



Come What May

Just a quick stroll down Main Street and you can see that things are happening. This month the Cockadoodle Café will re-open in the old Brick Store spot. Next door at the Arnold Block, Breaking Grounds is also expected to open. In the old Richardson building, the Used and Unique Boutique has re-opened. The town hall is progressing and dreams and plans are in the air.

Be part of Bethel's renaissance. Get involved. Help decide and create what Bethel May Become. I hope that you'll let your voice be heard, share your energies and make Bethel the town you dream it being.

A Reminder:

I would like to encourage more of our citizens and friends to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically. To do so, just drop me an email at: Laurelin@sover.net

As always, I'd love to get even more submissions from town organizations, committees, businesses and individuals. Even an article about some topic of interest to you. Tell your friends and organizations! **The submission deadline is the 25th of every month. Please consider sending something in.**

Kirk White, Editor

White Elephant & Bake Sale

Miller Memorial United Methodist Church
(the little yellow one), 122 North Main Street

Saturday, May 1, 2010
9 AM – 2 PM
½ price sale at 12 Noon.

Come and Find a "Treasure"!

For more information, contact Eula Blossom at
763-3986

Organization News:



Bethel Area Rotary Club Calendar

Rotary meets every Monday night from 6 PM to 7:25 PM in the Bethel White Church. Dinner is catered by Maybelle Dumont and costs \$11.

Monday, May 3rd

A talk on the history and activities of the American Legion.

Monday, May 10th

Joe Boyd will speak about his trip to Haiti.

Monday, May 17th

Travis Shores will speak about the culture of the drum in Haitian and African societies.

Monday, May 24th

Another exciting speaker. Contact Scott Putney to find out who.

Monday, May 31st

No meeting due to Memorial Day.

We are always looking for good speakers and topics of local, national and international interest. If you would like to come and tell us about your organization, club, company, hobby, or whatever else is your passion, please contact Scott Putney at 234-9550 (Spaulding Press).

Bethel Youth Sports

Board News

Here is an update on the board officers and commissioners as of the March 10 meeting:

President Willy Walker (pending nominations)

Vice President Erika Gillette

Secretary Becky Gifford *

Treasurer Sandy Farrell *

Fund Raising Chair Anne Marie Stearns

Scholarships Coordinator John Duddie *

Soccer Commissioner Corey Stearns

Basketball Commissioner Heidi Trask *

Baseball Commissioner Willy Walker

* elected 3/10/10

The board wishes to extend special thanks to outgoing treasurer Michelle Washburn for her 15+ years of service to youth sports in Bethel!

Cal Ripken League

With 103 youth signed up for T-ball, softball, and baseball teams, there is a great deal of enthusiasm for this season. 21 kids signed up for T-ball alone, so two full T-ball teams were formed. Weekend gym practices are now underway, and as the spring weather continues, we look forward to outdoor practices! Coaches will keep you updated on practice and game schedules.

Beginning this spring, all minor league teams and T-ball teams will be wearing BYS t-shirts with numbers. (Lake Monsters shirts are no longer an available option for the younger teams.) These shirts will be returned to BYS at the end of the season to be used for basketball and soccer seasons, as well. This will greatly reduce program costs associated with bulk uniform purchases.

Summer Soccer Camp

Bethel Youth Sports will host a Vermont Voltage Soccer Camp August 9–13. The Vermont Voltage is a professional soccer academy that employs former professional players and Division 1 and 2 college soccer players (they currently have two All-Americans on their roster). In addition to playing soccer games in a New England Summer League, they offer soccer camps to area youth in Vermont and New York. The BYS-sponsored camp in Bethel is Vermont Voltage's only central Vermont soccer camp. This week-long camp will run during mornings for 5–12 year-olds and evenings for 13–18 year-olds— basics and fundamentals through mini-games for the younger kids, and training and conditioning through games for the older kids. All players receive a shirt, soccer ball, and tickets to a Voltage game. Older campers will be invited to a World-Cup-style game against other soccer camps in Burlington. Cost is \$100 for younger camper and \$125 per older camper (\$10 of each fee goes to BYS Soccer). This camp will be open to other area schools and kids, with promotions extending from Randolph to Rochester, Chelsea to Woodstock, and to Sharon. The hope is to have 100 total campers for this event. The owner of the Voltage and a couple of players will be visiting Bethel Schools on May 25 at 2 PM to introduce themselves and present a live soccer skills demonstration. Additionally, they will also give a presentation on "Click It or Ticket," a campaign they help sponsor. All are welcome to attend.

Basketball

The Basketball program welcomes new commissioner Heidi Trask, who has already begun meeting with other area commissioners to make plans for next season. Willy Walker says he is delighted to hand over the basketball leadership to Heidi, who has "a tremendous background in basketball," and Willy "looks forward to having her bring the basketball program even further in the coming years."

Finances and Fund Raising

The Bethel Youth Sports board welcomes Sandy Farrell as treasurer. Sandy has already implemented software that will more easily allow BYS to track specific costs. To better manage registration and scholarship costs, the board has established the following **formal policies regarding fee payment and scholarships** beginning with the next soccer season. Families who require financial assistance must consult with the Scholarships Coordinator. A player is not considered registered until the payment is received by BYS. Nonpayment of registration fees by the deadline will result in a player's ineligibility to play for the season.

Please welcome John Duddie, who now serves as Scholarships Coordinator and will guide families through the scholarship application process. John will administer—on a first-come, first-served basis— scholarships for families who apply. Because scholarships are funded entirely through money earned in fund-raisers, families applying for scholarships will be assigned to various fund-raising events to assist in raising monies to sustain the scholarship fund. Failure of families to fulfill their scholarship requirement will result in future ineligibility for scholarships. Note that it is also vital that **all** BYS families participate in fund-raising efforts so that registration fees can be kept in check.

Keeping Up with BYS

BYS now has a database program to make the registration process smoother and use less paper (i.e., "greener"), and that allows BYS to more easily create a membership email and snail-mail list. Bethel Youth Sports has a Facebook page! This page serves as a clearing-house for announcements and information, so please join the fast-growing 115+ group members by searching for "Bethel Youth Sports" group on Facebook.

Special Note

A special note of appreciation goes to Rhonda Ketner of the Second Cup Café. Rhonda gets an honorary BYS "citizen of the year" award for helping save the soccer nets and getting the bases before the White River claimed ownership of them during a recent rainstorm. BYS thanks Rhonda for quickly telephoning Willy and helping to secure the nets when the river overflowed onto the ball fields.

What's Next?

More sports! That's what! Felicia Dieffenach will offer Elementary Track— information coming soon. The board is exploring the possibility of offering snowshoeing next winter, as well. Snowshoeing mentors wanted!

The next BYS Board Meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2010. Mark your calendar!

Bethel Youth Sports Newsletter

Contact: Willy Walker, 234-6648 or email at willybs@myfairpoint.net

Bethel Historical Society

For information please call Nick Nikolaidis, 234-5064, evenings, or email at

The Bethel Historical Society's regular meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Meetings are held at: Paradigm Consulting building, 245 Main Street, Bethel, VT.

Fourth Annual Postcard and History Fair

The 4th annual postcard and history fair sponsored by the BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY will take place on May 29th at the WHS from 9am to 3pm.

Many interesting Historical exhibits to enjoy, 14 postcard, sports cards, ephemera and supplies. Dealers will participate.

The Bethel Antique road show also from 11am to 2pm, Appraisals: \$5 per item or \$12 for 3, by the very well known auctioneer and appraiser Josh Steenburgh. A table with free postcard, ephemera, and stamp collecting publications will be available.

Great food will be provided by the WHS Boosters. Many more plans are in the works. Come and enjoy a great show and show your support for your HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The USPS will be processing passport applications and also apply the special pictorial postmark depicting the old WHS. Special commemorative envelopes will also be available for sale at the BHS's table.

For more information call Nick Nikolaidis 234-5064, or email at nick@nikolaidis.com

Bowling Tournament

Valley Bowl is holding its 3rd Annual Corporate Cup Challenge! This is a fun, short league to bring companies together to compete against other local companies. The winner gets to display the trophy at their place of business until next year! Each team is comprised of four (4) bowlers; and they can be men, women, youth, or a mixed team. Bowling night is Wednesday and starts May 5th and goes thru June 9th with a fun nigh on June 16th (including prizes and pizza). Bowling start time will likely be at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$11 per person per week. If you are interested, please contact Valley Bowl at 802-728-4525. All abilities are welcome!

Organization News:



White River Lodge #90 Freemasons

White River Lodge meets on the second Thursday of every month except July and August.

Next meeting: May 13th. Come out and show your fellowship.

Meetings start promptly at 7 PM. For more information, contact lodge secretary: Eric Richardson at 234-9565. 2B1 ASK1

Bethel Business Association

The BBA meets on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Contact Ola O'Dell at 234-6801 for more information.

Political Organization News:

Bethel Democratic Committee

The Bethel Democratic Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6 – 7 PM at the Bethel Town Offices.

Bethel Republican Committee

No information.

Bethel Progressive Committee

No information.

Bethel Revitalization Initiative:

The BRI was formed several years ago by a handful of citizens to “help foster growth and development in Bethel’s aesthetic, business, social, and cultural climate and activities.”

Over the years it has worked closely with the Bethel Business Association and other groups and individuals in encouraging interaction, cooperation, and communication between the town’s various organizations, businesses, clubs, individuals and town government. Publication of the Bethel Courier is one tool towards that goal.

In private conversations at this past town meeting, a number of citizens expressed an interest in becoming more involved in improving our town, its organizations and its government.

The Bethel Revitalization Initiative would welcome any groups or individuals interested in promoting the growth and development of Bethel’s business community, its social organizations and activities, its cultural climate, and aesthetic assets in a cooperative, mutually inclusive and beneficial manner.

For more information contact:
Kirk White 234-9670
Laurelin@sover.net

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members:

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Ted Green Ford, Inc.
Valley Motor Sales

Banks and Money

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Grn Mtn Economic Development Corp.
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Mascoma Savings Bank
Northfield Savings Bank
White River Credit Union

Gardening and Flowers

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Purple Iris Florists

Health and Beauty

Kathy's House of Styles
Kirk White, Licensed Acupuncturist
Lady Bug Beauty Salon

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