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BROOKFIELD OLD TOWN HALL BUZZED WITH SUMMER ACTIVITY

We had another successful year at the Old Town Hall, despite the challenges and adjustments that were needed due to the lingering pandemic. The members of our hard-working and creative Events Committee delivered another full season of entertaining and enriching events for the greater community. Most of the events were free of charge.

The season began in June with a potluck supper and ended in October with a spooky Halloween Party. In between people enjoyed several dozen events that appealed to all age groups.

The Second Annual Oktoberfest was the most elaborate event of the season. With the strains of the Inseldudler Oompah Band playing, 146 people enjoyed bratwurst, warm pretzels and local beer. Many danced to the vigorous strains of the enthusiastic band. A big thank you goes to Pete Mancauskas, the inspiration (and perspiration) behind this wildly successful event.

The Old town Hall is the place for everyone in our community to gather and share in the special communal experience of bringing families, friends, and neighbors together.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023 at some of our new, exciting events. Plus, the Old Town Hall is available for weddings, family celebrations, and meetings for very reasonable rental fees.

Please remember that the Old Town Hall is run by an all-volunteer organization, the Brookfield Community Partnership. Our volunteers raise all the money to pay the expenses; such as summer programs, taxes, electricity, insurance, and building maintenance.

We treasure the support you give us, not just because your gift enables us to keep the doors open, but also because it knits our lives together in gratitude for our remarkable community.

Sincerely, Perry Kacik, Interim Chair
BCP Board of Directors



Madchen Anna Helm (left) and Sonya Mancauskas sold out of their delicious, warm pretzels during Oktoberfest.

FUNDS RAISED October 2021-2022

<i>Individuals</i>	\$9,500
<i>Events</i>	\$7,000
<i>Sponsors</i>	\$5,800
<i>Business</i>	\$800
Total	\$23,100

SECOND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 5K RUN

SHOW UP FOR BROOKFIELD!



Runners line up on the Floating Bridge for the starting horn of the 5K race on October 8.

This year the brilliant sunshine and the stunning autumn foliage were perfect backdrops for the 3.1 mile run, which started and ended at the historic floating bridge in Pond Village. The race began with Soren Mancauskas sounding the horn to send the runners dashing off.

The field quickly opened up, as the fastest runners dashed up the route's formidable climb. Others stopped to doff their leather lederhosen, which were a chafing obstacle to optimal athletic performance.

There were 36 participants, the same number as last year. Registration, road closings, and encouragement were provided by fourteen volunteers and two officers from the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Alicia Freese, 34, of Tunbridge won the overall race with a record time of 18:10. Tyler Miles, 38, of Randolph led the male finishers with a time of 19:31.

Thanks to all who helped make the Oktoberfest run such a huge success. It will return in 2023.

One of the remarkable things about Brookfield is the way the 1,261 citizens, who are spread out over 41.7 square miles and connected by 75.3 miles of mostly dirt roads, come to know one another in different ways. For example, on Sunday, October 16 over thirty people showed up at the Old Town Hall to meet new neighbors and hear about ways to engage in our town, as volunteers or paid town officials.

Families new to Brookfield and those who have lived here for a while heard from town officials and volunteers who staff the Volunteer Fire Department, the Historical Society, the Brookfield Public Library, and the Planning and Conservation Commissions.

Members of the Brookfield Community Partnership spoke about the myriad ways the Old Town Hall in Pond Village connects neighbors and enhances community life with potluck suppers, dances, concerts, debates, a circus for kids, market days and the annual Oktoberfest.

In 2023 Brookfield Town Clerk, Teresa Godfrey, will be leaving Vermont. At the next Town Meeting in March an election will be held to fill her paid positions as Town Clerk, Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector. Other positions on the ballot will include Selectboard, Listers, Auditor and Constables. These positions are crucial to our town, and a rewarding way to get to know our unique Vermont place and its residents of all ages.

If you are interested in running for office, or becoming a paid town employee, or learning about volunteer opportunities to enhance our town, see the list of Brookfield Municipal and Community Opportunities below. Some positions are paid a salary, some are paid hourly, some are paid stipends.

For questions, call Curtis Koren, 276-3103 or Stuart Edson, 276-3465.

Love the Community Events at BOTH?

Join Our Events Committee!

We are seeking community members interested in participating in our community events planning committee! We are a fun and active group of community members who are passionate about helping our community gather, learn, play and share at the Brookfield Old Town Hall.

We hold very few meetings and accomplish a lot via email or quick phone calls. Our committee operates very efficiently and very cooperatively --- it's a real pleasure to serve with this group, and you'll feel rewarded by your positive contributions to our community!



Please send a note to Linda Kelly at lkellyvt@gmail.com for more information about joining our committee and attending an upcoming meeting to learn more.

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