

Our Town

Fairfield Community Newsletter and Calendar

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October 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 6pm

Zoning & Planning Committee: 1st Monday of each month 8pm

School Board: 3rd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm (date change for this month only)

BNML Trustee meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ BNML 3pm

KnitWits: 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm

Mahjong: Every Tuesday @ BNML @ 6:30pm

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): 3rd Thursday of month @ school library; Check website for time: ffcsvt.org and reminders will be sent home.

Breastfeeding Support Group: 1st Saturday of the month, 9:30a @ BNML

Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

Tuesday: *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)

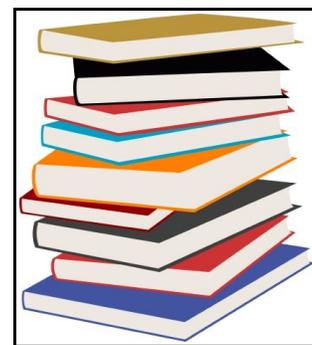
Thursday: *Fairfield Farmers Market Online* Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML

Sunday: *Soccer* Oct 7 PreK, K, 1st & 2nd @ 1pm; 3rd & 4th @ 2pm Fairfield School Field

October Calendar

Thursday, October 11th @ 7pm, BNML Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Suspense. Film expert Rick Winston will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, exploring his favorite themes, his relationship with his collaborators, and his wry sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. Free & open to all.

Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th, BNML Harvest a Book Sale: Gently Used Books, Looks of used books - current titles included! Hardcover and softcover! Adults, kids...great books cheap!



Saturday, Oct 13th @ 11am, BNML Join UVM Extension and Operation: Military Kids on Saturday, October 13th at BNML to sew pillowcases for the children who have a parent deploying with the Vermont Air National Guard this spring. We need volunteers to cut, pin, sew, and pack pillow cases! We're also looking for donations of fun fabrics! Help us show Vermont's children of military families that we support and care about them. Sewing experience helpful, but not required. If volunteers are able to bring a sewing machine with them, even better! Call Martha Manning at UVM Extension, at 524-6501 or Martha.manning@uvm.edu for more info.

Saturday, October 13th 9:30-11, BNML Join the FCF Girls Group for fun activities, games, & hanging out with friends. Geared towards girls 5 & up. Contact Deanne at [RICK HAAG01@comcast.net](mailto:RICK_HAAG01@comcast.net) for more info!

Sunday, October 14th from 11-1:30; Fairfield PTO Harvest Dinner, FCS--all local meal of Chicken and Biscuits, roasted root vegetables, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, salad and assorted desserts. Hayrides and fresh pressed cider(hopefully). Adults \$7, seniors \$5, kids grades 1-8 \$5, children 5 and under are free. Interested in helping food contact Erica at eac0227@gmail.com or 393-9150

Tuesday, October 16th, 6pm, BNML Join Beth Peloquin for our monthly PJ Storytime. Come dressed in PJS and enjoy bedtime stories, lullabies and warm milk!

Saturday, October 26th, 6pm, BNML Join us for the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat.

Deck out your vehicle & compete for a prize in 3 categories: Most Creative, Spookily Recycled, and Fairfield-est! Gates open at 5:30 and close at 6 for vehicle entries. Trunk or Treating begins at 6, followed by stories around the campfire (with Michael Caduto) at 7. Dress for

outside weather under that costume and enjoy a light dinner made by the Outdoor Classroom!



Tuesday, October 30th, 10-11:30, FCCA Flu Clinic. Call Nance with Q's at 827-3130

School Board News

Monday, October 15, 6 pm. The Fairfield Center School Board will meet (please note change from usual date). As always, we encourage public attendance. Contact me, Michael Malone, with questions or concerns [@mmalone@fcsuvt.org](mailto:mmalone@fcsuvt.org) or 524-9035.

PTO- Teacher Organization

2012-13 PTO is up and running we've already started work on our first fundraisers, Fairfield Friendship book and Annual Harvest Dinner.

Fairfield Friendship book is a school-wide directory of our children with contact information for kids and parents to make connections and playdates. For parents there is school board and faculty contact information there too. As a fundraising effort we have offered to have parents, friends, family and local businesses advertise their business card in our directory by sending a business card and \$20; for more information call Meg Marshall 827-3680. We hope to have the book ready by end of October. Parents: get your forms in to Shannon Kane so we can put the book together.

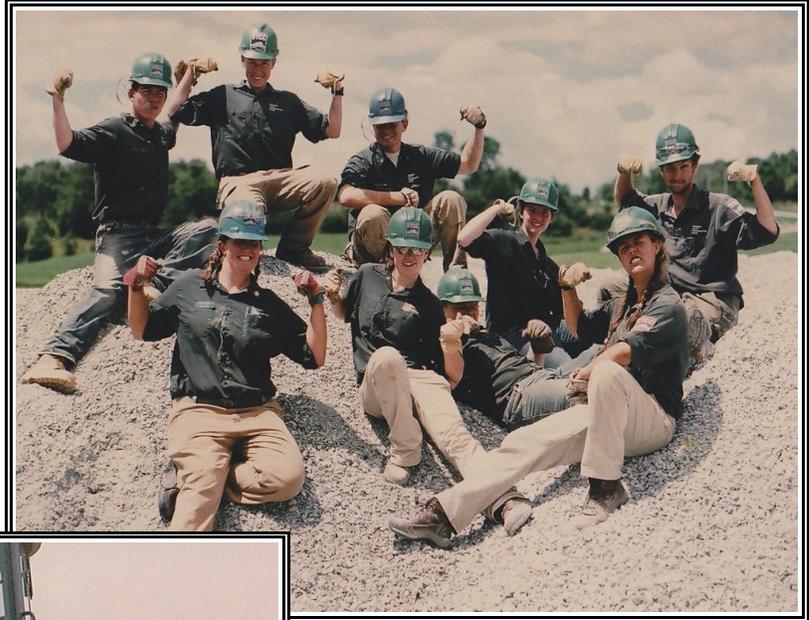
Our second fundraiser is the Annual harvest dinner. We are looking for food donations and helpers: servers, food prep, set up (Saturday) clean up (Sunday afternoon) and of course come and eat with us. This is a great meal at a great price and over the years it has evolved into a fantastic family event. Check out the calendar for details.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities to be a part of PTO like attend meetings, plan events, work events, volunteer to be a room parent and of course decide how we spend our funds! Every parent and teacher of a Fairfield student is a member of PTO. We want everyone who wants to be involved to participate. Come to a meeting! They take place the 3rd

Thursday of the month. Check for a note home from school for the time (times vary to accommodate schedules).

The New Recreation Path!

Thanks to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp, Town of Fairfield employees and volunteers, the new Recreational Path in Fairfield Center is complete! The small stretch that connects the outer loop of the path on South Rd is part of the proposed sidewalk project. The project was submitted to VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program by the Town of Fairfield on August 24th.



Pictured Above The VYCC Initial Crew: Front -Stacey Sexton (Crew Leader), Jen Crockett, Kevin Morin, Emma Galvin, Emily Mullaney; Back – Nicholas Scott, Trevor McNaney, Nick Prechel (Crew Leader), Arlo, Cristofaro-Hark
Pictured Left The Closing Crew: Bucket – Julie Freeman, Nick Prechel (Crew Leader); Back: Stacey Sexton (Crew Leader), Ivan Crnic, Alyssa Wirkus, Jim Paradee

Pictures by Dan Connor

FCCA

Seniors Have More Fun!

The best deal in town...is every Tuesday at Noon at The Fairfield Community Center! That's when Jenn McAllister serves up some of the tastiest food east of the Mississippi for a suggested price of just \$4.00! But it's not just the food. When Jane and Jane and Deb and Bill get going, there's no end to the hilarity and fun! But it's not just for seniors...everyone is welcome! Come see what the buzz is all about.

Please call 827-3130 to reserve your place at our table.

October Meals

- October 2nd- Chicken & (cheddar bay) biscuits, Caesar salad, cottage cheese, and chocolaty-fudge brownies.

- October 9th – Beef pot roast with homemade bread, green salad, and rice pudding.
- October 16th – Sausage white bean & kale soup, Irish soda bread, tossed salad, and applesauce oatie cookies.
- October 23rd – Roast pork with smothered apples and caramelized onions, baked potato bar, winter squash, bread pudding with vanilla sauce.
- October 30th – Lasagna, garlic bread, broccoli and cauliflower, and pumpkin spice cupcakes. *ALSO, today will be the flu clinic from 10am-11:30am

Outdoor Classroom

We are preparing for the **Annual Harvest Dinner** on October 14th. This year our goal is to enjoy a truly local harvest. Our menu has been carefully crafted to include locally grown, in-season foods. We would like to look no further than Fairfield (okay, Franklin County) to make this community meal a reality. We are looking for donations of the following food items: *local chicken* (for chicken & biscuits), root vegetables (beets, carrots, potatoes/sweet, blue, yellow or red, parsnips, turnip), *winter squash and cabbage, carrots, kale for a rainbow slaw*. If you have *field apples*- we'll use them for making cider! We'd love to have pickles on the table too! If you have any other menu suggestions to make the meal more memorable please email with suggestions. Thanks for helping make this year's Harvest Dinner truly local! **Please contact Joanna** @933-8789 or jjerose@fcsuvt.org



BNML

Thursdays, Oct 1, 11, 18, 25 3-4:30pm FREE Digital Photography for Youth!! Have you ever wanted to learn how to take better digital photos? The UVM Extension and 4-H program will be partnering with BNML to offer a *Youth Digital Photography Program* open to youth in grades 4-8. Cameras will be provided. The dates are Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 3:00- 4:30 pm at the Library. No prior experience is necessary. Please contact Kristen Hughes at the library to register or contact Martha Manning at UVM Extension, at 524-6501 or Martha.manning@uvm.edu. Space is limited.

Wednesdays, Oct 10th, 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 3:15p-4:15p Dominic Cicillio, BFA Senior and Tech Guru, offers Fairfield area Seniors some basic Tech Skills! Learn to sign up for an email address, learn about Facebook and other social networking sites, Internet Safety, Virus, Worms, on the Internet! Bring nothing but a smile! Participants will use the new Mac Laptops or are welcome to bring their own (please let us know ahead of time). Contact Kristen Hughes at BNML to register - 827-3945. Space is limited.



November 1, 6 pm. Save the Date! Pat Ripley of the Vermont Small Business Development Center returns to help Fairfield Small Businesses use Google Places and improve their social networking presence. Have another idea that you would like him to explore? Jot BNML a note, and we can add it to the agenda.

***** Calling all small business owners in Fairfield!** Do you have a website or presence on Facebook? One way to increase your Google page rank is to be linked by well trafficked websites. It might not make a difference over night, but it will make a difference in time. BNML is gathering

the links of all small businesses in Fairfield so that we can add them to our links on the BNML website. Want to help out your fellow business owners? Request the completed list from BNML and add them to your site. Jot us a note at bentnorthrop@gmail.com.

Other

Meat Processing Feasibility Study Update

In 2012, The Town of Fairfield received a grant from USDA to conduct a feasibility study for producing meat products in Franklin County. These products would be produced for the commercial market in a manner that benefits Franklin County farmers.

The initial stages of this project have focused on determining the feasibility of producing beef from grass-fed Holstein steers. The market demand for grass-fed beef is strong and growing and male Holstein calves are an underutilized resource in Franklin County. Cornell University conducted a trial in 2005-2006 showing that it is feasible to produce grass-fed beef from Holstein steers that appeals to consumers. If this business model for producing Holstein grass-fed beef in Franklin County proves to be viable, additional lines of meat products may also be considered, such as meat from beef cattle, other dairy breeds and healthy cull cows.



Yellow Wood Associates of St. Albans has been selected as the consultant for the study. Progress so far has included research on: the slaughter process, regulations and processing options; growing Holstein steers for beef; beef trends and demand research; and

available capacity at regional slaughterhouses and potential partnerships. A survey of St. Albans Coop dairy farmers is currently underway, the results of which are crucial to the success of this venture.

We hope to have results from the survey of St. Albans Co-op dairy farmers in early fall with the entire feasibility study completed in late winter. For more information, contact Denise Smith at denisebsmith@comcast.net (The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, and employer)

Message from Dan Connor

I want to thank each of you, young and old alike, who took time away from your families, business and even family holidays to exercise your right to vote in the Primary on August 28. I am especially grateful and truly humbled to those of you who voted for me so that I am one step closer to representing you under the "Golden Dome" in Montpelier come January 2013.

If elected, I will do my very best to steward your concerns to our Governor and Legislative Assembly in Montpelier. I will continue to have a presence in your townships and to be a phone call or email away from any resident that feels strongly about a particular bill or the language of a bill.

Be well,
Daniel F. Connor



Shots of the New Fire Station!



Top Left Picture: Tom Paradee, Gavin Ryan, David Morris, Tom Branon
Top Right Picture: Alex Howrigan, Lift Employee, Evan Branon, Lift Employee, Tom Branon
Bottom Picture: Maurice Jettie, Lift Employee, Alex Howrigan, Evan Branon

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