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The Recreation Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. We are open to ideas and suggestions so please come join us in brain storming some new events for all ages.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good luck hunters!



A Word from the Town Clerk's Office

"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, we have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!"
- Humbert Wolfe

Hello everyone-Happy Autumn! What a beautiful time of year!

Chester A. Arthur's birthday was on October 5th! (Thank you Rob Howrigan, Jr.)

As I write this we just had our community visit from Vermont Council on Rural Development and many different State Agencies yesterday. We had meetings most of the day on the following subjects: Communications; The Aging Population; Community Integration, Recreation and Events; Vision for Fairfield's Future; Engaging Youth; Water, Wastewater and Infrastructure; Economic Development; Fairfield School; and The Future of Agriculture in Fairfield. The community visit process can be researched further at www.vtrural.org/programs/community-programs. It was quite a success and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout of our community. We are planning a town meeting Thursday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m. to further discuss our goals for our town. EVERYONE is invited!! Please be there if you can- your input is valuable.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and is located downstairs of the municipal building. If you can't make it that day please stop in to request an absentee ballot and vote early.

Here's an interesting bit of information for you to consider regarding the ballot this year. Besides the usual choosing of the best candidates for office, the first question on this year's ballot is asking the voter to decide a potential amendment to the constitution. If the amendment is approved it would allow seventeen year olds the opportunity to vote in the primary election if they will be turning 18 by the general election.

If you can volunteer to count ballots after 7:00 pm your help would be much appreciated. The more counters we have the earlier we get done. We haven't moved towards the electronic ballot counters like many of the other towns. Our counters- myself included, have expressed how they would miss coming together to get those final tallies. Not to mention the money we save by doing it ourselves! But we do need some fresh eyes considering many of us have been at it all day.

The final due date for taxes is Friday, November 19th. Postmarks are always accepted.
Have a wonderful fall season, may we all be afforded the time to look around and enjoy the colors!

Take care,
Amanda

Trotter News

Mrs. Wood

Dear Fairfield Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I have not yet had the opportunity to meet in my first few months at Fairfield Center School. My name is Jennifer Wood, and I started as the new principal at FCS on July 1st. I feel beyond fortunate to have been selected to serve the Town of Fairfield as its new Principal. People have been incredibly kind, welcoming, and encouraging, and the pride the community has for its school is palpable and infectious. I feel honored to be a part of it.

Since July 1st, I have been getting to know the outstanding FCS faculty and staff, and have had the opportunity to work with them in several capacities prior to start of the school year. In July, Denise Bedard-Comstock, Amy Day, Rita Kalsmith and I spent a week developing a new teacher evaluation system with teachers and administrators across the FCSU that is focused on student results. We are piloting the system this school year, focusing on school-wide, data-driven goals, and working together in professional learning communities to move student learning forward.

In August, I spent three days in Montpelier with Rett Pigeon, Bet Howrigan, Kelly Sargent, Melissa Dion, Heather Kelly, Stacey Tully and Leisa Kelsey learning more about Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and designing a PBIS system for Fairfield Center School. PBIS is a school-wide approach to creating a positive and safe climate where our students can learn and grow. One of the most important aspects of PBIS is recognizing students for demonstrating positive behavior. Last spring, the faculty and staff agreed on four expectations for FCS:

Be Honest. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Ready to Learn!

We call these expectations "HR3," and recognize students regularly for following these at FCS. We have already held one school-wide celebration to honor our students for doing a fantastic job meeting these expectations throughout the month of September, and know that we will have many more celebrations in the months to come. We will be posting more information about our PBIS system on our school website soon. Our website address is www.ffcsvt.org.

We have lots of other great things happening at FCS. Our middle school has implemented a period each day to provide enrichment and intervention opportunities for students at these grade levels. Middle school students are maintaining our school gardens and all students are enjoying the garden's bounty in meals prepared by our kitchen staff. On October 15th, we will hold our 2nd annual art inspired Hay Day at school. On October 17th, our PTO will host the annual Harvest Dinner at 11AM.

It was wonderful meeting more of you at the VCRD visit this past Wednesday. I am looking forward to our continued work together in improving the educational and social outcomes for all students at FCS. Thank you for your warm welcome and support.

Respectfully,

Jen Wood

News from the Fairfield School Board

Last edition of this newsletter we welcomed our new principal, Jennifer Wood, to our school. She is fitting in to our community well and we are pleased to have her with us at Fairfield School. Jen has included a letter in this issue.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Vermont Council on Rural Development Community Visit Day on October 6th. It was a good turnout and there were many beneficial discussions including one concerning our school. We look forward to VCRD's return, in November, to offer us advice and insight on how to define and accomplish our goals.

The School Board meets on the third Monday of each month. We encourage public attendance. Check www.ffcsvt.org, the town clerk's office, or the school for our minutes. Please contact any one of us with questions, comments or concerns. Our information is below, on the web site or you may contact the school at 827-6639.

Michael Malone - *Chair* 524-9035 mmalone@fcsuvt.org

Mike L'Esperance - *Vice Chair* 527-2917 mlesperance@fcsuvt.org

Kenderlyn Phelps - *Clerk* 827-3699 kphelps@fcsuvt.org

Barry Fauteux 827-6543 bfauteux@fcsuvt.org

Bennett Dawson 827-3101 bdawson@fcsuvt.org

A note from our Select Board

Select Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of every month beginning at 7:30pm in the town office. Minutes are posted at the town office, in Menard's Market, Stone's Shell and on our town web page www.fairfieldvermont.us

Listers

Everything is going well with the Board of Listers. Once again we had less than a handful of grievances and no appeals to the BCA. If you remove a structure from your property, you need to inform us so that we can remove it from your assessment- this must be done prior to April 1st each year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessment please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

The Listers
James Gregoire
Board of Listers, Chair



Things going on

Mrs. Hale collects Campbell's Soup labels to support our school. She also collects Boxtops. Campbell's Soup labels and Boxtops can be dropped off at the office addressed to Mrs. Hale. To learn how to support our school with Boxtops by shopping online, stop by and ask Mrs. Hale.

Mrs. Larose collects silver can tabs to support the Shriners. Silver can tabs can be dropped off at school addressed to Mrs. Larose.

Mrs. Howrigan collects Hannaford receipts to support our school. Receipts can be dropped off at school addressed to Mrs. Howrigan.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
GRANT WRITER COM-
MITTEE REPORT

The Town of Fairfield Grant Writer Committee (GWC) has had a very busy year. Many grants have been submitted to fulfill a variety of needs throughout the Town. Through the past year there has been a significant amount of growth and life built-up in the GWC. There are now two (2) school board members who are on the committee, which brings a great deal of input and collaboration. The GWC now has nine members! Meeting minutes are posted on the Town's web site.

Some of the highlights of the grants that have been received or that have been submitted:

1. Receipt of a grant to determine the feasibility of Hydroelectric in E. Fairfield and determine the feasibility of solar at the School and the new Library.
2. Submittal of a grant for installation of a new trail network at the School.
3. Receipt of a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation to determine the feasibility of sidewalk construction in Fairfield and E. Fairfield.
4. Initiation of a community visit from the Vermont Council on Rural Development.
5. Submittal of a Clean and Clear grant to assist the Town in mitigation of runoff and improve roadway ditches.
6. Submittal of a letter of interest to the Tarrant Foundation to
 - o Expand our Recreational Facilities to accommodate a regulation middle school sized basketball court, construct proper office space for staff and facilities for bathrooms.
 - o Expand kitchen and cafeteria facilities to accommodate the community and the students for nutrition education by creating a commercial kitchen space for the processing and preserving of local foods.
 - o Develop and expand a Family Consumer Science Curriculum and vocational tech program so that our students are better prepared for their future. As our traditional way of life in Fairfield is being threatened, we would like to be better prepared to offer state-of-the-art agricultural technology education to our community.
 - o Support a position whose primary responsibility would be to develop the Vocational Education piece and to coordinate the obesity prevention program on 3 fronts. Physical education, Nutrition and Technology Education related to food sciences.
7. Establishing a "sewer" committee and developing a "sewer" survey for both Fairfield Center and East Fairfield.

Many other grants have been submitted this past year for renovations and improvements at the Fairfield School, Common School and the Community Center.

The Grant Writer Committee is always looking for grant opportunities for the Town of Fairfield. If anyone has ideas or would like to share their input on possibilities for which the Town could seek grants, please feel free to contact Amanda Forbes, or come visit the Grant Writer Committee.

Finally, a very big THANK YOU to our Grant Writer Denise Smith. Denise has done an excellent job this past year researching and preparing grants. And congratulations to Denise and Tim.....their baby daughter, Nellie, was born October 6th!

Sincerely,
Greg Christie, Norm Menard, Amanda Forbes, Julie Wolcott, Jason Booth, Kristen Hughes, Nancy Shaw, Michael Malone, and Barry Fauteux

Fairfield Community Center

The Fairfield Community Center is on a roll! Food Shelf clients have doubled since this time last year; senior attendance at Tuesday Community Lunches has nearly doubled; April Vacation Camp last spring and Black Creek Adventure Camp this past summer were both fully enrolled, and over 50 children registered for last winter's Kids-in-the-Kitchen cooking classes! We've hosted two community Pizza Nights with our new outdoor wood-fired pizza oven, the 2010 Preschool is now in full swing, and the Jig-in-the-Valley annual summer fundraiser was a huge success.

We're anxiously awaiting decisions on three separate grants which will enable us to expand our youth and family programs this winter. If all goes well, we'd like to offer a 5-day per week after-school program beginning after Christmas break, another round of guest chefs for the Kids-in-the-Kitchen cooking "school," Family Movie Nights at the Center beginning in February, and another interesting and fun-filled April Vacation Camp. We'll be sending out a school-wide announcement on these and other programs as soon as we can.

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Basket Project – our goal this year is to distribute 70 baskets containing all the fixings for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, potatoes, winter squash and homemade pie. We'll be assembling baskets on Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th, and basket pick-up is from 11:30-1:00 on Saturday the 20th. As in past years, we'll be collaborating once again with the school and the area churches who graciously donate food to this very worthy and important effort within our community. If you'd like to **donate** either food or money to the project, or if you'd like to **receive** a basket, please call Nance Shaw at the Center at 827-3130 or Joanna Jerose at 933-8789.

Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon – Saturday, Dec. 4th at the Center. Add us to your list of stops for the day! Enjoy the holiday atmosphere and get a jump on your Christmas shopping with over 15 vendors this year. Fine art, knitted items, woodenware, baked goods, beeswax candles, soap, pottery, jewelry and lots more! Come at lunchtime and enjoy a choice of hearty soups (just right on a blustery day) homemade bread, hot spiced cider and yummy desserts. Interested in selling your wares? We still have a few tables left, give Nance a call and request an application. 827-3130

The Center would like to thank everyone who donated time, money, food and talent to our programs this past year. We're making a big difference in the lives of many in our town and we couldn't do it without you. Soon we'll be sending out letters for our annual Fall/Winter Donation Campaign. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and is what helps us continue to provide essential services and needed programs to individuals, youth and families of our town. In this time of strange economic challenge, and with winter coming on, I ask you to please consider making a donation – large or small, whatever you can do - this year to The Fairfield Community Center.

And finally, if you've ever thought about becoming a volunteer, now is the time! We're greatly in need of help with the Food Shelf, the Tuesday lunches and with various special events throughout the year. Join our team of dedicated volunteers this season, and make a big difference. If everyone donated just a couple of hours a month, the work load would be spread out, and we could get so

Bent Northrop Memorial Library October 2010 update:

As you know, the community of Fairfield is in the process of building a new library next to our school and Town Common. We are fortunate enough to benefit from an endowment left us by Consuelo Northrop Bailey, Mary Northrop Wallis, and Fredrika Northrop to help fund this important project. As your library trustees, we have been working hard to make and monitor decisions concerning design, materials, and economy of the new library.

The Library Trustees continue to meet weekly with Michael Dugan, architect, and Michael Connor, head of Connor Construction on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in the conference room of the library. Discussion is focused on construction progress and "owner" decisions regarding furnishings, technology and AV and computer equipment. We expect that the structure will be closed in by the end of October, interior construction work will be completed by Town Meeting, technology installations and furnishings by the beginning of April. The Library will move in during the 3rd week of April! Many thanks to Laura Fulwiler for joining us on the building committee and for being our "communicator".

We have seen our role as stewards of the fund left to us. We have worked closely with both consultants to balance a design that is practical and echoes local architecture with the realities of our harsh winters and difficult economy. Toward that end, we are inviting supporters of the library to help fund specific aspects of the library—primarily interior and exterior features that are critical to the daily programming and community use of the library. Establishing a permanent fund (similar to the Mary Wallis and Ethel Wanzer Funds) in honor or memory of an individual or family is also an option. Next year we will be beginning a fund raising campaign to replenish the endowment and to insure operating funds for the future. Bridget Howrigan Rivet and Charon True will be serving as chairwomen with Barbara Branon as honorary chair. We will be happy to recognize your donation, if desired, in the library. Please feel free to contact Bridget (827-3942) for details of how to make a gift.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support,

Terry Hale, Randy Clark, Bet Howrigan, Albert Tetreault, and Julie Wolcott

Building a Directory of Fairfield Alumna:

please send all lists of 8th grade graduates (and their current whereabouts) from Fairfield schools since 1930s to Bridget Howrigan Rivet at bridget_rivet@msn.com or at her home 329 Pelkey Road.

BNML

Great Pumpkin Gala

October 30th @ 10am, Fairfield Center School Gym

A not-so-scary event for the youngest Fairfielders! Join us for hayrides, donuts, apple bobbing and Charlie Brown to what has become an annual event in Fairfield. This event is geared towards the 0-6 crowd, but older well behaved siblings may tag along if they are dressed not-so-scary!

Success by Six Storytime

Fridays 9:30-11:30

Join the youngest Fairfielders each Friday following the school calendar. Meet new friends, sing a song or two, and interact with kids ages 0-6. Beth Peloquin, the Fairfield Preschool Teacher, is the new playgroup facilitator. Questions? Contact the library!

Night Under the Stars

Mark your calendars for November 12th! The Vermont Astronomical Society will bring their telescopes of all shapes and sizes and show us the wonders of the night sky! The evening begins at 6:30 and goes until you get cold! Think clear skies! (If it is cloudy, the crew is willing to do an inside presentation.)

Building Committee

Read about the progress of our new library on the website www.bentnorthrop.org or drop us a line and ask to be added to the email list! The Building Committee meets regularly each week on Tuesday at 3:30 in the library. All are welcome!

Letterboxing

Letterboxing is an intriguing pastime combining navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry in a "treasure hunt" style outdoor quest. A wide variety of adventures can be found to suit all ages and experience levels. Kids can experience letterboxing and work to make their own in this five session workshop geared towards kids ages 7 through 12. On Friday, October 29th, kids will meet afterschool and travel in cars to a nearby letterboxing site. The following Saturday morning, they will work to create their own letterboxing stamp that identifies them to other letterboxers. The next Saturday, we will take a second trip to find another letterbox a bit farther away – this time kids will be able to use their personal stamp to sign in! On Friday, November 19th, kids will work to create their own letterbox. In the workshop, they will assemble a box and brainstorm places to locate their box. Over the Thanksgiving break, participants will be responsible for hiding their box and writing the clues for others to find. Kids may need a bit of help from adults! Finally, on Friday, December 3rd, participants will enter their box into a letterboxing website so that letterboxers throughout the continent can find it! Enrollment is limited to 12 participants. There is also a \$10 fee to cover supplies. First come, first serve! (We will also need a parent driver or two to help with the field trips!)

Exhibit "Deep Look at a Small Town"

November 11th-December 31st, Times and Days to be determined

As Photographer and Oral historian Forrest Holzapfel explains, "In 1999 I photographed two hundred different Marlboro families standing in front of their houses and compiled short biographies of each family. The town of Marlboro is both my hometown and a place I'm defining through my photographs. The sum of all my work will create a balance between documentation of our present time and an 'imaginative history' of this 230 year-old town. My objective is to create a rich and complex sense of place." The exhibit pairs black and white images of the residents of the town of Marlboro, Vermont made with an 8" x 10" view camera with audio interviews conducted by Holzapfel in 2000 and 2001.

In the words of author Howard Frank Mosher, "A Deep Look at a Small Town: Marlboro, Vermont, is marvelous: original, important, full of striking images, and alive with history, a great sense of family, and of the connection between the land and the people."

Please join us for an opening reception and lecture by Holzapfel on November 11th from 6:30 – 8:30pm. The exhibit is hosted in the Fairfield Municipal Building Basement Gallery. Please contact the library if you would like to volunteer as an Exhibit Sitter!

Friends of Chester Arthur

Third Thursday of the Month @ 7pm

The Friends of Chester Arthur is meeting regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the library! Come join us as we brainstorm ways to help enhance the Chester A Arthur Birthplace.

Thank you Rick

The Recreation Committee has had a change in leadership this fall. Rick Haag has stepped down as chairperson. Rick has devoted many hours and much energy to this post for the programs and background work that goes into making them take place. Volunteer work is not typically thankless, but on behalf of the committee and the community we say; **THANK YOU RICK HAAG!**

[Zumba is back in town, and is available at the Fairfield School Gym on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:15pm through October 27, and will continue during the winter. Classes \\$5, with the first class free to new comers. For more information contact instructor Shannon St. Pierre \[sstnatasha@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:ssnatasha@yahoo.com\) or Rec Committee contact Carol Lizotte \[cal100@educert.com\]\(mailto:cal100@educert.com\).](#)

The Recreation Committee is looking for two more members. Joining this committee is not a burden. The more people we have means more ideas for more programs to offer to you! Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Chester Arthur room. All community members are welcome. Visit the website www.fairfieldvermont.us

Upcoming meeting dates; October 19, November 30, no meeting in December, January 18

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Recreation Committee News

Youth Basketball will run Sunday, January 8th thru Sunday February 19th
Pre-K and K starting at 1pm - 1st and 2nd grade will be at 2pm
3rd and 4th grades TBA, and games with surroundings towns TBA

Adult basketball will be held on Sunday nights at the Fairfield GYM, 5:30pm
Fun for all, and all are welcome.

St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar
December 4th 9am - 3:30pm gift ideas, wreaths and much more...