

# MAYOR'S REPORT

## OCTOBER 31, 2012

My report is a bit late as I wanted to encompass all of Sunday's activities. First of all, a huge tip of the hat goes to Nicole Arguin's BHS Field Hockey team. The girls lost an overtime heartbreaker to Derryfield in the NHIAA Division III state championship game by a score of 3-2. We are all very proud of you, both as athletes and students. You represented Berlin very well and you have earned the right to hang your heads high! The state hasn't seen the last of you girls as the winter sports season is right around the corner.

I officially represented the City of Berlin this past Sunday at the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey induction banquet that was held in Concord. The Legends inducted seven new members, including former Notre Dame Rams and Berlin Maroons standout the late Dickie Valliere. In his prime, along with fellow linemates and co-inductees DeDe Villeneuve and Albie Brodeur, Dick Valliere's skills were a sight to behold. There were over 325 people at the festivities, as this year's honorary team was none other than the Berlin High School Mountaineers. There was a lot of reminiscing of the Dick Bradley years and how BHS finally beat arch rival Notre Dame. BHS and UNH alum Johnny Normand spoke fondly of his growing up and playing hockey in Berlin. At the Manchester Monarchs Hall of Fame game, this year's members of both the boys and girls BHS hockey teams held our nation's flag on center ice while the BHS Band played the Canadian National Anthem and the BHS Chorus sang the American National Anthem. It was truly a proud day to be from Berlin.

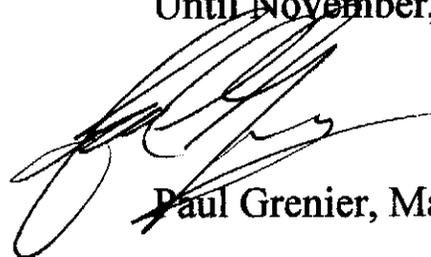
Speaking of pride, wasn't Riverfire spectacular? Mother Nature cooperated this year and what a turn out! There is a lot of work to organize Riverfire and way too many folks to mention. One thing is very certain, however. The Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce is very

much alive and well. A new generation of young, dedicated business people have made our area's chamber the most active in the North Country. On behalf of the citizens of Berlin, I want to thank all of you for helping to create the positive atmosphere we have. It's just great!!

I recently attended the dedication ceremony of FCI-Berlin. FCI-Berlin, when fully staffed, will add almost \$40 Million of new dollars to our area's economy. While taking part, I noticed dozens of Berlin area men and women who have been hired at FCI-Berlin and it's just a tip of the iceberg. I want to congratulate Warden Shult for her excellent work at starting up FCI-Berlin.

Finally, election day will be upon us on Tuesday. It is our civic duty to vote. Hundreds of thousands of this nation's men and women gave their lives for us to freely choose our leaders. Although I have made no secret of who I intend to support on Tuesday, I'd like to plug the local candidates who do a great job. Running for re-election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives are Gary Coulombe, Yvonne Thomas and Robert Theberge. All three represent us well and deserve our vote. District One Senate candidate Jeff Woodburn seems like he grew up in Berlin. He instinctly understands the issues we face and is on Berlin's side on all of them. Then of course, there is Ray Burton. Ray is passionate about his job, his constituents, and about representing the people who elect him. There is truly no one quite like him! Please help me send these five people back to Concord...

Until November,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Grenier', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Grenier, Mayor