

**Merrimac Old Home Days 2014 Debrief/ 2015 Planning Meeting  
8/20/14**

In Attendance:

Ellen Miracle  
Elle Janelli  
Lauren Santagate  
Jen Marden  
Arthur Amirault  
Jackie Stewart  
Chris Skinner  
Eric Shears  
Marilyn Judson  
Michelle McSherry  
Michelle Boulay  
Diane Sofia  
Renee LeClerc

Suggestions were made to continue or add to the 2015 celebration with the following items:

- Dates for 2015 August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> with possible event on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>
- Walk In or Drive In Movie - Marilyn Judson will explore the licensing to charge
- Inviting the Kenny Fowler Car Show to join us
- Keeping the Bonfire - Arthur Amirault will remain as the contact for the pallets
- A 5k Road Race with t shirts as a fund raiser for OHD - Todd Durocher
- Music-Eric Pearce from Cats and Jammers will donate a sound system for the day.
  - Michelle Boulay and her husband will set up the Cats and Jammers Music School and other free bands to play - They will look into a DJ to play at the Block Party that will happen after the Boy Scout Chicken Dinner and before the bonfire ends
- Hayrides- need to find a new person to offer this service
- Activities for older children/tweens/teens- possible climbing wall//gyroscope/ zipline and/or rides and games with prizes
- Firemen's muster/obstacle course for all ages
- Insurance information for all events is needed

Discussion:

- Crafters- Jackie Steward will assist Sara O'Bara in soliciting more crafters to join the fair so that they do not feel secluded/pushed off to the side
- Cake Walk- Linda Higgins wants to do this again next year
  - Linda V (Sweetsir)will donate her fancy cakes
- Food Vendors- we need to ensure we have a full list so no duplicates, Santa Committee to ensure more of a variety of food/beverage for sale
  - Pretzels- Mike Merritt
  - Fried Dough- Joe Kelly

#### Fundraising Discussion:

- Fundraising- Renee LeClerc will lead fundraising efforts
  - Michelle McSherry will solicit donations/help from town businesses
  - We need to develop a full list of all businesses in town that have donated in the past and what they have donated
- Spring & Fall Yard Sales- Marianne Snow wants to help
  - She will contact Michael Miracle about the town map
- Possibility of silent auction during the holidays to fundraise, local businesses to donate services/ goods
- T-shirts to be sold, art created by local child, possibility to tie-dye for customization
- Adult competitions/games to help fundraise- golf/dodgeball/etc.

#### Volunteers:

- We need a volunteer coordinator
- Utilize high school/middle school students to volunteer with children's games
- Jason Skinner will help with brut strength

Old Home Days 2015 Committee, the following positions were nominated and elected during the meeting:

Chair-woman- Jen Marden

Treasurer- Elle Janelli

Secretary- Lauren Santagate