

The Community Events Committee is made up of members of the community, non-profit organizations, and town staff, who collaboratively work together to provide the events that the Town of Bristol residents enjoy each year. In 2012, there were a number of events that kept the Committee and its members very busy:

- February - Winter Fest was held at Kelley Park, Tapply-Thompson Community Center (TTCC) and Slim Baker Lodge with over 400 people attending at the various locations. Participants were able to participate in a chili cook off sponsored by Newfound Football, a presentation by Granite State Zoo, take a wagon ride in Kelley Park, and a Winter Survival Skills presentation and snowshoeing at the Slim Baker Area.
- July – Kicked off of the Summer Concert Series. The Committee again thanks Greg Gorski and Bristol Shop N' Save and the townspeople for their continued support of the concert series. The music and food, provided by the TTCC, contributed to great attendance at the following concerts:
 - 7/5 - Uncle Steve's Band (175-200)
 - 7/12 - Natalie Turgeon (190-210)
 - 7/19 – Ben Rudnick (200)
 - 7/26 - Rainy Tuesday (60 – this event was moved to Old Town Hall because of rainy weather.)
 - 8/2 - Kid Jazz (100)
 - 8/16 - Lunch at the Dump (100)
 - 8/23 - Crunchy Western Boys (175)
- July - 4th of July parade and fireworks event sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club. The Committee solicited Town Departments to decorate their buildings with banners, flags and bunting. In addition, the Committee also purchased 750 flags to hand out at the first concert and at the parade.
- July - Kelly Miller Circus sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club. The Circus held two shows on July 9th with over 2000 people attending. It was a great family event, with lions, tigers, camels, elephants, zebras, clowns and acrobatics galore.
- July - TTCC held an open house event on July 19th. In coordination with the Ben Rudnick concert on July 19th the TTCC hosted a 'House Warming' to celebrate their new ownership of the building. A mini museum chronicled their 66 years of programming and everyone was able to enjoy an old fashioned Ice Cream Social!
- August -Old Home Day events were kicked off with the last concert on Thursday, August 23rd and the Bristol Fire Department's spaghetti supper on Friday, August 24th. The spaghetti supper had about 65 people attending, for an approximate profit to the Fire Company of \$560. Attendees were provided a real treat when the Fire Department was called out for an alarm, which allowed them to see the crews prepare for the call. The Annual Old Home Day Event was held on August 25th with the following activities:
 - 5K Fun Walk to sponsor Friends of Newfound Football
 - Horseshoe Tournament
 - Crafters and Vendors
 - Kids Obstacle Course and Water Wars
 - Softball Game between the TTCC staff/coaches and the Bristol Police Department with the Police taking home the trophy.
 - Bingo

- Horse/Pony rides
- Music by DJ, Chuck Noel
- TTCC Annual Lobster and Chicken Dinner
- Movie on the Park event sponsored by TTCC Baseball/Softball Commission
- Fireworks sponsored by Bristol Lion's Club
- October -'Lights on Afterschool' event sponsored by the Newfound Area School District in Kelley Park. There were approximately 505 in attendance. This event is a National celebration of Afterschool Programming and Planning. A great event, with a cake walk, face painting, egg tossing, three legged racing, Bristol Lions Club food wagon, Bristol Fire Department fire pit for smores and a small parade of kids topped off the night.
- Annual Halloween Parade in downtown to kick off Trick or Treating. The ghouls, goblins, witches and more took over the Town from 5 – 8 pm. The Bristol Fire and Police Departments lit up the downtown, handing out candy and glow-necklaces, while the Lions Club food wagon gave out hot chocolate and sold treats. Area businesses and residents gave out candy and opened their doors for events, including the TTCC haunted hallway and the Masonic Lodge's haunted house.
- November – Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club. Due to the downtown construction and removal of the regular tree, the event was moved to the TTCC, where the trees on the lawn were decorated by the Bristol Fire Department in preparation for the event. The Lions Club food wagon was set up with North Main Street shut down to thru traffic and wagon rides provided by John Lynch.

In 2013, the Committee would like to be able to continue the events of the past years, the ones that the Town and its children have come to love. Without the Town's support and participation it would not be possible. In addition, the Committee is always looking for new volunteers and members. If you would like to help out or become a member, contact the Committee through either the TTCC (744-2713), the Town Offices (744-3354) or via email at bristolevents@townofbristolnh.org.

Respectfully submitted
Community Events Committee
Town of Bristol