

APRIL 2024

middleTOWN NEWSletter



PIE FOR BREAKFAST

Join us for the library's most delicious fundraiser of the year, **Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8am - 11am**, at the elementary school. Library volunteers and trustees will be serving up all-you-can-eat PIE for breakfast with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many different varieties. Pies are both sweet (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate) and savory (such as quiche, pot pies, pizza). There are also many gluten-free options!

Come enjoy scrumptious pies, hot coffee, and good cheer, \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-12; under 5 are FREE. All proceeds benefit the Middletown Springs Public Library. For more information contact the library at 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

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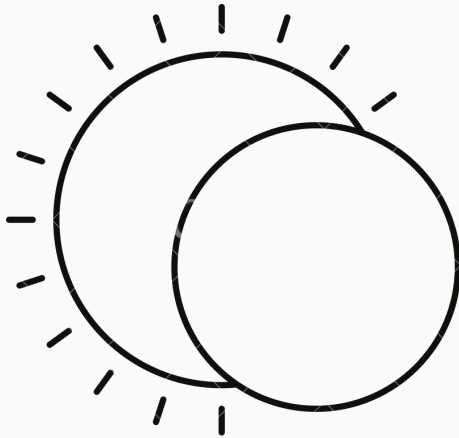
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Got News?

Please send all town events, milestones, photos, and happenings to:
05757news@gmail.com

The Library, the Eclipse, and You!

Monday, April 8, Middletown Springs will **experience 98.86% of a total eclipse of the sun**. The library is open that afternoon (as usual) and welcomes the community to gather in the backyard to view the eclipse from there. They will be handing out solar eclipse safety glasses, sunshine punch and cookies, and a solar-inspired craft. The library has some outdoor furniture or bring your own. If the weather is rotten, there will still be fabulous refreshments and a live-stream of NASA's broadcast of the eclipse. The partial eclipse begins at 2:14pm as the moon starts to move in front of the sun. It will peak at 3:27pm when the total eclipse will darken Vermont's daytime sky, lasting about 3 minutes. The phenomenon will continue as a partial eclipse until 4:37 p.m. So, avoid the predicted crowds and traffic up north, and join your neighbors to witness this stellar solar event from the library lawn!



Oversized Trash & Metal Collection Day

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on **Saturday, May 11 from 6am to noon**. Furniture, toys, and small amounts of construction and demolition items are accepted. **NO CONTRACTORS**, please. Large waste will be charged a \$10 per vehicle and/or trailer fee; scrap metal may be disposed of free of charge. Large waste and scrap metal collection takes place at the town property at 577 West Street.

NOTE: The Town of Middletown Springs is not responsible for any damage that may occur during the loading or unloading process.

Dog Registration

Last Chance to Avoid Late Fees!

Dog Licenses Due Monday, April 1, 2024

Spayed or Neutered - \$ 9.00 per
Intact - \$ 13 per

After April 1, 2024

Spayed or Neutered - \$ 11.00 per
Intact - \$ 17.00 per

Middletown Springs Town Office
middletown@vermontel.net
802-235-2220

Save These Dates!

Dog Licenses Due
April 1

Pie For Breakfast
April 6

Solar Eclipse Viewing
April 8

Craft Night
April 8

VT Reads / Book Group
April 25

Green Up Day
May 4

Oversized Trash & Metal Day
May 11

Maple Festival Thanks

The historical society thanks the many people who helped make the Maple Festival a success. We could not have done this without you!

Thanks to the raffle item donors and raffle ticket holders, those who enjoyed lunch and maple desserts, and the cooks, servers, and kitchen helpers who produced the delicious spread! The food was abundant with many lunch choices of chili, soup, stew, mac & cheese, baked beans, many maple and non-maple desserts, plus maple “Spun Gold” and sugar-on-snow.

The maple history talk was well-attended and many browsed the museum where Childhood in Middletown Springs exhibit creator Mary Lou Willits was on hand to answer questions.

The 37 Maple Raffle items donated by local businesses, artists and friends drew many bids during the festival as well as online. Raffle tickets were drawn at 4 pm and winners have been congratulated!

Special thanks to the Mahar family for their help in setting up and maintaining the outdoor sugar-making demonstration, and to Paul Morgan for providing acoustic music!

All proceeds from the festival will go towards maintaining the Community House, the Mineral Springs Park and the care of the museum collection.

Seed Swap

With thanks to the Biondi family and High Mowing seeds, the library is hosting its annual seed swap. Come browse and shake out the number of seeds you think you’ll use - we have envelopes galore. If you have seeds you want to offer to the swap, that’s a really fun way to spread garden love, but it is not necessary to “swap” to “shop”.

Election Results

[Click here to view a PDF](#) of the results of the March 2024 election.

Please note: this link may not work on mobile devices and is best viewed from a computer.

Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.

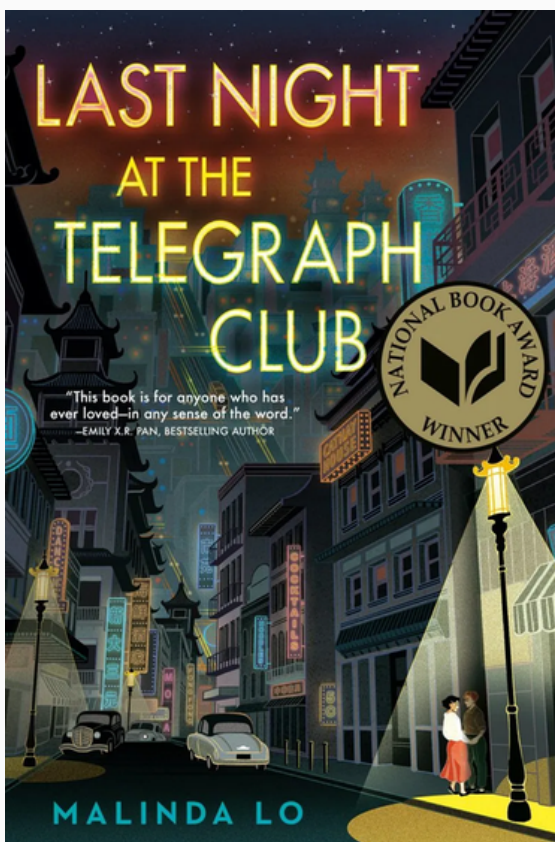
~
Jim Davis

Libby

Are you a Libby listener/reader? Your free Libby account will "time-out" every two years leaving you unable to log-in. When this happens, simply call or email the library and we will re-activate your Libby account.

If you are not a Libby user and wish you too had access to free downloadable audiobooks and e-books, all you need is a town library card and the librarians to activate your Libby account!

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Vermont Reads: Last Night at the Telegraph Club

This is the 21st year of the Vermont Humanities Council program Vermont Reads, and the Middletown Springs community has participated in almost all of them. This year, the library will host the book discussion on **Thursday, April 25 at 7pm.**

Last Night at The Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo is bound to elicit a thought-provoking conversation with its many themes of self-acceptance, familial and cultural ties, US/China relations, LGBTQ+ and Feminist history, McCarthyism and xenophobia, music of the 1940s and 1950s, and the Asian American experience, among others.

If you are interested in taking part, stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book. For more information contact the library, middletownspringlibrary@gmail.com or 802-235-2435.

2024 Green Up Day is May 4th!

Please plan to join together as a community to clean up our roadsides. Do it with a friend or your family. Every little bit helps! We hope to see you on the day.

- MTS Conservation Commission

For more info:
greenupvermont.org

Tech Tuesdays

Having trouble with your new phone?
Have a computer question?
Want to stream on your tablet,
but aren't sure how?
Stop by the library on any Tuesday during open hours and the librarians will be happy to help!

Tech Tuesday!
Every Tuesday at the library.

Call For Photos

Do you have pictures of Middletown Springs that you want to share? The middleTOWN NEWSletter wants to see them!

Send us your photos of places and things (no people!) in Middletown and we may use them in a future issue of the newsletter (with credit).

This month's banner photo was submitted, by
Haley Kenyon

Email all photos to:
05757news@gmail.com

Strawberry Jam 5k


It's time for the Friends for Education's (FFE) third annual Strawberry Jam 5k Run/Walk! We have a new course this year featuring the Buxton Avenue loop, and this is a sanctioned USA Track and Field event. Strawberry Jam also has a new date: **Saturday, June 22!**

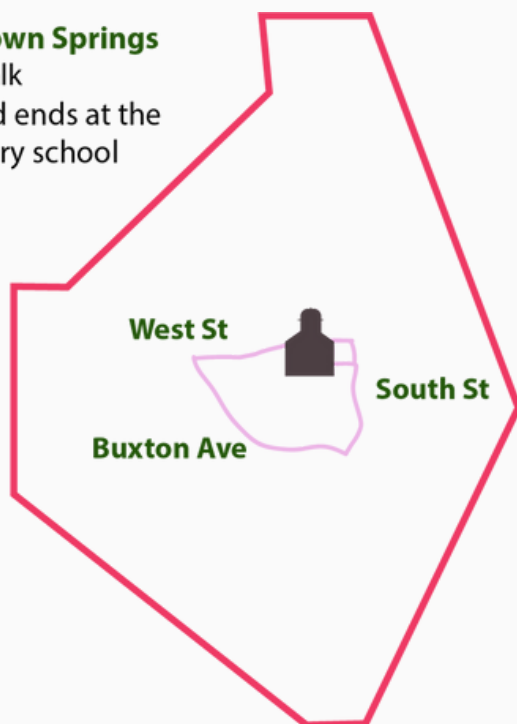
We are seeking volunteers to help and businesses to sponsor this event. If you are interested in doing either, please contact Matt Heering at matt.heering@gmail.com.

If you are interested in jamming somewhere along the course to liven up the run and keep folks motivated, please contact Ashley Fioretti at vtlittleflower13@gmail.com.

To register for this event please visit <https://www.active.com/middletown-springs-vt/running/distance-running-races/strawberry-jam-fun-run-2024>.

Thank you for supporting the FFE and our endeavors to provide supplemental programming to the students at the Middletown Springs Elementary School!

 **Middletown Springs**
5k run/walk
Starts and ends at the elementary school



Craft Night at the Library

Join us on the second Monday of the month (6-8pm) for Craft Night. Bring whatever you are working on (that fits in your lap) and spend a couple creative hours with friends and neighbors. Come for tea, conversation, and inspiration. The next craft night is **Monday, April 8, 6-8pm**. Hope to see you there!

Library Book Group

The April book is the current VT Reads book: *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo and the discussion will be held on **Thursday, April 25 at 7pm** at the library.

The book group is open and you are welcome to join us. Stop in the library to borrow a copy of the book. If you are interested or have questions, call or email the library, 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Library Hours

Monday 2-6pm
Tuesday 2-8pm
Wednesday 2-6pm
Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday 9am-12pm

April is National Poetry Month! Here is one of our favorite spring poems to celebrate. Keep an eye out for more poetry related content from the library in April.

Today By Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.



New at the Library

Picture Books

See You Later, Alligator

Sally Hopgood

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Audry Wood

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

Eugene Trivizas

Sleep Like A Tiger

Mary Logue

Friends Beyond Measure

Lalena Fisher

Children

Jack Blasts Off

Mac Barnett

InvestiGators: Ants in Our P.A.N.T.S

John Patrick Green

Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder

Dav Pilkey

Fiction

Martyr!

Kaveh Akbar

Northwoods

Daniel Mason

The Good Lord Bird

James McBride

A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder

Dianne Freeman

A Lady's Guide to Gossip and Murder

Dianne Freeman

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Murder

Dianne Freeman

A Fiancée's Guide to First Wives and Murder

Dianne Freeman

A Bride's Guide to Marriage and Murder

Dianne Freeman

DVDs

The Color Purple (2023)

Audiobooks

Henry and the Clubhouse

Beverly Cleary

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings	Time	Location	Contact
Conservation Commission	2nd Tues / 6pm	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	2nd Thurs / 6:30pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7pm	MHSH	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 6:30pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon / 5:30pm	Via Zoom	Steve Harrington (235-1043)
Selectboard	2nd/4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Herb Childress (235-2093)
WellsSprings Community Engagement	2nd Mon / 6:30pm	MSES/WES	Eric.montbriand@grcsu.org
WellsSprings School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	Eric.montbriand@grcsu.org

Submit News & Events to:

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 Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Deadline: 25th of the month

Front Porch Forum

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