

middle TOWN NEWS letter

June 2019

Strawberry Festival

Local artists, craftsmakers and musicians will join Historical Society volunteers to present the 45th Annual Middletown Springs Strawberry Festival. Admission is free.

Strawberry lovers are invited on Sunday, June 23 from 2-4 pm to the Historical Society on the Green. The festival features delicious strawberry shortcake

made with fresh Vermont 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, including maple products, jewelry, photography, knitted items, honey and beeswax products. Items donated by Historical Society members and friends will also be for sale to benefit the organization.

The Peter Huntoon band, Tradewinds, will enliven the afternoon with classic '60s-'80s favorites, and there will be children's activities.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, and every Sunday afternoon 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.

4th Quarter Property Tax Due Saturday, June 15

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks, post-marked on or before 6/15: TOWN TREASURER, PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Planning Commission News

With Select Board approval, the Planning Commission has been expanded to five members versus the previous three commissioners. Currently there are four members as noted below and we are actively seeking a fifth member. This change is designed to add more depth and diversity to the commission. If you have an interest in town affairs and in planning for the future, the planning commission may be of interest to you.

If you have such interest, we welcome you to join us at our June 3 meeting at 4:30 at the town office. Additionally, you can review the current town plan approved by voters in 2017. That plan is available on the front page, left sidebar of the town's web site.

For more information please feel free to contact any one of the current members. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Tom Hurcomb, Chair
Peter Blekis, Secretary

Hilary Solomon
Sara Young

Ye Olde Tires

The Town of Middletown Springs will conduct an Old Tire Collection Event on **Saturday, June 15, 6 am - 3 pm** at the Fort Dumpster location. Passenger vehicle tires may be disposed of for only \$2.00 per tire; Heavy truck tires are only \$5.00/tire. NO tractor or large equipment tires will be accepted at this time.

Tires mounted on rims are acceptable. This is open to residents and taxpayers of Middletown Springs only. Please help reduce any potential mosquito breeding grounds and clean up your town at the same time! Please contact any Select Board member or Glen with any questions.

Library Book Sale June 1 & 2

SAT 8 am – 3 pm
SUN 10 am – 3 pm

Stock up on summer reading. Choose from a wide selection of gently read books, movies, and puzzles. Find great bargains on fiction, biographies, history, nature, children's books and more. Sale will take place inside Historical Society building on the green. *All proceeds benefit the MSPL.* For more info call the Library at 235-2435.

Plants & garden items from the Friends of the Library plant sale will be available there as well.



From the Town Treasurer:

The FINAL installment of Property Taxes (4th Quarter) for Tax Year 2018/2019 is due on or before Saturday,

June 15.

You can submit your 4th quarter property taxes in person, or mail them to PO Box 1022 with a June 15 (or earlier) postmark. Additionally, for your convenience, there is a drop box in the town office where you can drop off your payments during town office open hours. If you require a receipt, you MUST include a self addressed stamped envelope.

DON'T DELAY! A late 6/15 post office mailing will not necessarily generate a 6/15 postmark. A June 16 or later postmark WILL generate a LATE penalty of 8% in addition to the 1% interest penalty. Any unpaid 4th quarter taxes will be forwarded to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection.

The Treasurer will be available to accept your tax payments on Saturday, June 15 from 9 am-2 pm at the town office.

Tax checks should be paid to: the Town of Middletown Springs. If paying with cash, please bring exact change as we do not keep cash in the town office.

If you have questions, contact mtstreasurer@vermontel.net or 235-3256. Thank You.

50th Memorial Day Parade Thanks the Community

With excellent weather and high participation levels, the 50th anniversary parade was something to be proud of.

Thomas Hurcomb was instrumental in getting PEG-TV to cover the festivities, with Pat Hemenway and Chris Fenton announcing and Cheryl Mahoney providing background commentary. With an additional sound system, the announcers could also be heard by many parade watchers. PEG-TV has not yet scheduled when it will run the video, but watch for an announcement on Front Porch Forum. DVDs will be available to borrow at the library. The response to the running commentary was positive, and that will hopefully become a standard feature of the parade.

The parade was headed up by the West Rutland American Legion Color Guard, followed by veterans Robert Haynes, Rodney Kenyon, Sr., Clifford Kenyon, Jr., Emmett Francois, Tyler Manning, and Richard Alberty. Bright and beautiful floats from Spruce Knob, the Library, the Community Church, the Historical Society, Miss Ryan's Daycare, the Bush family, and Century 21, interspersed with

other marchers including the Girl Scouts, Theater in the Woods, Morgan Mountain Gardeners, Rutland County Democrats, the West Rutland ATV Sportsman's Club, Nick Seidner's Model-A antique truck, and a bevy of bicycles, dirt bikes and 4-wheelers, with the last float drawing a single Gold Star, plus over a dozen emergency vehicles and firetrucks from many surrounding towns, including the UVM Healthnet Critical Care Transport.

Parade and ceremony music was provided by the stalwart Mill River Marching Band, directed by Peter Roach. The band has been a key feature of the parade for decades. They bring not only well played music (with no repetitions!) but disciplined formation and beautiful uniforms. They deserve special commendation this year for bearing the heat with fortitude.

The ceremony was invoked by Rev. Matthews George and emceed by Stan Achey. Retired USN Lieutenant Commander Emmett Francois led the Pledge of Allegiance. Barby Carr sang "America the Beautiful," followed by Sally Achey's reading of "Letter to a Combat Veteran," written by Gold Star Mother Denise Williams whose son died in Iraq on November 1, 2010.

Two recitations by the 5th and 6th graders were directed by their teacher Jenn Tiffit. Her extraordinary efforts in inspiring her students to commit to writing, editing, and delivering a choral reading last year and this year, plus her preparing and rehearsing them for that reading and for their memorized recitation of "In Flanders Fields" by Canadian poet John McRae have made these student recitations a greatly appreciated part of our Ceremony on the Green. These students write and speak from the heart, providing inspiration to us all. As one observer said, "For us elders, seeing kids delivering poetry from memory — and showing such obvious pride and purpose in doing so — is heartening, and a good way of building community and reliance upon their classmates. Without their trust in each other, they could not pull off this feat!"

Many thanks to the ad hoc Parade Committee for all their work behind and in front of the scenes: Alice Hoisington, Justin Haynes, Bob Bruttomesso, Terry Redfield, Karen Castle, Linda Peavy, Thomas Hurcomb, Stan Achey, Sally Achey, Cheryl Mahoney, Hilary Solomon, Meredith Morgan, Leslie Silver, and Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman. Thanks to all those who pitched in to make the last-minute details happen as if by magic: Erick Erickson, Claudia Gonda, Luke Larson, Linda Hurcomb, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Amber Hoisington, Daryl Haynes, Herb Childress, and the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Surely there are names we've inadvertently left off, but that doesn't make the gratitude any less.

News from the School

It has been a most successful year of education at MSES. Students have learned a great deal in both academic and social arenas. Spring MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress) testing has been completed and will demonstrate the areas where students are strong and where they may need additional support, guiding our instruction moving forward. On that note, our Summer Program is designed to assist students in gaining or maintaining academic progress and provides opportunities for structured socialization with their peers.

Our annual Summer Program takes place three days per week for four weeks (on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). This year, the program will run July 9 - August 1. The program is open to MSES students entering first grade and up. During the morning, students work on academics in small groups. These academic sessions plus a snack and beverage are provided free of charge. Pick-up time for those students attending only the morning sessions is 12:00 noon.

At noon, students registered for afternoon activities sessions will have recess followed by lunch. After lunch, students will participate in fun, enriching activities, both indoors and outdoors. There is a one-time fee of \$15 per student for the entire four weeks of Afternoon Activities (payable no later than the first day of the program). Scholarships are available if payment is a barrier to participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community members and organizations that have supported us this school year through volunteerism, donations, attendance at our Spaghetti Dinner, Pot Luck, student shows, and concerts. Your support is vital to the success of our school.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,
Rick Beal, Principal

Plant Sale

The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library held a fun and successful plant and garden sale. Over 425 plants and many gardening items were donated by very supportive community members. We even had a coffee and muffin bistro!

Thanks go out to all who donated, volunteered, and came to enjoy the experience and who bought some new items for their gardens. With everyone's contributions we were able to "grow" more funds to help our library. We appreciate it very much!

Missed the Plant Sale?! There were some perennial plants left over which will be available at the Library Book Sale, June 1 & 2.

Borrow a Pass - From the Library

State Parks & State Historic Sites: Borrow the library's pass for a day of adventure and get free entry for up to eight people in one car at any of the Vermont State Parks or Historic Sites. www.vtstateparks.com, <http://historicsites.vermont.gov/>

Shelburne Farms Pass: Free walk-in entry for 2 adults and their children (under 18). Enjoy the walking trails and Children's Farmyard on the scenic shore of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, VT. www.shelburnefarms.org

Vermont's History Museum: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm, next to the State House in the Pavilion Building, Montpelier. Borrow the Library's Family Pass and take in some Vermont History. <http://vermonthistory.org/>

ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Museum: ECHO is on the Burlington waterfront and is open daily 10-5. Library Pass offers \$4 admission for up to 4 people. www.echovermont.org



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.

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 middletownspringlibrary@gmail.com to place a request. The [Library collection](http://www.middletownspringlibrary.org) 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.

New & New-to-us at the Library

Children's Books

Pashmina (Graphic Novel) by Nidhi Chanani
Brave (Graphic Novel) by Svetlana Chmakova
Narwhal's Otter Friend (Graphic Novel)
by Ben Clanton
New Kid (Graphic Novel) by Jerry Craft
Little Brown by Marla Frazee
Miracle Man the Story of Jesus by John Hendrix
Around the World in 80 Maps by Clare Hibbert
Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog by Paul Janeczko
Chameleons Are Cool by Martha Jenkins
Where's Halmoni? by Julie Kim
LEGO Ideas Book by Daniel Lipkowitz
Russell and the Lost Treasure by Rob Scotton
Big Book of Building: Everything Minecraft
by Trevor Talley

Teen & Adult Fiction

The Suspect by Fiona Barton
Watch Me Disappear by Janelle Brown
Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlain
The Proposal by Jasmine Gukllory
The Dry by Jane Harper
Force of Nature by Jane Harper
The River by Peter Heller
Night Window by Dean Koontz
Hey, Kiddo (Graphic Novel) by Jarrett Krosoczka
Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris
Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney
The Woman Inside by E.G. Scott
A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Toews
American Agent by Jacqueline Winspear

Non-Fiction

Georgia O'Keeffe In The West, Bry & Calloway, ed.
Jasper Johns to Jeff Koons by Stephanie Barron
Adjunct Underclass by Herb Childress
Encyclopedia of Woodcarving Techniques
by Antony Denning
Practical Mushroom Encyclopedia by Peter Jordan
History of the World Map by Map, Smithsonian, ed.

Movies on DVD

Avengers Infinity War
Black Panther
Brokeback Mountain
If Beale Street Could Talk
Jewish Americans (PBS)
On the Basis of Sex
Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
Ralph Breaks the Internet
Side Effects
Thelma & Louise
Trainspotting
Vice

DCF Award Books:

For kids in grades 4-8. Dive into the coming year's nominations for the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award. Read five (5) or more by next April and vote for your favorite.

Take the plunge and read all 30. Melissa & Kimberly are in the process of doing just that.
Books available now!

Vermont Drug Take Back Medication Mail-Back Envelopes at Library

Pick up a mail-back envelope at the Town Library. Visit www.healthvermont.gov to learn more about the program, including what can and cannot be mailed.

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.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

are available at the Town Office.

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

Licenses expired on December 31!!

Scrabble Nights

Join other Scrabble players on first Tuesdays and third Mondays at the Library. In May::



Tuesday, June 4, at 7 pm

Monday, June 17, at 7 pm

Come to one or both.

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

Library Hours

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

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Join Front Porch Forum

... to know what is happening

Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com/>

It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

Calendar of Events

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	4:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Scrabble	Tues 4	7 pm	Library
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	9 am-2 pm	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	2-4 pm	MSHS
Swim Lessons begin	Mon 24		Crystal Beach
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
Tie-Dye Day	Sat 29	10 am-1 pm	Library

July

Fire Dept. Training	Tues 2	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 3	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 3	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 9	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 9	7 pm	Library
Story Hour	Wed 10	10 am	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 11	7 pm	MSHS
Selectboard	Thurs 11	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Story Hour	Wed 17	10 am	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 18	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 23	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Story Hour	Wed 24	10 am	Library
Library Trustees	Wed 24	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 25	7 pm	Town Office
Zookeeper Concert	Fri 26	7pm	School
Stuffed Animal Sleepover	Tues 30		Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 30	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Teddy Bear Breakfast	Wed 31	9:30 am	Library
& Story Hour			

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

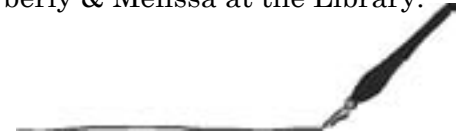
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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.

