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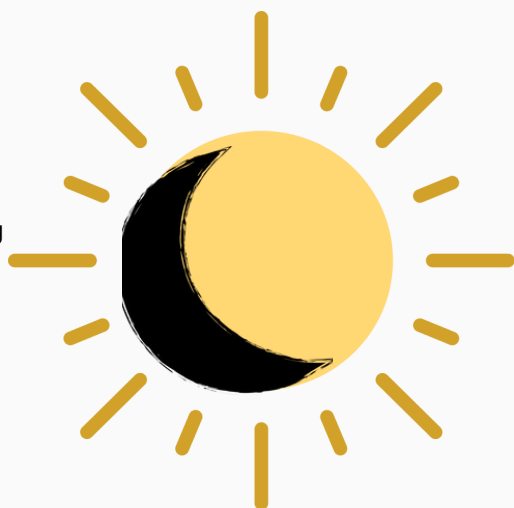
middleTOWN NEWSletter

Solar Eclipse

Annular Solar Eclipse - October 14, 2023

While Middletown Springs is far from the path of the total eclipse this year, we will still see a partial one! At the Library, we are celebrating this eclipse and getting ready for **the near full eclipse happening in April.**

We have 250 solar eclipse glasses to give away, some new picture books on eclipses, and take-&-make bags with some solar surprises! Glasses available now, bags available beginning Friday, October 6.



Halloween at the Library

On Halloween Night, the library will once again be handing out books for trick-or-treaters to keep. Stop by the library on your trip around town on **Monday, October 31, 5-7pm.**

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.



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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We will be trying out a new format over the next few months. Please send your ideas & feedback: middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com



Large Dumpster Day!

Large Dumpster Day is **Saturday, October 7, 2023** from 7am-to Noon at 577 West Street location, opposite Parker Water Wells. Please note **the NEW start time of 7am.**

Middletown Springs residents may discard large 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 bring **exact change or a personal check** (payable to the Town of Middletown Springs). Please 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.

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 as much as reasonably possible. 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 etc.) are subject to a \$25.00 fee per item and will be accepted at the Fort Dumpster site during this event only.**

Hazardous materials such as paints, oils, propane tanks, other solvents and the like are NOT accepted. Tires are NOT accepted.

A Note from the Town Treasurer

Our new town office should be ready for business in October! On, or around, October 3, tax payments can be deposited at the NEW BUILDING.

We have a secure mail slot on the west wall of the building. If you face the wall, the slot is to the left of the west entrance. Also, you can still mail tax payments to PO Box 1022, MTS 05757.

Those of you who did not make the 9/15/23 payment will receive late notices reminding you of the amount due, including a 1% late fee. Late payments for Q1 with 1% interest will be good until 10/31/23. If payment is not made by then, more late fees will be charged.

Thank you.
Jenny Talke Munyak

Town Office Moving

ReOpens on Tuesday,
October 3, 2023
5 South Street

FREE Covid Tests

Available for pick up at the Library. Later this fall there will be additional tests available at the new Town Office.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
2-6pm

Friday
10am-2pm

Saturday
10am-12pm

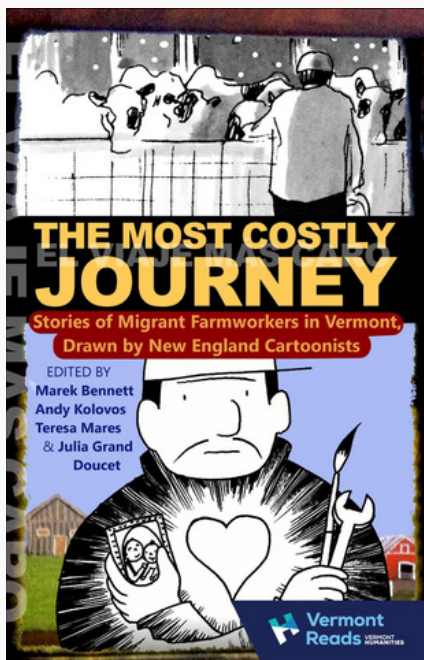
Milestones

Graham Birch Fioretti born to Ashley and Michael Fioretti on September 24, 2023.

Town Newsletter

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

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.



Vermont Reads: The Most Costly Journey

The Vermont Reads 2022 selection was *The Most Costly Journey* (*El viaje más caro*). Illustrated by New England cartoonists in a variety of styles, each short chapter describes aspects of the lives of 19 migrant Vermont farm workers, in their own words, including crossing the southern border, struggling with English, adapting to winter, growing gardens, raising children, dealing with health crises, and working long hours. Copies of the book will be circulating throughout town during the next two months.

Join us at the library for a lively discussion on **Thursday, October 26, at 7pm**. A far-ranging conversation is sure to involve the themes of migration, farming, mental health, cartooning, family, labor movements, and the Latinx experience, among others. For more information and to check a copy, stop in at the library, or contact us 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Later in the year we will be participating in Vermont Reads 2023 and will read *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo

NEW @ the Library

Graphic Novels - Young Adult

The Girl from the Sea

by Molly Knox Ostertag

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell

Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me by Mariko Tamaki

Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker

Fiction - Young Adult

Ruin and Rising by Leigh Bardugo

The Darkest Part of the Forest

by Holly Black

The Stolen Heir by Holly Black

Foul Lady Fortune by Chloe Gong

Nick and Charlie by Alice Oseman

Non-fiction - Adult

The Wager by David Grann

At Home on an Unruly Planet

by Madeline Ostrander

Fiction - Adult

The Wind Knows My Name

by Isabel Allende

Revenge of the Scapegoat

by Caren Beilin

Such Kindness by Andre Dubus III

The Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman

Whalefall by Daniel Kraus

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Somebody's Fool by Richard Russo

The Last Chance Library

by Freya Sampson

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

by Lisa See

The Collector by Daniel Silva

A Chateau Under Siege

by Martin Walker

The Breakaway by Jennifer Weiner

Crook Manifesto

by Colson Whitehead

Town Gathering

Thank you to all who helped
make it a lovely afternoon.



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What Do You Want to Learn This Winter?

Universal Class - More than 500 **FREE online classes** on wide range of topics. There's something for everyone! Though classes are not for college credit, they are led by a real instructor with whom you can communicate by e-mail. Courses allow you to proceed at your own pace, working on assignments anytime, day or night.

Topics include:

- Crafts & Hobbies
- Business & Accounting
- Career Training
- Computer Training
- Health & Medicine
- History
- Homeschooling
- How To / Do It Yourself
- Law/Legal/Criminal
- Parenting and Family
- Pet and Animal Care
- Science
- Self-Help & Psychology
- Spiritual Studies
- Teacher Resources
- Test Preparation
- Web Development
- Writing Skills

<https://vermontstate.universalclass.com/barcode-login.htm?enter+code>

Autumn in the hills of Middletown Springs

Banner photo by Emmett Francois



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Location
Town Office reopens!	Tues / Oct 3	9am	New TOWN HALL / 5 South Street
Large Dumpster Day	Sat / Oct 7	7am-12pm	577 West Street
Vermont Reads Discussion	Thurs / Oct 26	7pm	Library / 39 West Street
Halloween Book-Give-Away	Tues . Oct 31	5-7pm	Library / 39 West Street

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)
WellsSprings Community Engagement	2nd Mon / 6:30pm		eric.montbriand@grcsu.org
Wells Springs School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	eric.montbriand@grcsu.org

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
middletownspringslibrary@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.