

middle **TOWN NEWS** letter

February 2019

Town & School District VOTE!

Tuesday, March 5
7 am - 7 pm Polls are open
at the **Historical Society**
Note the location!

Wells Springs School **District Pre-Vote Meetings**

The Wells Springs School Board invites you to the following community events:

Community Forum: School Budget
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Wells Village School
5:30 pm (dinner provided)
6:15 pm (meeting)

Annual Meeting: School Budget
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Middletown Springs Elementary School
6:30 pm (dinner provided)
7 pm (meeting)

[Wells Springs UUSD Warning](#) available on the town website in the left side border of the main page.

Town Meeting
Informational Meeting
Monday, March 4
6:30 pm at the school
Note the starting time!

[Town Warning 2019](#) is available on the town website in the left side border of the main page.

Meet the Candidates **Sunday, February 24** **2 pm at the Library**

Join us for an informative afternoon. Candidates for school and town positions will be invited to come and talk about their interest in serving. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their reasons for running.

Delicious refreshments will be served. Hosted by the Library Board of Trustees

Questions: 235-2435 or
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Town Report 2018

Published each year in February, mailed to residents and posted to the town website, this handy booklet includes current reports and 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. Coming soon!

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

Pie for Breakfast **Saturday, March 9, 2019**

8 - 11 am
at the School

Benefits the Library!
More details on page 3.



3rd Qtr Taxes Coming DUE!

Third Quarter Property Tax Installment is due on or before **March 15, 2019**.

More information on page 2.

From the Town Treasurer:

3rd Quarter **Property Taxes** are due next month. Mark your calendars and plan ahead to remit them **on or before March 15, 2019.**



You can remit your taxes in person, or mail them with a March 15 or earlier postmark. Remember any taxes remitted or postmarked after the 15th will immediately incur a 1% interest charge.

The Treasurer will be at the town office to collect your taxes on Friday, March 15, from 1 - 6 pm.

Tax payments should be paid to: The Town of Middletown Springs and mailed to PO Box 1022. If you are paying in cash, please bring exact change.

On another note, as you prepare your income taxes for the government, please also remember that you need to **submit your homestead declaration form to the state by April 15, 2019.** Your declaration will affect your new tax rate for FY19/20, and failure to comply on time may incur penalties. For more information regarding the homestead declaration, please contact the Vermont Department of Taxes, or visit their website at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>

Thank You!

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

Building Committee

Please see the links below for the latest update from the Building Committee and to view the Listening Tour Report by CPG Enterprises. In September the Selectboard approved a contract with CPG to assist the BC with their fundraising efforts, the Listening Tour was the first phase of that contract.

The Building Committee meets the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the library and meetings are open to the public.

Link to FPF post: https://frontporchforum.com/areas/166/issues/1510#anchor_post_1880860

Link to Listening Tour Report: <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Listening-Tour-Report-1.pdf>

Library Hours

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

235-2435

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Candidates for Office

Auditor (3 year)	Juanita Burch-Clay
Delinquent Tax Collector	Debra House
(remaining two years of a three-year term)	
Library Trustee (3 year)	Beth Miller
Lister (3 year)	Patricia Hemenway
School Board (3 years)	George Gonda
School Board	Rachel Martelle
(remaining two years of a three-year term)	
Selectboard (2 year)	Terry A. Redfield
Selectboard (3 year)	Patty Kenyon
Town Moderator (1 year)	Kimberly Bushnell
Trustee of Public Monies	Beth Miller
(remaining two years of a three-year term)	



Library Seed Swap!

Seed Swap is open for business!

Hate this weather? Dreaming of spring?

Spend a little time planning your garden.

There are lots delicious varieties from many local gardeners. The Seed Swap is made even more abundant with recent donations from Biondi's Florist & Greenhouses and High Mowing Seeds.

Contributing your extra seeds is great, but not required. Simply take what you think you will use and drop off any extra seeds you have to share.

While you are there, check out the Library's collection of books on gardening and backyard projects. Take several home, cozy up to the woodstove, and dream of warmer, greener days to come.



Lego Club

Winter Break from school means

Legos at the Library! Build with other

Lego enthusiasts on **Wednesday, February 20, 10 - 11:30 am.** Lego Club is open to lego builders of all ages. A Duplo corner will also be available for the youngest builders. Under 6 years old - please bring a responsible assistant builder with you. Snack provided.

More info: 235-2435 or

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Toddler Time

Join Melissa & Martha for stories and songs on **Mondays at 10:30 am** at the Library.

5-week session:

Jan 7 - Feb 11

Mar 4 - Apr 8

For little children and their caregivers, come to one, come to them all! Free and open to the public.

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Scrabble Nights

Join other Scrabble players on first Tuesdays and third Mondays. In February that translates to:

Tuesday, February 5, at 7 pm

Monday, February 18, at 7 pm

Come to one or both. For more information: 235-2435 or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.



Knitting Circle

Join novice-to-experienced knitters the **first Monday of the month, October through May from 7-9 pm**, at the Library for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation. Other fiber arts are welcome: bring your crochet, felting, stitchwork, etc. For more info, call Lois at 235-2374.

New Books at the Library

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom

by David Blight

Sabrina by Nick Drnaso

Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston

Circe by Madeline Miller

This is the Way the World Ends by Jeff Nesbit

Upstream by Mary Oliver

On the Move by Oliver Sacks

Snowshoes at the Library



SNOWSHOES at the Library? Check them out!!!

The Library has 5 pairs of adult shoes (3 men's & 2 women's, 5 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.

Blind Date with a Book

Opening up a new book can be like going on a blind date. From **now until February 27** stop by the Library and select your "date" from the display of wrapped books. While you are pondering the selection enjoy a sweet treat provided by the Trustees and Friends. Check out your "date" sight unseen and don't unwrap it until you get home! Give your "date" a chance by reading at least 50 pages. If there is chemistry read it all! If not, there will be no hard feelings; it's just a book after all. Simply return it.

Each book comes with a rating card on which to score your date. Everything from "I love this book so much, I want to marry it!" to "DNF = Did Not Finish: escape-the-restaurant-through-the-bathroom-window level of awful." Every returned score card will be entered in a raffle for a box of chocolates.

Books are available for readers of all ages: adults, teens, kids, and tots.

Take a chance ... who knows, you might just fall in love!

PIE for Breakfast!

The Library's Pie for Breakfast is **Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 8-11 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, pot pies, pizza). Yum!!

This delicious annual event is so popular that it outgrew the Library building and the Historical Society, and will be held again at the Elementary School. Same scrumptious pies, hot coffee, and fine conversation, with plenty of 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 contribute to the success of this event and donate a pie? Contact Alida at 235-2323 or randatarbell@vermontel.net and let her know.

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

FOL Meeting

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **Tuesday, February 12 at 7 pm**. All interested are welcome to attend. For more info, call Ashley at 235-3000.

Calendar of Events

February

Planning Commission	Mon 4	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 4	7-9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 5	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Scrabble Night	Tues 5	7 pm	Library
School District Forum	Wed 6	5:30 pm	WES
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
Selectboard	Thurs 14	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Sun 17	6:30 pm	Firehouse
President's Day	Mon 18		
Scrabble Night	Mon 18	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Lego Club	Wed 20	10-11:30 am	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 21	7 pm	Library
Candidates' Forum	Sun 24	2 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 26	6:30 pm	Firehouse
School District Annual Mtg	Wed 27	6:30 pm	School
Library Trustees	Wed 27	7 pm	Library
Auditors	Wed 27	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 28	7 pm	Town Office

March

Planning Commission	Mon 4	4 pm	Town Office
Town Info Meeting	Mon 4	6:30 pm	School
POLLS OPEN	Tues 5	7 am -7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 5	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Scrabble Night	Tues 5	7 pm	Library
Wells Springs Board	Wed 6	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 6	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 7	7 pm	MSHS
Pie For Breakfast!	Sat 9	8-11 am	School
Knitting Circle	Mon 11	7 - 9 pm	Library
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Friends of the Library	Tues 12	7 pm	Library
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Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

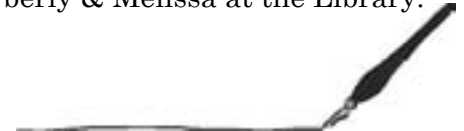
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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 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.

