

OUR TOWN

Fairfield Community Newsletter and Calendar

Anyone can submit a notice or pictures to Our Town; we announce but don't advocate. Please contact us ahead of time to ask about space limitations. 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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November 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 @ 6p FCS Library

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

Outdoor Classroom: 1st 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; **THURSDAYS in NOVEMBER - HOOP DANCING CLASSES!** 6-7 p.m. @ Fairfield Community Center; Digital Photography for Youth, 2:50pm @ BNML

November Calendar

Thursday, November 1st: Pat Ripley of VSBDC: Social Networking for your Business, 6pm @ BNML

Tuesday, November 6th: General Election voting is in the basement of the Town Clerk's Office from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available now.

Thursday, November 8th: Forest Conservation: Maintaining a Sense of Place with Nancy Patch, 7pm @ BNML

Saturday, November 10th: PTO Winter Equipment Swap, 9-4pm
Town Clerk Basement

Friday, November 16th: Property taxes are due.



Saturday, November 17th: Pick-up of **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**. If you'd like to sign up for a basket, or help us assemble them the day before, or if you'd like to donate a turkey, please call Jessica Gaudette at 933-5137.

Saturday, November 17th: Leonids Meteor Shower!

Monday, November 19th: Community Adieu and Thank You, 3-5pm @ BNML

Tuesday, November 20th: Jenn and Company will be serving a **THANKSGIVING LUNCH** for area seniors with turkey and all the fixin's! Two seatings, 11:30 and 12:30. Suggested donation still just \$4 for those over 60; \$6 for all other under 60 guests. Call to reserve a place at the table - 827-3130. (If you'd like to come help out, I'm sure we could use a few more servers, dishwashers, etc.!)

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: 10a-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.

News from the Fairfield Community Center

THURSDAYS in NOVEMBER - HOOP DANCING CLASSES! Join Pippa, the queen of hoop dancing, from 6-7 p.m. The first class is FREE (Nov. 1st) and everyone will make their own hoop to keep forever. Great whole body exercise, lots of fun, and makes you feel like a kid again. Call 802-323-9555 to sign up or email pippadorf@yahoo.com, or just stop by and see what's going on!

From the Principal's Desk

October was a very busy month for Fairfield Center School!

- Students in grades 3-8 took the annual New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests over the course of a couple weeks. We receive the results of this assessment in February.
- On October 5th, our K-2 classes visited the Chester Arthur Homestead and were given guided trail walks by the 4th and 5th graders.
- On October 12th, we held our annual art-making Hay Day event at school. Ms. Jamie Bedard collaborated with our new art teacher, Amanda Vella, to organize this fun



Mimmos using his expertise during Eat Dinner With Your Family Night at the FCS Open House!

event. Fifteen high school students from BFA came to Fairfield to help run workshops this year. The kids created many cool art projects and harvest decorations, many of which were on display at our successful annual PTO Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 14th!

- In November, our Student Council will help organize our annual Thanksgiving food donation drive at FCS. This is a special, school-wide, community-service project, and all donations will be delivered to the Community Center for the Thanksgiving Food Basket program!

by,

Jenn Wood, Principal

Fairfield PTO

PTO would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Harvest Dinner and our school. Special thanks to Elaine, Lisa, Beth and Dick Pigeon for their hard work in the kitchen; to Joanna Jerose and all of the people who donated the food for our dinner; to the parents and kids who volunteered their time to help serve our delicious dinner; to our amazing members of the community--it is a pleasure to serve you!

The PTO will hold it's first *Winter Equipment Swap!*

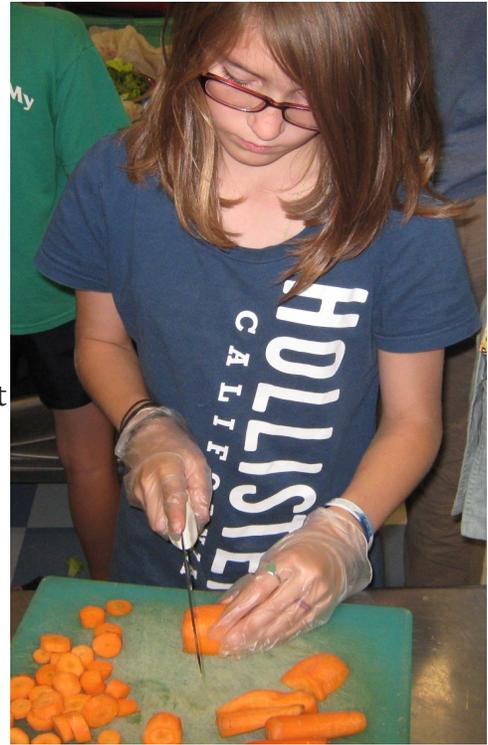
Have your kids grown out of skates? Do you want to try snowshoeing this year? Do you have a great winter coat that he can no longer squeeze into? Clean out the closets and gather winter equipment (skates, skis, snowshoes, hockey equipment, basketball shoes, etc) and winter outerwear (including coats, snowpants, boots, hunting apparel). The doors open at 9 am on Saturday, November 10th at the Town Clerk basement. Drop off your items to sell

- Wednesday, Nov 7th from 9a-5p at BNML
- Friday, Nov 9 from 9a-5p at BNML
- Friday, Nov 9 from 5p-7p at the Town Clerk basement

Items not sold after the sale must be picked up on Saturday, Nov 10th from 4-5pm or Tuesday, Nov 9 from 2:30p-8p at BNML. Proceeds benefit Thanksgiving Baskets! Questions? Email or call Kristen at BNML 827-3945 or bentnorthrop@gmail.com

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is looking for excellent used books for the fall book giveaway. Do you have books in fantastic shape, published in the last five years, and are appropriate for PreK through 8th grade? Contact Brenda Goodhue ASAP at goodhuevt@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be on November 15th at 6pm.



Prepping for Harvest Dinner!

BNML

Thursday, November 1st: Calling all Small Business Owners (or soon to be Small Business Owners?) Join Pat Ripley from the Vermont Small Business Development Corporation for learn about the benefits of social networking for your business! Learn what social media can do compared to traditional media choice. As in the past, Pat's sessions are informative and informal - bring your questions! If there are topics that you might want advisement on not related to

social media, please email the questions to [Kristen](#) ahead of time! 6-8pm

Thursday, November 8th: Forest Conservation: Maintaining a Sense of Place with Nancy Patch, Franklin-Grand Isle County Forester. Join Nancy to discuss risks and threats, habitat blocks and connectivity, landscape scale and local conservation. 7pm

Monday, November 19th: Join us for a heartfelt Community Adieu and Thank You to Sara Kittell, Lynn Dickinson and Richard Howrigan! Thank the legislators for their service to our communities, numerous accomplishments and spirited debate! Shake hands, share stories and wish them well with their new ventures.... 3-5 pm @ BNML

November Thursdays: Digital Photography for Youth

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 BNML to offer a FREE Youth Digital Photography program open to youth in grades 4-8. Cameras will be provided. The dates are Thursdays, November 14, 29, December 6 and 13th 2:50p – 4:30p 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.

November Tuesdays: Build It

Have you ever been challenged to build a tower using linguini and gumdrops? Join the Build It group and work each week to meet a different challenge. The University of Vermont Extension 4-H program will be partnering with the BNML to offer a Build It program open to youth in grades 4-8 at the Library Tuesday afternoons, November 13, 27 and December 4 and 11 th, from 2:50p to 4:30p. 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. There is no cost for this program.

November Mondays: WeDo Robotics

Create characters from children's literature using Lego

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MENTORS WANTED

Adults or high school students who would like to volunteer as mentors needed to assist with the WeDo Robotics program Monday afternoons from 2:50 to 4:30, Build It program on Tuesday afternoons from 2:50 to 4:30 or the Digital Photography program Thursday afternoons from 2:50 to 4:30. No prior experience is required. Volunteer for any or all. Contact Kristen Hughes at the library or Martha Manning at UVM Extension, at 524-6501 or Martha.manning@uvm.edu.

