



NEWS

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

We Have Missed You!

Exactly one year has passed, since we closed the doors of the Old Town Hall, fully expecting that we would open up again in June of 2020. At the beginning of this year, the members of the Events Committee began to plan new and exciting events, and they successfully solicited sponsors for this season of programs.

Everything was looking good until March, when COVID-19 shut things down in Vermont. We still hung on to the hope that perhaps some of our programs could take place at the end of the summer. Then, it became clear that the viral threat was not going to disappear any time soon.

The irony is that, after ten years of constant fundraising to pay for the meticulous historic preservation of the entire Old Town Hall, we finally had a fully-restored, beautiful building - inside and out, top to bottom, front



Children meeting one of the characters from "No Strings Marionettes". August 2015



Building your own ice cream sundae at the "Songs and Sundaes" program. August 2018

to back. The Old Town Hall was in perfect shape to welcome back the community this spring. Yet we could not open up to the public.

All the sponsors of the 2020 events were informed of our difficult decision to not hold events in the Old Town Hall this year. Each one said that they wanted us to keep the money that they had donated, despite not receiving any advertising benefits this year. They expressed their belief in the importance of our vibrant community center to the people who live in our area. Please note the list of those loyal sponsors in this newsletter, and thank them, when you see them.

However, despite the restrictions we were able to switch gears and present some virtual

events on Zoom in June. BCP hosted a Vermont legislative update, featuring Sen. Mark MacDonald, Rep. Jay Hooper, and Rep. Peter Reed. In addition, Deonnie Myrick taught a series of four yoga classes, which were heartily welcomed by her students.

As the end of the year approaches, we ask for your help. Please consider a gift to BCP. Your donation will help us bridge the gap of lost income for this year and projected lost income in a post-COVID-19 environment next year.

No one knows what next year will bring, but the members of the BCP Board and the Events Committee are eager to resume regular programs at the Old Town Hall next spring, when the time is right.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you at the Old Town Hall, as soon as we can.

Stay safe,
Ted Elzey, Chair,
BCP Board of Directors

Funds Raised Oct. 2019 - Oct. 2020

Business Sponsors	\$13,560
Individuals	\$6,630
	\$20,190

Special thanks to Mary Raskevitz at Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty for laying out this newsletter.

Brookfield's 2020 Polling Place

The BCP Board members were very excited, when Brookfield Town Clerk, Teresa Godfrey, contacted us about setting up the polling place for the Presidential Primary in the Old Town Hall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the customary venue in the elementary school was not available.

The new location worked out very well for the poll workers and the voters, so the Presidential General election was held there, also.

That was a perfect use of the building. It was completely safe to vote there because it had been closed, during all the months of the pandemic. As a community center, it was used to serve the community. Isn't that the whole idea of a community center?

modern design, easy navigation and helpful resources, whether on desktop or mobile device.

Our goal has been to create a user-friendly browsing experience, so that new and repeat visitors can get where they need to go and find the content they desire. They will immediately gain a better understanding of everything that we do at the Old Town Hall and, more importantly, what we have to offer.

Since our inception, the mission and vision of the Brookfield Community Partnership has been to meet the needs of the community. We hope that the way we communicate that mission, and the services that we can provide, will now be even more effective and transparent.



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New Brookfield Old Town Hall Website

The Brookfield Community Partnership is excited to launch our new website www.brookfieldoth.org. We feel it will serve as a useful and informative portal for the community. The website will offer a clean,

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