

We expect a smaller edition of **Our Town** over the summer months; however, as long as there are events and activities going on we will still keep going. If any of the dates change for Monthly Meetings and Activities due to summer schedules, please let me know. As always newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of each month to Meg Marshall, [megm520@gmail.com](mailto:megm520@gmail.com) Sign up for the electronic version of **Our Town** at [www.tinyurl.com/fairfielddenews](http://www.tinyurl.com/fairfielddenews). We are up to 85 of 700+ households in Fairfield!

## June 2012

### Monthly Meetings, Activities and Dates to Remember

**Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Mondays @ town offices 7:30pm  
**Grant Writer Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 6pm  
**Zoning & Planning Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 8pm  
**School Board:** 2nd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm  
**BNML Trustee meeting:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 3pm  
**Book Club:** 2nd Tuesday @ BNML Loft 6:30  
**KnitWits:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm  
**Girls Club:** 2nd Saturday @ BNML 9:30am  
**Mahjong:** Every Tuesday @ BNML 6:30  
**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):** 2nd Tuesday, school year @ FCS library 3pm

### Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

**Tuesday:** **Senior/Community Lunches** @ FCC 11:30-1pm call 827-3130 to reserve a place  
**BINGO** 6pm @ FCC; **Food Shelf** hours 3-5pm at FCC;  
**Wednesday:** **Playgroup/Story Hour** @ BNML 10-11:30;  
**Thursday:** **Fairfield Farmers Market Online** Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML or St. Albans  
**Friday:** **Food Shelf:** 2nd Friday of the month, 10-noon @ FCC

### June

**June 6:** Car Seat Check @10am BNML  
**June 7:** Middle School Awards night @ 6:30PM  
**June 8:** K-8 Spring Concert @ 1PM  
**June 14:** 8th Grade Graduation @ 6:30PM  
**June 15:** Ice Cream Dessert Fest @ BNML 6:30  
**June 27:** Trails Master Plan meeting @ Chester A Arthur Meeting Room 6PM

## **Bent Northrop Memorial Library**

**Vermont Poet Laureate:** Sydney Lea reflects on his affection for story, New England, and his passion for the natural world. He 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.” Join us at 7pm on Thursday, June 14th.

**BNML Tech Team:** Need a help with setting up an email account? Struggling with finding your files after you save them? Is the formatting on your Word document trying to take over? The BNML Tech Team can help! Connect with one of the volunteers in our own community to help you sort through challenges and gain technology confidence! Call BNML to set up an appointment with one of our own Fairfield Tech Gurus! 827-3945

**Car Seat Check:** Michelle Trayer, NCSS Childcare Resource Development Specialist, will join us for storytime and playgroup on Wednesday, June 6th at 10am. Final playgroup for the year will be the following week, June 13th!

**Mahjong ? Knitwits?** Check the website or friend us on **Facebook** to get the weekly scoop!

**Scrapbooking with Shannon!** Save the date--Tuesday Evenings beginning in July!



**Summer Programs at BNML:** We are putting the finishing touches on Summer Programs as well as our Summer Reading Incentives... Keep your eyes on at [www.bentnorthrop.org](http://www.bentnorthrop.org) or our Facebook page to see what is coming!

**The BNML Growth Fund** invites you to an Ice Cream Dessert Fest on June 15th at 6:30pm. Come to the Library after supper on the last day of school to have a bowl of ice cream and view the new additions to the Library grounds. Great way to ease into summer and many lazy days of happiness at the Library!

### **Fairfield eVermont Team**

Early last year, the Fairfield eVermont team identified ten priorities. As the year long grant comes to a close in June, see the progress we've made over the year:

- Build Community Connections through **Front Porch Forum**

Front Porch Forum currently has 218 Fairfielders--approximately 30% of the town's population-- building community and helping connect neighbor to neighbor. Content has included everything from ATVs to town announcements to 80th birthday parties! Sign up at [frontporchforum.com](http://frontporchforum.com) and share what's on your mind!

- Provide **Business Training and Consultation Services**

The Vermont Small Business Development Center visited Fairfield earlier this year and met with local small business owners to provide guidance on their web presence. One workshop was held regarding *Getting Your Business Online*, while *Using Social Networking* will be hosted here soon!

- **Design, Launch and Maintain Town Website**

Amanda Forbes and Mike Malone worked to update, enhance and expand the Fairfield Municipal Website. Today, you can find contact info for boards and the town offices, as well as minutes, public documents, and recent community event notices! See [www.fairfieldvermont.us](http://www.fairfieldvermont.us)

- Take Advantage of **21st Century Educational Opportunities**

e-Vermont brought Digital Wish's one-computer-per-child program to FCS. Their services included the donation of 43 netbooks to ensure that every child in the participating classes have access to their own computer, technical support for these computers, intensive teacher training,



curriculum development, and innovative community connections using the most up-to-date technology.

- Bolster Library's Efforts to ***Increase Public Access***

Through training and equipment, the library has improved the opportunities for drop-in tech support. BNML has also established the Fairfield Tech Team, a local group of volunteers to help you with small (and maybe large) tech concerns at your computer or on ours!

- ***Promote Digital Literacy for All Fairfield Residents***

Vermont has lots of webinars on topics such as [Wikipedia, Google Places, and You](#), [eHealth: Finding Credible Health Information Online](#), and [Basic Facebook Marketing](#) at [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org) - webinars. Our community has also started using the Mobile MacLab for the digital photography class and onfarm workshops.

- Expand Ag and Craft Markets with the ***Online Farmers Market***

This week's newest vendor is the Outdoor Classroom's Trotter Greens! This brings our total vendor list to 40 and our customers to 190! Sign up is free and simple - you can keep your money local and support the farmers and producers that live right next door. Know where your food is coming from. See the current offerings at [www.yourfarmstand.com](http://www.yourfarmstand.com)!

- Brand and Market ***Fairfield's Maple Syrup Producers***:

Still working on this one!

- ***Expand Community Newsletter by Increasing Digital Subscriptions***

After offering a Kindle to encourage sign-ups for the digital edition of "Our Town", our current subscription numbers have hit 85 folks! This saved money from mailing costs, have allowed us produce the newsletter monthly, and have several locations throughout town to pick it up! Don't forget to sign up online for the electronic version @ [www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews](http://www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews)

- Build and Promote a ***Comprehensive Community Calendar***

Still in the planning stages, this community access site will include a vibrant community calendar that helps improve the ease and effectiveness of promotional efforts in town by featuring all events in one central place.

- ***Increase Access*** through Hot Spots

The Steering Committee explored the option of a strategic hot spot at the Community Center, library and town office. Currently, two of the three are up and running!

### **Town-Wide Trails Master Plan**

The Town, along with Regional Planning, is developing a Town-Wide Trails Master Plan to increase non-motorized mobility throughout the town. Fairfield will hold a public work session to present a draft of the Town-Wide Trails Master Plan recommendations on **June 27, 2012 at 6 PM** in the **Chester A. Arthur Meeting Room**. Fairfield residents are invited and encouraged to attend the work session and provide their input. Refreshments will be served.

The trails are envisioned as a means of bicycling or walking to important destinations in Town, including Fairfield Center, East Fairfield, Fairfield Pond and the Chester A. Arthur Historic Site, as well as to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and the adjacent towns. Some of the trails are to be located on existing roads, while others may be proposed on existing Class 4 town roads (roads that are not currently maintained by the Town). Still others may be suggested on ancient roads (roads that appear on older town maps but have no current info. on them).

## Fairfield Center School News



Fairfield Center School is very thankful for all of the people who supported a successful Circus Smirkus residency May 7-11th. We are especially grateful to Julie Wolcott who hosted the circus artist, Nettie Lane, for the week. Thank you, Julie! Students learned a variety of skills, including juggling, storytelling, globe walking, and acrobatics, and demonstrated these skills in a fun school-wide performance attended by parents and community members.

Students attended various educational field trips in May including a visit to the Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge, canoeing on Black Creek, visiting the “Our Body: The Universe Within” exhibit at the ECHO center in Burlington, and trips to local farms to see sheep and alpacas. The 8th grade went on an overnight class trip to Lake George, New York. The students and parents participated in an exciting 17-mile white water rafting experience and ropes course adventure. In June, our Jazz band will perform at the Discover Jazz Festival on Church Street in Burlington, and 27 of our Fairfield instrumental music students will be joining peers from St. Albans City and Town schools, Sheldon, and B.F.A. St. Albans to perform in New York City!



