



BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

# NEWS

*A newsletter to inform, celebrate, promote and contribute to the community of Brookfield.*

## Look What You Have Made Possible

### A banner year at the Brookfield Old Town Hall

This year from June through October the Old Town Hall was bustling with activity. We presented 56 events, which represented a wide variety of interests and appealed to audiences of all ages.

None of this would have happened without your financial support.

On one beautiful late summer day the Old Town Hall was bursting at the seams with people, wild with anticipation for Brookfield's first circus. Following carnival games and activities, Troy Wunderle took the stage and dazzled. He captivated every single person in the hall, from the very young to the

young at heart, with his magic buffoonery, uni-cycling and dynamic stage presence.

The excitement and joy in the room was palpable, which was evidenced by one little girl, who just couldn't control her enthusiasm. She hopped in place throughout most of the show. Much like her, we will always remember the day the circus came to town!



*Troy Wunderle, right, artistic director of Circus Smirkus, brought the wonder and joy of the circus to our Old Town Hall in September. (Herald photo/Bob Eddy)*

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As our friends and neighbors gather regularly at the Old Town Hall, there is a growing feeling of community. Ours is a place for the young and the not-so-young to gather, to learn new things, to enjoy the arts, and to become increasingly aware of what our state has to offer.

After one program, a very little



*It's a full house, and everyone is enjoying the Spanish guitar and opera duo of 8Cuerdas.*

girl stood up on a chair, when comments were requested, and said, "The Old Town Hall is a very special place to me".

It has become a very special place to all of us. How lucky we are to have this resource in our tiny Pond Village.

### **Do you like to have fun?**

Become a volunteer at the Old Town Hall.

We have many exciting projects waiting for you.

Contact Ted at 276-3020.



*Yummy ice cream sundaes are custom-made by each kid to the lilting songs of Jennings and McComber .*

### **The New Face of the Old Town Hall**

#### **You Made It Happen**

Last spring the word went out to the friends of the Old Town Hall, "We're painting the front of the building". You generously responded with your special gifts of \$5 to \$300 to help out.



*Hurrah!! Thanks to your generous donations the front of the Old Town Hall was painted in July. Next spring look for new concrete steps to be installed.*

Thanks to you, there is a fresh coat of gleaming, white paint on the front of the Old Town Hall, the first

time it has been painted in many decades. Now it looks sharp for all of our wonderful summer events, and serves as a beautiful background for wedding photos to be cherished by families for a lifetime.

One of our goals has been to promote the rental of the building for weddings and other events, which helps to cover BCP operating expenses, while serving the community, as a reasonably-priced venue for special occasions. For more information about renting the Old Town Hall contact Perry at [pkacik@gmail.com](mailto:pkacik@gmail.com).



*Before the 2017 event season begins Ted Elzey joins other volunteers in preparing the old dance floor for a major refinishing project in the near future.*

In addition to sprucing-up the façade of the building , volunteers deep-cleaned the floors of the main hall this summer. Next spring the concrete front steps will be replaced, thanks to a generous grant from the Lamson Howell Foundation.

Many visitors have commented on these improvements, and with your help, we will keep making them.

## This Is What You Had to Say

“The Old Town Hall has to be the best Community Center in Vermont. It gets better every year, but this year has been a HUGE leap forward!! Brookfield owes a giant “Hallelujah” to the small group of people who make it all happen. We are so lucky they live among us.” SM



*Beer from three local craft brewers and savory pizza make for a very large and happy crowd in August.*



*Kids are enjoying the Art Bus activities at our annual opening event, the Community Pot Luck Dinner in June.*

“...The OTH is the literal and figurative center of Brookfield, and it’s no understatement to say that we look forward to summer at the OTH all winter long, dreaming of friends, dancing and community.” DL

“As the school year lets out, many children in the community lose touch with the friends they’ve become accustomed to seeing on a regular basis.... It is having a central place like the Town Hall that helps families stay connected to their various friends and ... to meet new members of the community. The events at the town hall have provided many memorable experiences for children in the community from toddlers to teens.” KH

“...We don’t have a general store in town, or a place to casually run into neighbors, or be among friends. The Old Town Hall has become that place. It’s where we catch up with neighbors, see friends and watch our community grow. The OTH events have become a pillar of our small community.” KF

“My favorite part of the Old Town Hall is that I can see my friends there and we get to do fun stuff like dress up for Halloween or eat food. The music is always good and I loved the time we ate pizza. The Old Town Hall is the best and I think it should always be open.” MG (Age 7)



*Clotilde Hryshko shows inquisitive cooks how to make small batch sauerkraut – truly delicious and special.*

### Funds Raised Oct. 2016– Oct. 2017

\$13,700	Business Sponsorships
\$11,400	Grants
\$10,590	Individual Contributions
\$6,367	Events
\$1,250	Rental of Hall
\$1,040	Silent Auction
<b>\$44,347</b>	<b>Total</b>

### PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO BROOKFIELD’S OLD TOWN HALL!

You can be sure that your tax-deductible donation will make a difference. Checks of any amount can be made-out to “Brookfield Community Partnership” and sent to:

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P.O. Box 452  
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Sandy McCall welcomes visitors to an event with his familiar banjo music.

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Each fall the Souper Supper is a popular fundraiser, shared with the Randolph Area Food Shelf. Stephanie Tyler of Third Branch Pottery makes all the beautiful soup bowls.

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