

middle TOWN NEWS letter

August 2023

Town Office Progress

The new Middletown Springs Town Office is nearing completion, with a projected move-in date at the end of September. The new building will house the Town's vital records, as well as the offices of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Board of Listers. A large public meeting room, a small conference room, two bathrooms and a kitchenette will round out the public spaces. It will soon be possible for more than one group to meet at a time, and more easily accommodate the work of title searchers, surveyors, and other professionals.

Thanks to the remarkable work of our architect Geoff Metcalfe (Keefe & Wesner Architects, Bennington) and our general contractors John Crossman and Leo Fairbanks (Naylor and Breen, Brandon) and their subcontractors, we've seen the building come together within budget and within schedule. Special thanks to Peter Stevenson, the Town's volunteer construction liaison who's been on site nearly every working day to oversee work and consider small changes.



Photo by Emmett Francois

There will be a grand opening in October, date yet to be determined. This will be an exciting moment to launch a building we can be proud of for the next century or more.

Elisha Leffingwell Tin Shop



Photo by Chris Hoyt

Historical Society Trustees Maureen McCormack, David Wright, Pat Hemenway and Chris Hoyt are painting the Elisha Leffingwell Tin Shop in the Mineral Springs Park. The tin shop was given to MSHS by Alice Haynes Hoisington in 1991 and was moved cross-lots from its site on East St to the Park by Bud Krouse and a crew of volunteers. The Mineral Springs Park is owned and maintained by the Historical Society.

Come down and cool off by the North Brook and the Poultney River!

It's time to reserve a table at the
Middletown Springs Annual Community
YARD SALE
Saturday September 9th
9am-2pm on the green in Middletown Springs

Table Fees
\$20 Friends members
\$25 non-members

This event is brought to you by The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library
All proceeds benefit the Middletown Springs Public Library
Contact Wendy for more information: wendyherrick84@gmail.com

Office Space for Rent

Are you thinking of expanding or relocating your office-based business?

Office space will be available in early October at the Middletown Springs Historical Society building, On the Green at 10 Park Ave. Rented as the Town Office since 1980, the 440 sq. ft. space was remodeled in 1998 and subdivided to create a secure room with an antique fire resistant safe.

The main room has built-in shelving and a mini-split heating and cooling system. Interior doors provide access to the building's accessible restroom and an alternate accessible entrance from the rear of the building. The office is wired for an optional security system through Countryside Lock and Alarm.

The monthly rent of \$500 includes heat and electricity. A lease and security deposit are required.

For more information, call: Pat Hemenway (802) 235-2421; or David Wright (802) 235-2376.

A Note from the Town Treasurer

New property tax bills for fiscal year 23/24 will be mailed to you by mid-August. Please SAVE your bill for future reference. Even if your mortgage company pays your taxes, you will need this document when you file your April income taxes OR refinance OR sell your property.

Included on your tax bill will be a homestead rebate IF you applied and qualified for it. The State of Vermont determines if you are eligible for a rebate.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your homestead rebate, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes directly at: <https://tax.vermont.gov> or (802) 828-2865

IMPORTANT: If your mailing address has changed, please advise. Also, if you have not received your new bill by mid-August, please email mtstreasurer@vermontel.net (or call 235-3256) and confirm your name, parcel address and mailing address.

Mark your calendar: your first payment for the new tax year will be due on or before **September 15, 2023**.



WoodSpryte Arts Creative Learning

Thursdays, 9:30am - thru August 24

Join us at the library for a series of six literacy-based joyful play and learning experiences! Designed and led by veteran Early Childhood Educator Rosemary Moser of WoodSpryte Arts Creative Learning, this program is ideal for children ages 2-8.

Rosemary will engage your child with books, musical instruments and songs, creative movement, dramatic play, visual arts, science, math, social & emotional learning, and even cooking projects!

Rosemary offers her program in other places in Rutland County. She is excited to bring it to her hometown library and the children of Middletown Springs. This series is free to attend, thanks to the Winnie Belle Learned Fund and the Vermont Library Foundation.

Pre-registration is encouraged, space is limited. For more info, please contact Rosemary directly, woodsprytearts@vermontel.net or 802-235-2209.

Front Porch Forum

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

It's free. It's local.

Summer Fun at the Library

Reading is Charming - Summer Reading Challenge

Set your own reading/listening goals, something that is a bit of a stretch. Keep track and earn a charm each time you meet your goal. Collect as many as you can and make your own necklace, bracelet, or keychain. Sample goals: 30 minutes, 200 pages, or....

Summer Reading Bingo for Teens and Adults

Pick up a bingo card. Complete at least one line of five squares, return it to the library to be entered into the raffle drawing! Stop in the Library to view the prizes.

Drop-in for Self-Guided Activities

Learn to make friendship bracelets, fold origami butterflies and wishing stars, or draw with chalk on the library sidewalk. A new project, every few weeks.



Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com
 PO Box 1206
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Deadline: 25th of the month

Calendar of REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings	Schedule	Location	Contact Person
Conservation Commission	2nd Tues / 5:30pm	Library	Elizabeth Cooper (235-1406)
Fire Dept. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues / 6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends of the Library (FOL)	2nd Tues / 7:15pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7pm	MSHS	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 7pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon / TBA	via Zoom	Hilary Solomon (235-1115)
Selectboard	2nd & 4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Herb Childress (235-2093)
Wells Springs Community Engagement Committee	2nd Mon / 6:30PM		eric.montbriand@grcsu.org
Wells Springs School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	eric.montbriand@grcsu.org

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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