



## Welcome 2009!!!

Welcome to the first 2009 edition of the Bethel Courier Online. Each month the Courier gets more and more submissions and more subscribers – we've even gotten complaints about minor errors and omissions which means someone is reading it!

As always, I'd love to get even more submissions. Tell your friends and organizations! **The submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please consider sending something in.**

Again, I would like to encourage more of our citizens and friends to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically. To do so, just drop me an email at: [Laurelin@sover.net](mailto:Laurelin@sover.net)

I've also been getting requests to drop off printed copies at various places around town. I don't get paid to do the Courier - it is all volunteer time, ink and paper. Which means that I often don't have the time or money to print dozens of copies and drop them off all over town. What I like to encourage instead is that each person receiving the Courier print out a few copies and then make a point of dropping them off at the places you normally go – or make a point of going to places you'd like to see the Courier. If everyone who benefits from the Courier splits the work and cost of printing and distributing a few copies it won't be a burden on any one person or group.

- Kirk White

## Organization News:

### **Rotary Club Calendar**

January 26th- Rebecca Carlton (Classification, Art Fits Vermont)

#### **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly club assembly (business meeting) but we always have a great meal!

#### **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jamal Kheiry will give a talk on the "Roots of Islamic Terrorism".

#### **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

No meeting for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Rebecca Carleton will talk about her life and work with Art Fits Vermont.

Rotary meets every Monday night from 6 PM to 7:25 PM in the Bethel White Church. Dinner is catered by Maybelle Dumont and costs \$11.

We are always looking for good speakers and topics of local, national and international interest. If you would like to come and tell us about your organization, club, company, hobby, or whatever else is your passion, please contact president Kirk White at 234-9670.

### **Bethel Business Association**

The BBA meets on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Paradigm Consulting, Main Street, Bethel, VT.

Contact Rick Benson at 234-6440 for more information.

## Organization News:

### **Bethel Historical Society**

The Bethel Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 7 PM at the Paradigm Consulting Conference room, Main Street, Bethel.

At our business meeting we will elect the officers for the ensuing year. Afterwards our guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Bogdan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University and co-author of "Real Photo Postcard Guide; The People's Photography".

Regular Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM. Next meetings are:

Monday, February 2, 2009, 7 PM

Monday, March 2, 2009, 7 PM

### **Bethel Snowmobile Club**

On February 8, 2009, the Club will be having a "Ride In" and spaghetti dinner at WHS. The general public is welcome--you can ride in on your snowmobile or come by other ways. Dinner is from 1-4 PM and the cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. There will be door prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing. The Club is interested in getting the community involved in knowing about the club, who do a lot for the trails of the valley. They groom the VAST trails over to Stockbridge and up to Randolph and for those who like the sport and enjoy the trails it is wonderful but does take money to keep up the grooming equipment as well as pay for gas to run the machines. All of the grooming is done by volunteers and therefore we need to do fund raisers to keep the trails up for the season, and it's interesting to see and hear what the club does, therefore we hope people will join us and enjoy the fun with us.

## Organization News:

### **Bethel Green Team**

On Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at The Whitcomb High/Bethel Elementary School Cafeteria, The Green Team will be hosting a guest speaker; Martin W. Bowen III, CEM (Certified Energy Manager) at Central Vermont Public Service. Martin is an official specialist in "Net Metering".

Net metering is the ability to produce electricity and sell it back to CVPS via solar, wind or hydroelectric power. Business as well as community members interested in how this would impact the town are invited to attend.

Martin will be talking about the current NET Metering program and the provisions for Group NET Metering. He'll be presenting information on how CVPS implements the NET Metering law and rule 5.100, going over what some other schools and local businesses in Vermont have done with NET Metering.

The Bethel Green Team's mission is:

**To promote the use of clean, renewable energy in order to improve the environmental, social and economic health of our community by creating "project oriented" curricula in the areas of recycling, science, and engineering that challenge, inspire, and raise student awareness of their direct impact on the environment.**

The Bethel Green Team is committed to making it a New Year's Resolution to walk more gently on our Earth through the implementation of the following programs:

The Go Green Initiative & The Carbon Rally

For more information, go to their website at:

<http://www.bethelschools.org/COMMUNITY/GREENTEAM/>

and/or contact Team Chair, Jose Lazo at:  
[Bethelgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:Bethelgreenteam@gmail.com) or 802-234-9570.

## Organizational News:

### **Bethel Town Hall Committee**

From the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Selectboard meeting:

[These minutes -- as well as other town committee minutes -- are available on the [www.Bethelvermont.com](http://www.Bethelvermont.com) web site under **Municipal** and then **Committee Minutes.**]

A November 25, 2008 memo from **Laz Scangas** of Arnold & Scangas Architects was next discussed, this relating to a review of the 2002 plans for rehabilitation of the Town Hall prior to final preparation of bid documents. Lucien Hinkle raised questions about the recent roof replacement project, and the means by which ventilation of the attic would be done. The Board thanked Mr. Hinkle for his interest in the project and offered him an opportunity to borrow the draft plans to evaluate the project, which he agreed to do. Mr. Hinkle also encouraged the Board to hire a "Clerk of the Works" for the project (as is intended), and he volunteered to help in reviewing qualifications for such a person if the Board would like. Delbert Cloud advised that the "Save America's Treasures" grant agreement is now fully executed by all parties, the time frame for work performance under that grant being from November 1, 2008 to November 30, 2010. He also advised that the Section 106 Report transmitted to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation by Lyssa Papazian on November 6, 2008 has been accepted by that Division, this in essence meaning that the methods and materials have been approved for construction as far as the Division of Historic Preservation is concerned. With discussion concluded on the Town Hall project, Mr. Hinkle departed at 9:40 PM.

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Also, FYI, architect Michael Mills has offered to look over the plans, as has George Burnham.

The Town Hall Committee will meet again on January 29th.

---Victoria Weber

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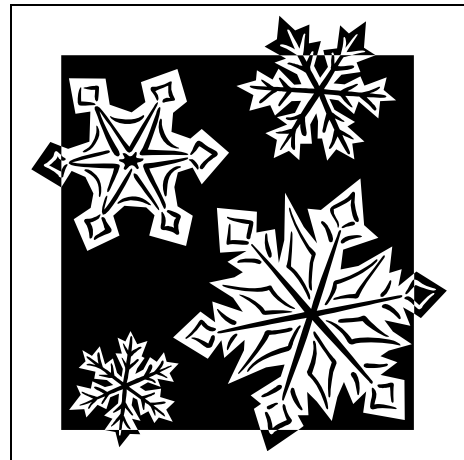
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