

middle TOWN NEWS letter

May 2019

Annual Plant & Garden Sale

Join us for our fourth annual Plant & Garden Sale on **Saturday, May 18, 8-noon** on the town green. Stop by to purchase plants, starts, and bulbs. Seasoned gardeners will be there to answer questions. There will also be some gently used gardening tools, books, and other items for sale. While you're browsing, enjoy a cup of coffee and a home-baked muffin at our "bistro."

It takes a village to stock a successful Plant & Garden Sale, and we welcome any donations of indoor or outdoor plants, starts, bulbs, as well as gardening tools and other useful items no longer needed in your garden shed. We are **accepting donations on Friday, May 17, 3-6 pm** at the Historical Society. Pots should be clearly marked. Please NO donations from gardens that have goutweed or other invasive species.

All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library. For further information, contact Ashley Fioretti, 235-3000.

Big Dumpster Day

Middletown Springs will be hosting our popular annual Spring event, "Big Dumpster Day", on **Saturday, May 4, from 6 am - Noon**. The location is still on Route 140 West, near the outskirts of town across from Parker Water Wells.

As in the recent past, there will be a \$5.00 charge per vehicle load of discarded items. Acceptable items include things such as old sofas, easy chairs, mattresses, old plastic kids toys, and so on: discarded items that are NOT your usual household trash.

Metal items will be taken for no charge and need to be kept separated from materials to be thrown away. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are subject to a \$20.00 charge for freon removal and need to be taken up to the Fort Dumpster location, not to the West Street site.

No tires or hazardous materials will be accepted. Old paint should be recycled at an approved participating paint store; old paint cans where the contents have completely solidified may be discarded, but any liquid paints must be recycled.

We look forward to serving you on **Saturday, Green-Up Day, May 4**. Contact Glen at Fort Dumpster or any Select Board member with any questions.



JOIN THE PARADE!!

This year's theme:

America the Beautiful

Please join the **50th Annual Middletown Springs Memorial Day**

Parade. Floats and marchers are needed and most welcome! Everyone is invited to be part of the parade by making a float, playing an instrument, or simply walking to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Email the committee at msmemorialparade@gmail.com or call Bob Bruttomesso at (802) 683-8106 for more information and to sign up.

The ad hoc Parade Committee is hoping for lots of entries into the contest for Best Organization Float, Most True to the Theme, and others.

If being in it is not your thing, volunteers to help with set up and logistics are very welcome -- email or call the committee. Or plan to just come out and enjoy the



music, the food (to benefit MSVFD), the marching, and the ceremony on the Green. **Sunday, May 26**. Line up at 2 pm, parade at 3 pm.

If you would like to see the Peg-TV coverage of the 40th Memorial Day Parade go to: <https://youtu.be/C0z5Tw-qHsQ>

Swim Lessons 2019

Gail McGann will once again be offering Swim Lessons to the children of Middletown Springs, **June 24-July 5**, at Crystal Beach in Castleton. More information will be available in the next newsletter and in the School News.

Green Up Day

May 4, 2019

8am-12pm

Pick Up Bags on the Green

Choose Your Route

Call 235-1406 for more info

Middletown Springs Conservation Commission & www.greenupvermont.org

A Note from the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 4th and final Quarter of Fiscal Year 18/19 are due on or before Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Plan NOW to submit your taxes on time – crazy weather and unexpected circumstances can foil your intention of submitting taxes on time.

Tax payments received or postmarked after 6/15/19 are considered LATE and DELINQUENT.

There are NO exceptions for late taxes. An 8% penalty will be imposed if taxes are received or postmarked after June 15 and will be forwarded to the Delinquent Tax Collector, Debra House, for collection.

Additionally, 1% interest fee will be charged for the 1st three months of delinquency, and 1.5% interest per month will be charged thereafter.

Three ways to remit your payment:

1. By Mail: Town Treasurer, PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757. Envelopes must be postmarked 6/15/19 or earlier to be considered on time,
2. The Treasurer will be in the Town Office on Saturday, 6/15 from 9 am – 2 pm to collect tax payments,
3. 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.

If you have any questions regarding tax payments, please contact Jenny Talke Munyak: mtstreasurer@vermontel.net or 235-3256.

Looking ahead to FY19/20 Tax Bills

Tax Bills for FY19/20 will be mailed to homeowners in early to mid August 2019. If you have a mailing address update, please directly contact:

Sally Achey, Chair of the Middletown Springs Listers, with updated mailing information: mtslisters@vermontel.net 235-2220

Any adjustments to ownership or addresses go through the Grand List and are reviewed and executed by the Listers.

Thank you.

School News

MSES' 4th-6th grade girls have had a great opportunity to participate in the *Girls on the Run* (GOTR) program for a number of years. GOTR inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. We are excited that there will now be a similar program for our 4th-6th grade boys, **Velocity**. It is a unique afterschool program designed for middle school boys that is sponsored by the Burlington YMCA and VT Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The six-week program addresses common issues that have significance for

boys by pairing guided discussions with opportunities to try new activities in a non-competitive setting. The activities include mountain biking, cooking with a chef, archery, rock wall climbing, outdoor survival skills, and disc golf. Goals of the program include increasing self-esteem, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle, building confidence and communication skills, and creating an environment where boys can challenge themselves both physically and mentally. The program culminates with a half-day celebration at the Y's Camp Abenaki in North Hero, Vermont on May 17 – exposing the boys to all the joys of camp with the camaraderie of Velocity groups from around the state.

Middletown Springs Elementary School was very fortunate to have the use of a trailer load of bikes from the Burlington non-profit group, **Local Motion!** The bicycles were part of the week's PE lessons where the students worked on bike riding skills. The students who were still developing their balancing skill made great progress and increased their self-confidence in riding a bike. The bikes were also used during recess and the after school program. The students would like to thank the Cemetery Association for allowing them to use the roads in the cemetery to ride. The students had a blast riding around together. The Velocity Boys Program met for the first time on Thursday and took the bikes to ride on the Poultney to Castleton Rail Trail. The boys came back excited about doing it again, with a plan to ride all the way to Castleton and back. We are hoping to schedule a date to have the bike trailer return to MSES next year for another week of fun and outdoor exercise. **Until then, the school is seeking gently used bicycles** for students to use during recess and the After-School Program. Folks interested in donating should contact Rick Beal at 235-2365 or rick.beal@grcsu.org.

Artist in Residency & Performances

The students are very fortunate this year to have another **FFE-sponsored Artist in Residency for the week of May 6-10**. **Meg Bouchard** will be leading a performance production with the students that will be based on what it means to be a community. On **Friday, May 10**, we are planning to have a Senior Citizen/Community Luncheon at 11:55 with a shortened student performance, and a full evening show at 6:30. We are also planning to have a pot-luck meal before the performance at 5:30, so please bring a dish to share. We are extending an invitation to any grandparents or community members who would like to attend the Community Luncheon. If you plan to attend, please call the school (235-2365) or email susan.rosso@grcsu.org by Monday, May 6 to let us know you are interested in attending.

Library Book Sale Donations

The Library is accepting donations for the annual Book Sale until May 25 (the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend). Please drop off your donations during Library Open Hours.

- Books in good repair
- (no mildew, broken spines, or missing covers)
- Movies - DVD only (no VHS)
- Audiobooks - on CD (no cassette tapes)
- Jigsaw puzzles - taped closed (no missing pieces)

If the box you are donating was stored for months or even years, please go through it before you drop it off and remove mice nests and layers of dust.

The Book Sale will take place June 1 & 2. Details about the sale will be in the next edition of the newsletter.

Library Hours

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

235-2435

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Scrabble Nights

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



Tuesday, May 7, at 7 pm

Monday, May 20, at 7 pm

Come to one or both.

For more information: 235-2435 or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

FOL Meeting

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm. All interested are welcome to attend.

For more info, call Ashley at 235-3000.

Toddler Time

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

Current session:

April 1 - May 20

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

More info: 235-2435 or

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A Universe of Stories

The Summer Reading Program theme at the library is **Space**. Join us for crafts and activities, multi-age story hours, reading challenges, and more. Details will be in next newsletter, in the school news, and on Front Porch Forum. Look for posters at the store and post office as well.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with the **Zookeepers Benefit Concert: Across the Zoo-niverse on Friday, July 26**. During their second annual Library Benefit Tour, David Rosane & the Zookeepers are rockin' Vermont for literacy, community and free speech with benefit concerts at 16 libraries, including ours!! Save the date & watch for details. <https://www.facebook.com/davidrosane-andthezookeepers/>

Knitting Circle

Last Knitting Circle until next October! Join novice-to-experienced knitters the **Monday, May 6, 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.

Library Seed Swap!

Stop in the Library: the Seed Swap is open for business until the end of May.

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.



Hunting and Fishing Licenses

are available at the Town Office.

The Town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!!

Licenses expired on December 31!!

Dog Licenses:

Vermont State Law (20 V.S.A. 3581) requires that ALL dogs and wolf-hybrids **six (6) months of age or older must be licensed by April 1 of each year**. Call the Town Office if you aren't sure about the status of your dog's rabies certification. A 50% penalty on the original fee will be assessed for all registrations after April 1, 2019.

Calendar of Events

May

Wells Springs Board	Wed 1	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 1	7 pm	Library
Green Up Day	Sat 4	8 am - 12 pm	Town Green-
Lg Dumpster & Metal Day	Sat 4	6 am - 12 pm	West Street
Historical Society	Thurs 2	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 6	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 6	7 - 9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 7	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Scrabble	Tues 7	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 9	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 14	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 14	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 16	7 pm	Library
FOL Plant Sale	Sat 18	8 am-Noon	MSHS
First Response	Sun 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Scrabble	Tues 20	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 22	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 23	7 pm	Town Office
Memorial Day Parade	Sun 26	3 pm	Town Green
Memorial Day	Mon 27		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 28	6:30 pm	Firehouse

June

Library Book Sale	Sat 1	8 am-3 pm	MSHS
Library Book Sale	Sun 2	10 am-3 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 3	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 5	6 pm	WES
Building Committee	Wed 5	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7 pm	MSHS
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
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
Strawberry Festival	Sun 23		MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 25	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 26	7 pm	Library
Auditors	Wed 26	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 27	7 pm	Town Office

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

Library Book Sale June 1 & 2

SAT 8 am – 3 pm

SUN 10 am – 3 pm

Wide Selection & Great Bargains
all proceeds benefit the MSPL

More info call the Library at 235-2435

**Indoors at the
Historical Society!**

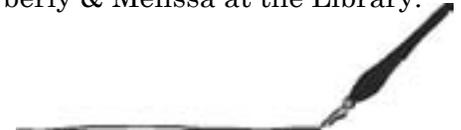
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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:

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PO Box 1206

Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

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for inclusion in upcoming issue.

