

Community Hall

The Berkshire Community Hall, located behind the library, is one of the town's most cherished landmarks. Built in 1932 through the dedication and hard work of local residents, the Hall served for many years as a vibrant gathering place for community events and activities, and also supported the neighboring Berkshire School.

After the school closed in the 1950s and was later demolished, the Hall gradually fell into disuse. For decades it deteriorated and was even considered for demolition.

Recognizing the Hall's importance to Berkshire's history, identity, and potential future community use, a small group of committed volunteers organized an effort to save and restore the building. Their work led to the formation of the **Berkshire Community Association (BCA)**, which received permission and a lease from the Berkshire Fire District—the Hall's owner—to take on the restoration project.

Beginning in 2005, thanks to countless volunteer hours and more than **\$300,000 in grants and donations**, the Hall has been preserved and revitalized. Today it hosts a wide variety of community events and activities, including the Helping Hands Food Pantry, Berkshire Free Library programs, private functions such as birthday parties, weddings, and anniversaries, as well as basketball practices and more.

The Hall is now used **nearly 400 times each year**. For more information or to reserve the Hall, contact **Skip Hartwig at 657-8418**. Use fees: **\$40 for the 1st floor, \$60 for the 2nd floor** (plus heat if needed). Many community-interest events are offered at no cost.

The BCA is currently seeking volunteers. You can contact any member or attend one of our meetings, typically held at the Hall on the **second Tuesday every other month**: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Current BCA Members:

- Paul Kunik, President
- Ken Ceurter
- Skip Hartwig
- Roger Howland
- Kevin Treiman
- Sam Whitney

