

middle TOWN NEWS letter

June 2018

Strawberry Festival

Local artists, crafts-makers and musicians will join Historical Society volunteers to present the 43rd Annual Middletown Springs Strawberry Festival. Admission is free.

Strawberry lovers are invited on Sunday, June 24 from 2 to 4 pm to the Historical Society on the Green. The festival features delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh local strawberries, homemade biscuits, vanilla ice cream and whipped cream, along with iced tea, lemonade or coffee.

Local artists and craftspeople will display and sell their work. They will include such items as maple products, jewelry, knitted socks, honey, beeswax products and photography.

Paul Morgan and friends enliven the afternoon with acoustic music, and there will be children's activities.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, as well as on Sunday afternoons through October. Admission is free.

On view in the Museum is the exhibit, "Saving Sylvanus", about Sylvanus Haynes (1768- 1826), the first pastor of the Baptist church in Middletown. In addition are exhibits on the Montvert Hotel and Mineral Springs, and the Middletown History Timeline.

The Mineral Springs Park, located nearby, is open every day, year round.

For more information, contact Pat Hemenway at 235-2421 or David Wright at 235-2376.



Swim Lessons at Crystal Beach June 25 - July 6

10:00-10:30 Begin with survival swimming, releases from holds in deep water, lifts to the dock of victims and swimming fully clothed, basic tows of victims in deep water

10:30-11:00 Level 5: Stroke perfection, deep water work, diving-distance

11:00- 11:30 Level 4 Stroke enhancement, endurance, new strokes

11:30-12:00 Level 4: Stroke enhancement, diving, endurance- new strokes

12:00-12:30 Level 3: Introduction breast/side strokes, dolphin kick arm-leg skill

12:30-1:00 Level 3: Working on crawl strokes and breathing and above skills

1:00-1:30 Adult and Child: Fun in water activities to ease the child to swim

1:30-2:00 Level 2: Intro to the crawl stroke front and back and whip kick

2:00-2:30 Level 2: Also introduction of rhythmic breathing must be able to paddle

2:30-3:00 Level 1/2 : young swimmers who can paddle and work independently with the instructor but do not swim any distance or back float yet

3:00-3:30 Level 1: non-swimmer must be able to work without a parent

3:30-4:00 Level 1: non swimmer may still need a parent

Registration/Permission Forms are available, click [here](#) or at Grant's Village Store.

If you have a question on the Level or Class to enroll your child, feel free to call me @ 273-3627.

**The Library will be
CLOSED
for carpet installation
beginning Monday, June 18,
for the week.**

Property Taxes

Property Tax payments for the 4th and FINAL Quarter of Fiscal Year 17/18 are **due on or before Friday, June 15, 2018.**

Tax payments received or postmarked AFTER 6/15/18 are considered LATE and DELINQUENT. An 8% penalty will be imposed if taxes are received or postmarked after June 15 and will be forwarded to the Delinquent Tax Collector, Laura Castle.

Please mail your payment to: Town Treasurer, PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757. Envelopes must be postmarked 6/15/18 or earlier to be considered on time.

OR: The Treasurer will be in the Town Office on Friday, 6/15 from noon to 6pm 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.

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.

Thank you.

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

PARADE!!

THANKS TO EVERYONE, Middletown Springs put on an energetic and colorful 49th annual Memorial Day parade. The parade committee is grateful for all who participated — by marching, creating a float, watching, attending the ceremony on the Green. WE ALL made it good! There are a few people whose efforts were above and beyond, and without whom the parade would not have happened: Bob Bruttomesso, Terry Redfield, Linda Peavy, Karen Castle, and Kathy Letendre, your service is deeply appreciated. Thanks to the MSVFD for anchoring the food tent, and to all the volunteers who helped with set up and take down, and who participated in leading the ceremonies. Alice Hoisington's presence at just the right moments during set-up and line-up was perfect timing - thank you! The committee is meeting Thursday June 7 at the Library at 7:00 to debrief and set plans for the 50th annual Parade on May 26, 2019. All are welcome.

School News

The school's sixth graders spent three days in Washington, DC touring our nation's capitol. It was a wonderful experience for all. The students enjoyed riding Amtrak from Rutland to New York City and then Washington DC. We visited some of the Smithsonian Museums (unfortunately, we did not have enough time to see them all), Arlington Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, the National Zoo, and Senator Leahy's office (with a tour of the Capitol). We also enjoyed a night tour of the monuments and so much more. Each of the students had an opportunity to guide the group on the subway destinations. While on the trip, Ms. Jenn and I (and the students) received many compliments from people on the children's behavior and respectfulness. The students did well representing our school, and our staff looks forward to taking another group next year.

There will be quite a lot of work happening at the school over the next few weeks. Much-needed new siding is being installed on the school's addition and new linoleum is being installed in the entryway and hallway near the kitchen. As always, there will be a lot of activity as we begin to prepare for next school year.

Students in K-6 will be taking a whole-school field trip to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) on June 4th. VINS provides an excellent hands-on science learning experience. In the past, MSES has been very fortunate to have had VINS come to our school for raptor and amphibian presentations.

The students are excited to have an opportunity to spend the day at their campus.

Upcoming Events:

- 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony/Celebration – June 11th at 6:30pm
- End-of-Year Lake Day Field Trip to Crystal Beach – June 15th
- Annual Celebration of Success Ceremony – June 18th at 10:00am

FOL Notice

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **June 12 at 7 pm** for their regular monthly meeting. All interested are welcome to attend.

Summer @ the Library



Summer Challenge x 3

Memorial Day to Labor Day
Adults, Teens, Children

Genre Bingo!

Pick up a Bingo Card from the Library. Challenge yourself to read outside your favorite genres. Ask librarian on duty for book suggestions. Once you've read five (5) in a row in any direction, return your card to the library to be entered to win.

Adults (19+) — \$50 gift certificate to Table 24.

Teens/pre-teens (10-18) — a gift certificate to the movie theater in Rutland (2 tickets & 1 large popcorn)

"Libraries Rock" Bingo

Open to children preK- age 9. Pick up a Bingo Card from the Library. Complete 8 of the 11 activities, return the card to the library for verification and a sweet surprise. Enter to win one of two prizes.

Family Fun Tie-Dye Day: Saturday, July 7

Stop in and learn from a master tie-dyer. Bring a white t-shirt, handkerchief, or other fabric item to the library on Saturday, July 1, 10 am-1 pm and Jen Dattoli will be here to help you tie & dye! Hearts, stars, and peace signs are her specialty, or go for a free-form riot of color. Rain or shine on the Library Lawn (under a tent if need be).

Thank you for your patience...

This edition of the "middle Town News letter" is late due to events beyond our control.

Summer Programs

Lego Club: July 16-July 30

Three Mondays, 10-11:00 am

Open to Lego Builders of all ages. Stop in and build with other Lego enthusiasts. A Duplo corner will also be available for the youngest builders. Under 6, please bring a responsible assistant builder. Snack provided.

Story Hour: July 11 - Aug 1

Four Wednesdays at 9:30 am

An AWESOME hour of stories & fun things to do... and a snack! Designed for kids ages 4-8; younger children are welcome with a responsible caregiver.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Tues, July 31

Drop off between 2-7 pm. Return the next day for pick up and to see photos of all the fun the animals had.

Join your stuffed animal for our **Teddy Bear Breakfast at 9:30 am on Wednesday, August 1** and stay through for Story Hour. Mini muffins and fruit are sure to be on the menu. Alternate pick-up option is 2-7 pm. Stuffed animals should be confident sleeping away from their human for the night.

Reel Fiction (book & movie discussion)

Read High Fidelity by Nick Hornby during the month of August. Meet with others to watch the movie in September. High Fidelity is a wise and hilarious novel about love, heartbreak, and rock and roll. Open to adult readers. Dates to be determined by the group. Please sign up before July 20 to give the Library time to request the books from other libraries.

Library Hours

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

235-2435

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

June

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| Library Book Sale | Sat 2 | 8-3 pm | MSHS |
| Library Book Sale | Sun 3 | 10-3 pm | |
| MSHS | | | |
| Planning Commission | Mon 4 | 4 pm | Town Office |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 5 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Building Committee | Wed 6 | 7 pm | Library |
| Historical Society | Thurs 7 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 12 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Friends of the Library | Tues 12 | 7 pm | Library |
| School Board | Thurs 14 | 6 pm | School |
| Selectboard | Thurs 14 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Property Tax DUE | Fri 15 | | |
| First Response | Sun 17 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 19 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Building Committee | Thurs 21 | 7 pm | Library |
| Strawberry Festival | Sun 24 | | MSHS |
| Swim Lessons begin | Mon 25 | | Crystal Beach |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 26 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Library Trustees | Wed 27 | 7 pm | Library |
| Selectboard | Thurs 28 | 7 pm | Town Office |

July

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| Planning Commission | Mon 2 | 4 pm | Town Office |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 3 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |
| Historical Society | Thurs 5 | 7 pm | MSHS |
| Tie-Dye Day | Sat 7 | 10 am-1 pm | Library |
| 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 |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues 31 | 6:30 pm | Firehouse |

Calendar Events – subject to change.

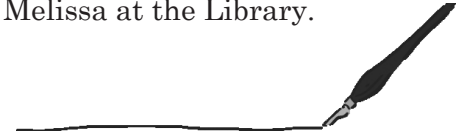
When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

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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PO Box 1206

Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

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

