

August 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: 2nd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm

BNML Trustee meeting: 3rd Thursday @ BNML 3pm

KnitWits: 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm

Mahjong: Every Tuesday @ BNML @ 6:30pm

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): Back in September

Our Town Newsletter Committee: 1st Wednesday after the 20th deadline @ BNML 5:30p

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

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

August

Thursday, August 2: Democratic Forum, 7-8pm, @ BNML

Thursdays, August 2nd, 9th, and 16th: Youth Digital Photography Workshop, @ BNML

Friday, August 3rd: Drama in Day 9am-6:30pm +/- @ BNML

Thursday, August 9th, Kitchen Tunks and Parlor Songs, 7pm @ BNML

Saturday, August 11th: American Red Cross Babysitting Class, 9a-4p, @ BNML

Tuesday, August 28th: State Primary Election, @ Fairfield Municipal Bldg

A Word from the Town Clerk

Tuesday, August 28th, State Primary Election 7am-7pm @ Fairfield town offices (downstairs)

Bent Northrop Memorial Library

Thursday, August 2, Democratic Forum 7-8pm

Come meet your Vermont House of Representative Candidates running in the August 28th primary election to represent Fairfield, Bakersfield, and Fletcher in the November election. Greg Christie and Dan Connor are on the Democratic Primary ballot and will be participate in a forum to take questions about their positions. Which one might best represent your interests? State Senator Sara Branon Kittell will moderate the forum. This is your opportunity to ask questions, hear candidates' views on issues of education, health care, energy, agriculture, town government and others topics of interest to you. Pie and Lemonade will be served!

Friday, August 3rd, Drama in Day 9am-6:30pm +/-

Drama in a Day is a great way for kids to get away from the video games & computers and use their imaginations! It is a way to learn some theatre basics and see their ideas come to life! We will make a "drama in a day," which is essentially a way to create a play and workshop it into a full length production held later that evening! The performance takes anywhere from 20-30 minutes. Since there is so much improvisation, we never quite know what's going to happen! Cost: \$20 per participant. Call the library to register or register online at the library website!

Thursdays, Aug 2nd, 9th, & 16th, Youth Digital Photography Workshop, 1-3:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how to take better digital photos? The University of Vermont Extension 4-H program will be partnering with the Bent Northrop Public Library to offer a Youth Digital Photography program open to youth entering grades 5-8 in the fall. Cameras will be provided. No prior experience is necessary. Adults or high school students who would like to volunteer as mentors are also needed. 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. FREE!

Thursday, August 9th, Kitchen Tunks and Parlor Songs @ 7pm

Mark Greenberg interviewed and recorded oldtime, grassroots Vermont musicians in the 1980s. In this presentation, he will share his insights on collecting oral history and examining how earlier music survived in the 20th Century. Free and open to the public, A Vermont Humanities Council Event under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Saturday, August 11th, American Red Cross Babysitting Class 9-4pm

This course gives youth ages 11 to 15 years old the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, Babysitter's Training teaches youth how to:

- Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care
- Make decisions under pressure
- Communicate with parents to learn household rules
- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
- Manage young children
- Feed, diaper and care for infants
- Start their babysitting business

Limit to 12 - a waiting list will also be created! This course is offered through a grant secured by the American Red Cross, therefore there is no charge! Priority to Fairfield Residents! Call the library to register or register online at the library website!

Did you know that the library has:

- discounted ECHO passes
- free day pass to Vermont State Parks
- free day pass to Vermont Historical Sites
- Frisbee golf goals to loan (Thanks to Fairfield Rec!)
- complimentary library pass to the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier

Friendly reminder to keep reading this summer! Only one month left to record all the books that you read, Fairfield kids! Each book you read gives you one ball to DUNK YOUR TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL (or your Librarian) on Friday, August 24th (the last Friday before school!). Reach that 1200 book goal this summer!

“Our Town” asked the the two Democratic Candidates for the House of Representatives to share a bit about themselves. Included below is the submission from Dan Connor.

Daniel Francis Connor, Democrat – Franklin 6 District, VT House of Representatives

- Attended Fairfield Center School, Central Catholic HS, graduated from Bellows Free Academy, St. Albans
- Received “practical education” on W. Robert Howrigan and Henry J. Magnan’s (my uncles) family farms -love the open landscape, cattle, horses, crop work, tall woods and sugaring which became my life’s vocation and avocation.
- Graduated from VTC with a double major (top of the class); graduated UVM with a B.S. in Agricultural Science/Education
- Began career as a Dairy Marketing Specialist (Vt Agency of Agriculture) responsible for sensory evaluation, marketing and promotion of dairy products through programming, events and awards that enhanced the image of the dairy industry in Vermont and the Southern New England Market
- Continued agricultural marketing and promotion by starting Connor & Company located on our Colchester farm (allowing me to be available to my two young sons)
- Currently employed by the Vermont Beef Industry Council since ‘95 as Executive Director (today my position is ½ time) responsible for the day-to-day operation of the not-for-profit corporation which includes marketing, promotion and public relations for beef
- Moved back to Fairfield two years ago to care for aging father, Bernard T. Connor, as he could no longer live alone. My father’s journey ended on May 8, 2012.

I believe my working career coupled with my life experience have provided me with a good set of skills to represent the towns of Fairfield, Bakersfield and Fletcher with honesty, integrity and a healthy dose of common sense. I am passionate about agriculture and understand that if we do not keep the Vermont dairy industry healthy, all animal agriculture will become a lesson in history because when the dairy industry closes up shop, so goes the infrastructure that has allowed for animal diversification as we know it. I will be a strong voice for Vermont Agriculture, our rural character and hardy towns.