

middle TOWN NEWS letter

JUNE 2022

Strawberry Festival

The Middletown Springs Historical Society's 47th Annual Strawberry Festival takes place **Sunday, June 19, from 2 – 4pm.**

Strawberry lovers are invited to the Historical Society on the Green, 10 Park Avenue, Middletown Springs, for delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh Vermont berries, homemade biscuits, vanilla ice cream, and whipped cream, with a choice of iced tea, lemonade, or hot coffee. Berries will be available to buy by the quart.

Local artists and craftspeople will display and sell their work, including maple products, jewelry, photography, knitted items, honey and beeswax products. There will be live music during the event as well as children's activities.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, and on Sunday afternoons through October, and year-round by appointment. Admission to the festival and museum are free.

On view in the museum is the new exhibit "Fancy Goods: Hats and Fashion Accessories 1850-1950", featuring items from the museum collection. In addition are exhibits on Baptist Pastor Sylvanus Haynes, the Montvert Hotel & Mineral Springs, and the Middletown History Timeline.

The famous Middletown springs still flow every day, year-round in the Mineral Springs Park located nearby. For more information, contact Pat Hemenway at 235-2421 or David Wright at 235-2376.



Photo: Emmett Francois

Strawberry Jam Fun Run



Join the Friends for Education (FFE) on **Sunday, June 19 at 11am** for the first-ever "Strawberry Jam" 5k run/walk and fun run to benefit our special little school. It's still not too late to register!

Go to strawberryjamrun.wordpress.com for more information. After the run, head over to the Historical Society's Strawberry Festival on the town Green.

Thank you so much for supporting our efforts to support special programming at our elementary school!

The Memorial Day Parade Returns!



The Middletown Springs Parade Committee thanks everyone who participated and who came to watch and to honor our fallen.

Library Book Sale * June 4 & 5

Saturday 8am-3pm – all books \$1 or less
Sunday 10am-2pm – bag sale, by donation

At the Historical Society
Gently read books, movies, puzzles, games
All proceeds benefit the library

Happy Father's Day

Call the Fire Warden Before Burning

My cell number is **802-558-4239**. Please try calling first and if you don't hear back within 5 minutes, feel free to send a text.

Thank you, James Reed
Middletown Springs Forest Fire Warden



A BioBlitz is a **citizen-science event** to identify as many species as possible within a certain location and time period. It's a free community event where naturalists and volunteers come together to raise awareness about biodiversity and all the ways to care for it, and a great way to learn about and connect with our environment through exploration, discussion and play. It's also an excellent excuse to have fun in the great outdoors!

Come to: Mercy Ecospirituality Center, 56 Howard Hill Road, Benson, VT 05743 on **Saturday, June 18 from 7:30am – 10:30pm**.

The day begins with birding with the Rutland County Audubon group, and ends with nighttime moth sightings with JoAnne Russo! Though the full schedule will be released soon, lunch is included and there will many nature walks and fun activities for all ages. Join us for one or all events of the day.

Cost: Free! Registration is required for this event, so please visit our website at www.mercyecology.org or contact us by phone or email to sign up: (802) 537-4531, mercyfarm@mercyecology.org.

Library Book Donation Pause

No donations accepted until AFTER July 4. At that point, the library will gladly accept donations of gently read books, DVDs, games, and puzzles are grateful received. Absolutely NO textbooks, torn covers, mildew or VHS/ cassette tapes. A good rule of thumb is: if you wouldn't buy it, don't donate it!

Friends of the Library

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual **Friends of the Library Plant Sale!** Donors, volunteers, and buyers made it a success! Thanks for supporting our efforts to support book purchasing and special programming at our library.

Book Walk: It's time to go for a walk and read a book! Summer weather is the perfect time to enjoy the short walk between the school and the library. This month's title is ***Feathers for Lunch*** by Lois Ehlert. This is a fun little book that helps folks learn to identify some common backyard birds. The walk starts down the hill behind the basketball court at the elementary school. Many thanks to Jeanne Arsenault for making these walks come to life!

Summer at the Library



Make a big splash at the library this summer with **Oceans of Possibilities**, the summer program. Planning is underway for a series of sea-worthy story times, nautical take-and-make activities, movie nights, and stuffed animal sleepover.

Story Time – Wednesdays at 10am: Join us outside under the big shade tree, for stories with a snack! Weekly on Wednesdays at 10am, July 13 – August 10.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

& Teddy Bear Breakfast Story Time: Drop off is Tuesday, Aug 9, 2-6pm. Pick-up at Story Time on Wednesday, Aug 10.

Dive into a new experience!

Borrow an **activity kit** from the library. Purchased last year with a grant from Stewart's with the help of the Friends of the Library, each kit circulates for one week.



Changes to Audio and E-Book Access



Patrons are now asked to supply a password when logging in, along with their library barcode number.

The **temporary password is your last name**. Call or email the library if you need help, (802)235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Haven't tried GMLC/Overdrive? As a patron of the Middletown Springs Public Library, you have access to thousands of e-books and audiobooks through the Green Mountain Library Consortium. Access the website: <https://gmlc.overdrive.com/> or download the Libby app.

Reminder from the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 4th and final quarter of fiscal year 21/22 are due on or before Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Tax payments will be accepted as follows:

1. MAIL to PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 (with a 6/15/22 or earlier postmark.)
2. **DROP BOX on the OUTSIDE of the Town Office** by the end of the day of 6/15/22.

There are NO exceptions for late taxes – **An 8% penalty will be imposed if taxes are received or postmarked after June 15** and will be forwarded to the Delinquent Tax Collector, Debra House, for collection.

Additionally, 1% interest fee will be charged for the first 3 months of delinquency, and 1.5% interest per month will be charged thereafter.

If you have any questions regarding tax payments, please contact mtstreasurer@vermontel.net or 802-235-3256.

New tax bills for FY 22/23 will be mailed by mid-August. Kindly **save** this tax bill (even if your mortgage company pays your taxes.) You'll need this document when you file taxes in April 2023.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jenny Talke Munyak

New & New-to-us Books at the Library

Fiction

The Candy House by Jennifer Egan
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
22 Seconds by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn
Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart
Young Mungo by Douglas Stuart
The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani

Non-Fiction

In Love by Amy Bloom
Nice Racism by Robin Diangelo
Out of the Corner by Jennifer Grey

Teen/Young Adult

Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley
This Book Is Gay by Juno Dawson
All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

Children's

Green Pants by Kenneth Kraegel
I Don't Want to Be a Frog by Dev Petty
The Dragon Ark by Emma Roberts

Parks and Museum Passes at the Library

Available for **three-day** check-out to Middletown Springs residents.

- [American Precision Museum](#): Free Family Pass.
- [ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain](#): \$7 admission per person for up to four people.
- [Shelburne Farms Pass](#): Free admission for two adults and their children, includes walking trails and Children's Farmyard.
- [Vermont Historic Sites Pass](#): Free admission.
- [Vermont Historical Society Museum Pass](#): Free admission to the Museum in Montpelier.
- [Vermont State Park Pass](#): Free admission to Day Use Areas for up to eight people in one vehicle. Visit individual websites for current schedules and any Covid-19 requirements before your visit.

Calendar of Events

June

Library Book Sale	Sat 4	8am-3pm	Historical Society
Library Book Sale	Sun 5	10am-2pm	Historical Society
Property Taxes Due	Wed 15		
Strawberry Jam	Sun 19	11am	on the Green
Strawberry Festival	Sun 19	2-4pm	Historical Society

Calendar of Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings	Schedule	Location	Contact Person
Conservation Commission	2 nd Thurs /TBA	TBA	Elizabeth Cooper (235-1406)
Fire Dept. Association	2 nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues /6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends of the Library (FOL)	2 nd Tues / 7:15pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1 st Thurs / 7pm	MSHS	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4 th Wed / 7pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1 st Mon /TBA	Town Office	Hilary Solomon (235-1115)
Selectboard	2 nd & 4 th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Heather Grier (236-7643)
Wells Springs School Board	1 st Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	Meredith Morgan (235-2059)

Front Porch Forum

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

Submit News & Events to:

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

Deadline: 25th of the month

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.

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