

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

## December 2018

### Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, Dec. 2

10 am - 3 pm

at the school



Over 30 vendors of fine arts and crafts. Delicious soups, stews, and baked goods for sale, benefiting the Memorial Day Parade.

### Santa Claus Is Coming



On **Saturday, December 1**, the MSVFD will host their annual **Breakfast with Santa**. At 9 am, Santa will ride atop a fire truck from the

Firehouse to the School. There you can enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa. There will also be holiday music and craft making. Children may sit with Santa and tell him their wishes. They will also receive a gift bag and reindeer food to put out on Christmas Eve. Parents and children will also be able to write letters to Santa and place them in the Magic Mailbox and receive a personalized letter from Santa just before Christmas.

Bring your Christmas lists and your cameras! Breakfast is \$6.00 per person. Kids 10 and under are **FREE!!!**



### Christmas in the Park

Celebrate the season at the annual *Christmas in the Park*, to be held on **Sunday, December 9, at 6 pm** on the green in Middletown Springs. Join us for the live Nativity followed by caroling and the lighting of the Christmas tree. All are welcome to take part as shepherds or angels. Then warm up by the fire and enjoy some delicious treats and good conversation. Donations of cookies always appreciated. For more information, contact Rita at 235-2436.

### Historical Society Receives Publication Award for Historic District Book

At the annual meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums held in Woodstock on October 27, the Vermont Historical Society presented the LLHS&M Awards recognizing the exceptional work being done by individuals and organizations throughout the state in collecting, preserving, and sharing Vermont's rich history. Eight organizational awards and five individual awards were presented this year.

The **Middletown Springs Historical Society** received an **Award of Merit for Publications** for the book, *Middletown Springs Historic District*, published in December 2017. Judges commented that it was "a beautiful, well put together publication and noted that it "updated an existing, well used resource in a new way."



David Wright (left) accepts the award on behalf of the Historical Society.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Property Tax

**Due Saturday, December 15**

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks,  
**postmarked on or before 12/15 to:**

TOWN TREASURER

PO Box 1022

Middletown Springs, VT 05757

## Invitation for Proposals for 2018 Town Report

The Town of Middletown Springs invites any interested person or business to **submit a proposal for the layout and design** of the 2018 Town Report. An electronic copy of the 2017 Town Report is available on the Middletown Springs website, [middletownsprings.vt.gov](http://middletownsprings.vt.gov), or pick up a hard copy at the Town Clerk's office.

This project requires close coordination with the Town Clerk, members of the Selectboard, and other elected officials and volunteer organizations in gathering and organizing information. The selected vendor will need to scan and/or transcribe hard-copy documents for inclusion in the electronic file, as well as modify the format of Microsoft Word, Excel, and other files to fit the final layout plan. This will require visits to the Town Clerk's office to pick up documents as they become available and active e-mail access to receive electronic materials. Past years' layout and design work have taken approximately 35-50 hours.

It is expected that the selected vendor will deliver a print-ready electronic document to the Town's selected printing contractor during the first week of February 2019. The Town will be responsible for printing and mailing the final report by its deadline of February 22. Proposals should include a fixed-fee or hourly cost for layout, design, and coordination as described above; designate the layout/design software that they will use; and include at least one sample of a prior project they have completed that is similar in scope (either in paper or in PDF electronic version).

Proposals are due at the Middletown Springs Town Office by 4 pm on Friday, December 7, 2018. If you have any questions about this request for proposals, please contact Selectboard Chair Chris Fenton or Selectboard Clerk Herb Childress.

## Newly Appointed Delinquent Tax Collector

On November 20, the Middletown Springs Selectboard **voted to appoint Debra House** as the Town's interim Delinquent Tax Collector, until an election for the position can be held at Town Meeting 2019.

From the Vermont Handbook for Collector of Delinquent Taxes: "The collector of delinquent taxes plays a vital role in ensuring that town property taxes are paid by all of the taxpayers of the town. It is the delinquent tax collector's job to notify taxpayers when their taxes are overdue, to make arrangements for late payments, and to take formal collection actions,

including conducting tax sales of the property, when necessary. Finally, it is the obligation of the collector of delinquent taxes to keep records of all delinquent accounts and to provide an accounting of these records to the locally elected auditors for inclusion in the annual report of the town."

If you need to interact with the delinquent tax collector, you can contact Ms. House in the following ways:

- by e-mail, at [dte.middletownsprings@gmail.com](mailto:dte.middletownsprings@gmail.com)
- by telephone (9am-4pm) at 236-7618
- by telephone (7pm-9pm) at 235-2579
- by US mail at 40 Meadow Brook Lane, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

The Selectboard would like to thank Debra House for stepping forward to take on this important position.

## From the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 18/19 are due on or before Saturday, December 15, 2018. The Treasurer will be **in the Town Office on Saturday, December 15, 2018, from 9 am to 2 pm** to collect tax payments. Or, **Mail your payment to:** Town Treasurer, PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757.



Envelopes must be postmarked 12/15/18 or earlier to be considered on time. **Tax payments received or postmarked AFTER 12/15 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 [mtstreasurer@vermontel.net](mailto:mtstreasurer@vermontel.net) or 235-3256. Thank you, Jenny Talke Munyak

## Ski, Snowboard, or Skate

Once again students at the Elementary School will be heading to the mountain this winter. The School was **awarded a grant for \$4,000 from the Share Winter Foundation** that will help cover lessons, equipment, and busing costs for skiing and snowboarding at Pico. Students will also have the option for skating. The program begins in January and runs weekly for six weeks.

## FOL Meeting

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **Tuesday, December 11, at 7 pm** for their regular monthly meeting. All interested are welcome to attend. More info - call Ashley at 235-3000.

## Community Calendar

Last call for pre-payment! If you ordered a 2019 Community Calendar and want the advanced price of \$8, now is the time to get your payment to the Library. Once the calendars arrive from the printers, the price goes to \$10.

We always order a few extra calendars so if you didn't order one and want one, let us know. Many thanks to the advertisers who support our community calendar. The calendar helps strengthen our community, and the funds raised will be used to support the Town Library, its collection and programming.

Thank you for your support!

Your Library Trustees:

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## Homebound Service

The Library provides **delivery service of books and movies** to those who are unable to visit the Library, whether on a temporary or a permanent basis. Large print and audiobooks are also available. Call the Library at 235-2435 or E-mail [middletownspring-library@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspring-library@gmail.com) to place a request. The [Library collection](#) can be viewed online at the Library's website (<https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com/>).

Not sure what you want? Talk with Melissa or Kimberly and they will help connect you with something new to read or watch.



## 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.**

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



## A Note of Gratitude

We would like to extend our heartfelt *Thank You* to everyone for all the love, prayers, healing thoughts, cards, calls, and messages. What a blessing to live in a small town.

*Rodney & Alida Tarbell*

## Snowshoes at the Library



SNOWSHOES at the Library?

Check them out!!!

The Library has 4 pairs of adult shoes (2 men's & 2 women's, 4 pairs of poles) and 6 pairs of children's snowshoes to circulate. They go out for three days at a time like the park passes. The person checking them out must be 18+ and is responsible for any pairs checked out. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## New at the Library

### MOVIES

*Mama Mia! Here We Go Again*

*Maudie*

*The Mountain Between Us*

### FICTION

*The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden

*A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*

by Robert Olen Butler

*Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan

*The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse*

by Louise Erdrich

*Look Alive Twenty-Five* by Janet Evanovich

*Berlin* by Jason Lutes (graphic novel)

*Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty

### NON-FICTION

*Old Farmer's Almanac*

*White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama

*No One Cares about Crazy People* by Ron Powers

*Deluge* by Peggy Shinn

### CHILDREN'S

*Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton

*Tricking the Tallyman* by Jacqueline Davies

*Calamity Jack* by Shannon Hale

*Sally Goes to the Mountains* by Stephen Huneck

*Dragonwatch* by Brandon Mull

*Wrath of the Dragon King* by Brandon Mull

## Library Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** 2-7 pm

**Friday** 10 am-2 pm

**Saturday** 10 am-noon

235-2435

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



# Calendar of Events

## December

<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>	Sat 1	9 am	School
<b>Holiday Craft Fair</b>	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
<b>Christmas in the Park</b>	Sun 9	6 pm	<b>The Green</b>
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 11	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 11	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 13	7 pm	Town Office
<b>PROPERTY TAX DUE</b>	Sat 15		<b>Town Office</b>
First Response	Sun 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Mon 17	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 20	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 27	7 pm	Town Office

## January

Fire Dept. Training	Tues 1	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 2	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 2	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 3	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 7	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 7	7-9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 8	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 8	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 10	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 15	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 17	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 20	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 22	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 23	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 24	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 29	6:30 pm	Firehouse

*Calendar Events – subject to change.*

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

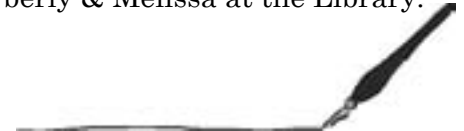
## TOWN NEWSLETTER

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 e-mail 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 e-mail [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.

## Town Phone Directory

Extra copies of the 2018-2020 Town Directory (with the light blue cover) are available at the Town Office and at the Library. If you are new to town, please stop by either location for your complimentary copy. If you have already received a copy but would like another, additional copies may be purchased for \$2.

While the next edition of the Directory will not come out for several years, Kimberly at the Library continually accepts changes and updates.

