



Harvest!

November marks the end of the agricultural harvest but here in Bethel it marks the beginning of our cultural and social harvest. Just look at these pages and see all of the great community events going on. Concerts, dinners, fundraisers, meetings, and events of many types. These types of events are what make living in a small Vermont town special. Get out there and join the fun!

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

Organization News:

Project Happy Holidays

"Project Happy Holidays" is seeking cash donations and volunteers. Those interested in more information should call Sandy Farrell at 234-9025.

Bethel Green Team

The November meeting is cancelled. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6 PM in the Bethel School Cafeteria.

Contact Jose Lazo for more information.

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, November 2nd

Monthly club assembly (business meeting) but we always have a great meal!

Monday, November 9th

Past District Governor David Ballou will talk about the many wonderful causes the Rotary Foundation supports.

Monday, November 16th

Another great speaker. Come listen!

Monday, November 23rd

Another great speaker. Come listen!

Monday, November 30th

Another great speaker. Come listen!

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).

Organization News:

Bethel Business Association

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

Contact Matt Washburn at 234-5188 for more information.

BBA sponsors "A Taste of Bethel"

Bethel (October 26, 2009) — The Bethel Business Association, with the help of dedicated local restaurants and caterers, is sponsoring the first-ever Taste of Bethel on November 11, featuring the best food from Bethel's culinary artists.

The event, to be held in the Whitcomb High School cafeteria at 6 p.m., will be the first of what the BBA hopes will be an annual event. "Bethel has an unbelievable pool of talent when it comes to restaurants and catering," said Matt Washburn, Chair of the BBA. "We've asked these local businesses to donate their skills and their food to a worthy cause, and they've responded with enthusiasm."

So far, Washburn adds, the event is shaping up to meet their expectations. "We're printing a run of only 150 tickets, so there isn't unlimited space," he said. "So far, we've seen the tickets being claimed at a pretty rapid rate, and it's early yet."

Bethel businesses and menus include:

Tozier's Restaurant

Baked Stuffed Haddock
Cole Slaw
Seafood Chowder
Rolls & Butter
Raspberry Cobbler

Traveling Willy B's

Butternut Squash Bisque
Vegetable Strudel
Vegetable Samosas
Pumpkin Peanut Butter Bites
Coconut Chicken

Ketner's 2nd Cup Cafe

Chili
Corn Muffins
Burgers
Tossed Salad & Dressing

Cockadoodle Pizza Cafe

Bethel Ranch Pizza
Caesar Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookies

McCullough's Quick Stop

Home Baked Beans
Bread and Butter

Black Forest Cafe & Caterers

German Gulasch Soup
Fasolada (Greek Bean Soup)
Bratwurst with Grilled Onions
German Potato Salad
Spanakopita
Bread and Butter
Baklava

Maybelle Dumont Catering

Chicken Pot Pie
Cole Slaw
Broccoli Salad

Beverages will be available
Iced Tea
Lemonade
Coffee

Proceeds from the ticket sales this year will benefit the BBA's programs for making the Bethel downtown area more attractive, including the hanging baskets of flowers that decorate Main Street each summer.

Tickets are available at the White River Credit Union
or by calling Nick Nikolaidis at 802-234-5064

Town & School Fall Choral Concert:

The Whitcomb-Community Fall Concert will be held Thursday, November 19th at the Brick Church at 7 PM.

The concert is scheduled to immediately follow a 5 PM Localvore Dinner to be held at the Bethel School cafeteria.

The concert is FREE so we hope that you will join us.

Organization News:

Bethel Historical Society

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

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.

Organization News:

Annual Christmas Memory Tree

The United Church of Bethel is sponsoring the sixth annual Christmas Memory Tree. Light bulbs are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to the United Church of Bethel Deacons' Fund

Make check payable to "United Church of Bethel Deacons' Fund" and designate "TREE"

Person ordering the bulb:

In Memory of:

In Memory of:

Mail orders to: Ellen Nobile, 63 Bicentennial Lane, Bethel, VT. 05032 or call 802-234-5292 by November 23, 2009.

The tree-lighting ceremony will be Sunday November 29, 2009, potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. and lighting of the Tree and reading of names to follow. All are welcome.

Organization News:

Bethel Rotary's Annual Fruit Sale

The Bethel Area Rotary Club is holding their annual Fruit Sale. We are again selling grapefruits, oranges and mixes, and bags of Georgia pecans for the same price as last year. Fruit are \$18 per box and pecans are \$11 per bag.

Orders MUST be placed by November 25th the very latest. Delivery will be December 11th.

To order fruit or pecans, contact any friendly Bethel Area Rotarian or Carol Defreitas at: 234-9644

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the White Church in Bethel from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th. All donors will receive a free t-shirt. Please bring your Blood Donor Card, photo I.D., or two forms of I.D.

Organization News:

White River Lodge #90 Freemasons

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

October's meeting will be November 12th.

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

Bethel Elementary Basketball

Looking forward to winter???? We are... and signups for Elementary Basketball will be November 5th-12th. This year's program will be a mostly weekend experience. Due to the amount of Jr High and High School Teams there is no regular weekday gym time available to us in the Elementary School.

In order to maximize practice time, away games will try to be scheduled on weeknights so that we can use the weekend to cover our curriculum and different things that our coaches see during the games. All home games will be on weekends.

Practices will begin November 21st for grades 3-6 and January 2nd or 3rd for Pre K through 2nd grade. We expect the season to conclude on the weekend of February 20th for all grade levels.

You can register your child in person at the Bethel Elementary Lobby on November 5th from 5-7 pm...or contact Willy via email willybs@myfairpoint.net or by phone 234-6648. Registration has a bit of a twist to it this year. The fee is 30.00 per athlete. If you have a green Bethel Basketball t-shirt or shooter tank we are offering a \$5 refund off of registration for each shirt you return. So YES, multiple shirts mean multiple refunds!!!

We can only offer the refund based on it's physical return, duplicate numbers on the same team for the older kids can be a referee nightmare...and we don't want to go there!!! Registration will promptly end on November 12th so that teams can be formally organized and prepared for their first practice, so don't delay!

Notes of Bethel Town Hall Restoration Committee Oct. 22, 2009, 7:00 PM Bethel Library

In Attendance: Susie & Gregg Fedak, Chris Masters, Neal Fox, Mary Floyd, Kep Taylor, Geneva Gaiko, Janet Burnham, Nick Nikolaidis, Kevin Flynn, Joe & Carol DeFreitas

Neal opened the meeting at 7:05PM

Bathroom location was one of the topics of discussion. Where, on the ground floor would be the best location for a bathroom, that didn't require the public to navigate through other rooms to get to a bathroom, was the question. From a plumber's point of view it would have made sense to locate a bathroom directly under the one for the floor above which would be located under the balcony, on the left as you face the front of the building from the stage. It was suggested that it would be towards the back of the building near the bottom of the stairs. All three bathrooms in the building would be handicap accessible and hopefully, unisex if regulations allow.

There was discussion about the division of the basement and how the weight bearing walls would be affected, if at all. It was determined that the present partition that divides the basement in half, is not a carrying wall. Folding partitions for the downstairs were suggested as a means of breaking up the larger spaces into more moderate ones sized for smaller meeting areas. To that end, Neal suggested that we begin to define the actual space that people will need for the various activities projected for Town Hall use. Nick said he would like to have the space from the front of the building to the rear for the BHS. This would exclude the vestibule but he would like to have a glass exhibit in the vestibule area dividing the vestibule from the museum.

The space behind the vestibule will be for the Bethel Historical Society. It was suggested that a glass wall display case separate the vestibule from the BHS museum. Nick would also like a small office area in the rear of the space allocated for the BHS. Joe recommended that Nick figure out where power outlets would be needed before the building is completed. Neal wanted Nick to know that the town will be as flexible as possible in accommodating the BHS.

Suggestions for the location of the Eagle were made ranging from a shadow box, to a recessed nook, or perched on a column in the BHS area but wherever it is located it was decided that it should be, behind or in, shatterproof glass to protect it from theft and to preserve the gold leaf finish. Question of a Security System was brought up at this point but nothing definitive was decided.

Janet inquired about a Visitor's Center and would it be manned or unmanned.

Nick has 2 of the original front doors that he would donate back to the restoration of the Town Hall but we would probably have to find someone who could make the third door to match.

It was also noted that the chairs, that are presently on the second floor, are not original to the building. They were bought from the Lost Nation Theatre in Montpelier. It was suggested that we could probably sell them and apply the money to the building fund. There are a few of the original chairs available that need refinishing and we should get a price on that project. These could be put in the vestibule to retain some of the old flavor of the building.

Joe brought up the dumb waiter that Heidi had previously suggested and everyone thought that was a really good idea.

Kep suggested that a row of lights over a long, deep, counter, directly under the front of the stage, would be helpful for applying makeup for stage productions. The counter should be about table height, as suggested by a note from Susan Rule, in order that the actors can sit to apply makeup. Susan also suggested outlets all along the back wall of that counter, storage cabinets and a portable costume rack. Kep suggested small mirrors that could be leaned against the wall as opposed to permanent ones in what is essentially evolving into a combination Green Room/Kitchen area. This counter has to do double duty for the kitchen, therefore, putting up permanent mirrors with lights all around them would not be feasible. Susan suggested a mini-fridge, however, there will be a fridge in the kitchen which could be utilized by production participants. There may not be too much room left for comfy furniture per Susan's suggestion in her note.

Location of storage room for tables and chairs would be in the center, under the balcony.

The subject of fund raising and how to go about soliciting people who would be willing to make large donations to the building fund was broached. Mary Floyd suggested that we contact the Finance Committee and ask them to step up their fund raising efforts either by direct approach or arranging fundraisers, dinners, etc. Joe felt that more people would probably donate once they saw that the project was moving forward and actually saw workmen on the premises. Neal suggested that we could sell personalized paving bricks for \$40-\$50 apiece that would be used to pave the sidewalk leading into the Town Hall. The VA in WRJ had done this and raised quite a lot of money.

Notes of Bethel Town Hall Restoration 10/22/09 Continued...

Mary said that Sandra Levesque had volunteered to head up a fund raising event for the Town Hall. It was suggested that we make a Wish List of the items with approximate cost that we will need for the Town Hall: chairs, tables, dishes, utensils, 6 burner gas stove, refrigerator that is all fridge and no freezer, small freezer, commercial pots and pans, kitchen cabinets – and post this in the newspaper to let potential donors know that they could pick one or more of the listed items to donate.

Kep Taylor told us that Chandler Music Hall had many yards of velvet curtain material that he felt they would part with for a moderate donation. Curtains on the windows would be helpful not only for acoustics, but would also help to conserve heat in the winter. Kep will check with Chandler to see what arrangements can be made for the curtains.

Kep asked for a target date for the opening of the Town Hall and Neal felt that the construction may start in December and should last 6-8 months. Kevin has talked to the N. E. Fiddlers about having them play for an opening concert and it was suggested to contact Dick Ellis, also, for an opening appearance. No specific date was given as we are still waiting for the stimulus money that was supposed to be available on July 1, 2009.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:30PM

The next BTH Committee Meeting that was scheduled for Nov. 19th, 2009, 7:00PM, has been changed to December 10th, 7:00PM at the Bethel Library. It seems that there was a conflicting event at Whitcomb High School scheduled for that evening that most of the people at the BTH Meeting would like to attend.

Please support your local Bethel Business Association members:

<p><u>Automotive</u> Dean's Auto Service Ted Green Ford, Inc. Valley Motor Sales</p> <p><u>Banks and Money</u> AM Turk Tax Associates Grn Mtn Economic Development Corp. Randolph National Bank Mascoma Savings Bank Northfield Savings Bank White River Credit Union</p> <p><u>Gardening and Flowers</u> Dandelion Acres Purple Iris Florists</p> <p><u>Health and Beauty</u> Kathy's House of Styles Kirk White, Licensed Acupuncturist Massage by Kathleen</p>	<p><u>Home and Building</u> Bethel Mills Chuck Adams Builder Control Systems Services, LLC Eric Richardson Painting Hutchinson's Interiors Mills Hardware Rural Appliance Up Country Chimney Sweep Vallee Improvements</p> <p><u>Markets, Stores and Supplies</u> Bethel Central Market Locust Creek Country Store Logan Enterprises Lukana's Dream</p> <p><u>Restaurants and Caterers</u> Black Forest Cafe and Caterers Cockadoodle Restaurant Ketner's Second Cup Café Locust Creek Diner Toziers Restaurant Travelin' Willy B's Catering</p>	<p><u>Professional Services</u> Ellis Music Co. Eric Benson Appraisal Co. Herald of Randolph Mills Laundromat Mountain View Technologies My Little Jessie Press Paradigm Consulting Co. Ruth Clough, Attorney Debra Leahy, Attorney Spaulding Press Washburn & Wilson Insurance</p> <p><u>Local Industry</u> Power and Tel Rock of Ages Ultramotive Corporation</p> <p><u>Friends</u> Jay Caruso Felicia Dieffenbach Robert Gaiko Ellen Nobile Richard Perry Margarete Viera</p> <p>Chris Costanzo Geneva Gaiko Carroll Ketchum Ola O'Dell Joyce Richardson</p>
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