

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

## August 2019

### It's a Long Road to Poultney

The Vermont State Summer Flower—the orange traffic cone—is in full blossom this month. The Poultney bridge replacement project is scheduled to continue at least through August 25, with no through traffic in either direction. Their goal is to have the road open for the beginning of the school year.

The signed detour from Middletown to Poultney is up over Hampshire Hollow Road to Highland Gray Road, down into Castleton on Pond Hill Road, and then back to Route 30. There are obviously other routes available. No matter which you choose, please be careful with the added traffic on narrow back roads, and give yourself an extra half hour.

Middletown Springs is taking this opportunity of the reduced Route 140 traffic to conduct our own paving project, grinding and resurfacing the first two miles of West Street from the four corners, plus about a quarter of a mile past the Poultney River bridge near Parker Water Wells to the Poultney town line. Traffic will be open in one lane during that paving. We don't have an exact date for that work yet, but it will be early- to mid-August, and should take about a week.

Drive carefully, be patient, and by fall, it'll all be a distant memory...

-- Herb Childress, Emergency Management Director



### Sip & Dye Fundraiser

The next Friends of the Library fundraiser is in the planning stages. It will be an evening of fabric dyeing on Saturday, August 24. The details are being worked out. Watch Front Porch Forum for more information.



### Tour de Slate: Bike Ride to End Addiction

**Saturday, August 3, 2019** More information and to register to ride go to [www.tourdeslate.org](http://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](mailto:info@tourdeslate.org) or (802) 558-0934.

### Reading to the Moon (& Back?!)



Eighteen "Reading Astronauts" ages 6-86 have contributed to the pages read. We are more than 3/4 of the way to the moon! If you have been reading and recording your pages, deliver them to the library (stop in, call, email).

All "Reading Astronauts" will be invited to the **Splash Down Open House** (to be scheduled in September) at which we will celebrate our reading-fueled trip to the moon.

If you don't know what we are talking about, this is our town-wide, all ages, **Summer Reading 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 and multiple by # of listeners (including the reader).

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

### 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://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](http://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](http://www.echovermont.org)

## Note from the Town Treasurer



Property Tax Bills for the new fiscal year 2019/2020 will be mailed to you in early August.

**SAVE YOUR TAX BILL.** You will likely need it for income tax purposes and your homestead declaration in April.

Homestead tax reduction notices have been sent by the state and they have been downloaded into our town database. If you qualify, your tax bill will indicate your reduction. If you have questions regarding your homestead tax rebate, you should contact the Vermont Department of Taxes DIRECTLY. <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners>

Mark your calendars now – the first of four quarterly installments of your Property Tax is due and payable by September 16! (the 15<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday).

If you have purchased property in Middletown Springs after April 1, 2019, please contact the Town Treasurer with your name, parcel ID and mailing address, so that you receive your Property Tax Bill for FY19/20. Your immediate attention to this is appreciated.

If you have any questions email [mtstreasurer@vermontel.net](mailto:mtstreasurer@vermontel.net)

Jenny Talke Muniyak, Town Treasurer

## 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 off at the Green 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 far away now, but the summer flies. Please, no clothing, large furniture, or appliances. All items should be clean and ready for their new homes. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com)

## 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.

## New at the Library

### Fiction

*The Guest Book* by Sarah Blake

*Queen Bee* by Dorothea Benton Frank

*Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand

*Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane

*Window on the Bay* by Debbie Macomber

*The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

*The Summer Guests* by Mary Alice Monroe

*On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong

### Non-Fiction

*Furious Hours: murder, fraud, and the last trial of Harper Lee*

by Casey Cep

*Ghosts of Gold Mountain: the epic story of the Chinese who built the transcontinental railroad*

by Gordon H. Chang

*Upheaval: turning points for nations in crisis*

by Jared Diamond

*Town that Food Saved: how one community found vitality in local food*

by Ben Hewitt

*Coming of Age: my journey to the eighties*

by Madeline May Kunin

*The Woman's Hour: the last furious fight to win the vote*

by Elaine Weiss

### Graphic Novels – adult & young adult

*Montress* by Majorie Liu

*Hawking* by Ottaviani & Myrick

### Young Adult Fiction

*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

### Children's Books

*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga

*Astronomy for Kids* by Michelle Nichols

*The Lost Stars* by Hannah Cummings

*Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me* by Eric Carle

*Field Trip to the Moon* by John Hare



## Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Teddy Bear Breakfast Story Hour



More than 20 stuffed animals slept over in the Library and were joined by their humans the next day for a special story hour with Malindi & Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman. Many thanks to Alida Tarbell for the breakfast spread, and Jen Dattoli for the solar system backdrop. More photos available at the Library's Facebook page.

## No August Scrabble

Scrabble at the Library is on holiday until the fall. Watch Front Porch Forum (or ask at the Library) for updates.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!



## 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.

## 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

## August

|                                 |                   |                   |                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Historical Society              | Thurs 1           | 7 pm              | MSHS           |
| <b>Tour de Slate</b>            | <b>Sat 3</b>      |                   |                |
| <b>Kid's Camp</b>               | <b>Mon 5-Th 8</b> | <b>9 am-12 pm</b> | <b>MSCC</b>    |
| 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    |
| <b>Sip &amp; Dye Fundraiser</b> | <b>Sat 24</b>     | <b>TBA</b>        | <b>MSHS</b>    |
| Fire Dept. Training             | Tues 27           | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse      |
| Library Trustees                | Wed 28            | 7 pm              | Library        |
| <b>Reading Challenge ends</b>   | <b>Sat 31</b>     |                   | <b>Library</b> |

## September

|                           |               |                   |                    |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Planning Commission       | Mon 2         | 4:30 pm           | Town Office        |
| Fire Dept. Training       | Tues 3        | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse          |
| Wells Springs Board       | Wed 4         | 6 pm              | MSES               |
| Building Committee        | Wed 4         | 7 pm              | Library            |
| Historical Society        | Thurs 5       | 7 pm              | MSHS               |
| Fire Dept. Training       | Tues 10       | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse          |
| Friends of the Library    | Tues 10       | 7 pm              | Library            |
| Selectboard               | Thurs 12      | 7 pm              | Town Office        |
| First Response            | Sun 15        | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse          |
| <b>Property Tax Due</b>   | <b>Mon 16</b> |                   | <b>Town Office</b> |
| Fire Dept. Training       | Tues 17       | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse          |
| Building Committee        | Thurs 19      | 7 pm              | Library            |
| Fire Dept. Training       | Tues 24       | 6:30 pm           | Firehouse          |
| Library Trustees          | Wed 25        | 7 pm              | Library            |
| Selectboard               | Thurs 26      | 7 pm              | Town Office        |
| <b>Friends' Lawn Sale</b> | <b>Sat 28</b> | <b>8 am- 2 pm</b> | <b>Green</b>       |

*Calendar Events – subject to change.*

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Property Tax Due Monday, September 16

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks,  
postmarked on or before 9/16

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Town Office Hours     | Town Treasurer               |
| Mon & Tues 9-12 & 1-4 | PO Box 1022,                 |
| Fri 1-4 Sat 9-12      | Middletown Springs, VT 05757 |

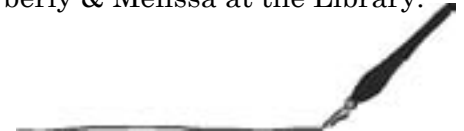
## TOWN NEWSLETTER

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.

