

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

## June 2023

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### Strawberry Festival

**Sunday, June 18, 2pm-4pm**

The 48th Annual Strawberry Festival offers a classic summer treat at the Middletown Springs Historical



Society on Sunday, June 18, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. The festival includes a craft fair, live music, a new exhibit about childhood (1850-1920), and a children's program with historic play activities.

Strawberry lovers are invited to the Historical Society building on the

Green in 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 also be available for sale 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, and a Vermont Country Store gift basket of Vermont products will be raffled off.



The festival marks the opening of a new exhibit in the Historical Society Museum. *Childhood in Middletown Springs, 1850-1920* will feature children's toys, amusements, books, furniture, clothing, photographs, diaries and written accounts of childhood memories from the museum collection. A special program for children attending the festival will feature historic children's play activities. Teddy bears are invited! Bring yours along. Admission to the museum and the children's program are free.

For more information about the event, contact Pat Hemenway at 235-2421 or David Wright at 235-2376. The museum is open on Sundays, 2pm - 4pm, June through October, or by appointment. The famous Middletown springs still flow every day, year-round in the Mineral Springs Park, located nearby.

For more information about museum events and exhibits and the history of Middletown Springs, visit the new accessible website at [www.mshsvt.org](http://www.mshsvt.org).

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### Strawberry Jam Run/Walk

The 2nd annual Strawberry Jam will be on Sunday, June 18.

The kids run will start at 11am, a loop around the Middletown Springs Elementary School soccer field. Children that run can expect to receive a finisher ribbon.

Starting promptly after the kids run, the 5k will start for runners and walkers. The race will head from the elementary school up North Street, across Spruce Knob and back.

There will be music, there will be some light food for runners, and there will be a big hill to climb. Post run/walk, head over to the green for a strawberry shortcake. You deserve it!

Register online here: [tinyurl.com/5xcf8sk3](https://tinyurl.com/5xcf8sk3) or register day of. Tee shirts will be available @ \$20 while supplies last.





## "For Those Who Never Came Home." 54th Annual Memorial Day Parade Photos by Ken Brown



## Sunday Soccer Fun for the Whole Family Sundays, 3-5 pm, April 23 - July 23

Join us Sundays at 3pm for soccer on the Middletown Springs Elementary School field. Sunday soccer is a 40+ year tradition in Middletown Springs.

Sunday soccer is fun, pickup soccer for ages 6-99. It is a chance for new or younger players to learn and for more experienced players to challenge each other. It is good competitive soccer, with room to learn, and always a focus on having a good time together.

With a new game every Sunday, we all play hard, get some good exercise, laugh a lot, and have fun. We hope to see you there! ⚽

## Planning Commission Meeting

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission's monthly meeting for July will take place on Wed. July 19, at 4:30pm via zoom. [The monthly meeting normally is held on the first Monday of the month]. The July meeting will focus on preparation for the inclusion of energy planning concerns in revisions to the town plan that will take place over the next couple of years. Any residents wishing to participate in the zoom call should notify commission chair Steve Harrington at 802-235-1043.



## A Note from the Town Treasurer

**Property Tax payments** for the 4<sup>th</sup> and FINAL Quarter of Fiscal Year 22/23 are due on or before **Thursday, June 15, 2023.**

**Remit tax payments** either via Mail (6/15/23 or earlier postmark, to PO Box 1022,) OR deposit them into the black Drop Box on the OUTSIDE of the Town Office by end of day 6/15/23.

PLEASE, do not remit taxes to the Town Clerk, as she is not authorized to accept them. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your remittance.

Tax payments postmarked after 6/15/23 or received in the Drop Box after 6/15/23 are considered LATE and DELINQUENT and a penalty AND late fee will be assessed. **Penalty:** 8 % on all FY22/23 outstanding amounts, and **Late fee:** 1% interest for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months of delinquency, and 1.5% interest per month thereafter on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter amount due. **DELINQUENT** taxes will be forwarded to our Delinquent Tax Collector, Debra House, for collection.

**FYI** – new tax bills will be mailed DIRECTLY to all property owners in mid-August for FY23/24. Please SAVE them as you will need them for tax payment, mortgage escrow, refinance, and annual homestead declaration. It's the only copy you will receive. If you have an update to your mailing address, please advise, asap.

Thank you.

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer  
802-235-3256 mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

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## Library THANK YOUs!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort, carry, unpack, and sell books. Thank you to all of you who came and shop. Many great books found new homes with happy readers. And thank you to the Historical Society for the use of their building!

Many thanks also to Judy and Dan Querrey for the loan of their tractor and wagon for the Library's Memorial Day Parade float!

A huge thank you from the Friends of the Library to everyone that donated plants, volunteered their time for the plant sale and purchased plants at their annual plant sale.

## Check-out these Middletown Authors!



Left to right:

*Take My Hand and Lead Me Through the Fire*

by Amelia Phoenix Desertsong

*Lost & Found: Selected Stories*

by Herb Childress, editor

*Finding Myself in Time: Facing the Music*

by Gary Lindorff

*Only the Moon Understands the Beauty of Love*

by Thomas Wilson Pratt Slatin

Copies of these books are available in the library for check out. Many thanks to the authors who donated these copies to the collection. The library has a small but growing selection of work by current and former Middletown Springs residents.

## Other NEW BOOKS in the LIBRARY

### Adult:

*Simply Lies* by David Baldacci

*Meet Me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune

*Happy Place* by Emily Henry

*Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

*Ms. Demeanor* by Elinor Lipman

*Nights of Plague* by Orhan Pamuk

*What is Otherwise Infinite* by Bianca Stone

*Knowing What We Know* by Simon Winchester

### Children's Books:

*It's Raining, It's Pouring* by Poppy Green

*Pirate's Past Noon* (graphic novel) by Mary Pope Osborne/Jenny Laird

*Mummies in the Morning* (graphic novel) by Mary Pope Osborne/Jenny Laird

*The Knight at Dawn* (graphic novel) by Mary Pope Osborne/Jenny Laird

*The Night Wild* by Zoe Tilley Poster



## Summer Fun at the Library

### Storytime with Heather (returns!)

Join us, for stories, games and activities, and a snack outside under the big shade tree.

Wednesdays, June 21 – July 12, at 10 am.

### Reading is Charming Summer Reading Challenge

Every 30 minutes spent reading (or listening) to a book earns you a charm. Collect as many as you can and make your own necklace, bracelet, or keychain.

### Drop-in for Self-Guided Activities

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

### 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!

### Check out “Something to Do”

Available for loan:

Activity Kits

Museum & Park Passes

Lawn & Board Games



## WoodSpryte Arts Creative Learning

July 20 – August 24

Thursdays, 10am

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 sponsored by 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](mailto:woodsprytearts@vermontel.net) or 802-235-2209.



## Give Back Where It Counts

Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team. As you know, this means that your organization will receive \$1 from every \$3.00 reusable GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag sold during the month of July 2023 at: Shaw's in Poultney!



## Calendar of EVENTS

Reading Challenge begins	Jun 1	All Summer	Library
Library Book Sale	Jun 3	Sat, 8am-3pm	Historical Society
Library Book Sale	Jun 4	Sun, 10am-2pm	Historical Society
Property TAX DUE	Jun 15	Thurs	Mail or Drop Box
Strawberry Jam 5k Walk/Run	Jun 18	Sun 11am	Town Green
Strawberry Festival	Jun 18	Sun 2-4pm	Historical Society
Storytime begins	Jun 21	Wed 10am	Library

## 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon / 6:30PM		<a href="mailto:eric.montbriand@grcsu.org">eric.montbriand@grcsu.org</a>
Wells Springs School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSSES/WES	<a href="mailto:eric.montbriand@grcsu.org">eric.montbriand@grcsu.org</a>

## 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.

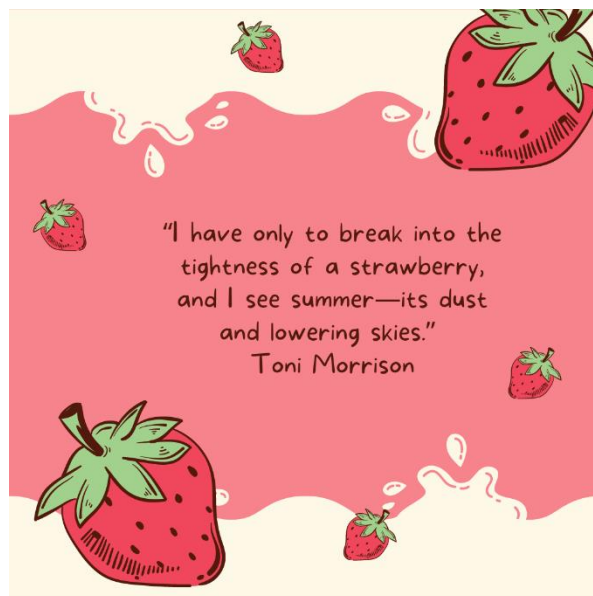
## Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library  
[middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com)

PO Box 1206

Middletown Springs, VT 05757

**Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> of the month



## Front Porch Forum

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

It's free. It's local.