

Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee Meeting
March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm
Pittsfield Community Center

Present- Andi & Mark Riel, Louie Houle, Melissa Babcock, Jill Gauthier, Liz & Fred Hast, Ray & Judy Webber, Harry & Leslie Vogt, Kathy Kelley

*****NEXT MEETING – THURS, APRIL 14 AT 6:30PM AT Community Center, Lower Level

OHD – Sat, July 23, 2022
THEME – Ocean Waves & Beach Days

There was discussion about the Old Home Day activities being combined with the Balloon Rally. The majority of the committee felt that the events were 2 distinct events – catering to different audiences. Old Home Day is for the local community and the Balloon Rally attracts the local community but also people from all over. For this year, we are continuing with OHD as a separate event.

Louie/Andi will confirm the available budget.

We have decided to make some changes this year.

The Parade will be changed to be at 10am (instead of 1pm)

There will be no activities in Dustin Park.

Liz will contact Roberta Maxfield/Park St. Baptist Church (Re: Breakfast)

Andi will contact Sabra/St. Stephen's Church

No Cookoff this year

We talked about a variety of themes for the day. The decision was made to go with "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". The theme is primarily used for the float decorating but thought tying in "beach days" to our own BEACH Area (aka pool) would be good. (It is also the theme of the summer reading program)

There was also discussion about a THANK YOU (Superhero) theme for all the people & businesses that continued to work through the pandemic. It was suggested we could put an "invite" out to anyone that wanted to enter a float and/or we could specifically invite some people that we knew of and provide some kind of a "ride" for them. (FD, PD, Grocery stores, medical field, Military, Blueberry Express) (We will keep working on this to firm up ideas)

PTO is considering sponsoring a "COLOR RUN" road race from 7-9am. (Jill is checking on this)

Parade time is changing to be at 10am. We are considering changing the parade route – still starting at the FB Argue Rec Area but turning onto Carroll Street (instead of going on Main St and down Elm St)....and continuing on the usual route and ending back at the Rec Area.

*** COMMITTEE should come with Parade Route ideas for the next meeting.

PARADE

- Bektash Legion of Honor Color Guard (Mark contact)
- Bands
 - Hollis Town Band (Mark contact)
 - Any others?

Mini Cars (Bektash) (Mark contact)

- Floats
- Police/Fire (Joe??)
- Citizen of Year (Andi check with Sandi)

The Bulk of the Activities will be held at the FB Argue Rec Area (aka, Town Beach Area, Pool) after the parade. Some ideas for the day were:

- Swimming and relaxing
- Cookout (PARKS & REC)
- Lawn Games (Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, Bocce Ball, Ladder game) (CONFIRM WITH MINNI WHAT GAMES ARE ALREADY THERE)
- Bubble Station (Andi)
- Face Painting
 - JUDY will check with Erin Webber first
 - Suggested Donna Keeley (Andi will check with her)
 - Leslie will check with the face painter that usually comes (if option 1 or 2 fall through)
- JUJUBEE The Clown – Mark will check availability & price
- Carnival Games – We will bring a few of the games
 - We will need volunteers to run the games (OHD or other organization)
 - Check prizes (Andi)
- KIDS BIKE PARADE – (WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OVER? PARKS & REC? ANYONE ON OHD COMMITTEE?)
- Sandcastle building – competition?
- Photo Booth (cutout) – RAY IS HANDLING THIS
- Fancy Beach Towel display (Sorry – not sure what we wanted to do on this one? – Demonstrations on how to do it or just some displays?)
- Walk In Balloon (Jill/Adam) – Set up in area opposite the bridge
- Duck Race – (Andi will check with Basketball teams if they want to run it or possibly PYW or other?)

Entertainment

- Jackie Lee – possibly at Pool?
- Don Smith – possibly at Pool?

AFTERNOON

- Historical Society Grand Opening – Mark/Ray will update us on what their plan is
- Softball Game (Andi will check with Jay)

AT DRAKE FIELD

- Should we have Food Vendors?? If yes, who?
- Nevers Band Concert (8-9:15pm)
- Citizen of the Year (in addition to parade)
- Fireworks
 - Need to confirm budget

*Melissa suggested possibly morning Yoga with Stacy Morin.

*Local organizations can be invited to set up a table/booth at FB Argue Rec Area or at Drake Field

*It was suggested that some articles be written about what OHD is (many new people to town do not know what it is) (Leslie or Andi?)

*We will start posting on FB – “SAVE THE DATE & THEME” notices (Andi will contact Denise)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

