

middle TOWN NEWS letter

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Breaking Ground on New Town Office



In the photo, left to right: David Munyak, Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon, Peter Stevenson, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Neil Russell, Michael Beattie, Terry Redfield
Photo by Emmett Francois

The Town of Middletown Springs Select Board members posed for a groundbreaking photo at the site of the new town office building on Saturday morning, October 15, 2022. Joining the Board members were a handful of key volunteer citizens who have donated countless hours of their own time and talents to get this project to where we are today. David Munyak is one of the original Building Committee members and longtime chair of that committee, who steered this project along for many years and oversaw the critical brownfields cleanup efforts. Architect Michael Beattie is another longtime committee member whose many different drawings over the years helped form the basis of where we are today. Peter Stevenson's expertise and vast array of contacts within all phases of the building construction industry have proven invaluable to this Select Board in helping us finally achieve this monumental task of breaking ground for the new town office.

Special thanks to Emmett Francois for spearheading this photo opportunity and documenting it for our community!

Halloween at the Library

On Halloween night, the library will be handing out snacks and a book for trick-or-treaters to keep. Stop by the library on your trip around town on **Monday, October 31, 5-7pm.**

NOTE: The library will be open from 11am – 3 pm, and **closed** 3-5pm so we can make it good and spooky.

Enter from the back, up our beautifully rebuilt rear stairs and exit out the main door for a one-way traffic flow. We save up nearly-new donated children's books all year to be ready for this event. We look forward to seeing your goblins and ghosts!

Halloween at the Firehouse

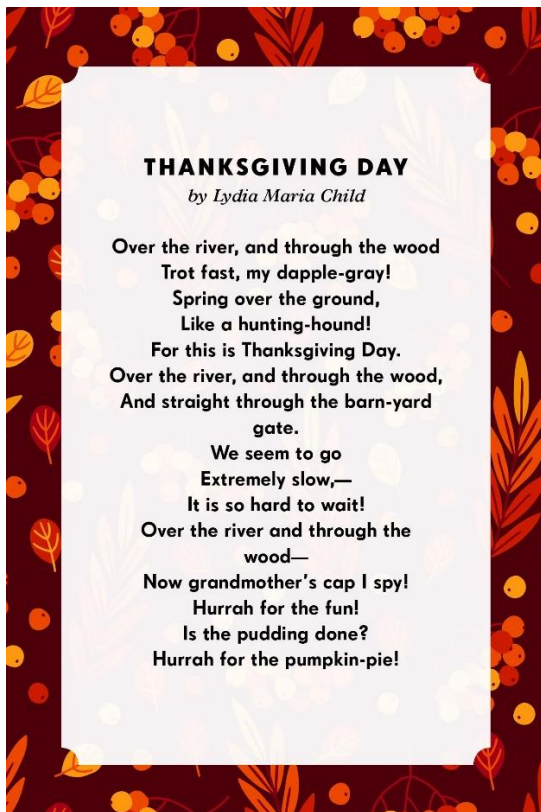
All ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and anything in between are welcome to stop by the firehouse on **Monday, October 31, beginning at 5:30**, for tasty treats, hot cider, and a few scares. Trunk or Treat participants are welcome at the firehouse. Come and set up your vehicle in the parking lot with your favorite Halloween setting. Anyone is welcome to join us for the event!

MSVFD Hunter's Raffle

The **drawing will be on November 1** at 7pm. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$20 and can be purchased at Crossman's General Store or through any fire department member. The Winchester 30-30 lever action is valued at \$800 and was donated by Don and Pat Hemenway.

Dates to Remember

General Election <small>More info on page 3</small>	Nov 8
Library Closed <small>Carpet cleaning</small>	Nov 10-12
Property Tax DUE	Dec 15



THANKSGIVING DAY

by Lydia Maria Child

Over the river, and through the wood
 Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
 Spring over the ground,
 Like a hunting-hound!
 For this is Thanksgiving Day.
 Over the river, and through the wood,
 And straight through the barn-yard
 gate.
 We seem to go
 Extremely slow,—
 It is so hard to wait!
 Over the river and through the
 wood—
 Now grandmother's cap I spy!
 Hurrah for the fun!
 Is the pudding done?
 Hurrah for the pumpkin-pie!

Fall into a Good Book

FICTION

- Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen
- Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson
- The Winners* by Fredrik Backman
- The Final Gambit* (book 3) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney
- Never* by Ken Follett
- The Ink Black Heart* by Robert Galbraith
- Less is Lost* by Andrew Sean Greer
- Fall Guy* by Archer Mayor
- Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng
- The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell
- Dreamland* by Nicholas Sparks
- Lucy By the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout

NON-FICTION

- The Road Taken* by Patrick Leahy
- Who's Raising the Kids?* by Susan Linn
- Bowling Alone* by Robert Putnam



Pumpkin Bread

Get the most out of your post-Halloween pumpkin - here's a recipe shared by Laura Derrendinger:

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| Makes 2 large loaves | 350° oven |
| 8 eggs | 6 c. whole wheat flour |
| 1 c. water | 3 tsp salt |
| 2 c. vegetable oil | 4 tsp baking soda |
| 2 c. cooked pumpkin | 4 tsp cinnamon |
| 2 ½ c. molasses | 2 tsp nutmeg |
| 2 c. brown sugar | 1 tsp clove powder |

Beat eggs until fluffy. Beat water, vegetable oil, pumpkin, molasses, and brown sugar into eggs. Sift flour, salt, baking soda, and spices into egg mixture. Stir until smooth. Butter loaf pans and pour in. Bake 45 minutes to an hour at 350°.

A Perfect Spot to Read Behind the Library



General Election

November 8, 2022 Polls open from 7am to 7pm

Every registered voter should have been mailed a ballot directly from the state of Vermont. If you haven't received a ballot and would like to vote absentee, reach out to the Town Clerk ASAP.

If you received your ballot and intend to vote by mail, NOW is the time to get that done and in the mail.

Ballots received in the mail after November 8 cannot be counted.

You can drop ballots off at the Town Office during open office hours through Monday, November 7 at 4pm. On November 8, ballots can only be submitted from 7am to 7pm at the polling place.

If you received a ballot but want to vote in person, please BRING YOUR BALLOT WITH YOU to the polls. It will save you time and the hassle of filling out an affidavit.

If you have sent your ballot back but aren't sure it's been received, you can check the status of your ballot by logging into <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

If you need to register to vote you can do that online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov/> or at the town clerk's office. Online voter registration opportunities end on Friday, November 4. After November 4, you can only register in person at the Town Office or on election day at the polling place.

Democracy works best when every eligible voter exercises their civic duty. Your vote is your voice.

Please reach out with any questions!

Patty Kenyon, Town Clerk

Office hours: Monday & Tuesday 9am-4pm
Thursday & Friday 1pm – 4pm
Phone: 802-235-2220
Email: middletown@vermontel.net

Outdoor Story Time Is Back!

Melissa leads singing and moving and reads stories with children of all ages on **Mondays at 10:30am**. We 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! Mondays: **October 17 – November 14**.

PLEASE SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

Property Tax Contacts:

1. Town Treasurer – Jenny Talke Munyak
Collects CURRENT year property taxes
Contact *only* via:
email: mtstreasurer@vermontel.net,
Postal mail: PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, or
Phone: 802-235-3256

2. Delinquent Tax Collector – Debra House
Collects NON-current year unpaid property taxes
Contact via: email: vtparalegal@live.com,
Postal mail: PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, or
Phone: 802-236-7618

Town Clerk – Patty Kenyon is not responsible for anything related to property taxes and does NOT collect property taxes. It is not her job to answer questions about property taxes.

REMINDER: Second quarter current property tax payments are due on or **before December 15, 2022**. Mail them in, or use the black box drop off.

Vermont Unused Medication Take-Back

Missed the Drug Take Back Day? Pick up a mail-back envelope at the town library.

Visit www.healthvermont.gov to learn more about the program, including what can and cannot be mailed.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library would like to extend a hearty thank you to everyone who purchased a banned books canvas bag to help us celebrate the freedom to read while also helping us raise funds to support our library!

We will be holding our **Annual Meeting Tuesday, November 29 at 7:15 pm** at the library. All are welcome to attend as we reflect upon our accomplishments for the year, and plan for the upcoming year. Snacks will be provided.

We hope folks have had a chance to enjoy our current Book Walk featuring Julie Sarcone-Roach's *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*. Reminder that the Book Walk is back to starting at the bottom of the hill behind the basketball court at the school. Stay tuned for our next Book Walk!

Upcoming EVENTS

Halloween Book 'n' Treat	Oct 31	Mon	5-7pm	Library
Halloween At The Firehouse	Oct 31	Mon	5:30pm	Firehouse
MSVFD Hunter's Raffle	Nov 1	Tue	7pm	Firehouse
Election/Polls Open	Nov 8	Tue	7am-7pm	Historical Society
Library Friends Annual Meeting	Nov 29	Tue	7:15pm	Library
Holiday Craft Fair	Dec 4	Sun	10am-3pm	details below

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

Mark Your Calendars

The **Holiday Craft Fair** is back and it's all on the green in both Brigid's Crossing (the old Middletown Springs Inn) and the Middletown Springs Historical Society. All your favorite creatives will be there, so mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4, 10am-3pm**.

Food will be available at the Historical Society in addition to more crafts and an opportunity to view the museum exhibit. Questions? Interested in participating? Call Beth Miller at 802-235-2734 or email bethmiller817@gmail.com.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

