

middle TOWN NEWS letter

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2022 Absentee Ballot Requests

If you are planning to vote absentee, request an absentee ballot for 2022 elections now. To add your name to the list of people who will receive absentee ballots by mail in 2022, you need to complete an absentee ballot request form. State law allows for voters to request absentee ballots for a single election or for a full calendar year. **You must submit a new form each calendar year.** Here's where to obtain a request form:

- On the [town's website](#)
- On the [state's website](#)
- Through [Vermont's Online Portal](#)
- Pick up or request a form from the town clerk's office.

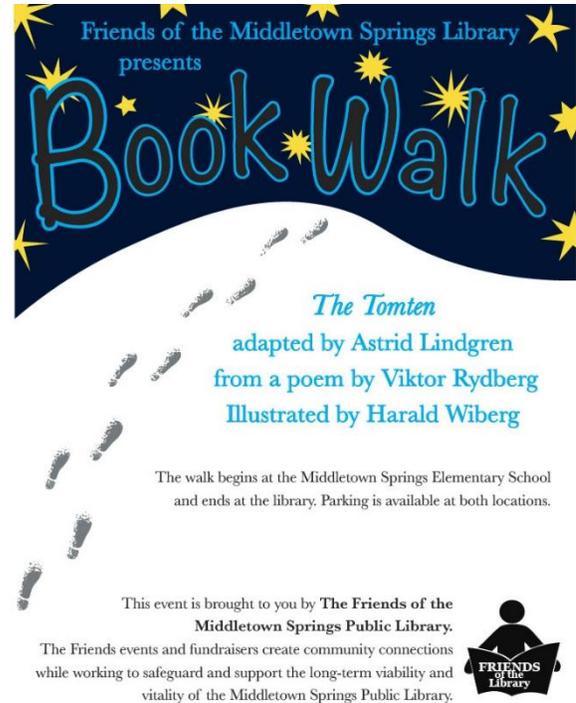
If you are not sure if you are on the absentee ballot list for 2022, check your status at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or connect with Patty Kenyon, the town clerk.

The town clerk's office is open Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and Thursday & Friday from 1pm to 4pm. Town office phone: 802-235-2220; town clerk's email: middletown@vermontel.net

Story Time for Families – New Series

Melissa and friends are gearing up for an outdoor story time, with lots of movement, singing, and a book or two. Designed for our younger patrons but all are welcome.

Next five-week series runs January 19 - February 16, Wednesdays at 10:30. Put on your warm clothes and boots and join the fun! If the weather is nasty, we'll skip that week. Call or text Kimberly (287-0168) if you are unsure.



New to Adult Collection at the Library

Fiction

- Better Off Dead* by Lee Child and Andrew Child
- Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Crosby
- The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich
- Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* by Diana Gabaldon
- The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois* by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers
- North* by Brad Kessler
- Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult
- We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
- The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks
- The Magician* by Colm Toibin

Non-Fiction

- The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams
 - The Secret World of Weather* by Tristan Gooley
 - The Dawn of Everything* by David Graeber and David Wengrow
 - The Anthropocene Revisited* by John Green
 - Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang
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Calendar of Regular Meetings

<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)

New Town Directory

Watch your mailbox for the newest edition of the town directory, which will be sent by bulk mail to everyone with a 05757 zip code. If yours doesn't arrive or your mail arrives somewhere other in Middletown Springs, please stop in at the town office or library and pick one up. If you would like a second copy of the directory, they are available for a \$2 donation.

Thank you to the advertising sponsors whose ads underwrite the printing and distribution - check out the print ads in the back of the book to see who they are. Kudos to the volunteers who painstakingly collect the information from residents and businesses of Middletown Springs to produce the directory. Special thanks to Maria Riley for her skill and expertise in design and layout. If you are not in the directory and want to be, or if you have changes to your listings, please contact the library at middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or 802-235-2435.

Snowshoes at the Library

SNOWSHOES at the library? Check them out!!! The library has 5 pairs of adult shoes (3 men's & 2 women's, 3 pairs of poles) plus 6 children's pairs and 1 pair of toddler snowshoes to circulate. They go out for three days at a time, like the park passes. The person checking them out must be 18+ and is responsible for any pairs checked out. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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, Crossman's Store, and the library.

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com
PO Box 1206
Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Deadline: 25th of the month

Front Porch Forum

Join Front Porch Forum to know what is happening between issues of the middleTOWN NEWSletter. It's free. It's local.



Puzzle Exchange

Help refresh the library's puzzle exchange! Bring in puzzles you are finished with (no missing pieces, please) and take away one new to you.

Serve our Town: Run for Office!

Middletown Springs community members,

Now is a great time to run for elected office. It is a chance to get involved and give back to the community.

Town Meeting election of officers is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The **deadline to file a petition to run** for Town Office is **Monday, January 24, 2022, at 4pm** (close of business). You may pick up a Nominating Petition and Consent of Candidate form from the town clerk or download them here <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-inforesources/candidates/local-office-candidates/>

Middletown Springs Town Officers Positions Open for Election 2022*

Elected Office	Term Length
Selectboard Member	2 Years
Selectboard Member	3 Years
Town Moderator	1 Year
School Director (Wells Springs)	3 Years (2 years remaining)
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Lister	3 Years
Town Auditor	3 Years
Planning Commission	3 Years 3 Years 3 Years (2 years remaining) 3 Years (1 year remaining)
Library Trustee	3 Years 3 Years (2 years remaining) 3 Years (2 years remaining) 3 Years (1 year remaining)
Trustee Copeland Church Fund	1 Year (1 seat elected, 3 trustees serve)
Trustees Copeland Cemetery Fund	1 Year (1 seat elected, 3 trustees serve)
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies	3 Years 3 Years (1 year remaining)

This list does not reflect whether the incumbent intends to run for re-election.

* Current elected office holders can be found on the Town Website.

<http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>

Middletown Springs 2022 Town Meeting Calendar Dates to Remember

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – Last day to file a petition to place an item on the *Town Meeting Ballot*

- ✦ Need signatures of 5% of registered voters (currently = 35)

Monday, January 24, 2022 – Last day to file a *Candidate Petition & Consent of Candidate* form to run for local office (town office closes at 5pm that day)

- ✦ Need signatures of 1% of registered voters (currently = 7)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – Last day to withdraw *Candidate Petition*

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – Ballots must be available for early voting

Friday, February 18, 2022 – Last day to post *Town Meeting Warning for Informational Meeting* (3 places)

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Last day to distribute *Town Reports*

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Last day to post *Sample Ballot* (3 places)

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – *School District Informational Meeting* at 7pm. Place to be determined. Virtual option available.

Monday, February 28, 2022 – Last day for *Absentee Ballot* requests from the town clerk

Monday, February 28, 2022 – *Town Informational Meeting* at 6:30pm. Place to be determined. Zoom option available.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – Town Meeting Day

- ✦ Polls open 7am to 7pm – Voting in Middletown Springs Historical Society Dining Room – *COVID-19 Protocols must be followed*
- ✦ All ballots must be in by close of polls

For more information call or email the Town Clerk (802-235-2220 | middletown@vermontel.net)

