

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

## October 2021

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### New Neighbor Welcome Event

Middletown Springs has seen many new people moving to town in the past few years, and we have had little opportunity to get together and meet each other! So here is a solution:

**The whole community is invited to a gathering at the Springs Park on Sunday, October 10 from 3 - 5:30pm. New residents as well as our town officials are warmly encouraged to come.**

There will be snacks and opportunities to meet and chat with your neighbors. Any questions at all, please contact Leslie Silver at [leslie.stretch@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.stretch@gmail.com) or 235-2335.

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### Friends for Education

The Friends for Education (FFE) is excited for the new school year, and to see renewed vigor in this important community organization. The FFE is a nonprofit organization made up of parents, school staff, and community members with the goal of raising funds to support extra programming at the school like the Winter Sports Program, VINS Center educational opportunities, guest speakers and presentations such as the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and the annual Artist in Residency. The FFE also seeks to offer family-friendly activities and enrichment beyond the school day. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm.

Please contact Ashley Fioretti at [vtlittleflower13@gmail.com](mailto:vtlittleflower13@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping the FFE, would like a link to our next meeting, or if you would like to make a donation to support our efforts.

### Large Dumpster Day

Saturday, October 2

6 am-12 pm

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### Library Book Sale



The library is holding its first book sale in two years on October 9-11, Saturday through Monday. The sale is held at the Historical Society on the green in Middletown Springs.

With two years' worth of donations, there will be a wide selection of gently read books, fiction, biographies, history, nature, and children's books, as well as movies, puzzles, and games at unbeatable prices - just in time to stock up for the long winter!

The hours are:

**Saturday 8am-3pm**

**Sunday 10am-3pm**

On **Monday** there will be a bag sale from 10am-3pm. The bag sale will be by donation; customers are encouraged to fill a bag or a box and make a donation in any amount. All proceeds benefit the library.

For more information, contact the library at 235-2435 or [middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com).

**Please, NO Book Sale Donations:** The library is unable to accept ANY book donations at this time. There are more books than can possibly sell in one weekend. Donations will be accepted again on Monday, November 1. Please hang on to those donations until then.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Sprucing Up the Neighborhood

The Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) with the generous support of the Johnson Family Foundation in Poultney awarded not one but two grants to Middletown Springs. The Essential Character and Services Matching Grant was made available to non-profit organizations in Rutland County. The Middletown Springs Historical Society and Middletown Springs Public Library wrote successful grants for some much-needed projects.

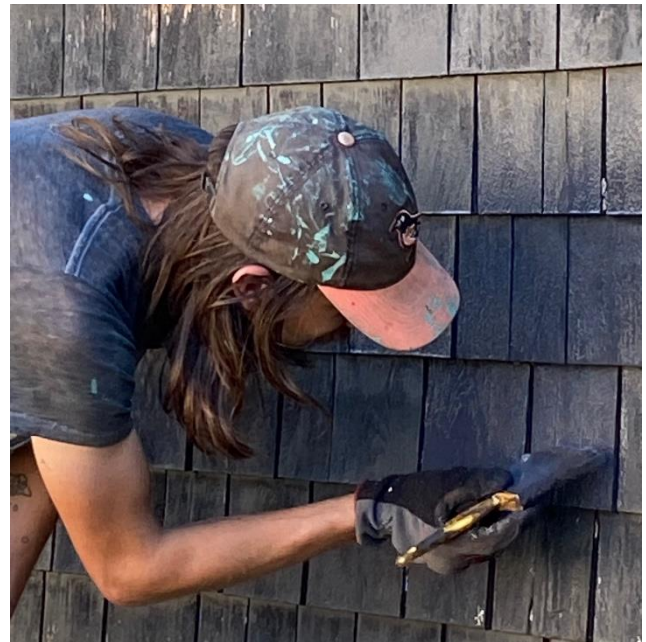


Contractor Andy Floyd is nearing completion of a project to restore 29 pairs of original wooden window sash, mostly on the second floor of the Historical Society building. Andy is reglazing hundreds of panes, repainting both sides of each sash, and painting the exterior sills and trim of the window openings. He will also install removable glass panels to protect the painted surfaces and help to winterize the second-floor rooms. Three attic windows that have been hidden behind boards for over 100 years will now be visible!



The \$13,000 project is funded in part by a \$4,000 award by the Preservation Trust of Vermont.

The library received an overdue face-lift with the help of the Friends of the Library who generously matched the \$4,800 grant from PTV. The work was done by Glenn Tarbell and Jake Ramage, and included repair to the exterior trim and walls which received a full coat of new stain, along with new flashing for the chimney. The rear stairs were entirely rebuilt as well as the front steps, posts, and railing. The entrance and exit of the building are now not only safe and sturdy, but much nicer to look at.





## LARGE DUMPSTER DAY!!

**Saturday October 2** is the fall occurrence of our semi-annual **Large Dumpster Day, 6am – 12pm** at the customary location, 577 West Street location, opposite Parker Water Wells.

Middletown Springs residents may discard large unused or unwanted items such as furniture, mattresses, children's toys, and small amounts of construction/demolition debris that do not qualify as normal household trash. (No contractors). The charge per vehicle OR trailer load is \$10.00; truck-and-trailer loads are \$10.00 each, or \$20.00.

Metal items may be disposed of at no charge. The work crew would greatly appreciate mixed loads to be separated as much as possible in order to simplify the unloading process.

Regular trash and recyclable items, including electronics, MUST be taken to the Fort Dumpster facility. Items containing refrigerant (freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners and the like) are subject to a \$25.00 fee per item and will be accepted at the Fort Dumpster site during this event only.

PLEASE NOTE that hazardous materials such as paints, oils, propane tanks, other solvents and the like are NOT accepted. Tires are NOT ACCEPTED at this event.

SPECIAL NOTES: Please bring exact change or a personal check in the correct amount. Please remain in your vehicle unless instructed otherwise. The Town of Middletown Springs shall NOT be responsible for any damages that may occur during the loading or unloading process.



The **next Household Hazardous Waste** event is scheduled for Saturday October 9 at the Fair Haven Transfer Facility, 8:30am -

12:30pm. For more information visit <https://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Fall-HW-Notice-1.pdf>

## MSVFD Fundraiser & Halloween

The MSVFD fall fundraiser is underway. The MSVFD is selling raffle tickets to win a crossbow package. The package includes a Barnett Game Crusher Crossbow, scope, arrows, broadheads, sling, decocking device, and decocking bolt. This is a \$700 package. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Raffle tickets may be purchased through any MSVFD member or Grant's Village Store. The live drawing will be held on **Friday, October 1 at 7pm** at Grant's Village Store. The winner need not be present to win.

The MSVFD will be hosting Halloween At The Firehouse on **Saturday, October 30**. Hosting the event on Saturday allows local ghosts and goblins to enjoy the evening and not have to worry about school the next day. Halloween treats and hot cider will be available for all to enjoy.

The members of MSVFD would like to invite community members to take part in a Trunk or Treat to coincide with Halloween At The at the Firehouse. Decorate your trunks/vehicles, gather your Halloween treats/tricks, and come out and enjoy the evening! Trunk-or-Treat makes for a safe and fun way for kids to enjoy a dark and ghoulish evening. If you are interested in setting up a Trunk-or-Treat next to the firehouse, please contact Karen Castle, [kmc3265@gmail.com](mailto:kmc3265@gmail.com) or 235-2160.



Photo by Emmett Francois

MSVFD replaces the frayed flag rope in September.

## Friends of the Library

We hope folks had a chance to enjoy our first Book Walk story, Eric Carle's *The Very Busy Spider*. We are excited to announce our next story for the Book Walk is up, and to celebrate Halloween we have chosen *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* written by Linda Williams and illustrated by Megan Lloyd. The Friends will be handing out Halloween goodie bags at the library to folks who complete the walk on Saturday October 30 from 10am – 12pm.

After much consideration, the Friends have decided not to hold our annual lawn sale this year. We are currently brainstorming alternatives as we do plan to hold one in the Fall of 2022. Thank you for your understanding, and willingness to participate!

Lastly, our monthly meetings have moved back to the second Tuesday of every month, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to join.

- Ashley Fioretti, President of FOL
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## Story Time for Families

Melissa and Kimberly are looking forward to singing, moving, and reading stories with our youngest patrons again this fall!

On Wednesdays at 10:30 we will meet outside the library for story time, every week we can. If it's nasty pouring rain, we'll skip that week.

Put on your warm clothes and boots and let's get together! Wednesdays: October 13 – November 17.

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## Halloween at the Library

Watch Front Porch Forum for details about the Library's annual Halloween book giveaway.

## Fall into a new library book

### Adult Fiction

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict  
and Victoria Christopher Murray  
*The Women's March* by Jennifer Chiaverini  
*Inseparable* by Simone de Beauvoir  
*Sooley* by John Grisham  
*The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris  
*People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry  
*Intimacies* by Katie Kitamura  
*The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz  
*A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson  
*The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman  
*The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny  
*Bewilderment* by Richard Powers  
*Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid  
*Legacy* by Nora Roberts  
*Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney  
*Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead  
*The Coldest Case* by Martin Walker

### Adult Non-Fiction

*This Is Your Mind on Plants* by Michael Pollan  
*The Wild Silence* by Raynor Winn

### Children's

*The Babysitter's Club Kristy and the Snobs*  
by Chan Chau  
*Narwhal's School of Awesomeness* by Ben Clanton  
*I Know Numbers!* By Taro Gomi  
*Friends Forever* by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham  
*Cat Kid Comic Club* by Dav Pilkey  
*Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of  
the Purple Potty People* by Dav Pilkey  
*I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018*  
by Lauren Tarshis  
*I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900*  
by Lauren Tarshis

## Calendar of Events

<b>Book Sale</b>	Oct 9	Sat, 8 am-3 pm	Historical Society
<b>Book Sale</b>	Oct 10	Sun, 10 am-3 pm	Historical Society
<b>Bag o' Books Sale</b>	Oct 11	Mon, 10 am-3 pm	Historical Society
Friends for Education	Oct 18	Mon, 7 pm	Zoom
<b>FOL Halloween Story Walk</b>	Oct 30	Sat, 10 am-12 pm	School to Library
<b>Halloween at the Firehouse</b>	Oct 30	Sat, TBA	Firehouse
<b>Halloween at the Library</b>	Oct 31	Sun, 5-7 pm	Library
<u>Regular Meetings</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Conservation Commission	2nd Thurs /TBA	TBA	Elizabeth Cooper (235-1406)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues /6:30 pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends of the Library (FOL)	2nd Tues / 7:15 pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7 pm	MSHS	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 7 pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon /	Town Office	Hilary Solomon (235-1115)
Selectboard	2nd & 4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Terry Redfield (235-2084)
Town Facilities Planning	1st & 3rd Thurs / 7 pm	Town Office	Terry Redfield (235-2084)
Wells Springs School Board	1st Wed	MSES/WES	Meredith Morgan (235-2059)

### 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 (FPF) and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted on FPF and the Town website or is sent free via email 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.

### Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library  
[middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com)  
 PO Box 1206  
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month

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