

OUR TOWN

Fairfield Community Newsletter and Calendar

In an effort to get news and events out in a timely manner, we're introducing our monthly newsletter. To keep costs low please consider taking the newsletter electronically or check out the Fairfield website each month. Going forward, we will only make the printed version available at local spots like Chester's, Esden's, Menard's Market, Stone's Shell, the library, town clerk's office, and the Community Center. If you have difficulty getting the newsletter, call Meg Marshall @ 827-3680 and we will work to get it to you.

Do you have an event that you want to let the town know about? Submit to the monthly newsletter. E-mail it to Meg by the 20th each month (megm2@msn.com or call 827-3680).

The Newsletter Committee

Laura Bellstrom, Dory Cummings, John Dasarao, Barry Fauteax, Laura Fulwiler, Miles Herbert, Sue Magnan, Meg Marshall, Kristen Hughes and Sara Tourville

December 2011

December 2: PTO Movie Night, "Polar Express," 5:30-8:30PM

December 3:

- St. Patrick's Church Christmas Bazaar 9am-3pm & Pizza luncheon
- Fairfield Community Center Holiday Craft show
- Breast feeding Support Group ~ Come join other moms, babies and families at our regular breastfeeding support/social groups. The groups are offered by the Vermont Department of Health and are FREE to all. Ask questions, get help, join in discussions, and meet Moms just like you to share your experiences. For more information, call: 802-524-7970

December 4: Free Photography class at BNML 2-3pm. Bring your digital camera: Any brand or model, Digital SLR, Point & Shoot. Please be sure to have a fully charged battery. Sponsored by the Fairfield Recreation Committee. Call Rick Haag @ 524-7528 with any questions

December 5: Grant writer committee meeting 6pm

December 7: FCS Holiday Concert grades 6-8 at 6:30

December 8: FCS Holiday Concert grades PreK-5 at 6:30

December 10: FRC Fairfield Girls Club ~ Join us monthly for team building, community service, outdoor exploration, and fitness. Activities geared towards ages 5-10, but others are welcome. Parent participation required. Please contact Candi Branon or Deane Haag with questions. Thanks to the FRC for their support!

December 12:

- FCS School Board meeting 6pm
- Select Board meeting 7:30pm

December 15:

- The Knitwits ~ Calling all knitters, needle crafters and fiber artists! Meeting monthly on the third Thursday in the loft. This group welcomes new faces and all skill levels. Drop in to enjoy the company, advice and inspiration of other knitters in the community. Bring your own projects and materials. Call or email Mary Alice with any questions. 802-393-5270 or melbaum@gmail.com.
- Bent Northrop Memorial Library Trustee Meeting 3pm

December 16: Winter Carnival! ~ Join us 6:30-9:00 pm for a Holiday themed movie and winter inspired activities. Co-sponsored by the Fairfield Recreation Committee. More to come...

December 20: Recreation Meeting 7pm Chester A Arthur room.

December 22-30: No School Holiday Break

December 26: Select Board meeting 7:30

Fairfield Recreation

Free Yoga with Denise Smith. (\$5.00 for non-residents) until December 11th, 3-4pm, in the Chester Arthur Room at the Town Offices. Contact [Rick Haag](#) at 524-7528 for details. Open to people 18 and over.

The Recreation Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, at the town offices. Contact [John Dasaro](#) for details.

Happenings at Bent Northrop Memorial Library

Dec hours follow the new schedule (M: 2:30-5, Tue and Thur: 2:30-8, Wed and Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-1)

**Please note the exceptions! Dec. 23rd, 9am - 1pm, Closed Dec. 24-26th,
Closed Dec. 31st and Jan. 2nd**

Learn to Crochet meets Tuesday afternoons from 3pm - 5pm. Interested in learning to crochet? Contact the library for future classes.

Tiles Clacking, People Laughing, Conversation, Relaxation...MAHJONG! Playing in the Loft Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 9:00 pm. (except the 2nd Tuesday of each month) Beginners and new faces welcomed and encouraged! Please email Jessica Kittell with questions. jkgaudette@yahoo.com

Huge thanks to the Fairfield Recreation Committee for their recent **purchase of snowshoes** which are stored here at the Library!! You can now check out snowshoes like you check out a book. Contact Rick Haag with any questions.

Have you tried the **Fairfield Online Farmers Market**? You can order local goods (fresh bread, tasty jams and jellies, local ground beef, lots of different cheese, fresh eggs and a few hardy veggies!) from your friends and neighbors and pick up your order weekly - all year long - at the library! Check it out at www.yourfarmstand.com or stop in and we can help you explore!

Keep your eyes peeled for information on a few new events beginning in January: Book Club meets monthly beginning in January ("The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern), FRC Game Club, WeeDo Robotics, and Teen Coffeehouse.

By the way, have you "liked" your Library, yet? Bent Northrop Memorial Library has its very own Facebook page! Just another resource to help you find out what's up!

Questions? 827-3945 or bentnorthrop@gmail.com or www.bentnorthrop.org

From the Fairfield Community Center

The Center Welcomes Jenn McAllister

The Center formally welcomes our new Senior Meals Cook and Food Shelf Coordinator, Jennifer McAllister. A Vermonter since she was 8 yrs. old, Jenn is now mom to a blended family with 7 children, so she knows all about cooking big meals. She enjoys baking, trying out new recipes, and helping out in the community. We're lucky to have you with us Jenn!

Community Center Awarded Grant from Franklin Grand Isle United Way

In July, the Center received a grant from the FGIUW for the "expansion and improvement of our food program." Just three months into the grant term, and under Jenn McAllister's coordination, we're seeing immediate improvements in volunteer organization and scheduling, coordination and better use of raw ingredients with the Senior Meal Program, as well as higher quality and more variety of foods in our Food Shelf.

Upcoming Cooking Series at the Center

We'll be ringing in 2012 with a new series of cooking classes at the Center. By popular demand, we'll offer another round of Kids-in-the-Kitchen for K-6th graders, a separate KITK just for teens, and a third series of culinary classes for adults. Details are still being worked out; we're lining up some interesting instructors, guest chefs and nutritionists and will have flyers out soon. Be on the lookout, and be sure to sign up early as we anticipate heavy participation.

These programs are made possible in part by grants from the Franklin County Grand Isle United Way and The VT Department of Education and Senator Bernie Sanders' office.

FOOD SHELF HOURS: Every Tuesday from 1-1:30, and again from 3-5 p.m. The 2nd Friday of each month is USDA Commodity Delivery Day and the Food Shelf will be open from 10-12. Currently looking for donations of canned soups, tuna fish, dried beans, rice, and pasta products.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: Also every Tuesday, a hot delicious meal is served at noon. Everyone welcome, suggested donation just \$3/seniors, \$5/everyone else. The best deal in town! Please call to reserve a place at our table. 827-3130.

Upcoming Senior Programs - BINGO - every Tuesday night at the Center! All are welcome. For more information, 827-3130

Happy Holidays

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