

MAY 2025

middleTOWN NEWSletter

Banner photo by Patty Kenyon



Friends of the Library Annual Plant Sale

The Friends of the Library's Annual Plant Sale will be held **Friday and Saturday May 16 & 17 on the library's front lawn.**

Please consider dividing plants and saving some for the sale, or maybe grow a few more veggie and flower starts to donate to the sale, as well. Stay tuned for more information, and as always thank you for supporting the Friends and our mission to support the continued growth and sustainability of our lovely town library!

This issue:

[FOL Plant Sale \(1\)](#)

[Library Book Sale \(2\)](#)

[Strawberry Jam \(2\)](#)

[Save These Date \(2\)](#)

[Books & Bon Voyage \(3\)](#)

[Green Up Day \(3\)](#)

[Book Walk \(3\)](#)

[Reading Goal Update \(3\)](#)

[Large Dumpster Day \(4\)](#)

[New Post Office Phone Number \(4\)](#)

[New at the Library \(4\)](#)

[Library Summer Program \(5\)](#)

[Pick-Up Basketball \(5\)](#)

[56th Annual Memorial Day Parade \(5\)](#)

[Pun of the Month \(5\)](#)

[Book Group \(5\)](#)

[Note from the Treasurer \(6\)](#)

[Historical Society News \(6\)](#)

[Rutland Job Fair \(6\)](#)

[Craft Night \(6\)](#)

[Calendar of Regular Meetings \(7\)](#)

Got News?

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

Library Book Sale

Saturday June 7, 8am-3pm.

Sunday June 8, 10am-2pm.

Stock up on summer reading for unbeatable prices. As always, there will be a wide selection of gently read books, movies, puzzles, and games. All proceeds benefit the library. The sale will be under the tent outside the Historical Society building, as well as in their dining room.

For more information, contact the library at middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or 802-235- 2435.

Donations accepted until May 15. No more than 3 boxes at a time of clean books (no mold or mouse nests). **No VHS, text books, dictionaries or encyclopedias please!**

Strawberry Jam

Registration for the Friends for Education's 4th Annual Strawberry Jam is Open! This event takes place Saturday, **June 14 at 9:30am** at the Middletown Springs Elementary School.

This 5k run/walk & 10k run and youth run benefits MSES Friends for Education! Anyone interested in running/walking can follow the link below to register for this event.

This is a USA Track and Field sanctioned event!

Register online at <https://www.runreg.com/strawberry-jam-run>

Everything starts and ends at Middletown Springs Elementary School, 15 Schoolhouse Road. There is onsite parking at the school and limited additional parking at the corner of South and East Streets.

Registration table opens at 8am. Stop in to pick up your bib and race shirt (and bring a friend; we accept race day registration!)

Both the 5k/10K race and youth run will start right next to the school/community playground. The kids' fun run will start around 9:15am (one lap around the soccer field). The 5k run/walk will follow the "Buxton Loop" The 10K run will do the "Coy Hill Loop"

Register now to grab your tee shirt!

Interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or jamming along the route to encourage runners? Send us an email at strawberryjamrun@gmail.com.

Save These Dates!

Green Up Day

May 3

Large Dumpster Day

May 10

FOL Plant Sale

May 16 & 17

Memorial Day Parade

May 25

Memorial Day

May 26

Library Book Sale

June 7 & 8

Strawberry Jam

June 14

Strawberry Festival

June 15



The poster for the Strawberry Jam 5K, 10K, and Youth Run features a cartoon strawberry character running on a green hill. The text includes the event name, location (Middletown Springs, Vermont), and details about the race. It also mentions a music festival and family fun event. Registration information is provided, including a QR code and contact details.

Strawberry Jam
Middletown Springs, Vermont

5K, 10K, and Youth Run

MUSIC
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
FAMILY FUN!

WHEN: Saturday, June 14, 2025
START TIME: 9:30AM
Early bird pricing: \$20 (5k, 10K) \$10 youth run
WHERE: Middletown Springs Elementary
15 School House Road | Middletown Springs, VT

REGISTER BY
May 30th FOR
FREE TECHNICAL
RACE T-SHIRT

INTERESTED IN...
REGISTERING TO RUN/ WALK
PLAYING MUSIC AT STRAWBERRY JAM
SPONSORING THE EVENT
DONATING TO FFE

Hosted by MSES Friends for Education
email: strawberryjamrun@gmail.com

Library Hours

Reminder: The library has extended hours every Tuesday and Saturday.

Monday 2pm-6pm

Tuesday 2pm-8pm

Wednesday 2pm-6pm

Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Books & Bon Voyage

Books & Bon Voyage Open House and Book “Sale”
Middletown Springs Historical Society
Saturday, May 10 10am-2pm

Linda Peavy is turning the page
Flying the coop
Moving back to Montana

Stop in to wish Linda well for the next chapter of her life’s story.
Peruse her book giveaway and adopt as many as you wish. Leave a
freewill offering for the Historical Society and Public Library.

While Linda is leaving sometime this summer, most of Ursula’s and her
extensive personal and professional library must stay behind. What a
great selection of books collected by two extraordinary women!

- Topics include:
- Women’s Studies
 - Lives of Women & Families in the West
 - Sociology
 - History
 - Biographies
 - World Literature
 - Poetry
 - Drama
 - Mysteries
 - Classics
 - Literary Fiction
 - Spirituality
 - Philosophy
 - And more

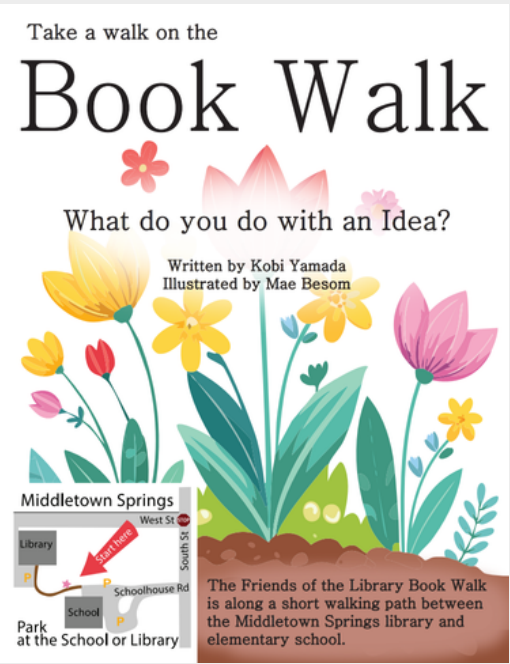
For more information, email Kimberly at kcbushnell802@gmail.com.

Green Up Day

Come out and help keep our town clean and green! The Conservation
Commission will, once again, head up Green Up Day efforts on
Saturday, May 3 from 8am-12pm.

Come to the town office lawn to get green up bags, instructions, free
snacks and join in on an ecological craft lead by the parents of Girl
Scout Troop 63133.

Thank you for helping to keep Middletown green!



Free COVID Tests!

The Town Office and the Town Library
have a full supply of **free COVID tests**.
Please save yourself some money and
pick up some tests to have on hand. You
never know when you might need a test,
and we have them here for the taking.
Stop by soon to stock up.

2025 Reading Goal Update

Kimberly
30/52 books
Favorite February Read:
Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

Haley
35/60 books
Favorite March Read:
Waco Rising
by Kevin Cook

Follow along on [Facebook](#)
to see how the librarians do
with their reading goals, and chime
in about your own goals and
favorite reads of the year!

Large Dumpster Day

The Spring version of *Large Dumpster Day* is rapidly approaching, and we look forward to seeing many townsfolk on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. The event will be held from **6:00am until 12pm** at **577 West Street**, 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)**. Metal-only loads may be disposed of for free.

Please note that in the interest of staff safety and efficiency, all small items must be in contractor bags or some form of disposable container. This will aid staff in the unloading process and create a safer work environment. Non-conforming loads may be turned away at the staff’s discretion.

Regular household trash and recyclable items, including electronics, **must** be taken to the Fort Dumpster facility. **Items containing refrigerant (freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and the like) are subject to a \$25.00 fee per item** and will be accepted at either the West Street location or 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. **Tires 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.

Please bring exact change or a personal check in the correct amount (payable to the Town of Middletown Springs) and 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.

New Post Office Phone Number

The Middletown Springs Post Office has a new phone number. Going forward please use: **802-267-5036**.

New at the Library

Children’s Books

- Stalactite & Stalagmite*
- Drew Beckmeyer
- Across So Many Seas* - Ruth Behar
- My Olive Tree* - Hazar Elbayya
- Sophie Mouse: Journey to the Crystal Cove* - Poppy Green
- Big Nate: Attack of the Cheez Funk Breath* - Lincoln Pierce
- A Song for You and I* - K O’Neill
- Frizzy* - Claribel Ortega
- Firsts and Lasts* - Leda Schubert
- Shakti* - SJ Sindu
- Leo’s Lunchbox* - Raphael Warnock
- A Pinecone* - Helen Yoon
- Mr. Lepron’s Mystery Soup*
- Giovanna Zoboli

Adult Fiction

- You Must Take Part in Revolution*
- Badiucao
- The Jackal’s Mistress* - Chris Bohjalian
- Great Big Beautiful Life* - Emily Henry
- All Fours* - Miranda July
- Audition* - Katie Kitamura
- Twist* - Colum McCann
- Murder in an Irish Garden*
- Carlene O’Connor
- Three Days in June* - Anne Taylor

Poetry

- Play the Piano Drunk like a Percussion Instrument until the Fingers begin to Bleed a Bit* - Charles Bukowski
- The Mobius Strip of Grief* - Bianca Stone

Adult Non Fiction

- Memorial Days* - Geraldine Brooks
- All the Frequent Trouble of our Days*
- Rebecca Donner
- Everything is Tuberculosis* - John Green
- The Edge of Anarchy* - Jack Kelly

Young Adult Fiction

- Sunrise on the Reaping*
- Suzanne Collins

Library Summer Program



Planning for the Library Summer Program is underway and we have lots of fun things in the works, including:

- Community Reading Goal
- Art Carnival
- Take-home crafts
- Summer Storytime
- Reading is Charming
- Learn to craft nights
- And more!

The library summer program kicks off on June 1 and will run until August 31.

Watch Front Porch Forum, Facebook, Instagram, and the newsletter for updates.

Pick-Up Basketball

Have you been trying to get active this Spring? Are you looking to be more social while exercising? David Atherton is hoping to start a regular basketball meet-up. It is still in the planning phase and he would love to know who is interested! He is hoping to play one or two evenings a week. It would be casual, slow-paced and open to everyone. Could be held either in Middletown Springs or Poultney.

Contact David at:
802-287-6589 or hillsidespringhomestead@gmail.com
if you'd like to play!

56th Annual Memorial Day Parade

The Middletown Springs 56th Annual Memorial Day Parade is on Sunday May 25.

Line up for floats begins at 2pm, the parade begins at 3pm.

If you would like to be in the parade, or volunteer to help out, please contact Bob Bruttomesso at mykidsandi@aol.com

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).

Email all photos to: 05757news@gmail.com

Pun of the Month

I saw an ad for burial plots
and thought to myself this
is the last thing I need.

Library Book Group

The April book is *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

The discussion will be held **May 29 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

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.

Note from the Town Treasurer

Property Tax payments for the 4th and **final** quarter of tax year 24/25 are due on or before Monday, June 16, 2025.

Post-dated checks are honored so that you don't need to wait until the last minute to make your payment.

Payments can be made as follows:

- **Mail** to PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 (with a 6/16/25 or earlier postmark.)
- Deposit in the black mail slot on the **outside** wall of the Town Office (to the left of the South Street entrance door) by 7pm on 6/16/25.

If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your remittance.

Tax payments postmarked after 6/16/25 or received in the Town Office Mail slot after 6/16/25 are considered **late** and **delinquent - no exceptions**. A penalty **and** a late fee **will** be assessed as follows:

- Penalty: 8 % on ALL FY24/25 outstanding amounts, and
- Late fee: 1% interest fee for each of the 1st 3 months of delinquency, and 1.5% interest per month thereafter on the 6/16/25 amount.

Additionally, as of 6/30/25 any amounts still unpaid for tax year 24/25 will be forwarded to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection.

Please, do not remit taxes to the Town Clerk, as she is not authorized to accept them. The Treasurer will be in the town office to accept in-person payments on 6/16/25 from approximately 11 am –3 pm.

Looking ahead – new tax bills will be mailed **directly** to all property owners in mid-August for the new Fiscal Year 25/26 – first payment will be due by 9/15/25. Please **save** your tax bill as it will be needed for tax payment, mortgage escrow, refinance, and annual homestead declaration. It's the only copy you will receive as we do not send out quarterly reminders.

If you have an update to your mailing address, please contact the listers (mtslisters@vermontel.net) as soon as possible so that they can update it.

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

Historical Society News

Save the date for the annual Strawberry Festival! On **Sunday, June 15 from 2pm-4pm** stop by the Historical Society for delicious strawberry shortcake!

Garlic mustard needs to be pulled at the Mineral Springs Park. The Historical Society would like to invite volunteers to help once a week from 4pm-5pm. Day to be determined.

Keep an eye on Front Porch Forum for more details!



Craft Night

Come to Library Craft Night!

Bring whatever you are working on, (knitting, crochet, needlework, rug hooking... anything 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, May 12, 6:30pm-8pm.**

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS*

Regular Meetings	Time	Location	Contact
Conservation Commission	3rd Mon/ 6pm	Library	
Fire Dept. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues / 6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends for Education	3rd Tues / 7pm	MSES	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Friends of the Library	3rd Thurs / 7pm	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

*Dates and times subject to change. When in doubt reach out to the contact person for confirmation.

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
05757news@gmail.com
 PO Box 1206
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Deadline: 25th 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.

This digital newsletter is posted on FPF and the town website. It is sent via email to subscribers (to subscribe email 05757news@gmail.com). It is also available in hard copy at the town office and the library, or delivered by USPS to those who subscribe for \$9 a year to cover postage.