

Issue No. 7 - December 2025



1 Community Compass

Information curated & shared by partner/spouses

Each month, the "Community Compass" features insights shared by Partner/Spouses at our Partners' Connection Events

Highlighting local organizations, events, traditions, farmers, makers, discounts, and opportunities for volunteering, growth, and networking.

Please contact us with your favorite event, special hang-out, hike, or deal in town.

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2 Preparing for Outside & Moving Inside

Vermont, New York, & California

December means temperatures drop! Winterizing your dwelling and vehicle is so important. After running through the leaves we now may needs some ideas about what indoor activities are fun to transition and try! Winter's joy can be found indoors as well as out, more on the Outdoors next month. Whether you want to get your heart pumping going down a waterslide or scaling a rock wall, or visit a museum, shop, spa, learn an art form or craft, or just reading a book by the fireplace.

 $\textbf{Ultimate Guide to Surviving Vermont Winters} {\rightarrow}$

Indoor Activities in Vermont→

Foodies and Charm seekers in Addison CO, VT→

Indoors in Rutland CO, $VT \rightarrow$

Indoors in Essex CO, NY \rightarrow

Rainy Day Activities, Monterey, CA →



3 *Middlebury Men's Ice Hockey Team: Celebrates First Responders* 6:00PM-9:00PM

December 5, 2025

Chip Kenyon 85' Arena, Middlebury College

A community celebration honoring Addison County's police, fire, EMS, and emergency service personnel. Families are invited to arrive early to explore emergency vehicles on display at 6:00 PM, followed by the Panthers vs Amherst at 7:00 PM. Free ice cream, meet first responders, pick up signed team photos and hockey cards (while supplies last), and enter raffles. Free Admission.

Event Information →



4 16th Annual Ticonderoga Area North Country Christmas

December 1-December 7, 2025 Ticonderoga, NY Area Towns

This cherished community tradition is filled with holiday magic, family fun, and festive events to showcase the best of the Ticonderoga Area. Activites: local Shopping, tree lightings, interactive lighting display, cookie decorating, the 250th Celebration of Revolutionary War Holiday Fireworks Show and even breakfast with Santa!

Event Information→



5 Christmas at the Adobes

5:00pm-9:00pm December 12-13, 2025 Adobes around Historic Old Monterey

41st Annual Christmas at the Adobes in Historic Old Monterey. An evening walking tour of Monterey's historic adobes adorned in holiday décor that delights visitors with welcoming, brightly lit luminaries leading the way to each building as festive music plays and you take a magical journey. Hear the stories of Monterey's earliest buildings.

Ticket & Information→



6 A Whistle Stop Visit by Santa to the Middlebury Train Station!

Arrival Time: 6:00pm-6:30pm December 14, 2025 Middlebury Amtrak Station (Middle Seymour St.)

Welcome Santa arriving on the Vermont Rail System's Toys for Kids Train. This special holiday train collects **new, unwrapped toys** to support children across Vermont during the Christmas season. Come to share gifts to donate, holiday cheer, candy canes, & of course *meet 'n greet with* Santa as he arrives in Middlebury!

Event Information \rightarrow



7 New Year's Eve-"BCA Highlight 2025"

12:00pm-12:30am December 31, 2025-January 1, 2026 Downtown Burlington, VT

Community Celebration for All: Joy, Music, Art. Unique festivities are crowdsourced through the Bright Ideas Project, asking artists to envision a one-of-a-kind event. Other events round out this incredible annual showcase of music, art, food, and community joy. Of course it ends with fireworks on the waterfront!

Buttons/Tickets →

The <u>Partner Inclusion Program</u> provides comprehensive support services to Middlebury employees and their spouses/partners on both the Middlebury, VT and Monterey, CA campuses. With highly attentive and personalized support, we assist them in obtaining relevant employment and community resources by connecting them to diverse campus and community networks.





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