

middle TOWN NEWS letter

July 2019

Zookeepers Rock Out for Library

The Middletown Springs Public Library has an out-of-this-world event for rock music and poetry lovers. The 2019 Tammie Award "Best Vermont Rock Album" winner, David Rosane & the Zookeepers, will give a benefit concert for the Library on **Friday, July 26, at 7 pm**, outside at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. **Gates will open at 5:30 pm** for those who would like to picnic before the concert. Suggested do-nation is \$10 or a free-will offering.

All summer David Rosane & the Zookeepers are touring the state to support Vermont libraries and shine a light on their pivotal role in our communities. "What started out last year as a grassroots effort has blossomed into a statewide project," said frontman David Rosane.

This year's tour title is "**Across the Zoo-verse**," paralleling with the Summer Reading Program theme being used by libraries all over the country: "*A Universe of Stories*" and the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and the moonwalk. The Library Trustees, along with the Friends of the Library, have an entertaining space-related evening planned.

All donations raised at the show will go to the Library to support its programs and needs.

Vermont Poet Laureat Chard deNiord will open the show at 7 pm and David Rosane & the Zookeepers will take the stage at 7:30 pm. A resident of Westminster West, Mr. deNiord's poetry is funny, poignant, and spiritual.

The Zookeepers are a fringe protest-band playing for causes, an international collective of musical heavy hitters led by Paris-based power rocker David Rosane, who also has a gentle side. The band features Don Sinclair on bass and guitar and Jennifer Grossi on vocals, synthesizer, and percussion.

Stellar desserts, crater 'corn, and lunar beverages (sorry, no moonshine) will be available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, the concert will move into the school's multipurpose room.

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

Links to David Rosane & the Zookeepers:

- Winner 2019 Tammie Award: Best Vermont Rock Album for "[Book of ZOO](#)"
- Teaser for 2019 Library Benefit Tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKh_5HaVU10&feature=youtu.be

Public Review Meeting West Street Town Property

The Town has received a small grant from VTRANS to conduct a **study of the feasibility of using** the 577 West Street property (where we hold Large Waste Day) for some town functions: a highway garage, salt and sand storage, and/or the relocation of the transfer station. The Selectboard and other community members have been working with Craig Jewett of Otter Creek Engineering to develop alternative proposals to put Town functions at that site while still being environmentally responsible with regard to the adjoining Poultney River and its riparian corridor.

The Selectboard and Otter Creek Engineering will hold a public review meeting to discuss the alternatives under consideration at **6 pm on Thursday, July 11**, at the Town Office. Come hear the ideas that are on the table for preserving the health of the river, improving the function of the highway department and transfer station, and remediating some of the environmental problems created by the current salt and transfer station conditions. We'd value your input as we take this important next step for our town.



Tour de Slate:

Bike Ride to End Addiction

Addiction has touched the lives of countless friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates. For some, it's too close to home. For others, it's "someone else's" story.

In Middletown Springs and down the quiet roads of the Slate Valley, it's a story of redemption. It's a story of riding bikes to raise money to support the recovery of friends, neighbors -- and our own family members -- at the second annual Tour de Slate "riding to end addiction" bike ride.

This year's Tour de Slate through the Slate Valley of Vermont and eastern New York will take place on **Saturday, August 3, 2019**, to raise money to end addiction. 100% of this fund-raiser's net proceeds go directly to cover the expenses of men, women, and teens ready to turn their lives around and break the chains of addiction at Teen Challenge Vermont.

Teen Challenge Vermont is a 15-month, residential facility with an admissions office on West Street

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Note from the Town Treasurer



Property tax bills for the new fiscal year, 2019/2020, will be delivered to you in August. Your first quarterly tax payment for the new cycle will be due on or before September 16 (since the 15th is a Sunday).

IMPORTANT ADDRESS INFORMATION: If your mailing address has changed or needs updating, please contact Sally Achey, Lister Chair. Address adjustments are completed through the Grand List system, which is maintained by the Listers.

Sally will update your address so that your tax bill (which originates in the Grand List system) is mailed to the correct address. Please contact Sally ASAP at mtslisters@vermontel.net.

Homestead Rebates: FYI - The State of Vermont will download to Middletown Springs, a list of homestead rebates that will automatically be applied to your tax bill, if you are eligible. And, if eligible, you will receive a letter from the State of Vermont indicating the amount of your rebate.

Please note that the Town does NOT determine the amount, if any, of your rebate. This is a state function. You need to contact the state if you have any questions.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your homestead rebate, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at www.tax.vermont.gov.

Tire Collection: A Rolling Success!

Thanks to everyone who came by Fort Dumpster on Saturday with your discarded tires. We completely filled the container! A total of **339 tires** came through, from thirty different participants.

We've had some requests to do it again. The Selectboard will discuss the event and the possibilities of a second round at our June 27 meeting.

Enormous thanks to Chris Fenton, who organized the day, wrangled the delivery of the container, and staffed the station throughout the **en-tire** event.

Bear Sighting

A young bear has been crossing just west of Fitzgerald Road on East Street. This bear has been spotted during the day. Other bears have also been seen crossing both farther east and closer to town. Drive carefully.

Free Kids' Camp at MSCC

The Middletown Springs Community Church is offering a Free Kids Camp again this summer! August 5-8 (Monday-Thursday), 9 am - 12 noon.

Our theme for this year is "Put on the Armor of God." We will have Bible lessons, arts & crafts, snacks, games, music and lots of fun! All kids ages 5-12 and younger kids accompanied by a responsible adult are welcome to come!

Please call Jennelle at 779-7200 to register.

Strawberry Festival Was Amazing!



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Strawberry Festival and made it so amazing! Thank you to the many volunteers -- those who helped prepare for the festival, worked during the festival, and prepared lovely bouquets for the tables -- the many who came and enjoyed the delicious strawberry shortcake, bought items from the craftspeople, and listened to Peter Huntoon and The Tradewinds. The town was buzzing with people enjoying the beautiful day. The Historical Society is grateful for each and every person who contributed to make it so fabulous! The funds raised will be used to maintain the Museum and the Mineral Springs Park for all to enjoy.

Community Calendars



It is almost time to send in your updates for the Community Calendar. Between the calendar pages for June & July there is a [re-order form](#). Send it in **by September 1** and help the Library Trustees complete their tasks of the calendar updating and reprinting for 2020. All proceeds benefit the Town Library.

Don't have a 2019 calendar? We have a few left over, and they are now available for free at the Library. Pick one up and see what you have been missing.

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

Donations for Friends' Lawn Sale

Cleaning out the garage or basement? Have good stuff that you want to give away? Please make a pile and save it for the Friends of the Library Lawn Sale in September. The donations can be dropped for the sale on Friday, September 27, from 3-6 pm. The sale will be held the following day, Saturday, September 28, from 8 am-2 pm. This may sound faraway now, but the summer flies and we want you to save your goodies for us! Thank you!

Summer @ the Library

A Universe of Stories - Story Hours:

Wednesdays, July 10-31 10 am

Stories, activities, and snacks. Designed for kids 4-8, but all ages welcomed. Children under 4 should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover:

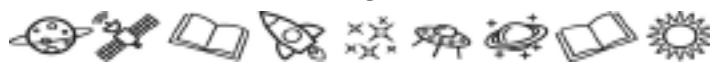
Tuesday, July 30 Drop-off 2-7 pm

Drop off your stuffed animals for a library overnight of games, pizza, and stories just for them. Stuffed animals should be confident sleeping away from their human for the night. Return the next day (July 31) to pick up and to see photos of all the fun the animals had. Join your stuffed animal for our Teddy Bear Breakfast & final Story Hour. Alternative pick-up option is 2-7 pm during Library open hours.

Teddy Bear Breakfast:

Wednesday, July 31 9:30 am

Whether your stuffed animal slept over or not, please join us for breakfast & our last Story Hour of the series. Melissa & Kimberly will share songs & stories for children of all ages.



Reading to the Moon (& Back?!)

Calling All Reading Astronauts (all ages) to an **all-town Summer Challenge**. We are sending a rocket to the moon: 238,900 miles or 23,890 pages away (1 page = 10 miles). **Lift Off:** June 15; **Splash Down:** August 31.

Keep track of your pages read.... Report them to Mission Control (the Library):

- **Read books** (kid, teen, adult fiction & non-fiction) **AND** magazines **AND** newspapers.
- **Listening to an audiobook?** Count # of pages in the print book.
- **Reading a story out loud?** Count # of pages **X** # of listeners (including the reader).

We will **ADD ALL THE PAGES** together to get the Library Rocket to the moon!

Splash Down Open House: In September we will celebrate our reading-fueled trip to the moon.

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 books by next April and vote for your favorite.

Blast off and read all 30. Melissa & Kimberly are in the process of doing just that.

Books available now!

On the Library Shelves

Space-related Books

New (& nearly new) to go with the summer program's theme - *A Universe of Stories*.

Children's Books:

Space and Art Activities by Polly Goodman

Space! The Universe as You've Never Seen It Before

by DK/Smithsonian

Touch the Brightest Star by Christie Matheson

Solar System by Jill McDonald

The Day We Walked on the Moon : a photo history of space exploration by George Sullivan

What We See in the Stars by Kelsey Oseid

Mission to Pluto by Mary Kay Carson

You Are the First Kid on Mars by Patrick O'Brien

Earthrise by James Gladstone

Older Than the Stars by Karen Fox

Eight Days Gone by Linda McReynolds

Faces of the Moon by Bob Crelin

Adult & Teen Books:

Smithsonian Atlas of Space Exploration

by Roger Launius

Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Illuminae Files Trilogy by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

Too Far from Home: a story of life and death in space by Chris Jones

Endurance: a year in space, a lifetime of discovery

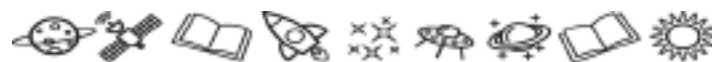
by Scott Kelly

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

by Neil deGrasse Tyson

The Martian by Andy Weir

Artemis by Andy Weir



NEW Books (Adult & Teen)

British Are Coming by Rick Atkinson

Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

by Katarina Bivald

Pruning Simplified by Steven Bradley

Finn by Jon Clinch

Kings of the Earth by Jon Clinch

Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott

Why Don't You Write My Eulogy Now So I Can

Correct It? by Patricia Marx and Roz Chast

Everything That Makes You by Moriah McStay

Bone Clocks by David Mitchell

The 18th Abduction by James Paterson

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea

Body in the Castle Well by Martin Walker

Female Persuasion by Meg Worlitzer

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in Rutland City. No one is ever turned away because of financial circumstances or inability to pay, which is why fund-raising is so crucial.

Last year's event was a huge success on many levels. One participant in the 2018 ride said, "Of all the fund-raising bike rides I've participated in, Teen Challenges - Tour de Slate was the most enjoyable. Where else can you experience such great mountain scenery while supporting a wonderful cause? For me the highlight came at the conclusion of the ride. Great food and personal stories of youngsters finding a new life in recovery from drug addiction and alcoholism."

The event is designed so that there is a ride route for everyone. There are three road routes, including a metric century ride (100 km, 63.4 mi) and also a family-friendly rails/trails route. Volunteers and rest stops will be positioned along the way. All rides start and end on the Green in Middletown Springs. Riders will receive a Tour de Slate T-shirt and a drawstring backpack goodie bag.

An authentic Indian chicken curry dinner will be served (free of charge for riders and volunteers) at the finish line after the ride. The grill will also be ready to fix hamburgers and hot dogs.

Organizers hope this year's ride will raise more than last year's \$17,633.59. All those funds directly supported the care, clinical counseling, educational and career services for clients at Teen Challenge.

Now, they need riders. Register to ride online at www.tourdeslate.org.

Donations can be made at the same website or mailed payable to "MSCC/Tour de Slate," P.O. Box 1012, Middletown Springs, VT 05757.

Contact Stan Achey for more information at info@tourdeslate.org or (802) 558-0934.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

are available at the Town Office.

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



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.

Scrabble Nights

Join other Scrabble players on first Tuesdays and third Mondays at the Library. **Tuesday, July 2 & Monday, July 15, at 7 pm.** Come to one or both.

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

Rights & Democracy

from Liz Filskov

We're building a Rutland County chapter of Rights & Democracy and reaching out to people to participate.

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 10, at 7 pm**, for an informational meeting and meet & greet. We have reserved space at the Middletown Spring Public Library.

To receive electronic updates, please go to <https://www.radvt.org/together-we-win-2/> and be sure to include your phone number and e-mail address! To make a donation, go to <https://www.radvt.org/support/>. Stay tuned for other meetings throughout the county ahead of our County Chapter kickoff meeting, August 1, 2019, in Rutland City.



Board Games - From the Library

For kids & adults. Check them out and take them home and play. Great for rainy days or as Boredom Busters! Stop in the Library to see what we've got.

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

Library Hours

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

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Calendar of Events

July

Fire Dept. Training	Tues 2	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 3	6 pm	MSES
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	MSSH
Public Preview Meeting	Thurs 11	7 pm	Town Office
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 & Story Hour	Wed 31	9:30 am	Library

August

Historical Society	Thurs 1	7 pm	MSSH
Tour de Slate	Sat 3		
Kid's Camp	Mon 5-Fri 8	9 am-12 pm	MSSC
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 6	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 7	6 pm	WES
Building Committee	Wed 7	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 8	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 13	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 13	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 20	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Selectboard	Thurs 22	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 27	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 28	7 pm	Library

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:

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

David Rosane & the Zookeepers Benefit Concert

Across the Zoo-niverse

At the School - Rain or Shine
"Gates" open at 5:30 pm
for picnicking
Concert begins at 7 pm

Dessert & Beverage Concessions
Suggested Donation \$10
or free-will offering
ALL proceeds benefit the Library

