

middle TOWN NEWS letter

September 2022

Public Meeting to Discuss Spending Pandemic Relief Funds

As part of the US government's pandemic relief program (ARPA), the town of Middletown Springs has been awarded \$223,596.68. The Selectboard must hold a public meeting to solicit ideas and project proposals to spend these federal dollars. Proposed projects will be considered alongside the list of projects the board and other town officials have deemed to be high priority.

The board has scheduled this public meeting for **Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 7pm**. The meeting will be held in the Historical Society Dining room and will also be accessible through Zoom. Links for the Zoom meeting will be posted the week of the 15th.

Projects currently under consideration for funding include:

- Subsidize the New Town Office Project
- Development of the West Street Site for Highway & Transfer Station Facilities
- Digitize Land Records
- Address Priorities outlined in our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Address Library's accessibility needs
- Proposal for a Dual-Purpose Outdoor Learning Center & Community Space at the Elementary School

PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, September 15 at 7pm to share your ideas and proposals, to lend your support to projects on this list, and to learn more about ARPA funds and how these funds can help to shape the future of Middletown Springs. All ideas and proposals are welcome. These funds have the potential to have lasting impact for our community. Your voice and input will help the Selectboard make the most informed decisions for putting this one-time windfall to the best use.

For questions, Zoom link, or more information, contact Town Clerk at middletown@vermontel.net,

by phone 802-235-2220, or in person at the town office during open hours, M & T 9am - 4pm; Th-Fr 1pm - 4pm.

2nd Annual Town-Wide Gathering

The whole community is invited to the second annual Town-Wide Gathering on **Sunday, September 11, 3-5:30pm**. Join us in the Mineral Springs Park to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old ones. New residents as well as town officials are especially invited. There will be snacks, door prizes and lots of opportunities to mingle and enjoy our community.

Hope to see you there!

Want to help? Want to contribute a snack? Have a donation for a door prize? Email Leslie Silver lsilver.stretch@gmail.com.

Town-wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 10, 9-3 pm on the Community Church Green in the center of town. Hosted by the Friends of the Library, all space rental income goes to support the library. Check-out the Friends of the Library's and Library Trustees' tables where all the sale proceeds support the library. More than 15 spaces have been reserved.

Contact Wendy (wendyherrick84@gmail.com or 235-3999) if you are interested in a last minute spot.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Details in this newsletter

Town-wide Yard Sale	Sept 10, Sat	9am-3pm
Town-wide Gathering	Sept 11, Sun	3-5:30pm
Property Tax DUE	Sept 15, Thurs	
Public Meeting (ARPA)	Sept 15, Thurs	7pm
VT vs Hollywood (MSHS)	Sept 18, Sun	2pm
Large Dumpster Day	Oct 1, Sat	6am-12pm

Historical Society Annual Meeting: "Vermont vs. Hollywood: 100 Years of Vermont in Film"

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Middletown Springs Historical Society will convene at 2 pm, on Sunday, September 18, at the Historical Society Building. Following a dessert buffet there will be a brief Business Meeting, including a review of the year's accomplishments and plans for the future.

On the agenda are changes to the MSHS Bylaws and the election of new Trustees for the 2022-2024 term.

Guest speaker, Amanda Gustin, will give a slide presentation "**Vermont vs. Hollywood:100 Years of Vermont in Film.**" Vermont has been a featured location in Hollywood movies for nearly a century. It has represented many different ideals during that time, and its portrayal reflects both Vermont's own history as well as American history.

Gothic suspense movie, "Blood Bride", was filmed in Middletown Springs in 1979.

Read the story of that production in the September 2020 issue of the MSHS Newsletter, available on the [website](#). Blood Bride poster from the 1980 Cannes Film Festival, courtesy Richard Spitalny.

Examining those films provides interesting and fun insights into the hold that Vermont has had on our imagination in the media age. Gustin will provide background and share video clips ranging chronologically from 1919's "Way Down East" to 2005's "Thank You for Not Smoking".

Amanda Gustin has been the Public Programs Manager at the Vermont Historical Society since 2012. Prior to that, she was a researcher at the Mary Baker Eddy Library in Boston. She has studied military, religious, and women's history in the medieval period and nineteenth-century America.



Large Dumpster Day

Fall 2022 "Big Dumpster Day" is rapidly approaching! The date to remember is **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. The event will be held from **6am-12pm** at the customary 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, PLEASE). The **charge per vehicle OR trailer** load is \$10.00; truck and trailer loads are \$10.00 each (or \$20.00).

Bag Small Items: In the interest of staff safety and efficiency, all small items must be in contractor bags or some form of disposable container as much as reasonably possible. This will aid the working staff in the efficiency of the unloading process and create a safer work environment as well. Non-conforming loads may be turned away at the Staff's discretion.

Tire Disposal: Passenger car /pickup truck tires will be collected in a separate container strictly for this purpose. There will be a \$5.00 per tire charge (mounted tires on rims are okay as well). Smaller tires such as lawn tractor, wheelbarrow, etc. will be subject to a \$1.00 per item fee.

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. Large tires (tractor, equipment tires, large trucks) are **NOT ACCEPTED** at this event.

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

Exact Change: 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.

Town Treasurer's Message

Your **Property Tax payment** for the 1st quarter of 2022/2023 is due before/on **Thursday, September 15**.

Please remit your payment as follows:

1. **MAIL** to PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 (with a 9/15/22 or earlier postmark.), or
2. in the **DROP BOX on the OUTSIDE** of the town office by the end of the day of 9/15/2022.

Please note: For those of you who have still not received credit or notification of your homestead rebate or status, please pay the 1st quarter of your taxes as listed on your property tax bill. Once the town has been notified of your rebate by the State of Vermont, your taxes will be adjusted accordingly, and you will be sent an updated property tax bill that will show a reduction for the 2nd quarterly payment.

If you have questions regarding your homestead status, contact the Vermont Department of Labor DIRECTLY, as our Town does not execute decisions or calculations on this process.

<https://tax.vermont.gov/> or 802-828-2865.

REMINDER - Treasurer Contact Information:

mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

802-235-3256 – Kindly use only this office number to phone the Treasurer

Thank you.

Jenny Talke Munyai, Town Treasurer

Libby Audio & e-Books

New Password Needed! Patrons must now 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 for your smartphone or tablet.



Universal Class



More than **500 free online classes** ranging in topics from writing skills, software programs (including Adobe and Microsoft programs), to science, html, and graphic design. There's something for everyone! Though classes are not for college credit, they are led by a real instructor with whom you can communicate by e-mail. Courses allow you to proceed at your own pace, working on assignments anytime, day or night.

To access, go to http://bit.ly/vtlib_uc and use your library card number to login and create an account.

Community Calendar 2023

It's time to (re)subscribe to the Community Calendar! The "birthday calendar" is a long-standing tradition and lists many residents' birthdays as well as notices of the town's boards and committee regular meetings. Subscribers have the option of including family members' birthdays and anniversaries.

Advertising sponsors underwrite the production costs of the calendar, and their ads highlight many of the businesses in town.

New in town and don't know what we're talking about? Stop in at the library and we will show you this year's calendar. You are welcome to take 2022's home as a welcome gift, while supplies last.

[Use the Google form](#) with links to Paypal to make it easy to subscribe and pay. Or, use the [re-order form](#) between July & August in the current calendar to place your order.

Calendars are \$10 before September 12 and \$15 after. Birthday and anniversary listings are included in the purchase price. All calendars must be pre-paid. The prices have increased due to increase in production costs. **Order and pay by September 12 to receive last year's price.**

Advertising sponsors: Please support the Middletown Springs Community Calendar with your pre-paid ad block, visible for all 12 months on the calendar border. Include your family's birthdays and anniversaries on your complimentary copy of the calendar.

The final deadline for all submissions is September 24, 2022. The calendar helps strengthen our community and the funds raised are used to support the town library, its collection and programming.

Thank you, *Library Trustees*

Upcoming EVENTS

Town-wide Yard Sale	Sept 10	Sat	9am-3pm	on the Green
Town-wide Gathering	Sept 11	Sun	3-5:30pm	Springs Park
Property Tax DUE	Sept 15	Thurs		Mail or Drop Box
Public Meeting – ARPA Funds	Sept 15	Thurs	7pm	MSHS & Zoom
VT vs Hollywood (MSHS Annual Mtg)	Sept 18	Sun	2pm	MSHS
Large Dumpster Day	Oct 1	Sat	6am-12pm	West Street

Calendar of Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings	Schedule	Location	Contact Person
Conservation Commission	3 rd Thurs /5:30pm	Library	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	
Wells Springs Community Comm.	2 nd Wed / 7pm	virtual only	

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.

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

Milestones

What can be published as a *Milestone*? Any major event in your life, such as: a birth, a death, a marriage, a new job, or a recent graduation. If you have something you'd like to announce, please send us an [email](#) and we will include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you send a longer announcement, we may need to edit for space but will do our best to keep the tone.

FREE Covid Test Kits

The library has Covid-19 antigen self-test kits to hand out. They are from the Vermont Health Department and are to be used this summer and fall. Pick up some to have on hand to use:

- if you have symptoms,
- if you have had close contact with someone who has COVID,
- if you are going to travel or go to a big gathering.

If you test positive, reduce the chance of giving it to others by staying home.