

middle TOWN NEWS letter

March 2022

FFE Garden Seed Fundraiser

Middletown Springs Elementary School's Friends for Education (FFE) is getting ready to start its annual High Mowing Seeds fundraiser. If you have not yet purchased all of your seeds or are looking to fill in some gaps, please consider ordering from this fundraiser. To receive a digital copy of the brochure, please email Ashley Fioretti at vtlittleflower13@gmail.com. The fundraiser will run from Monday, February 28 - Tuesday, March 15. All proceeds from the fundraiser go to support extra programming at the elementary school like this spring's Artist-in-Residency.

Thank you for supporting the FFE.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Library hopes everyone has had a chance to enjoy our most recent **Book Walk** of *The Tomten*, Astrid Lindgren's adaptation of Viktor Rydberg's Swedish poem about a house gnome's nighttime adventures taking care of a farm in winter, with illustrations by Harald Wiberg. This month we will put up **Ezra Jack Keat's *The Snowy Day***, along with winter tracking information so folks can look for animals who participate in the walk and live in our neighborhoods.

Also, any Middletown Springs resident interested in helping with our April Book Walk: Please **submit an original poem** to be included in our April walk to celebrate National Poetry Month.

Submit poems to Ashley Fioretti at vtlittleflower13@gmail.com. Poems must be appropriate in language and content for all ages, and can include original artwork, as well. All submissions must be received by March 25, and able to fit on a 7" x 8" piece of paper.

Finally, the Friends will be hosting a **lawn sale this September**. Stay tuned for details!

Not a Friend of the Library yet? Stop in the library for a registration form or email us at friendsmtpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

MSHS Spring Raffle

With over 30 items, each valued at \$100 or more, the Historical Society kicks off its 2022 Maple Festival Raffle. Raffle items include original works by local artists and craftspeople, a gift certificate for 100 gallons of heating oil from Johnson Energy, a Killington Resort ski package, gift cards from local and regional stores and restaurants, and several Vermont gift baskets.

Participants can enter their tickets in individual item raffles to increase their chances of getting what they want. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five tickets for \$100. Tickets and payments must be returned by mail, postmarked by **March 19**. For a list of raffle items, tickets, and instructions, visit <http://www.MiddletownSpringsHistoricalSociety.org>.

For more information contact David Wright at 802-235-2376 or montvert@vermontel.net.

Outdoor Story Time

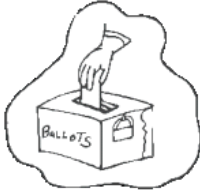


Join Melissa and friends for an outdoor story time with lots of movement, singing, and a few books. Designed for our younger patrons but all are welcome.

The next session will run Wednesdays at 10:30 am, from March 9 – April 13, except March 30.

Put on your warm clothes and boots and join the fun. If it's nasty weather, we'll skip that week. Call or text Kimberly (287-0168) if you are unsure.

TOWN MEETING - 2022



Unofficial Results

A total of 307 voters cast their votes in the Middletown Springs 2022 Town Meeting.

Here are the headlines of the results:

- All 36 of the town ballot items passed.
- There was only one contested race for a Town office: the 3-year seat for Selectboard. In that contest, the incumbent Patty Kenyon defeated the challenger Carl Haynes, 158-140.
- The combined Wells Springs school budget passed by a narrow margin, 206-183.
- All uncontested races for town and school district offices were won by their unopposed candidates, with no write-in campaigns.
- Several town offices had no candidates, and those races received a substantial number of write-ins. The Selectboard will ask the leading vote-getters for each position to consider serving.

The full and final official tallies will be affirmed by the town clerk later this week.

Town Newsletter Changes

The middleTOWN NEWSletter is published monthly by the town librarians. The intention has been to keep the information flowing about events, town matters, and items of interest, including or especially about library happenings.

The format is under review and changes are coming. If you are reading this, send us a [quick email](#) (or call us) telling us what you look for in the newsletter and how often you read it.

Be honest! We really want to know.



Property Taxes are DUE!

Property Tax payments for the third quarter of 2021/2022 are due on or before Tuesday, March 15. Tax payments will be accepted as follows:

1. MAIL to PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 (with a 3/15/22 or earlier postmark.)
2. **DROP BOX on the OUTSIDE of the Town Office** by the end of the day of 3/15/22.

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

PLEASE do not remit taxes to the Town Clerk, as she is not authorized to accept them.

Tax payments received or postmarked after March 15, 2022 will incur a late fee of 1% for 3 months and 1.5% thereafter until paid.

Thank you!

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

Register Your Dog

Vermont state law requires all dogs or wolf-hybrids be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1. All license fees include funds required to be sent to the state rabies and spay/neuter programs.

Licensure requires that all dogs or wolf-hybrids over the age of 3 months have a current rabies vaccination. Certification of vaccination must be on file with or presented to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.

Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00

If you are uncomfortable coming into the town office to register your animal or if your schedule just doesn't fit the clerk's office hours, you can still get your pet registered. You can mail your rabies certificate and other pertinent information to the Town Clerk at PO Box 1232, Middletown Springs 05757 and I will complete the registration and mail you back the license and tags.

Clerk's office is open on Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and Thursday & Friday from 1pm to 4pm. Office phone: 802-235-2220 | Clerk's Email: middletown@vermontel.net

Please register your dogs!

Patty Kenyon

Town Clerk

March

Daylight Savings begins	Sun. 13	
Property Tax DUE	Tues. 15	Town Office
MSHS Maple Raffle – closes	Sat. 19	

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. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	George Gonda (235-2535)
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 \$7 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.

NEW & New-to-us on the Library Shelves

Fiction

The Abbot of Saginaw by Herb Childress
The Dark Hours by Michael Connelly
The Night Hawks by Elly Griffiths
The Judge's List by John Grisham
Transient Desires by Donna Leon
Apeirogon by Colum McCann
The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

Non-Fiction

Red Comet: Short and Blazing Life of Sylvia Plath
by Heather Clark
Wait For God to Notice by Sari Fordham
Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman
Whole Grain Baking by King Arthur Flour
How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

Movies (dvd)

Dune
King Richard
Parkland
Queen Bees
Respect

Children's Picture Books

Viking in Love by Doug Cenko
I'm In Love with a Big Blue Frog
by Peter, Paul and Mary
Love in the Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall
