

# MAYOR'S REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

I'd like to start my report by thanking Walt Nadeau and the folks of Berlin and Coos Historical Society. The Maynesboro Memorial Stud Ride that was held two weeks ago was really a celebration and recognition of W.R. Brown's contribution to the equestrian community. Mr. Brown was a world renown leader in breeding and raising Arabian horses, and that was all taking place right here in Berlin. The Friday night banquet was filled with the memories of those activities and life in Berlin at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I was truly honored to be invited to represent the City of Berlin and I want to publically recognize all the folks of the Historical Society who made this wonderful event happen. WELL DONE!!

Word on the street was very favorable to the BHS Homecoming change to Heritage Park. What a natural place to hold such an awesome event, the parade went without a hitch and our students had a great time. My kudos go to the folks of the BHS Backers. These parents work tirelessly to promote a positive environment for our students who represent Berlin. I could not attend the homecoming activities because of the Maynesboro event, but you can bet I'll be there next year! Many thanks go to Stephanie Ayotte.

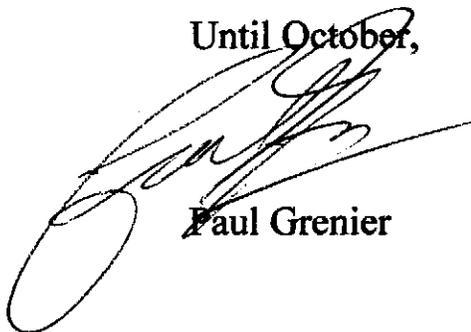
On Monday evening, the Berlin City Council received notice from City Manager Pat MacQueen of his intent to retire. Pat has given us a year to find and train his replacement. In today's world where there is little loyalty, Pat's long notice is both extremely welcomed by me and shows the true character of the man. Pat MacQueen deftly steered Berlin through its most difficult time in history. His calm demeanor masks a fiercely driven individual, a professional who steadfastly refuses to compromise the integrity of both his position or the position of the City Council. With Pat MacQueen at the helm, City Council would always know of issues as they happened and worked hard to put Berlin in a positive light. I'm very confident, given Pat's somewhat long notice, that his replacement will be ready to seamlessly take the helm. Thank you Pat for being painfully honest, your integrity, and not shying away from a miserably tough situation.

I want to commend the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force, Coos

County Sheriff's Department, and both the Berlin and Gorham Police Departments for a job extremely well done in last week's drug busts. These types of arrests are very dangerous to conduct and the investigation that leads to these arrests are exhaustive in manpower and money. One thing however is crystal clear. Just because we live in Northern New Hampshire, if you deal drugs in our neighborhoods, **YOU WILL BE CAUGHT!!** Berlin residents are no longer tolerating these activities and are relaying these suspicious activities to the BPD in record numbers. Your contact with police is appreciated and is handled with the strictest of anonymity. Remember, if you deal drugs and think no one is watching while people are parading in and out of your apartments think again. You don't have the right to ruin the sanctity of a neighborhood you move into.

Lastly, I want to recognize Coos County Commissioner Burnham "Bing" Judd. Bing was recently defeated in an extremely close primary election for the Coos County Commissioner seat in District 3. Bing has served for close to 18 years and also has served on and off as a Pittsburg selectman. Though Bing is from Pittsburg, he recognized the positive effects that Berlin Station would have on the whole county. He was one of the first elected officials in the county to support the project when most were looking for cover. A tough fiscal conservative, Bing has a huge heart for the folks who reside in both Coos County homes, and is a strong voice for their well being and independence. Bing's lasting legacy will be the beautiful addition to the West Stewartstown nursing home. The sunroom there adds a quality of life to the residents that no one can ever put a price tag. As a long time Coos County taxpayer, I want to thank Burnham "Bing" Judd for his many years of service.

Until October,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Grenier", written over a large, stylized oval scribble.

Paul Grenier