

2011 Bristol Community Events Committee Report

In 2011, the Community Events Committee continued to provide events for the Town of Bristol and its visitors to enjoy. The Tapply Thompson Community Center (TTCC) took over chairing the Committee and spearheading the work. Even with this accomplishment the Committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out. If you are interested in getting involved please take a moment to email bristolevents@townofbristolnh.org or contact the staff at the TTCC at (603) 744-2713 for more information.

In February, the Committee was excited to be involved with the 1st Annual Winterfest, which was held at the Slim Baker Area on New Chester Mountain Road. This event was co-sponsored by the Newfound Lake Region Association; Slim Baker Area; TTCC; and the Bristol Lion's Club. It was a great day filled with winter activities that included snowshoe hikes, a snow sculpture contest, kid's games, snow testing, Granite State Zoo presentation & much, much more.

In July, we kicked off the 2011 Summer Concert Series on July 7th with *Lisa Young & Company* followed over the next six weeks by *The NOTEable DECADES, Plus Johnny, Rainy Tuesday Band, Kid Jazz, Ben Rudnick & Friends and the Tammy Jackson Duo*. The Series was held on Thursday nights at Kelley Park from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Between entertainment and food vendors, the series was a popular event with a great number of people in attendance. *Greg Gorski and the Bristol Shop N Save* once again continued their generous sponsorship of the series and for that the Committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU.

In August, the Committee's summer activity schedule was culminated by the Old Home Day Event on August 27th. The festivities included tethered hot air balloon rides offered by ReMax, Antique Car Parade, Craft Fair, Horseshoe & Softball tournaments, a Silent Auction to assist a local family, inflatable games/rides for the kids, music and the TTCC Lobster & Chicken Supper. If you have never attended the Old Home Day event, you should set aside time to come visit us in 2012.

In October, the Committee promoted the annual Halloween event. The kids enjoyed the parade of costumes from Dedication Park down to Central Square where the Bristol and New Hampton Fire Departments had lit up the Square. The community spirit was a wonderful thing to see as many businesses opened for the evening festivities. Events included, but were not limited to, the Bristol Fire Department handing out glow-in-the dark necklaces, Bristol Police Department and explorers assisting in maintaining traffic, Bristol Lion's Club providing hot chocolate and goodies, Bristol Masonic Lodge offering their annual haunted house, and TTCC with its annual haunted hallway. Well over 500 ghouls, goblins, and assorted characters attended this event.

This is just a sampling of the activities that are offered in our community. The Bristol Lion's Club sponsors the Memorial Day Parade in May, the 4th of July Parade and fireworks in July and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the end of November.

Many of our local non-profits sponsor numerous other great events throughout the year. We are fortunate to live in a community that has so much to offer its residents and so many amazing volunteers that make these events happen. We are grateful to the volunteers, businesses, organizations and taxpayers that make this such a great place to live! You are appreciated!!

Respectfully submitted:

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