The Shays' Settlement Project:
A Story of Revolt and Archaeology
Sunday, September 17, 2 pm

Educator, writer and archaeologist Steve Butz will present The Shays' Settlement Project: A Story of Revolt and Archaeology at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Middletown Springs Historical Society on Sunday, September 17, at the Historical Society Building. The meeting will begin at 2 pm with a dessert buffet, and a brief business meeting with election of Trustees for 2017-18. The lecture begins at 2:30 pm.

The Shays' Settlement Project is the first formal archaeological study of the ruins of a fortified 18th century settlement located in the mountains of southern Vermont near the New York border. The settlement was founded by Captain Daniel Shays and his fellow refugees who fled from Massachusetts following the uprising he commanded there in 1787. Incredibly, this lost site of American history lay hidden and untouched for over 200 years until its rediscovery in April 2013.

Steve's lecture on the Shays' Settlement Project weaves together several themes: the tale of the present day archaeological investigation, the history of Shays' Vermont settlement, the story of his heroic life as a captain in the Continental Army, his role in the infamous Shays' Rebellion, and his impact on American law. The discovery of the settlement has revealed a lost piece of American history, and is one of the most significant archaeological sites in Vermont today.

Library Lawn Sale

Mark your calendar: The 5th Annual Library Lawn Sale will be held from 8-3 pm on Saturday, September 23 at the Town Green, sponsored by the Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library for the benefit of the Library.

Up-cycled treasures, clean and gently used items will be on sale at bargain prices - household, toys, tools, furniture, small appliances, outdoor gear and more. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Want to donate? Donated items will be accepted Friday, September 22 from 1-6 pm. Please no clothing, no large appliances, and no mildew (or outmoded electronics). If you need to have items transported or for more information, contact Pat Hemenway 235-2421.

Want to Volunteer? We still need volunteers to help price items on Friday and/or sell on Saturday. The more the merrier! Volunteers are invited to join in for an evening meal both Friday and Saturday. Give Pat a call if you want to join the fun.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing commitment to the Friends of the Library and our shared mission in supporting our community's special little library.

Harvest Bake Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a Harvest Bake Sale on September 23, 8 am-noon - same day as the Lawn Sale - under the portico at the Historical Society. Stop on your way home from the transfer station and treat yourself and your family to some wonderful baked goods made by members of the Friends of the Library. There will be a pumpkin sale and a door prize of a pumpkin table centerpiece as well.

Want to bake? contact Alida at 235-2323 or Maureen at 235-1245. Please bring donation in disposable containers and marked if gluten free or with nuts, Friday from 4-6 pm and Saturday from 7-9 am at the Historical Society.
Big Dumpster Day

Saturday, October 7 will be the final Large Trash and Metal Collection event of 2017. This will be conducted at 577 West Street (Route 140) across from Parker Water Wells. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction/demolition debris items are acceptable. **No contractors**, please. Hours will be from 6 am-noon.

Please note that while **metal** waste will be collected without fee, there will be a $5 per vehicle load charge for non-metallic large trash items.

All items containing refrigerants (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.) will be collected at Fort Dumpster only, and a separate disposal fee for handling the refrigerant material will be assessed.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Free Service** to residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns (Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven). As a resident of SWAC, you may attend either of the events listed below.

**Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 am-3 pm:** Fair Haven Transfer Station on Fair Haven Avenue

**Saturday Sept. 23, 8-11:30 am:** Rutland Town Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Ext

Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. **Proof of residency required.**

For additional information, including list of accepted hazardous wastes, visit [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org), or contact the RC-SWD (802-775-7209), Pam at the SWAC (802-342-5701).

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Town Treasurer Note

To All Property Owners:

1. Property Tax Bills for the new Fiscal Year 17/18 were sent out in early August. If you have not received yours, please contact me to get a copy. Please indicate your property address AND your mailing address.

2. SAVE your property tax bills - even if your mortgage company pays your taxes. You will need this bill when you file your income taxes in April.

3. I will be in the town office on Friday, September 15 from 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm to collect taxes. If you are not available to drop off your taxes then, please mail your taxes to PO Box 1022. Your envelope must be postmarked on or before September 15 to avoid late fees.

4. We accept check and cash as forms of payment. If you are paying cash, PLEASE remit exact change.

5. If you’d like a receipt, please include a stamp, self addressed envelope with your payment.

   If you have any questions you can contact me at 235-3256 or mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

   Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

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Milestones

**Rose Beatrix Kniffin** born June 17, 2017 to Hillary Doran and Richard Kniffin

**Nalina Wren Bagley** born September 2, 2017 to Heidi and Nate Bagley
Vermont READS ...

... Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. This beautiful memoir of the author's childhood written in verse tells the story of a young person finding her voice and examines the strength of family bonds. We have 25 copies of Brown Girl Dreaming to circulate and re-circulate for the months of September and October.

This is the 15th year of the Vermont Reads program, in which the Vermont Humanities Council invites Vermonters across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to its themes.

Intergenerational Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 17, 7 pm. Pick up a copy of Brown Girl Dreaming from the Library to read, and share it with your friends and family. Join us for homemade cookies & hearty conversation. The students in grades 4, 5, 6 at MSES are reading the book in class and are invited to attend this discussion.

Life Writing: writing for life
Sunday, October 29, 2:30 pm. A panel of writers of memoir vignettes, poetry, and journals will speak their experiences in exploring their lives through written words, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. Tea & cookies will be served.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information contact the library at 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Toddler Time

After a summer hiatus, the Library will restart Toddler Time if there is enough interest. This weekly hour is a great opportunity for babies and children not yet in school to come together with their caregivers for stories, songs, and a snack. On Wednesdays at 9:30 am, Martha Heitkamp and Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman read and sing songs, and children and their caregivers explore the riches of the Library. Please let us know if you and your child might be interested.

Library Bookmarks

Community Calendar

It's that time of year when we ask you to (re-) subscribe to the Community Calendar. Also called "the birthday calendar", this long-standing tradition lists many residents' birthdays as well as notices of the regular town boards and committee meetings. Subscribers have the option of including all family members' birthdays and anniversaries. Advertising Sponsors underwrite the production costs of the calendar and their ads highlight many of the businesses in town.

Please contact a Library Trustee with your calendar information.

SUBSCRIBERS: Calendars are $8.00 in advance OR $10.00 upon delivery. All Calendars must be pre-ordered. Birthday and anniversary listings are included in price (optional but encouraged). Please use the form in the 2017 calendar or stop by the Library to pick up a form.

New & Returning SPONSORS: Please consider supporting the Middletown Springs Community Calendar with an ad. Your payment includes an advertisement block on the frame of the calendar visible for all 12 months and one copy of the calendar. Also included: your family’s birthdays and anniversaries (optional).

Fees are as follows:
Full size (single block) $50 Added Color: $15
Small size (half block) $25 New Logo: $15 (one-time fee)
Double size (pre-existing only).... $100
Extra calendars: $8 (prepaid)
*new double sized ads available if there is room

The DEADLINE for all submissions is September 25, 2017. All checks are payable to Middletown Springs Library and may be dropped off at the library or mailed to: Calendar Committee, c/o Middletown Springs Library, PO Box 1206, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Questions? Contact Alida Tarbell (235-2323, randatarbell@vermontel.net), Beth Miller (235-2734, millrams@vermontel.net), Patty McWilliams (235-2900, hermithill@vermontel.net), Diane Rosenmiller (235-9429, drosenmiller@vermontel.net), Kristal Hier (235-1297, kristalhaynes@hotmail.com).

Thank you in advance for support of this worthwhile community fundraiser. The calendar helps strengthen our community and the funds raised will be used to support the town library, its collection and programming.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2-7 pm
Friday 10 am-2 pm
Saturday 10 am-noon
235-2435
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com
Calendar of Events

September

LABOR DAY
Fire Dept. Training  Mon 4
Building Committee  Tues 5  6:30 pm
Historical Society  Wed 6  7 pm
Planning Commission  Thurs 7  7 pm
Fire Dept. Training  Mon 11  4 pm
Friends of the Library  Tues 12  6:30 pm
Selectboard  Tues 12  7 pm
School Board  Thurs 14  7 pm
Property Tax DUE  Fri 14
MSHS Annual Meeting  Thurs 14  6 pm
First Response  Mon 18
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 19  6:30 pm
Building Committee  Thurs 21  7 pm
Library Lawn Sale  Sat 23  8 am-3 pm
Harvest Bake Sale  Sat 23  9 am-noon
Fire Dept. Training  Wed 26  6:30 pm
Library  Thurs 27  7 pm
Auditors  Thurs 27  7:30 pm
Selectboard  Thurs 28  7 pm

October

Planning Commission  Mon 2  4 pm
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 3  6:30 pm
Building Committee  Wed 4  7 pm
Historical Society  Thurs 5  7 pm
MSHS Open House  Sun 8
Columbus Day  Mon 9
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 10  6:30 pm
Friends of the Library  Tues 10  7 pm
Selectboard  Thurs 12  7 pm
School Board  Thurs 12  6 pm
First Response  Sun 15  6:30 pm
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 17  6:30 pm
VT Reads Discussion  Tues 17  7 pm
Building Committee  Thurs 19  7 pm
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 24  6:30 pm
Library Trustees  Wed 25  7 pm
Auditors  Wed 25  7:30 pm
Selectboard  Thurs 26  7 pm
Life Writing Program  Sun 29  2:30 pm
Halloween  Tues 31
Fire Dept. Training  Tues 31  6:30 pm

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 and will serve the needs of those who don’t regularly use computers.
Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted to FPF or 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 $6 a year postage.
Copies are posted at the Town Office, Grant’s Village Store, and the Library.

Questions: Call 235-2435, or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.

Submit News & Events to:
Middletown Springs Public Library
PO Box 1206
Middletown Springs, VT 05757
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of the month for inclusion in upcoming issue.

Calendar Events – subject to change.
When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

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