society collection.

Delicious maple desserts created by Historical Society members, Vermont maple products and new 2018 syrup will be available for sale. Old-fashioned sugar on snow and maple cotton candy are always favorites.

Acoustic music and kids' activities enliven the free afternoon event. Videos about Vermont maple sugaring will be shown continuously.

Silent auction offers include a stay at a vacation condo; Killington ski & golf passes; a professional ski tune-up; 100 gallons of heating oil; genealogical and natural science research; lessons in billiards/pool, spinning and photography; a basket of wine; a homemade quilt as well as other fine craft items; homemade pies; dining gift certificates and other donations from area businesses. Updates will appear Front Porch Forum

A raffle drawing with many prizes including \$100.00 and \$50.00 in cash, maple syrup and maple products, craft items, and gift certificates from local businesses will go on during the festival.

Museum exhibits on Middletown Springs history are on view during the festival. Admission is free and the building is handicap accessible.

For more information about the Maple Festival call David Wright at 235-2376 or Pat Hemenway at 235-2421.

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**Knitting Circle:** Join novice to experienced knitters the first Monday of the month (7-9 pm), October-May at the Library for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation.

### *Milestones*

#### *Deaths*

**David N. Spring**  
01/19/1948 - 11/15/2017

## A Note from the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 17/18 are due on or before Thursday, **March 15, 2018.**

Please mail your payment to:  
Town Treasurer

PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757.

Envelopes must be postmarked 3/15/18 or earlier to be considered on time, **OR**

The Treasurer will be in the Town Office on Thursday, 3/15 from noon to 6 pm to collect tax payments (please note this is a time change from what was noted on your tax bill), **OR**

Tax payments can be dropped off at the town office during open hours. There is a drop box for these remittances. If you require a receipt, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope with your remittance.

Tax payments received or postmarked AFTER 3/15 are considered LATE. Late payments will incur interest of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1.5% per month for each month thereafter until payment is remitted.

Please plan in advance to remit your tax payment on a timely basis.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 235-3256 or [mtstreasurer@vermontel.net](mailto:mtstreasurer@vermontel.net)

Thank you,  
*Jenny Talke Munyak*

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## Seed Swap Begins March 12

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!

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## FOL Notice

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **Tuesday, March 20, at 7 pm**, for their regular monthly meeting and to discuss plans for their upcoming Gardening Festival. All interested are welcome to attend.

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## Sunday Basketball Open Gym

Sundays through April(ish)  
4 - 6pm

MSES Gymnasium  
All ages and abilities welcome

Contact Justin Hier for more info  
235-1297 or [justinhier@hotmail.com](mailto:justinhier@hotmail.com)

# Calendar of Events

## March

Historical Society	Thurs 1	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 5	4 pm	Town Office
<b>Town/School Info Meeting</b>	<b>Mon 5</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Town Meeting VOTE</b>	<b>Tues 6</b>	<b>7 am-7 pm</b>	<b>MSHS</b>
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
<b>Pie For Breakfast</b>	<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>8-11 am</b>	<b>School</b>
Daylight Savings	Sun 11		
Knitting Circle	Mon 12	7-9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 13	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>Property Tax Due</b>	<b>Thurs 15</b>		
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7 pm	Library
<b>Maple Festival</b>	<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>1 pm - 4 pm</b>	<b>MSHS</b>
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

## April

Planning Commission	Mon 2	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 2	7-9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 3	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 4	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 5	7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 10	6:30 pm	Firehouse
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
Building Committee	Thurs 19	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 24	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 25	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 26	7 pm	Town Office

*Calendar Events – subject to change.*

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

## Important Reminder New Time . . . New Place

**Town Informational Meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> and starts at 6:30 pm at the Elementary School and**

**Voting is March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7 am to 7 pm at the Middletown Springs Historical Society (NOT the Fire House).**

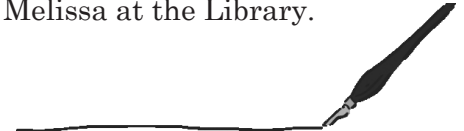
## TOWN NEWSLETTER

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](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.

