

Anyone can submit a notice or pictures to Our Town; we announce but don't advocate. Questions? Email Meg at megm520@gmail.com. Submissions due by the 20th of each month. Sign up for the electronic version of Our Town @ www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews.

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December 2012

Monthly Meetings, Activities and Dates to Remember

- Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Mondays @ town offices 7:30pm
Grant Writer Committee: 1st Monday of each month @ town offices 3pm
Zoning & Planning Committee: 1st Monday of each month 8pm
School Board: 2nd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm
BNML Trustee meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ BNML 3pm
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): 3rd Thursday of the month look for note home for time
Breastfeeding Support Group: 1st Saturday of the month, 9:30a @ BNML
Outdoor Classroom: 2nd Monday of the month, 3:30p @ FCS Library
PJ Storytime: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6p @ BNML
FCF Girls Club: 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30a @ BNML
Drop-in Tech Support: Every Friday, Noon-4p; 1st and 3rd Saturday 9a-1p @ BNML

Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** WeDo Robotics, 2:50pm @ BNML
Tuesdays: *Senior/Community Lunches* @ FCC 11:30-1pm. Call 827-3130 to reserve a place;
Food Shelf hours 1-1:30 and 3-5pm @ FCC
BINGO 6pm @ FCC
Mahjong @ BNML 6:30pm (1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month)
Build It, 2:50pm @ BNML
Wednesdays: Playgroup and Storytime @ BNML 10am
Thursdays: *Fairfield Farmers Market Online* Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML;
Digital Photography for Youth, 2:50pm @ BNML

December Calendar

Saturday, December 1st:

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 9-3 @ the Community Center. Get a jump on your shopping this year with handmade items, jams and jellies, candles, candy, soap, puppets, homemade baked goodies, ornaments and a white elephant table. For more info or to reserve a table, call Freda Burnor at 933-6610.

ST. PATRICKS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 9-3 @ St Patricks church . Food sale, handmade gifts, crafts and tree ornaments. Fishing down Santa's Chimney. Fresh wreaths. Pizza luncheon starts at 11:30 and Santa arrives for a visit between 11-12. More information call Pati Reynolds 524-3811

Saturday, December 8th: 10-Noon, the first of FOUR Saturday morning **BREADMAKING CLASSES** during the month of December. Learn how easy, economical and healthy it is to make your own beautiful wholegrain loaves, pizza dough, holiday breads, and Focaccia. \$15/class or \$50 for all 4 classes. Class is limited to 12 participants, please call now to register, 827-6626.

Tuesday, December 11th: K-5 Winter Concert @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 12th: Middle School Concert @ 6:30

December 24-January 1st: School Vacation

Wednesday, January 2nd 2013: School Resumes

FCS Board

The Fairfield School Board is seeking public opinion on the potential expansion of our gymnasium. Meetings will be forthcoming. Please email, Michael Malone, mmalone@fcsvt.org (or call 524-9035) to be included in the informational emails. Or call the school at 827-6639.

From the Principal's Desk

We held our annual Thanksgiving food drive the week of November 12th. We are grateful to all of our students, families, and community members who supported this event. On Friday, November 19th students and staff participated in the food pass along! Student Council members, Mr. Stebbins, and Mrs. Sargent delivered all of the items to the Community Center and helped pack over 70 Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need.



BNML

New Writer's Group Forming in Fairfield

Do you like to write? Would you like to share encouragement and inspiration with other writers? Join us on the first Tuesday of each month to share tips, review each others' work and offer constructive feedback. No need to be polished or perfect -- bring along a first draft and your ideas! Join us at BNML on December 4th at 6:30 p.m.! If you have questions, feel free to call Marla True at 827-3368.

Winter Book Club Series December 13th at 6:30 PM

With the busy holiday season upon us, what better way to enjoy a book than by reading short stories. Pick one author, read 2-3 stories and come share your author and book. Check out the library's short story collection or ask for the list of suggested short story writers. If you have a favorite short story writer, old or new, we would love to hear about it! Winter Book Club will be held in the loft at the Bent Northrop Memorial Library the 3rd Thursday of the month starting January 17th at 6:30 PM.

Intro to Prezi December 13th at 6:30pm

Join FCS student and self taught Prezi expert, Noah Carpenter, to learn about this Powerpoint alternative. Noah will share examples of his work and talk you through getting started with this dynamic presentation tool.

Winter Solstice Celebration December 21st 6:30 PM

Winter Solstice marks the shortest day and longest night. Come celebrate the return of the sun with ancient traditions and cultural rituals from around the world. This is a night of storytelling, singing, drumming and rattling as we light a fire to welcome the sun's return.

This family celebration will start inside and then move outside to light the fire. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Bring your drum, rattles and voices for around the fire. Bring a candle for your own light around the fire. No flashlights, please. The ritual fire will be built at 5:45 PM. Observers are welcome. A Gift of Light, in the form of a half dozen homemade cookies, will be collected and distributed to brighten up someone's holiday.

Willem Lange December 14th at 6pm

Join Vermont author, storyteller and all around great guy, Willem Lange, for his reading of *Favor Johnson*.

Molas in Transition: The Textile Art of Kuna Women

Molas are the layered reverse applique and embroidered blouse fronts and backs made and worn by Kuna women of Panama. In the twenty first century the textile art of Kuna women is in transition between the esteemed aesthetics of tradition and the pressure to create contemporary topical products for the marketplace. The Kuna view Molas as their cultural wealth and intellectual property. Molas tell their stories through the materials used to make them, the quality of their design, the popular subject matter selected for production and by the 'voices' of their makers. See Kathryn Lipke-Vigesaa's exhibit of these seventeen colorful Molas at BNML.



Other

Northwest Vermont Food Summit

How can Northwest Vermont build a strong regional food system, create jobs in the food and farm economy, and improve access to healthy, local food? What do we need as Farmers to grow and improve our products and our businesses? What can we do to increase local food to consumers?

How can we address the logistical constraints inherent in a rural, local food system? What do our schools, hospitals, restaurants and other institutions need to purchase food from local producers?

Join farmers, educators, distributors, producers and everyone that feels a strong, local food system is good for our

health, our economy, and our future. Learn about local and statewide initiatives, discuss our assets, and share your needs and wants. We need your help to establish food system goals for the region.

Please join us:

Northwest Vermont Food Summit

Monday, December 3rd, 2012

6-8 pm

Sheldon Elementary School

76 Poor Farm Road

Sheldon, Vermont

Contact Kristen @ bentnorthrop@gmail.com or 827.3945 or Julie @ gwfarm@vtlink.net with Questions or to RSVP

Yoga at the Town Clerk

Pippa Dorfman, Kripalu certified Yoga instructor since 2005, will offer a weekly asana vinyasa (postural flow) class each Thursday from 4:30-5:40 p.m. this Winter and into Spring at the Town Offices. Bring a mat (we have a few extra) and whatever props you need (pillows, blankets, straps, blocks, etc.) The first class starts December 6th and there will be an optional meditation following Savasana. Pippa teaches yoga, hoop yoga, and hoop dance regularly in the surrounding area. Come and join the Yogic celebration!



Fairfielders joined to say thanks and farewell to area legislators