

Belmont Old Home Day

Old Home Day 2010 “Conserving Belmont’s Natural Resources”

Year after year, we are so fortunate to have beautiful weather for our annual town celebration. Saturday, August 14th was no exception.

The Road Race and Fun Run saw excellent participation. Once again, the number of Belmont High School students and alumni participating was overwhelming. The fans were plentiful along the route and did their part with shouts of encouragement. After a deserving break and refueling, runners left with the satisfaction of completing a challenging ten-mile course.

Children, parents, and friends enjoyed participating in and watching the numerous games available in front of the Mill. Others enjoyed strolling through the craft vendors and information booths or partaking in the Pancake Breakfast or concessions set up near the Library. The Interactive Live Animal Show took the place of a live band on the Bandstand, and many people gathered to watch and ask questions of the presenter. One featured display to go along with our theme was Forever Locked. People were in awe of this display that featured a fully restored depiction of two bull moose entangled to the death. The detail of the display is incredible, and allows you to see these moose up close without the danger that normally goes along with that!

Parade Marshals this year were the members of the **Belmont Conservation Commission**. From the start, they were eager to help with our celebration any way they could. The Commission was able to organize a few activities leading up to the day and an information booth to go along with our theme. Members walked in the parade with outfits depicting various aspects of water and land conservation and acceptable use. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm! It was greatly appreciated.

Occasionally, throughout the past ten years, we’ve organized a Talent Show for afternoon entertainment. This summer, we welcomed the opportunity to feature some talented high school students that take Recycle and Reuse to a whole new level. The percussion band goes by the name of “Bucket Beats”. The sounds that they are able to make with discarded materials are just amazing! It was proof to many parents that the basics of letting a child bang on a kitchen pot with a wooden spoon is indeed beneficial. We also featured two talented graduates of BHS, the Loring brothers. The audience was in awe of their musical talent and incredible voices. It was absolutely wonderful to be able to give all of the performers an appreciative and attentive audience to showcase their talent. Thank you for helping us make the day so special!

“Cry’n Out Loud”, a local band, provided the perfect background music for everyone to enjoy a relaxing evening up on Bryant Field. Kids flocked to the Bounce House and Climbing Wall, and had a safe place to just hang out and enjoy each other’s company. People danced, caught up with old friends and relatives, and all enjoyed the great food offered by outside vendors and local civic groups. There is always so much anticipation for the spectacular fire



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works show, and the crew from Atlas never disappoint. However, with that comes a bit of regret each year knowing that another perfect day in our town has once again come to a close.

Plans are already underway for Old Home Day 2011. Regrettably, due to activities in the area and specifically at NH Motor Speedway, our celebration will be moved to the 1st Saturday of August for 2011.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 6th.

Old Home Day Committee Members: Barbara Binette, Shayne Duggan, Tina Fleming, Linda Frawley, Jennifer Gagnon, Mark Lewandoski, Brian Loanes, Jeff Roberts, Sue Roberts, Rod and Dana Pearl, Jen Sottak, and Gretta Olson-Wilder, with assistance from Tracey Russo, Police Department, Public Works, and Fire Department.



Old Home Day Photo – 2010 Courtesy of Linda Frawley

