Opportunity to Help a Family

Please come out to support a basket raffle held at the Buttery at Green Mountain College on Sunday, March 30th to benefit James “Jimmer” E. Ballard Jr. and his family. Doors will open at 12:00 PM and the drawing will be at 2:00 PM. There will be 50/50 tickets, food, and other fun raffle activities as well.

On February 6, 2014, James Ballard was admitted to Androscoggin Valley Hospital due to complications with Pneumonia and H1N1 virus. He was then airlifted to Lewiston, Maine before being admitted to Boston Hospital where he remains in a medically induced coma. His family has been traveling back and forth to be by his side while trying to pay for the added cost of travel, food, and medical bills. This basket raffle is to help the family pay for medical bills, travel, and other added expenses. While being in a coma James’ daughter Quinn Edith was born, he also has an 8 year old daughter Kaylynn. Marie.

James is also the son of our dear and beloved friend Marion Ballard. Marion is a long lasting resident of Poultney and has worked for Green Mountain College’s facilities department for over 15 years.

Admission sheets to the basket raffle costs $5.00; additional sheet, $2.00. You do not have to be present to win. Still accept donations for basket, please con Lisa Thayer at 265-4426.

Greetings from José!

Dear Reader

I so am glad to reconnect with you on this new issue of College and Main! and share some information of what I know is happening between the college and the town. Keep in mind that this newsletter is ours, so if you’d like an event or activity be publicized, just let me know ahead of time.

March and April are both very busy months! But if you get a chance, on Sunday, March 23rd, back by popular demand, TWO FREE screenings of the 30min. 2013 DVD “A Tour of Two Villages: Poultney Village” will take place at the Tiny Theatre on Main Street, Poultney on MapleFest Saturday, March 22nd at 10am & 11am. This are your second and third chances to come see a wonderful film that takes the viewer through the historical transformation of downtown Poultney as it grew from a small milling hamlet to a busy commercial and industrial center by the late 19th century. Additionally, the Oscar winning (best animated feature) new Disney release Frozen (2013; 102 min) will be screening at the Tiny Theatre at 1pm, 4pm, 6:30pm, and 9pm. This is open to the public, general admission is $4.00.

If you also find yourself walking downtown on a beautiful sunshine day, I highly recommend that you stop by Northland Realties window to check out the exhibit put together by the Historical Society on the WPA.

Kind Regards,
José Gálvez Contreras

Sustainability Office Box:
Are you ware of the stuff you throw away?

Have you ever wondered how much trash you throw away on a day to day basis? Starting March 24th, Green Mountain College welcomes everyone to join us in “Trek Your Trash” week. Throughout this week we will be carrying the hygienic garbage that is not recyclable or that cannot be composted around with us to measure what we are throwing away. This event is to promote proper waste management and to help bring awareness to the community on what every person can do to reduce their waste.

GMC’s Sustainability Office is thrilled for everyone to participate in this event and we would love to see this event spread to the whole community of Poultney.

On March 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 PM in Withey Lobby we will have our Trek Your Trash kick-off. The Sustainability Office will be distributing patches to wear in representation of your trek and show the community that you are a part of something awesome! At the end of the week, March 28th, there will be a drop off in Withey lobby on campus to weigh in your trash, eat snacks, and enter into our raffle. Come be a part of our movement! For more information contact Cheyanne Stone at stonec@greenmtn.edu.

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Celebrate Poultney 2020

The Tiny Theatre invites the Poultney Community and friends for a cultural awareness night on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM. José Gálvez Contreras and Dr. Paul Hancock will present a small video documentary project they collaborated on during the summer of 2008.

The documentary is titled Uncertain Future: Children in the Streets of Honduras. While José was a freshman in college he wanted to be part of a meaningful project that brought attention about underserved children in his home-country. Paul suggested that he worked on a small video documentary, and he did! Along with a group of friends and with video camera loaned by GMC, José travelled back home to visit several places including the cities of Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula and La Ceiba. In these locations the crew recorded the sad reality many street children face everyday, as well as getting testimonies from families, non-profit organizations, and governmental institutions. The final product turned out to be a small documentary production, yet with a very powerful message.

Dr. Hancock developed socio-economic research on the historical factors that explain the desperate poverty and inequality that has gripped Central America, specifically Honduras, for decades.

Their work has been presented at multiple venues including Nagoya and Pace Universities. Join them once again for this free, public event with suggested donations to benefit The Tiny Theatre.

Some Poultney Area Events

Fri., March 21st:
Blue Grass Night with Tony Trishka
8:00 PM, The Gorge, Green Mountain College

Sat. and Sun., March 22nd-23rd
Maple Fest Weekend Celebration
All day, Poultney, Vermont

Sun., March 23rd
Film, “A Tour of Two Villages: Poultney Village”
10 AM & 11AM, The Tiny Theatre

Tue., March 25th,
Film on “Children in the Streets of Honduras”
7:00 PM, The Tiny Theatre

Tue., March 30th:
Basket Raffle to benefit Jimmer Ballard & Family.
8:00 PM, The Buttery, Green Mountain College

Tue., April 2nd:
Poultney 2020 Celebration, Planning Meeting
6:00 PM, Bentley Community Center

GMC Community Offerings

Green Mountain College provides wide access to a variety of academic and/or co-curricular opportunities to the greater Poultney Community. Poultney residents are most welcome to take advantage of public events, programs, speakers, among many other partnerships.

GMC makes available Zipcar membership to all community members. Zipcar is a nationwide car-sharing service, often more affordable than a personally owned vehicle. Zipcar membership includes gas, insurance, and maintenance fees that are often not factored into the cost of owning a car. Sign up online at www.zipcar.com/greenmtnhttp://www.zipcar.com/greenmtn> to get wheels whenever you’ll want them.

The Wellness Center also offers a variety of activities including yoga, massage therapy, Shakti tribal dance and energy healing. Take a look at their online schedule to see what is being offered: http://www.greenmtn.edu/wellness/calendar.aspx. Most of these activities are open to the public and are free of charge. Massage therapy is available by appointment and can be scheduled by calling 287-8376.

Additionally, don't forget that Poultney residents, senior scholars, and Poultney High School students can take classes at discounted rates. Poultney residents will pay only $296 per credit, $888 for 3 credits, with a maximum enrollment of 6 credits per semester. Senior scholars of 60 years or above (with preference to Poultney residents) may take a 3 credit course for $520, with 6 credit maximum each semester. For Poultney High school scholars tuition is $200 for the first course plus applicable course fees (which are paid by the high school) and $250 for the second course plus applicable course fee payable by student/family prior to the start of the first class. For more information contact the GMC Registrar’s Office at (802) 287-8215.

Enjoy the wonderful GMC’s community offerings to Poultney!

The 7th Annual Poultney Earth Fair will be held on Thursday, April 24th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at Poultney High School and is free and open to the public.

The theme is “Powering into Our Future”. This is a great opportunity to be part of the over 60 booths and demonstrators that contribute to the Earth Fair every year. You will get to inspire hundreds of people who attend…particularly the children. Come share your own energy with others, advance educational outreach, and have a fun time with family and friends. Enthusiasts, activists, entrepreneurs, and innovators are all welcome! If you are interested in reserving a free space for a display please contact José Gálvez Contreras at galvezcontrerasj@gmail.com.

Poultney 2020 working groups have continued to make significant strides in lifting the revitalization efforts voted during last year’s community conference off the ground. These projects include the inception of a parks and trails system, a park on Main Street, and artist community gathering center.

For the last couple of months, the people involved have also focused time and energy to plan for a special celebratory event scheduled on May 3rd from 3-6 PM. Because your input and honest opinion is very much valued, we ask that you please join the final event planning meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM at Bentley Community Center. Everyone and anyone in the community is cordially invited to attend.

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