

middle TOWN NEWS letter

December 2019

Facilities Finance Vote Results

The November 19 referendum on facilities financing saw a very strong turnout, with 403 votes cast. In the end, the margin was clear: 116 yes, 286 no, and one spoiled ballot. Thanks to all who voted, and all who expressed their thoughts here on FPF and at the various informational meetings in the past month.

The Selectboard met at their special Thanksgiving week early meeting on Tuesday November 26. The question of Town facilities will definitely be on the Town Meeting ballot for March 2020, and in the next few weeks the Selectboard will begin the work of considering how best to do that. December is budget-building season for the Board, so facilities planning may take a back seat for a short while as it does the work of constructing a budget for fiscal year 2021.

The Board will develop a system of public feedback so that it can learn why voters chose as they did, and what they would like the Selectboard to prioritize as they move forward. Please watch for announcements of that in coming weeks.

Free Indeed

Christmas Free Indeed event will be held on Saturday, December 7, 9 am-noon at the Middletown Springs Community Church. For those of you not familiar with Free Indeed, we collect donated items all year long, set things out like a giant tag sale, and then give it all away. Yes, everything is "Free Indeed."

For more information, contact Sally Achey at 235-2434 or lskayaks1@gmail.com.

New & New-to-Us at the Library

The Child by Fiona Barton

What Happens in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

The Book of Card Games by Peter Arnold

Catch and Kill by Ronan Farrow

Quite a Slightly Place: A Family Dairy Farm in Vermont
by David Middleton

A Short History of Tinmouth, Vermont
by Grant C. Reynolds



Craft Fair

The 25th annual Holiday Craft Fair will take place on Sunday, December 8, at the Elementary School, 10 am-3 pm. The multi-purpose room will be chock full of a wide variety of artists, artisans, and local producers, guaranteeing that you'll be able to get a good jump on your holiday shopping while supporting our local economy. There will be hot lunch and goodies for sale, with funds supporting the Memorial Day Parade.

Christmas in the Park



Celebrate the season at the annual *Christmas in the Park*, to be held on **Sunday, December 8, at 6 pm** on the Green in Middletown Springs. Join us for the live Nativity followed by caroling and the lighting of the Christmas tree. All are welcome to take part as shepherds or angels, then warm up by the fire and enjoy some delicious treats and good conversation. Donations of cookies always appreciated. For more information, contact Rita at 235-2436.



Breakfast with Santa

The MSVFD will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, December 7, at 9 am** at the Elementary School. This is always a fun and tasty event for all ages.

2nd Quarter Property Tax

Due Monday, December 16

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks,
postmarked on or before 12/16 to:

TOWN TREASURER

PO Box 1022

Middletown Springs, VT 05757



A Note from the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019/2020:

1. Due on or before Monday, December 16, 2019.
2. Treasurer will receive payments on Monday, December 16, 2019, 9 am-noon & 1 pm – 4 pm.
3. Or, mail payment to: Town Treasurer, PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 with postmark of December 16, 2019 or prior, to be on time.
4. Late fees will be incurred if tax payments are received or postmarked AFTER December 16, 2019. Late payments will incur interest of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1.5 % per month, each month thereafter until payment is remitted.
5. Post-dated checks for December 16, 2019 are accepted.
6. Treasurer contact info: mtstreasurer@vermontel.net or 802-235-3256.

Thank you. Jenny Talke Munyak

Toddler Time

Toddler Time starts back up in January! Join Melissa & friends for stories, songs, and a snack. Tuesdays at 10:30 am, January 7-February 11. Designed for tots and toddlers and their caregivers.

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



Knitting Circle

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

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 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.



School News

The sixth grade students of MSES would like to **thank** all the community members who attended the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for their trip to Washington in the spring. The event raised more than \$1,700 which will be put towards lodging and the "Night Tour of the Monuments." The tour always has excellent guides who provide extensive background knowledge of the nation's capital. The students also had a successful DonorsChoose.org fundraiser that will cover the cost of the Amtrak tickets. Once again, the school would like to recognize the strong support we receive from the community.

The school has mixed grade level groups called "Cauldrons." These groups meet one day a week and then all students come together for an All-School Meeting. The theme for November's Cauldrons was "**Coyotes**." In Native American lore, coyotes are endowed with many skills, such as bestowing gifts on mankind, helping humans, and acting as tricksters. The Cauldron groups worked on many different activities related to coyotes. For the All-School Meeting, each group read a Native American folk story that related to one of the attributes, and then shared this with the whole school. The students were also very fortunate to have Game Warden Dustin Circe visit the school to share his knowledge of and experiences with coyotes. The students were very attentive and had excellent questions. The plan is to have him come back again to share more information about other Vermont animals.

Basketball season is here again. There will be a combined co-ed 5th/6th grade team with Matt Haley as the coach. The school is also looking for a coach for a combined co-ed 3rd/4th grade team, as well as someone interested in helping introduce basic basketball skills through clinics for interested students in grades K-2. Please contact me if you would like to coach or assist with either or both of the teams or provide a few clinics for the younger students. A background check and fingerprinting would be required.

And lastly, a reminder: the school's **new phone number is: 802-855-5155**.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season, Rick Beal, Principal



Calendar of Events

December

Knitting Circle	Mon 2	7 - 9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 3	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 4	6 pm	WES
Historical Society	Thurs 5	7 pm	MSHS
Breakfast with Santa	Sat 7	9 am	MSES
Christmas Free Indeed	Sat 7	9 am-Noon	MCCC
Holiday Craft Fair	Sun 8	10 am-3 pm	MSES
Christmas in the Park	Sun 8	6 pm	Green
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 10	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 10	7 pm	Library
Friends For Education (FFE)	Wed 11	7 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 12	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Sun 15	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Property Tax Due	Mon 16		Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 17	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	TBA	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	TBA	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 26	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	TBA	6:30 pm	Firehouse

January

Historical Society	Thurs 2	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 6	4:30 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 6	7 - 9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 7	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 8	6 pm	MSES
Building Committee	Wed 8	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
Friends for Education (FFE)	Wed 15	7 pm	School
Building Committee	Thurs 16	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 22	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 23	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 28	6:30 pm	Firehouse

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

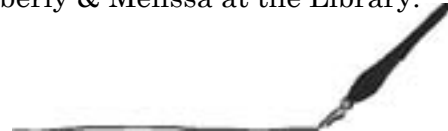
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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.

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<http://FrontPorchForum.com/>

