

Belmont Old Home Day

“Rock the Block” on August 6, 2011

Belmont Old Home Day’s Theme this year “Rockin the Block” was an easy choice for the committee when we decided that we would honor long time and recently retired Belmont High School Band Director Ray Craigie this year.

The day began with breakfast being served next to the bandstand, followed by the annual flag raising ceremony. The 43rd Annual 10-mile Road Race and 23rd Annual Tioga Fun Run had a large number of participants from near and far. Children kept busy playing games provided by the BEST PTO and competing in the ever popular Pedal Tractor Pull. In keeping with the musical theme of the day musical chairs and name that tune were played at the bandstand where winners took home “Rock the Block” t-shirts. A large number of specialty vendors were located throughout downtown with crafts, toys, and historical memorabilia. The library held their annual book sale where great bargains were available. A number of local non-profit organizations provided an abundance of culinary choices all around the downtown.

Our annual parade proceeded down Main Street at 1:00PM with Grand Marshall Ray Craigie conducting the high school band to the appreciative and exuberant applause of the community. There were a number of musical participants, amazing community floats, marchers including our Good Citizen Award Winner’s Courtney Clary and Dan Powell. The New Horizons Band entertained the crowd at the Bandstand in the afternoon followed by the Belmont Fire Departments Annual Chicken Barbecue.

The evening activities ended at Bryant Field where concession stands were available with a large array of items for sale. The free inflatable games boulder dash and gladiator joust were a hit with the children. The very popular country music group Eric Grant Band kept the large crowd on their feet until the Fireworks. The National Anthem was sung by Belmont High School student Katelyn Boudreau leading into our always amazing fireworks display.

Belmont Old Home Day would not take place year after year if it was not for the community members that volunteer their time. A large number of people have a great deal to do with making this day a success, we hope that everyone continues to volunteer and will encourage their friends and neighbors to be a part of it too.

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 celebration: Saturday, August 11, 2012

Old Home Day Committee Members,
Barbara Binette, Shayne Duggan, Steven Farkas, Brian Loanes, Jacqui McGettigan, Kelsey McGettigan, Serena Moody, Dan Powel, Elaina Powell, Barbara Ribeiro, Jeff Roberts, Roy Roberts, Sue Roberts, Matt Smith, Ron Cormier, Chairperson, Janet Breton, Parks & Recreation



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