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Sevastopol Town Newsletter

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Newtonburg Brass Band to be featured at Celebration

The Newtonburg Brass Band, a lighthearted re-creation of an early 1900's small town band, will appear in Institute on Saturday July 18th as part of the Town of Sevastopol's sesquicentennial celebration.

Conducted by veteran band leader Bob Kuether, the Newtonburg Brass Band utilizes vintage instruments, period music, and authentic uniforms to bring back the sight and sounds of an old-fashioned small town band concert. The band's performances are designed to give the impression of an earlier time while being light-hearted, folksy and entertaining.

Newtonburg concerts feature

spirited marches, light concert pieces, toe tapping polkas and waltzes. Listeners will also enjoy instrumental solos, early dixieland, comic novelties, and the ever popular sing alongs.

The Newtonburg Brass Band will participate in the 10:00 parade through Institute and will perform a two hour outdoor concert at noon.



The Newtonburg Brass Band

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Music, Food, Baseball, Motorcycles...We've Got it All!

By Laddie Chapman

Our Town Park will be ringing with music all afternoon on July 18. After the Town Hall dedication at noon, take a look at our art show, grab a brat and a beer, send the kids over to the Badger Bouncer, and have a seat to listen to the Leist Boys or Ben Larson and Dan

Mayhew in the music tent. The Newtonburg Brass Band will be there, too.

But wait, there's more! The Institute Cubs and Northern Door Legion will be playing baseball all afternoon and there

will be displays of antique cars, tractors and custom motorcycles. One of our more interesting local residents, Harley the Camel, will be celebrating, too. There will be commemorative T-shirts, caps and a history book for sale. And did we mention brats and beer?



Ben Larson and Dan Mayhew



The Leist Boys

Northern-Door Chiefs Baseball

By Mark Sawyer

The Northern Door Legion Baseball Team was organized in the fall of 1998 for the next summer season as a nonprofit organization. Local businesses donated funds for the expenses and continue to do so. By January 1999 the newly formed organization was accepted into the The Fox River Valley American Legion Baseball League.



The primary goal was to give teenage players more opportunities to play summer baseball. Students from Sevastopol,

Gibraltar, and Washington Island Schools participate.

The Chiefs were named after long-time Gibraltar coaching legend Rod "Chief" Billerbeck, who passed away in 2009.

The Town of Sevastopol was very generous to let the Chiefs call Sevastopol Town Park their home field. The lights were installed at the ball park for the 2000 season.

The Nor-Dor Chiefs Baseball Committee would like to thank the Town of Sevastopol for its great support during the past ten years and into the future.

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ First game on Saturday June 15th, 1999 was a win 9-0 over Green Bay Southwest. The first pitches were by Rod "Chief" Billerbeck and Jackie Brauer.
- ✓ 1999: Lost to Bonduel in Championship game of regional Tournaments
- ✓ 2004: Regional Champs and team went to State tournament and finish second in State Class A.
- ✓ 2008: Regional Champs and team went to State Tournament.



We Love a Parade!

By Tom and Geri Girman

July 18, 2009 marks the 150 year anniversary for the Town of Sevastopol. To celebrate and commemorate the day, Sevastopol will host a variety of events including an opening parade and a full day of activities at the Town Park. The parade has over 30 entrants and includes members from the UW Madison Marching Band, the Newtonburg Brass Band, five Sevastopol Homeowners' Associations, various Sevastopol School floats, and entries from many local businesses. In addition, there will be a car show, motorcycles, antique tractors, fire trucks, on display and Harley the Camel. This would be a great opportunity to get your children or grandchildren involved in a parade by having them decorating their bikes the way we use to with crepe paper, playing cards and clothespins.



The parade will begin at 10 AM starting at the SS Peter and Paul Church on Dunn road in Institute. From there it will travel south on Highway 57 past the Sevastopol School and the Town Hall to Ripp Road, the termination point. It should be a great event for the entire family and your

Be a part of our Art Show

If you are a Sevastopol artist and would like to display your work at our Sesquicentennial Art Show, contact Len Quartetti at (920) 743-9036, (708) 354-4777, or len@quartetti.net.

participation will ensure its success.

If you are a "for profit business" and would like to promote your business, join our parade. The Door County Visitor Bureau has donated \$200 as a prize for the top "for profit" parade entry. There will also be judging and fun prizes for other entries.

Parking for the parade will be available in the church parking lot as well as Sevastopol School's lots for both parade entrants and those wanting to watch.

Those parking in SS Peter and Paul's lot are asked to move their cars by 6 PM to allow for those attending church services at 7 PM.



If you wish to have an entry in the parade, please contact Tom or Jerri Girman, our parade coordinators at 920-746-0318 prior to June 25th to reserve your spot!

After the parade, there will be a variety of events beginning with an open house and



Harley the Camel enjoys a cake at his birthday party.

dedication of our New Town Hall including a flag raising ceremony with veterans from the Marines, AMVETS and VFW. **See all the planned activities in the included flyer in this publication.**

Mark your calendar and don't miss out on Sevastopol's biggest celebration in 150 years!

Kid's Games!

The Sevastopol football staff and senior players will provide plenty of entertaining games at the Sesquicentennial celebration.

We will offer activities for children nine and under including Frisbee golf, tee ball skills and freeze tag. For ten year olds and older we will play flag football, softball and ultimate Frisbee to name a few.

Be sure to come and enjoy all of the fun at the Sevastopol Town Park.



LEN QUARTETTI



UW Marching Band to Perform at Sesquicentennial Event

The story of the Wisconsin Band began very inconspicuously in the autumn of 1885, a scant 26 years after the Town of Sevastopol began, when the *University Press* announced the “official authorization for the organization of the Wisconsin Regimental Band.” The need for a band at the University of Wisconsin dates from well before 1885 since the University Military Battalion had been marching solely to the beat of a drum prior to that date. “That first band consisted of 11 musicians with two or three more being involved with the Band’s activities before the year concluded.”

The following year the Band was increased to 16 players and on February 1, 1886, the band made its first nonmilitary appearance at the 10th Annual Joint Debate of the University.

For the next few years, the history of the Band is somewhat clouded and uneven. The band went through various organizational and name changes until 1894 when a more general type of band had gained



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support, resulting in the formation of a 26-man University Band who began playing for University football games and other athletic events. During the football season, it toured the city in an open streetcar, “going over to the 6th Ward and back in an effort to get a crowd to the game.”

A few recent highlights from the bands history include the following events or milestones:

1978 — The 5th Quarter is “born” as the upper deck at Camp Randall sways when “You’ve Said It All” is performed.

1982 — Band performs at the opening game of the World Series in Milwaukee.

1989 — Band performs for first time ever at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The band was greeted with so much enthusiasm that concession sales hit an all-time low. Nearly the whole crowd stayed for the 40-minute 5th Quarter prompting traffic officials to ask “What happened to the crowd?”

1999 — Band performs at the 85th Rose Bowl.

2000 — Band performs at the Rose Bowl again as Badgers become first Big Ten team to win back-to-back Rose Bowls.

2009 — UW Marching Band performs in the Sevastopol Sesquicentennial Parade and Celebration. They also perform their renowned 5th Quarter at the new Town Hall and YOU ARE THERE!!

Can You Use Our New Town Hall?

Do you need space for a special function? Our new Town Hall is available to rent for your party or event. Download the Town Hall

Rental Agreement from our web site and submit it to the Town office for consideration. Our Town web site is www.townofsevastopol.com.

Look for the Town Hall Rental Agreement in the Forms and Permits section. Contact our Clerk for more information.





New Town Hall Interior Entryway Mural Contest

By Dan Woelfel

The Sevastopol Town Board has decided to sponsor a contest to generate ideas on how to best decorate the lobby of the new town hall. The interior wall of the lobby is an expansive area and we are looking for your ideas on how best link the new town hall to the community. The Board believes that a mural or series of murals depicting scenes from our town would tie the town's rural heritage to our new building. Comments from the townspeople have indicated that the building not only looks attractive but also fits well into our community.

The interior entryway wall is 7 by 9 feet, and allows plenty of space for your creative ideas. In support of quickly stimulating your creative juices, the town will sponsor \$100 prize for the best idea. The plan is to announce the winning idea or concept shortly after the contest close.

So here is your chance to leave your

mark on the town. What image or images should appear on that wall? Send your ideas to Linda Wait, our Town Clerk/Treasurer. If you have photos or sketches of your idea please include them. We will post the entries as we receive them in the town board meeting room for all to see and comment on prior to the close of the contest on July 31.

The town board would select the winning entry, and commission a local artist to put your idea into a design.



Our new electronic sign in front of the Sevastopol Town Hall. Watch this space for important event announcements!

There are no age requirements, no cost to enter, and no limit on your entries...only a chance to win a few bucks! So let the creativity begin...should it be of our shoreline, maybe a rural farm setting, maybe, our community in action? Share your ideas, and thanks for your support!

History in the Making

By Laddie Chapman

It seemed like a good idea for a Sesquicentennial celebration to put together a Sevastopol history book, but early in the project it became obvious that there was too much material available and too little time in one short year for a comprehensive, all-inclusive, cut and dried reference work. Instead, we have created *Sevastopol Stories*, a book with many different kinds of articles: stories of early settlement, development and enjoyment. We have stories about the hardships endured by fishing and farming, and the building of our community's schools, churches and parks.

One of our best history sources has been

the personal interviews we recorded with local citizens for our Charter Cable TV channel, and we have included excerpts and pictures from some of those. My personal favorite is *My Summer of 42*, a wartime narrative as seen by a 7 year old girl when her dad worked in the shipyards and her family lived in Sevastopol.

We often think of history as "long ago," but we are making history every day, so we have tried to include stories from as many sources and eras as possible. Did your family contribute to our history? Then you might find their names in our book. If not, maybe we'll put



An old-time fish boil with the Whitefish Bay fishermen.

out a sequel before the next 150 years passes us by.

One thing for sure is you'll enjoy reading about your town and want a copy to keep for your family. Buy *Sevastopol Stories* at our Sesquicentennial!



And the Beginning...Up Close & Personal with the Sesquicentennial Committee

by Linda Wait

There is something remarkable and unique about the gathering of a few individuals to brainstorm the basics, explore the logistics, expand on initial ideas, gather up the volunteers and then fine-tune all aspects into a finished product that will be enjoyed and remembered by our relatives, friends and neighbors of all ages. After spending nearly two full years on the project, I still feel honored to be on the Sesquicentennial Committee to help celebrate our 150th anniversary on Saturday, July 18th.

Early summer 2007, it was brought to the attention of the Board that our Town would be 150 years old in 2009. So our Town Chairman, Leo Zipperer, established the ad hoc ("ad hoc" translates to established for a certain end or purpose) Sesquicentennial Committee, with the following initial members: Cheryl Pfister, Linda Wait, Betty Kiehnau and Brad Birmingham. The very first meeting was held on August 17, 2007 and over the next few months, there was some rearranging and reappointing, with the Committee now consisting of Chair Arlene Woelfel, Chuck Tice, George Evenson, Laddie Chapman and myself, with subcommittee members being added along the way.

So, just how do you plan for a once in a life time event? It was the initial consensus that our celebration should include, at minimum, an old fashioned picnic, parade, historical book, baseball, church service, dedication of the new Town hall, fish boil/fry, and possibly a cemetery walk. We originally planned a 2 or 3 day event, but settled on one day, July 18th, 2009, early on. Priorities included the development of a budget and publicizing the event. It would be important to get the word out early and start contacting volunteers to help with the various activities of the day. We included a survey/questionnaire in our January 2008

newsletter asking our residents what would be of interest to them; we received a few responses, with some suggestions and many more of our own as we moved forward with planning.

We set up a revenue and expense spreadsheet, taking into consideration

the budgeted amounts plus income expectations from sales of food, beverages and commemorative items, versus the costs of those items. We came full circle on the food issue, deciding the vendors would supply and sell at their own prices—a real time and budget saver for us! School groups also offered to do fund-raising activities, such as kids games and ice cream. As you can see from the other articles in this newsletter, various subcommittees were formed, each taking on a role. We were also fortunate to receive several donations to help with expenses. (I am anxious to see how the finances pan out once the event is over.)

I was amazed at the logistics involved with such an event! You have to plan for all kinds of contingencies, hoping for a good turnout, but having no definite numbers as to how much food and drink may be needed. We consulted with other towns and villages who had recently held sesquicentennial celebrations for input and estimates. Here are just a few of the items and aspects we had to consider



The Sesquicentennial Committee, L-R: Supervisor Chuck Tice, Town Chairman Leo Zipperer, Laddie Chapman, George Evenson, Committee Chairperson Arlene Woelfel, Town Clerk Linda Wait, Geri and Tom Girman (parade subcommittee).

and decide, in no particular order: How much beer? Will a dozen port-a-potties be enough? Be sure Diggers Hotline surveys the park and that we have enough electrical available. Organize the volunteers. Make arrangements for detours, traffic and parking. What about tents? (We tried not to think about rain.) What type of music? Do we have something appealing for all ages? What kind of advertising and promotion will we use? And, how is that history book coming along? We realized early on that this would be quite an undertaking!

In less than two months, the planning and organizing will come to fruition, with the heritage of our Town put to paper and writing another page of our own history with this celebration. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way with their time, energy or finances—our Town is fortunate to have so many committed individuals working hard to make this anniversary one to remember. So, come enjoy the celebration...and don't forget to buy the book!



SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday July 18, 2009

Help us celebrate our 150th year! The Sevastopol Sesquicentennial at the Town Park

10:00AM . . . Parade featuring UW Madison Marching Band

Noon Town Hall Dedication & Art Show

Music

Noon Newtonburg Brass Band

2:00PM . . . Ben Larsen & Dan Mayhew

4:00PM . . . Leist Boys

Baseball Games

1:30PM . . . Institute Cubs

5:30PM . . . Northern Door Legion

FOOD: Pig Roast, Burgers, Brats, Beer & more

Car Show

Door Devils Motorcycle Club & Northeastern Wisconsin Bikers Assn.

Antique Tractors

Harley the Camel

Games for Kids



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Town Meeting Schedule

All board and town meetings are held at 7PM in the Town Hall in Institute

Board of Supervisors:

June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
November 16
December 21

Open Book:

August 1, 10AM—Noon
(tentative)

Board of Review:

August 21, 3-5 PM (tentative)

Sesquicentennial:

July 18, starts 10 AM

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