

The Fairfield Town Newsletter is now being published monthly!
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- It lets folks who live nearby, but outside of town, keep updated on Fairfield events!
- AND....if you sign up by Feb 1, you have a chance to win a KINDLE ereader! Those who have already signed up for the newsletter will also be eligible! (Thanks Evermont!) *Sorry - out of towners are not eligible!

Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews>

Reminder: Newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of the month so everyone's announcements are included. Thank you all for your support.

January 2012

Jan 2: Grant Writer Committee meeting 6:00pm; Zoning & Planning Comm meeting 8:00pm

Jan 5: Annual FCCA Public Meeting 6:30pm @ FCCA; Refreshments served.

Jan 7: Breastfeeding Support Group 9:30am @ BNML

Jan 8: New Year's Sunday Brunch, 10:30-1:00 @ FCCA; FRC Photography Workshop 2-3:30 @ BNML;
Ski and Ride at Smuggs

Jan 9: School Board meeting 6pm @ school library; Select Board meeting 7:30pm @ town offices

Jan 10: WeDos & Literature, 3-5pm @ BNML

Jan 12: Poet Laureate of Vermont, Syndey Lea 7pm @ BNML

Jan 14: FRC Girls Club 9:30am @ BNML; FRC Yoga 4-5 pm @ Town Offices

Jan 15: Ski and Ride at Smuggs

Jan 17: WeDos & Literature, 3-5pm @ BNML; Recreation comm meeting 7:00pm @ town offices

Jan 19: BNML Trustee Meeting 3pm @ BNML; Fairfield KnitWits meet 6:30p @ BNML; Franklin County Beekeepers (Contact Janice Girard - 849-2494)

Jan 20: Parents Night Out from 5-7:30pm @ BNML; Newsletter submissions due

Jan 21: FRC Yoga 4-5 pm @ Town Offices

Jan 22: Ski and Ride at Smuggs

Jan 24: WeDos & Literature, 3-5pm @ BNML

Jan 23: Select Board meeting 7:30pm @ town offices

Jan 28: FRC Yoga 4-5 pm @ Town Offices

Jan 29: Ski and Ride at Smuggs

Jan 31: WeDos & Literature, 3-5pm @ BNML

Fairfield Recreation

Snowshoes are now available at BNML! The Fairfield Recreation committee has purchased 12 sets of snowshoes for use by the community. Sizes for all! Get out and enjoy the beauty of Fairfield this winter with your family and friends. Check them out at BNML just like a book.

More Photography Workshops: Professional photographer Melanie Webb will lead a hands-on workshop to show you how to get the most out of your camera using Photoshop Elements. Bring your digital camera with fully charged battery. Workshops start January 8th 2:00-3:30 at BNML and continue on February 12th, March 11th, April 15th and May 6th.

Free Yoga with Denise B. Smith: Classes are geared toward developing strength and flexibility as well as relaxation and stress relief. Held in the Chester A. Arthur Conference room at the Fairfield Town Offices. Saturdays 4:00-5:00pm starting January 14-28, February 11-25. Free to Fairfield residents (\$5.00 for non-residents). Adults 18 and over. Beginners welcome!

Questions about snowshoes, photography workshops or free yoga contact **Rick Haag 524-7528**

Fairfield and Smugglers' Notch 2012 Ski & Boarding: Fairfield Ski & Boarding will once again run at Smugglers Notch on Sundays throughout the winter. Starts Sunday Jan 8th and runs through March and *maybe April!* Call by 6pm Monday to reserve tickets or for more info. **Dawn Menard 827-6564.**

Bent Northrop Memorial Library

BNML is holding a contest for the design of a permanent outdoor sign to be installed on the corner of Park Street and South Road. Entries must include: Full name of BNML, materials, dimensions, installation and cost estimate. Valued: collaboration, locally sourced materials, aesthetics, durability, maintenance free, and readability. Prizes to include certificates to local merchants and a KINDLE for winning sign. More info? Call **Julie @ 933-4592.**

For those who are not on-line, BNML is organizing a phone tree to notify folks about events at the library. If you would like to be on the phone tree, call the **library @ 827-3945** to sign up.

BNML thanks Gene Archambault, Melanie Ross, Mike Malone, Joanna Jerose, Carole Kaye and the Manning/Corey Family for their help with the Winter Festival! Willem Lange shared Favor Johnson while families learned to play the Driedel game, enjoyed a horse drawn wagon ride, pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, and hot cocoa. Thanks to the 85 folks that came out to celebrate that night! A final big thanks to Rick Haag and the Fairfield Recreation Committee!

Calling all knitters, needlecrafters and fiber artists! Meeting monthly on the third Thursday in the loft. The Fairfield Knitwits welcomes new faces and all skill levels. Email Mary Alice with questions at melbaum@gmail.com.

Join us at the Bent Northrop Memorial Library on Friday, January 20th from 5-7:30pm for a Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile Kids Night Out Event! After 2 successful events at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Swanton, we are bringing our themed event night to Fairfield! An evening of fun for the kids and a night out for you! Price is \$10 per child. This month's theme is: Beach Party! Please RSVP by Friday, Jan 13th by contacting Jessica at jljohnson.ucsc@gmail.com or call the Bookmobile office at 868-5077. Please include your child's name, age and any allergies or special needs they may have so we can better serve them.

Join us monthly for team building, community service, outdoor exploration, and fitness. The activities are geared towards ages 5-10, but others are welcome. Parent participation required. Please contact Candi Branon or Deane Haag with questions. Thanks to the Fairfield Recreation Committee for their support!

Meet new friends, play games, do crafts, have a snack, and listen to stories each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:30. All kids ages 0-6 and their adult caregivers are welcome

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Loft. January's book: The Night Circus by Erin Morganstern. Kindle copies available

Tiles Clacking, People Laughing, Conversation, Relaxation MAHJONG! Playing in the Loft on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30 - 9:00pm. Beginners and new faces welcome!

WeDos and Literature combines children's literature with building robots. Each week, kids work together to create robotic models of characters from featured stories. The program explores science, engineering & literature in an inquiry based program. A cooperative effort between UVM Extension and BNML, enrollment limited to 12. Sign up at the BNML or <http://tinyurl.com/wedolit>. Tuesdays, January 10-31, 3-5pm, Grades 2 and 3

The Poet Laureate of Vermont, Sydney Lea has been described as "a man in the woods with his head full of books, and a man in books with his head full of woods." Come hear how his words reflect his affection for story, New England, and his passion for the natural world. Thursday, January 12th @ 7pm.

Come join other moms, babies and families at our regular breastfeeding support/social

groups. The groups are offered by the VT Dept of Health and are FREE. Ask questions, get help, join in discussions, and (most importantly) meet other Moms. More info? Call 802-524-7970

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Fairfield Farmers Market Online: The Fairfield Farmers Market is a way to connect neighbors with neighbors. Jess sells pies, jams, and chutneys. Brian sells chicken. Jonathan sells beef. The Gervais sisters sell a variety of cheese and breads. Nicole and Luke sell honey. Kerri and Debbie sell eggs. Angie sells sourdough pizza dough. Scott and Laura sell cookies. Nance sells biscotti. Jim sells potatoes. And Cranberry Bob sells, well, cranberries! There are many more vendors and the menu changes weekly! Support your local farmers - these are your friends and neighbors! You buy directly from them online 24 hours a day! Customer sign up is free and quick - and you can add money to your virtual account using your credit card. Have a question for the farmer? Feel free to contact them directly! The market is taking a break for January, but runs year round otherwise! The next pickup at the library is Thursday, February 2nd - but you can peek at the offerings and sign up as a customer all month long. Sign up today and see what is for sale at www.yourfarmstand.com - be sure to sign up for the *Fairfield* market!

By the way, have you "liked" your Library, yet? BNML has its very own FB page! Just another resource to help you find out about local events!

Fairfield Community Center Association

Thanks to Jessica Gaudette, Joanna Jerose and all volunteers who organized and distributed the 75 Thanksgiving Baskets to families in Franklin County. Thanks to everyone who so generously donated food, money, time, and Thanksgiving cards to make this season joyful and nutritious for families in need. A special thanks to all the kids at Fairfield Center School!

Join us for a New Year's Sunday Brunch, Jan 8th @ 10:30-1:00. Great food! \$8/adults, \$5 kids and seniors. Proceeds benefit FCC Food Shelf.

Food Shelf Hours: Same as always: Tuesdays 1-1:30 and 3-5pm. The 2nd Friday of each month is USDA commodity delivery day, and the food shelf is open from 10-12. *Please consider volunteering to help out! Call the Center at 827-3130 or Food Shelf Coordinator Jenn McAllister at 933-7334.*

Winter Cooking Classes

- Another round of Kids-in-the-Kitchen for K-6th graders—Thursdays, 3:30-5pm, Jan.12-Feb.16
- Kids-in-the-Kitchen for teens—*coming in March and April*
- The Learning Kitchen for adults—Feb. and March

Call 827-3130 for further details and look for flyers coming home with school kids.

Bingo: Tuesday evenings at the Center! All are welcome. For more information, 827-3130

Community Lunches & Senior Programs Every Tuesday, CVAA and The Center prepares a hot, delicious meal served at noon. Everyone is welcome, suggested donation is just \$3/seniors, \$5/everyone else. Please call to reserve a place at our table. 827-3130. We welcome our new Americorps volunteer, Liz Dana, who will be conducting some senior programs throughout this next year after lunch on Tuesdays. Crafts, Tai Chi, Armchair Travel slideshows, and other surprises!

Foot Clinics: Jan. 6, Feb.17, Mar. 23, and May 4 , -9:30-11:30am. Call 527-7531 for an appointment.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER!

The Community Center will be circulating a petition over the next few weeks requesting that financial support of it be warned for the March 6 Town Meeting. Despite various grants over the past few years which have helped run the Food Shelf, Summer Camp and various other programs, we are in need of financial help to run the facility itself—heat, water, insurance, etc. Please show your support for the important work we've been doing for 20 years by signing the petition and voting YES on the article at town meeting.

Fairfield Center School News

Fairfield students have been enjoying a variety hands-on, learning activities this fall. K-3 students have been very active in Outdoor Classroom, taking field trips to local farms, preparing plants for the high tunnel greenhouse, prepping food for the PTO Harvest Dinner, and making pies for the Community Center's Thanksgiving food baskets. We are very grateful to the volunteers who worked many hours constructing the high tunnel this fall-and are looking forward to this expanded garden space to grow more vegetables to enjoy in our lunch program. We are also considering involvement for our middle school students in the [Fairfield Farmers Market Online](#) with the additional produce we can grow in the greenhouse.

Students in grades 4/5 have been enjoying their weekly Digital Wish lessons and their new netbooks. They have been applying their new technology skills in their science, social studies, and language arts classes, developing media presentations for classmates. Eighth grade students are enjoying guest speakers discussing the 21st century skills needed for their jobs. Students in grades PreK-8 gave fantastic performances at our December concerts!

Exciting news for the spring of 2012!...FCS will host Cirkus Smirkus Artist-in-Residence May 7th-11th. Students will work with the circus artists throughout the week to produce an all school performance at the end of the week. If you are willing to host the artist in your home for the week, or part of the week, please contact us at school! For more information on Cirkus Smirkus school residencies, check out www.smirkus.org. Happy New Year!

FCS School Board

The Fairfield Center School Board will be working on next year's budget in January. We will meet on January 9, 2012 at 6pm in the school library. Other meetings will occur throughout January as necessary. Please feel free to attend and express your thoughts, questions, and concerns. Or, contact us directly. Our information is on the web site: www.ffcsvt.org or you can call the school at 827-6639.



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