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# MIDDLEBURY PARTNER BULLETIN

MONTHLY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, &  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLEBURY SPOUSES,  
PARTNERS, & FAMILIES



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## 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.

[Community Compass →](#)



## 2 Preparing to Experience Town Meeting Day in March Vermont

***Town Meeting in Vermont is a unique New England Experience. Every First Tuesday in March brings about "direct democracy practiced in its purest form" (VT Cities and Towns). This year Town Meeting Day (TMD) is Tuesday March 3, 2026.***

Each town holds town meeting in a multitude of different ways with a focus on hyper-local issues being discussed and votes being cast. Votes are cast via floor (in person) or Australian Ballot (in private). Along with this gathering of voting members of the town comes pot-lucks, home cooked meals, sometimes a catered dinner, breakfast, or snacks. A social time to catch up with your neighbors. This varies from town to town. **Find out how your town comes together!**

[A Guide to TMD in Vermont →](#)

[Quick Video Summary of how to Participate in TMD →](#)

[List of Town Offices in Vermont →](#)

[Vermont Voter Resources →](#)

[VT Public "History of TMD" →](#)



## 3 Snowshoe Safari: Winter tracking with Vermont Fish and Wildlife

Saturday February 7, 2026  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Blueberry Hill Outdoor Ctr, 1288 Goshen-Ripton Rd.

**Winter Tracking Enjoy Snowshoeing/hiking to learn about Animal Tracks in the Snow.**

Join *Middlebury Area Land Trust* and *Vermont Fish & Wildlife* for a family-friendly winter tracking adventure on the Beaver Dam Loop, a roughly 1.7-mile trail with optional side treks. Participants will snowshoe or hike while learning to identify animal tracks and signs and uncover the stories wildlife leaves behind in the snow. *Event is Free.*

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**4 *Valentine's on Old Fisherman's Wharf***

All Day February 14, 2026  
Old Fisherman's Warf, Monterey, CA

***Spend time with you Valentine with dining, poetry, pictures with Cupid, and enjoying discounts on Old Fisherman's Wharf.*** Join in the fun of the "For Love of the Sea Valentine's Poetry Contest". Great photo ops at The Wharf with heart-felt Valentine's decorations. Cupid will hand out candy at *Candy World* from 12 pm to 5 pm. holiday menu, cocktails, confections, jewelry, gifts, boat trips & more to celebrate.

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**5 *Winter Workshop Series: Silk Bonnets***

Saturday Feb 21, 2026  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST  
**Ft. Ticonderoga**,102 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga NY

***Learn the Age old technique of Bonnet Making.*** In this one-day workshop, join Artificer Tailor, Samantha Crumb, to build your own women's silk bonnet. Apply skills to silk taffeta and paperboard to create the pleasing curves and sun protection of these fashionable 1770s hats. Workshop includes lunch, a cut-out kit for a bonnet, and sewing materials.

[Registration](#) →



## 6 *3rd Annual Lunar New Year Celebration*

From Addison County Bipoc+ & Town Hall Theater

February 28, 2026

11:00am-4:00pm

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury, VT

**Celebrate the 3rd Annual Lunar New Year. The Year of the Horse.** Town Hall Theater will come alive *with a festival* filled with *free* performances, music, movement, storytelling, art making, cultural demonstrations, and family-friendly activities. Delicious, traditional Lunar New Year food will be *available to purchase*. Featuring dance ( UVM's Jazbaa), Taekwondo, and a 20-foot puppet parade. *Free Admission and Food for Purchase*. This Festival is a time of reunion, reflection, & renewal.

[Schedule](#) →

The [Partner Inclusion Program](#) 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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