

middle TOWN NEWS letter

November 2018



Spaghetti Dinner!

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is happening on Friday, November 9 at Middletown Springs Elementary School from 5 - 7 pm, to benefit the 6th grade field trip to Washington DC. Homemade spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert will be served by the 6th graders.

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids 5-12 and senior citizens, and children under 5 are free! And take-out will be available!!

There will also be raffle tickets available for purchase to win great prizes like: tickets to see the Boston Bruins, a cord of firewood, complete furnace cleaning, yeti tumbler, autographed hockey puck, gardening supplies, a lamp, fleece pullover, and \$50 in cash! Come out and support the 6th grade class.



Holiday Craft Fair

Middletown Springs harbors its share of renowned artists and crafters; their wares as well as many others' will be for sale on Sunday, December 2 at the Middletown Springs Elementary School, 10 am - 3 pm, at the 24th annual Holiday Craft Fair.

The organizers have brought together over 30 vendors of fine arts and crafts ranging from Peter Huntoon prints, Rising Meadow pottery and Sissy's Kitchen goodies to Filthy Farmgirl soaps, David Munk fine woodwork, handmade candies, Mahar Maple products, M&M Labate honey and beeswax products, Morgan Mountain Organics and Yoder Farm goods. Also on the roster are fabric artists, jewelers, woodland wreaths, cards and collages, knitted goods, and clothing accessories - this one-stop shop will enable you to cross off lots from your gift list! Plan to come for a while to enjoy warming soups and stews, drinks and sweets. All proceeds from the kitchen as well as vendor fees will benefit the Middletown Springs Memorial Parade which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

For more information: contact Beth Miller at millrams@vermontel.net.

General Election



Tuesday, November 6
Polls open 7 am-7 pm
at the Historical Society

Voter Registration

New to town or newly 18... register to vote. Voter registration forms available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Library. **Deadline to register to vote is November 6.** If your name is not on the checklist you may be asked to fill out another Voter's Registration form at the polls. More information about voting in Vermont is available on the [Secretary of State's website](#).

Town Office Hours:

Mon 9-12 & 1-4
Tues 9-12 & 1-4
Fri 1-4
Sat 9-12

Library Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed 2-7
Fri 10-2
Sat 10-12

Rides to the Polls



In the interest of seeing that everyone votes on November 6, several Middletowners have volunteered to take those who will need a ride to the polling place at the Historical Society on the Green, and home again. Should you need some help, please call one of the following volunteers who will be available at the times below.

Your vote is your voice!!!

7 - 9 am Nora Rubinstein: 235-2093
9 - 11 am Nita Clay: 235-2651
11 am - 2:45 pm Rosemary Moser: 235-2209
11 am - 3 pm Don Hemenway: 235-2421
3 - 5 pm Kathleen Feeley: 235-2131
5 - 7 pm Jason Cook: 235-1178
3 - 7 pm Pat Hemenway: 235-2421



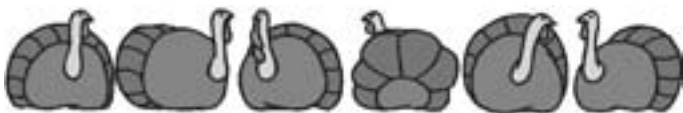
Fire Safety & MSVFD News

Fall is officially here, and the nights have turned much colder. Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Please take the time to change the batteries in your detectors. It is that time of year to start firing up your wood stoves and heat sources. Please clean your chimney and furnaces. We understand cost of wood, heating fuel, propane, and pellets are all large expenses at this time of year, but they are so much safer than small portable heaters. Small portable heaters are a large cause of house fires. If you have questions regarding your heat source, home detectors, fire extinguishers, etc., please contact MSVFD. We want everyone to be safe and warm this season.

An informative community dinner will be scheduled in the near future. The community dinner will cover fire safety, firehouse information, and a summary of the year thus far. We are working on a live demonstration, which will show just how quickly a room and contents fire can start, and what to do in the case of grease fire. There will be more to come on this in the near future.

The MSVFD Gun Raffle is currently underway! The MSVFD is selling raffle tickets for a Browning .308 rifle. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at Grant's Village Store or through any MSVFD member or Board of Trustees member.

Lastly, MSVFD will be hosting Breakfast With Santa again this year! This is always a fun and tasty event for all ages. The location of the event has changed this year. Breakfast With Santa will be at the Middletown Springs Elementary School.



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 info, call 287-9558.

School News

MSES is beginning the transition to a Learner-Centered Model of education which is the current best practice of personalized learning and flexible pathways for showing understanding. The Learner-Centered model is designed to help students become self-directed learners. Students "learn how to learn" by engaging in more self-directed learning with the teacher being the "guide on the side" to support them. Students track their own progress and are aware of where they are in their learning. The model includes choice: students regularly reflect about themselves as learners and apply that knowledge by making choices on when to learn (menu of options), where to learn (group or individually), and how to demonstrate their learning (electronically, artwork, writing, etc.). This model will help our students become confident learners and collaborative individuals, which is what we want for all our children. It is exciting to see the students embracing the model at all grade levels.

A part of our Learner-Centered Model is the creation of a Makerspace. Its purpose has been defined in the simplest of terms as "a place where young people have an opportunity to explore their own interests; learn to use tools and materials, both physical and virtual; and develop creative projects." Makerspace gives students options for demonstrating their knowledge and understanding. The school would like to thank all the community members who have made contributions of materials/tools for our older grade level space. Our goal is to have two spaces: one for older grades and one for younger grades. We are looking for someone who would volunteer to help out with the younger group. Please call the school at 235-2365 if you are interested.

22nd Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday
November 9
5 to 7 pm



Middletown Springs Elementary School
Support the 6th Grade Class Trip to D.C.

FOL Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library will be holding their annual meeting on **Sunday, November 11 at 4 pm** at the Historical Society Dining Room.

Anyone is invited to attend and we hope that many members will come to elect new officers, amend by-laws, celebrate the many accomplishments of this past year and share ideas for next year. Join us after for chili.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen at 802-235-1245 or moe@vermontel.net.

VT Reads 2018 *Bread and Roses, Too*



Have you read the book? Now meet the author! Attend the **Author Talk with Katherine Paterson** at the **Rutland Library** on **Wednesday, November 7, at 7 pm**. As part of the Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesday programs, this event is also free and open to the public.

Haven't read it yet? Stop in to the Library and pick up a copy.

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



Knitting Circle

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. Other fiber arts are welcome, bring your crochet, felting, stitchwork, etc. More info - call Lois at 235-2374.

Toddler Time at the Library

Join Melissa & Martha for Stories and Songs on **Mondays at 10:30 am**
[note corrected time]

5-week session:

Nov 19 - Dec 17

For little children and their caregivers, come to one... come to them all! Free and open to the public. More info: 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com



Fall into a Good Book

New & New-to-us Books at the Library

Fiction

Transcription by Kate Atkinson
Lethal White by Robert Galbraith
The Reckoning by John Grisham
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
Forbidden Door by Dean Koontz
Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating by Christina Lauren
Before We Sleep by Jeffery Lent
Winter Soldier by Daniel Mason
Bury the Lead by Archer Mayor
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult
In His Father's Footsteps by Danielle Steele
Lake Success by Gary Shteyngart
Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks
Clock Dance by Anne Tyler

Non-Fiction

Last of the Hill Farms by Richard W. Brown
North American Birdfeeder Handbook by Robert Burton
Killing the Deep State by Jerome Corsi
Going Up the Country by Yvonne Daley
In Pieces by Sally Field
Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin
The Good Neighbor, life and work of Fred Rogers
by Maxwell King
These Truths by Jill Lepore
The Restless Wave by John McCain
The Library Book by Susan Orleans
Native Plants by Mark Richardson
This is How I Save my Life by Amy Scher
Girl rising : changing the world one girl at a time
by Tanya Lee Stone
Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen
by Jose Antonio Vargas
Educated by Tara Westover
Fear by Bob Woodward

New Children's

Narwhal Peanut Butter and Jelly by Ben Clanton
Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt by Ben Clanton
Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree by Eileen Christelow
Dog Man Lord of the Fleas by Dav Pilkey
Shortcut by Mark Teague

Library Hours

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

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Calendar of Events

November

Historical Society	Thurs 1	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 5	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 5	7-9 pm	Library
General Election	Tues 6	7 am-7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 6	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 7	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 7	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 8	7 pm	Town Office
Spaghetti Dinner	Fri 9	tba	School
FOL Annual Meeting	Sun 11	4 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 13	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Toddler Time re-starts	Mon 19	9:30 am	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 20	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Mon 26	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 27	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Selectboard	Thurs 29	7 pm	Town Office

December

Holiday Craft Fair	Sun 2	10 am-3 pm	School
Planning Commission	Mon 3	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 3	7-9 pm	Library
Wells Springs Board	Tues 4	6 pm	Wells School
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 5	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 11	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Selectboard	Thurs 13	7 pm	Town Office
PROPERTY TAX DUE	Sat 15		Town Office
First Response	Sun 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 20	7 pm	Library
Library Trustees	Wed 26	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 27	7 pm	Town Office

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

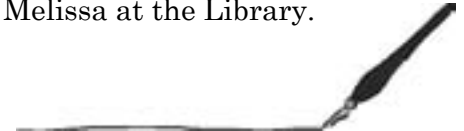
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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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Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

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



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