

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



### Beautify Belmont Earth Day Cleanup

Belmont held its annual Beautify Belmont Roadside Cleanup event and the Town had many volunteers over the April 20-21 weekend. We estimate that in total we collected around 60 blue bags filled with roadside litter. We are very appreciative of all the volunteers who went out and did their part in making the community a better place!



## Administration



Welcome to the Belmont Center  
and Senior Center

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mill Building 14 Mill St.

The Town of Belmont is proud to announce the opening of The Belmont Center located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mill. The Belmont Center will house the new Senior Connections Program as well as varying programs for all ages.

Join us for our free open house on May 1<sup>st</sup> 12p-2p. Come check out our new space, share your ideas for community activities & programs and meet the Parks & Recreation Director.

Beginning on May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Belmont Center will host our Senior Connections program. This program will meet twice weekly for planned activities. Check out our May activity calendar and come join us for one or all of the activities. Some of this month's activities include a coffee social, games, painting and a special event for May, a British High Tea, and a book club hosted by the Belmont Public Library. Each activity day will start with a walk along the beautiful Tioga River on the Village Spurs Rail Trail.

Every Friday starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Belmont Center will host a community game night from 4p-6p. This will give our community members of all ages a chance to mingle and build meaningful relationships and memories.

For more information, please contact Danielle St. Onge, Belmont Parks & Recreation at 603-267-1865, check out our Belmont Parks & Recreation Facebook page or email [Recreation@BelmontNH.gov](mailto:Recreation@BelmontNH.gov)

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**Town Hall will be closed  
Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
in honor of  
Memorial Day.**





# Town Administrator's News (con'td.)

## Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-2:00**

*(while supplies last)*

**Lakes Region Community College  
379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

*No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.*

Sponsored by  
caring neighbors.



## Bulky Waste Disposal

On the 1st Wednesday of each month, Casella Waste will collect your bulky items curbside. Please note this is for Town of Belmont Residential Customers ONLY; service is not available to commercial property owners. Piles of debris, trash, yard waste or a single item too large for one person to collect WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A request for pickup must be made in advance by calling Town Hall at 267-8300, Extension 118 or 124 only. You will be asked to list the items you want picked up, you will be advised what the cost is, and you will need to drop off cash or a check made payable to the Town of Belmont prior to the collection day. Please visit the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov) for the full details on the program and a price list.



We continue to stress the importance of the "Not everything is flushable". Please check out the "Do Not Flush!" list to protect your sewer and septic system. A "Flushable" label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town's sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)

We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator's Office at 267-8300 ext. 124.



Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Breezeline Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region. We urge you to check out their website at <http://lrpa.org>

# MAY 2024

## The Belmont Center SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			<b>1</b>	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Book Club 10a-11a Chair Yoga 11a-12p Knit/Crochet 12p-2p	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Game Time 10a-12p Painting 12p-2p	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> MOVIE TIME AT GILFORD CINEMA 8 11a-2p	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Chair Yoga 10a-11a British High Tea 11a-2p	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a VNA Health Clinic 10a-11a Game Time 11a-1p Gentle Stretches 1a-2p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> OUT TO LUNCH CLUB 11:30a	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Coffee Social 10a-11a Chair Yoga 11a-12p Knit/Crochet 12p-2p	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Game Time 10a-12p Painting 12p-2p	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> FUNSPOT BOWLING 12p-2p	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Chair Yoga 11a-12p Music Jam & Picnic at the Pavilion 12p-2p	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> COMMUNITY YARD SALE 8a-1p
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> MEMORIAL DAY	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Game Time 10a-12p Gentle Stretches 12p-1p Coloring & Card Making 1p-2p	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Candy Bar Bingo 10a-11a Chair Yoga 11a-12p Knit/Crochet 12p-2p	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE JOIN OUR PARKS AND RECREATION FACEBOOK GROUP AND JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!  
RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV





### Guidelines for participating in activities

We want this program to be an inviting atmosphere for every senior in Belmont and the surrounding communities. This program is open to any senior in Belmont or the surrounding communities

Participants must complete and submit a registration and waiver form prior to attending the programs.

If a class or activity session is cancelled due to weather or other circumstance, every effort will be made to reschedule the session with ample notice.

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Activities and classes that are rescheduled are not eligible for a refund.

Disrespectful, inappropiate and rude behavior will not be tolerated. Anyone who displays this behavior will be asked to leave.

Participants must be able to function independently without one-to-one assistance or supervision, or provide a companion or aide to provide assistance. The companion must abide by all Belmont Parks & Recreation policies and procedures. Companions must pay the same price for activities as others unless otherwise noted. Companions must be at least 18 years old.

Participants who need special accommodation (wheelchair access, aisle seating, etc) must indicate the need at time of registration. Although every effort will be made to accommodate the request, such accommodation is not guaranteed.

While The Belmont Center does not provide daily meals, participants are welcome to bring a lunch!

### Program Descriptions

Book Club - brought to you by Belmont Public Library

Chair Yoga - a 1 hour yoga chair yoga session via video from a trained instructor

Gentle Stretches - Simple stretches, both free standing and with a chair, following a video instruction.

Cribbage or Scrabble - looking for partners for cribbage or scrabble? Join us for some games!

Knit/Crochet - Bring your supplies while we chat and show each other our craft projects. Join us in making a square for the Angel Babies program

Tioga Trail Walk - We will meet at the trailhead to start our day with a walk on the Tioga Trail

Coffee Social - enjoy a cup of coffee & conversation. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Painting - Bring your own or use our supplies. We will have various painting projects throughout the month.

Candy Bar Bingo - Bring your full size candy bars and lets play a game! Please bring 1 full size candy bar per bingo card.

Musical Jam & Picnic at the Pavilion- Bring your instrument or come and sing! Please bring your own lunch.

Card making & Coloring - Create cards for our soldiers or grab a coloring book and socialize.

Bowling at Funspot - We will meet at Funspot for some casual bowling fun. All levels welcome. Each participant is responsible for their own cost.

Movie Wednesdays - Seniors will meet at Gilford Cinema's. Enjoy a movie, popcorn, candy & a drink for \$8. Each Participant is responsible for their own cost

Out to Lunch Club - Each month we will meet at a designated restaurant. Each participant is responsible for their own check and tip. Advance sign-up is required

### MAY SPECIAL EVENT

British High Tea - May 9, 2024 - 11am-2p

Wear your most fashionable hat, bring your favorite dish and join us for a British High Tea! Trish, from the Senior Friends of Belmont group has been busy planning the event and it is sure to be a great time. RSVP is required for this event.

# BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION



Join us in celebrating the opening of our new community space

*"The Belmont Center."*

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**12p-2p**

## **Meet & Greet**

Meet your Parks & Recreation director

Establish positive connections with community members

## **Programs**

Learn about our new senior program

View our monthly program calendar

## **Planning**

Bring your ideas of what you would like to see for future programs/events in our community.

For more information follow our Facebook page "Belmont Parks & Recreation" or email [Recreation@Belmontnh.gov](mailto:Recreation@Belmontnh.gov) to join our email list!

14 Mill St  
2nd Floor  
Belmont NH 03220

# Job Opening!

## Town of Belmont Finance / Human Resources Clerk

We are seeking a self-motivated, detail-oriented, organized, communicative, and respectful professional to fill the position of Finance/HR Clerk.

Duties include A/P, payroll and human resources administrative/clerical tasks.

Municipal experience, public finance administration experience, and proficiency with finance software (BMSI a plus) and Microsoft Office preferred. Associate degree in accounting or related field or at least two years of municipal experience preferred, however any combination of education and experience will be considered. Wages commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application is available online at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov). The Town of Belmont is an EOE. Submit cover letter and resume to: Town Administrator, Town of Belmont, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, or email to [administration@belmontnh.gov](mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov) by 5/10/2024.





## Town Clerk's Corner

### TAX BILLS



Spring tax bills will be in the mail by the end of May and due July 1, 2024, interest will begin to accrue after the 2<sup>nd</sup>. As a reminder the bills are a prepayment based on the prior year's tax rate and in most instances the prior year's assessed value. We have added value this spring for new construction so if you have any questions regarding your property assessment, please be certain to stop by Town Hall and request a copy of your Assessment Record Card.

### BOAT REGISTRATIONS

The Town Clerk's office can process boat registrations. For renewals, bring in your prior year's registration or the renewal notice from the State. For new boats, bring in your detailed bill of sale and we will get your boat registered and out on the water as soon as possible.



### BEACH PASSES

Beach passes are now available! Please bring in your current registration so that we can put your plate number on your beach pass.

### DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are due by April 30th. The month of May is a grace period to renew dog licenses before the \$25 civil forfeiture will be added to the license fees. We can send you a reminder if you provide us with your email address. Effective June 1st there will be an extra \$1 late fee per month in addition to the fees.



Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon

## Driveways

With the spring season underway, we would like to remind everyone that permits are required for any paving/ repaving/ reconstruction of a driveway or private road. If you are situated on a Town road, applications and regulations are available on our website through the Info Center > Applications & Forms menu option ([Belmont Driveway Application](#)). If you are situated on a State road, applications must be obtained through NHDOT: <https://www.dot.nh.gov/services/driveway-permits>



Obtaining your driveway permit helps protect our roadways and prevents drainage issues, which helps to reduce Town costs for road repairs.

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All paving contractors should be aware of the need for driveway permits, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that a permit is obtained, and a final inspection of the finished driveway is completed.

Be sure to submit your application early as processing can take up to two weeks or longer during the busy season. Permits are valid for 6 months after they are issued.

If you have any other questions about a driveway application, please contact the Land Use Department at (603) 267-8300 x3.

If you have questions about construction of your driveway/apron/drainage, please contact our Highway Department at (603) 528-2677.

***Please be cautious of paving or other contractors who knock on your door to offer a “special deal”. All “door knock” campaigns for services or sales require a Hawkers/Peddlers permit from the Belmont Police Department.***



Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe  
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



### April 15<sup>th</sup> ... Not Just Tax Day!

April 15<sup>th</sup> is a date to look forward to if you are in the snow removal business in central New Hampshire. It is the day we look at the long range forecast and, if all clear, perform one last final cleaning, remove plows, wings, and spreaders. Everything is thoroughly washed and inspected for residual salt and necessary repairs that can be completed during the off season. Once cleaned and deemed ready for service, movable parts are treated with rust preventative and stored in an orderly fashion, ready for winter's return... next season.



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### Working in The Town of Belmont?

If you are excavating or employing a company to perform services on property in the Town of Belmont, please keep a couple of things in mind. The Town of Belmont has ordinances governing work done in public ways and requires a permit prior to the start. The Ordinances are easy to find on the Town website [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) and outline the standards and expectations of the Town while working in the right of way. A permit must be submitted and approved prior to the work taking place.



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# Garbage & Recycling Calendar 2024

Monday 5/27 collection is delayed  
until Tuesday 5/28.

There will be NO delays to  
Wednesday and Friday collection.



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.




**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards





# Prohibited Burning Construction & Demolition Debris and Household Trash



## Materials Not Acceptable for Burning

- Construction & demolition debris
- Tires
- Household trash
- Packaging materials
- Plastics
- Coated or laminated paper
- Coated or treated cardboard
- Oily rags
- Animal, vegetable and kitchen waste
- Used Oil, gasoline and hazardous waste
- Brush greater than 5 inches in diameter
- Any wood that has been painted/ stained, glued, or treated in any way



## Materials Acceptable for Burning

- Campfire wood
  - Charcoal
  - Clean pallets
- If generated on-site**
- Brush (less than 5 inches in diameter)
  - Clean lumber scraps (private single family residences only)

*Burning construction & demolition debris and household trash releases toxic air pollutants, creates potentially hazardous ash, and puts your family, neighbors, and the environment at risk.*



**All burning must be conducted in accordance with local ordinances and under a "Permit To Kindle Fire" issued by the local Fire Warden or authorized agent.**



Please contact DES at (603) 271-1370 for more information on open burning.





Town of Belmont  
Building Department



**Summer is coming & here are some helpful tips when searching for a building/home contractor**

- Have a detailed plan.
- Be aware of the current cost of labor and materials.
- Ask for references.
- Interview at least 3 contractors.
- Verify licenses and insurance.
- Be realistic about availability.
- Choose the right contractor for the right project.
- Sign a contract and negotiate ground rules.
- Make sure all necessary permits are acquired.
- Expect to pay a deposit.
- Budget for unexpected costs.
- Talk to the contractor frequently.
- Get lien releases and receipts.
- Don't make the final payment until the job is complete.



**More helpful tips for doing work around your house this summer!**

- ◆ Pressure-wash outdoor areas.
- ◆ Refinish your deck.
- ◆ Declutter your home.
- ◆ Refresh your house with paint.
- ◆ Check gutters.
- ◆ Spruce up landscaping.
- ◆ Clear or replace AC filters



# Town of Belmont Building Department



## Tips for putting on a new roof? We've got you covered!

- Work with someone experienced in roofing.
- Make sure you have the proper safety equipment, including a fall protection kit, which typically costs about \$100.00 at home centers.
- Carefully measure out your roof dimensions.
- Pick the right shingles.
- Properly clean your roof.
- Don't ever attempt to roof overlay.
- Make a list for regular inspections.



Happy Summer!  
Glenn & Christine

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*Upcoming Meetings:*

ARC – 4/18/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 4/22/2024

Zoning Board – 4/24/2024



April  
**2024**

**A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use**

# Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning



**February Meetings >>>**

**Your Land Use Staff**

**Karen Santoro**  
Town Planner

**Rod Cameron**  
Land Use Technician

**Susan Austin**  
Administrative Assistant

**Jennifer Thomas**  
Land Use Clerk

For additional Information:  
Visit [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)  
Contact  
[luoffice@belmontnh.gov](mailto:luoffice@belmontnh.gov)



Application Review Committee (No March Meeting)

Planning Board (March 25, 2024)

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – White Oaks, LLC:** Continuation of a request for Site Plan approval to add a tent style storage building to the site for the storage of maintenance equipment. Property is located at 52 Higgins Drive, Tax Lot 241-008-000-000, in the Industrial Zone.—Approved.

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust:** Request for Site Plan approval extension for Contractor’s Yard, commercial building (motor vehicle & trailer service, professional offices, light manufacturing, retail stores and service business), and a Conditional Use Permit for a subordinate dwelling unit. The original approval date was June 27, 2022. Property is located on Laconia Road & 28 Corriveau Way, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000, in the Commercial Zone.—Approved.

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust:** Request for Site Plan approval extension to construct and operate a self-storage facility. The original approval date was March 22, 2021, an extension was granted on March 27, 2023. Property is located on Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-003-000-000, in the Commercial Zone.—Approved.

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Fall Line Trust:** Request for Subdivision Approval (Phase 2) to create three lots from Lot 205-047-000-000. Property is located at 70 Bishop Road, Tax Lot 205-047-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone.—Approved.

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**Planning Board (continued)**

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Good Fortune Trust of 2022:** Request for Subdivision Approval to create three lots from Lot 229-007-000-000. Property is located at 258 Farrarville Road (fka 121 Brown Hill Road), Tax Lot 229-007-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone.—Approved.

>>> **Next Planning Board Meeting: April 22, 2024, 6:00PM**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment ( March 27, 2024)**

**Abutter’s Hearings: Alfred Mitchell:** Request for an extension approval of a Special Exception of Article 5, Table 1(permitted uses) to allow a Contractor’s Yard in the Commercial Zone. Original Approval date was April 27, 2022. Property is located at 28 Cor-riveau Way and Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case # 02-24Z

**Abutter’s Hearing-Route 106 Realty Trust:** Request for a one-year extension of a variance approval to Article 5, Table 1 (permitted uses) to allow the construction of a single-family residence in the commercial zone. Original approval date was Febru-ary 23, 2022. Property is located at 54 Peggy Drive, Tax Lot 210-017-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case 03-24Z.

**Abutter’s Hearing – CKME, LLC:** Request for a variance from Article 5, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to convert the existing office space to residential units. Property is located at 150 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 101-015-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case# 04-24Z

>>> **Next Meeting: April 24 ,2024, 6:00PM**

# Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town’s website:  
[www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)  
to submit an application.

**Planning Board**

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- **1 vacancy**

**Zoning Board**

- 5 regular members, 5 alternates
- **5 vacancies**

**Conservation (no current vacancies)**

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members

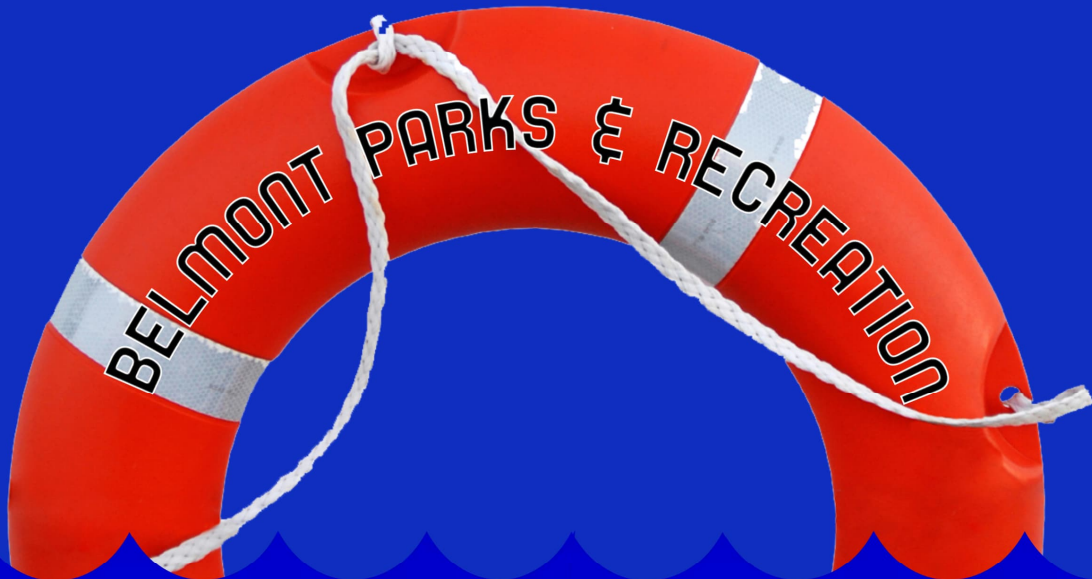


# LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES

Winter is just getting started but **SUMMER** will be here before you know it! Belmont Parks & Recreation will be hiring lifeguards **16+** for the summer of **2024!** Get certified now!

**FOR CLASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION VISIT:**

<https://tinyurl.com/LifeguardTraining2024>



Great work environment - Flexible Schedule - Learn important life skills  
- Excellent source of summer income - Great resume' builder!

<https://tinyurl.com/LifeguardTraining2024>

**Call to schedule an interview today!**

**HELP WANTED**  
**Belmont Parks & Recreation**

**SUMMER JOB POSITIONS:**  
**SUMMER CAMP STAFF**  
**SARGENT PARK ATTENDANT**  
**LIFEGUARDS**

Belmont Parks & Recreation is seeking qualified candidates to fill seasonal job openings. Job descriptions and applications are available online at [BelmontNH.gov](http://BelmontNH.gov)

**Danielle St. Onge**

*Recreation Director  
Town of Belmont  
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Belmont, NH 03220  
(603) 267-1865*



Please see our job descriptions and information on our website:

[Camp Director Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Assistant Camp Director Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Summer Camp Councilor Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Lifeguard Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Park Attendant Job Description \(PDF\)](#)



**REGISTER NOW!**

**BELMONT  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SUMMER  
CAMP**

**DAILY PLANNED  
ACTIVITIES**

SPORTS, CRAFTS, CONTESTS, FIELD  
TRIPS, BEACH DAYS, FREE PLAY  
AND MORE

**WEEKLY THEMES**

WEEK 1 – THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
WEEK 2 – VILLAINS & SUPERHEROES  
WEEK 3 – COLOR CRAZE  
WEEK 4 – SHIPWRECKED  
WEEK 5 – LET THE GAMES BEGIN  
WEEK 6 – CARNIVAL

**JULY 1–AUGUST 9**

CAMP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

**8:00AM – 4:30PM**

EARLY DROP OFF AT 7:30 AVAILABLE FOR \$25/WEEK

**OPEN TO AGES 5–12**

**RESIDENTS \$155/WEEK**

**NON-RESIDENTS \$175/WEEK**

\$20/WEEK SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

**FIELD TRIP FEES  
INCLUDED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
DANIELLE STONGE (603) 267-1865  
OR  
EMAIL RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV

# Belmont Summer Camp 2024—Preliminary Calendar

BELMONT SUMMER CAMP 2024								THEME DAYS! Dress the theme THURSDAYS!
WEEK 1	SUNDAY June 30, 2024	MONDAY July 1, 2024	TUESDAY July 2, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 3, 2024	THURSDAY July 4, 2024	FRIDAY July 5, 2024	SATURDAY July 6, 2024	
The Great Outdoors	X	WELCOME CAMPERS!	BEACH DAY		X	FIELD TRIP Please have campers in clothes they can get tie-dye on!	X	Dress ready for the Great Outdoors....or maybe something that lives outdoors. Animal prints? Hiking attire? Gone Fishing?
WEEK 2	SUNDAY July 7, 2024	MONDAY July 8, 2024	TUESDAY July 9, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 10, 2024	THURSDAY July 11, 2024	FRIDAY July 12, 2024	SATURDAY July 13, 2024	
Superheros & Villians Week	X		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	Who is your favorite Villian or Superhero? Are they from a Marvel/DC comic book? A Disney movie? A personal/local hero?
WEEK 3	SUNDAY July 14, 2024	MONDAY July 15, 2024	TUESDAY July 16, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 17, 2024	THURSDAY July 18, 2024	FRIDAY July 19, 2024	SATURDAY July 20, 2024	
Color Craze	X	Please have campers in clothes that can get paint on them!	BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP	COLOR CRAZE COLOR RUN! Please bring/wear white t/shirt	BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	Get those BRIGHT COLORS out! Whats your favorite?
WEEK 4	SUNDAY July 21, 2024	MONDAY July 22, 2024	TUESDAY July 23, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 24, 2024	THURSDAY July 25, 2024	FRIDAY July 26, 2024	SATURDAY July 27, 2024	
Shipwrecked	X		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	We are shipwrecked! Who will we see? Pirates? Mermaids? Tourists? Dress in any of the above or your crews colors!
WEEK 5	SUNDAY July 28, 2024	MONDAY July 29, 2024	TUESDAY July 30, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 31, 2024	THURSDAY August 1, 2024	FRIDAY August 2, 2024	SATURDAY August 3, 2024	
"Let the GAMES Begin"	X		BEACH DAY	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY Cardboard Boat Races	X	Whats your favorite sport? Dress up like your favorite athlete/sport!
WEEK 6	SUNDAY August 4, 2024	MONDAY August 5, 2024	TUESDAY August 6, 2024	WEDNESDAY August 7, 2024	THURSDAY August 8, 2024	FRIDAY August 9, 2024	SATURDAY August 10, 2024	
"Carnival"	X		BEACH DAY	FIELD TRIP		END OF CAMP CELEBRATION	Belmont Old Home Day	This week we are "under the top ". Dress up in big, fun & colorful clothes, shoes & hats!
This calendar is subject to change. While we will try our BEST to not have to make adjustments, sometimes situations arise that require a change of plans. Notice will be given for any changes that would require your camper to bring additional items from home (swimsuit, camp shirt, etc).								
SWIM LESSONS ARE OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$40								
BEACH DAYS - Please remember to bring towels, sunscreen & EXTRA water!								
FIELD TRIP DAYS - Bus space is limited - Please remember to bring EXTRA water. Campers can bring money for water but please no lunches or souvenirs. Bus space is limited so campers will be asked to only bring what is needed for the trip, sunscreen, water and something to keep them busy on the bus rides!								



**BELMONT  
PARKS & RECREATION**

**SUMMER CAMP  
PARENT  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT**

**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

**6:30P-7:30P**

**LOCATION: TIOGA PAVILION**

- **MEET OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF**
- **GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**
- **SIGN/UPDATE ANY PAPERWORK**

**CONTACT AT (603)267-1865**

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**Belmont Parks & Recreation**

# **HELP WANTED**

# **SARGENT PARK ATTENDANT**

## **Seasonal / Part-time Position**

**10 -12 hours weekly, late May to early September, some flexibility with days of the week and times required**

- **Be 18 years of age**
- **Criminal Background Check approval is required**
- **Be able to effectively communicate with the public and staff**
- **Work cooperatively with people in an enthusiastic manner**
- **First Aid & CPR Certified, or willing to acquire certification**
- **Assist the Parks & Recreation Director with the planning and execution of community events held at Sargent Park**

**Applications can be found on the town of Belmont website at [BelmontNH.gov](http://BelmontNH.gov) or by contacting the Parks & Recreation Director at [recreation@BelmontNH.gov](mailto:recreation@BelmontNH.gov)**



## *Heritage Commission Honors Linda Frawley*

News traveled very fast and townspeople were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Linda Frawley on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Linda was one of the founders of the Belmont Heritage Commission (2004) and served as Chairman and Vice Chairman as well. She was also a past member of the Historical Society. The list is endless for all that she gave through hard work, determination and persistence to accomplish all she did for Belmont. Linda Frawley was a catalyst for Belmont during the 1996 and 2010 Plan New Hampshire Charrettes. She served on the Town Budget Committee and the Village Revitalization Committee. Linda's determination to improve the town's knowledge about its heritage and acknowledge its history brought distinct awards to Belmont. Some notable ones include the Land and Community Heritage Improvement Project Award for the restoration of the 1908 Belmont Bandstand from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and the Victorian Society of America Preservation Award for the Belmont Mill. Linda spearheaded Belmont's eligibility to be added to the state register of historic places for the Province Road Meeting House, the Belmont Mill and the Belmont Bandstand. The historical state marker for the Belmont Mill located on Route 140 is another highlight of her tenure as Heritage Commission Chairman. Her guidance, support, dedication and extreme knowledge of the Town of Belmont's history go hand in hand. She and Wallace Rhodes, Belmont's Town Historian, were quite the team as they shared a strong belief in saving and honoring special Belmont landmarks. Linda was a true champion for maintaining the history and heritage of our town and she will be greatly missed. The knowledge she shared was immeasurable for Belmont. Our town will forever be indebted for what Linda Frawley accomplished to make Belmont's history important for all to remember.

***A special dedication for Linda Frawley will be held in the Fall.***

# Heritage Commission



Linda speaking at the ceremony for the Belmont Mill's historical state marker.

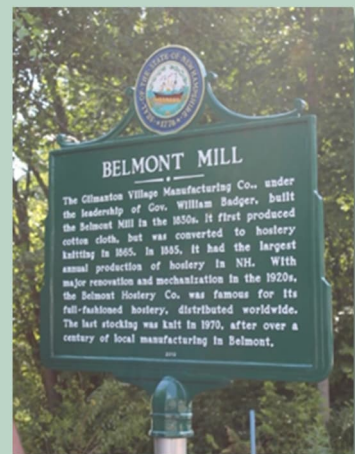


Linda presenting Community Heritage award to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes.



Roberts Construction maneuvers the historic village bandstand towards its new location in the town green as Linda Frawley looks on.

Two notable markers Linda made possible for Belmont.





# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



## Silent Spring and the Modern Environmental Movement

By Madeline McDonel

In 1962, Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, a “landmark literary piece of the 20<sup>th</sup> century” that focused on the environmental impact of the use of pesticides, such as DDT.<sup>[1]</sup> Unfortunately, Carson and her work were met with bitterness and discrimination. Large corporations did not want to see their steady flow of profit cut off by the banning of pesticides and Carson’s peers, mainly male biologists, criticized her credentials simply because she was a woman. *Silent Spring* made its mark on this world by paving a way for new laws, new communities, new agencies, and most importantly, it helped prompt the modern environmental movement.

Rachel Louise Carson, pictured here, wrote her landmark book, *Silent Spring*, in 1962 outlining the risks of insecticides on our environment. (Smithsonian Institution Archives. Image # SIA2008-0392.)



Rachel Carson was a pioneer in the field of marine biology. Growing up in Pittsburgh, she was no stranger to the air pollution caused by big plants and factories. As she got older, she began to write articles and journals about how this pollution affected ocean life, and how little regulation the output of these chemicals had.

Carson’s thesis throughout *Silent Spring* was that pesticides and chemicals used to kill pests on crops bleed into the environment and affect our water sources. These chemicals are involuntarily ingested by larger creatures when they eat poisoned insects. This could create a lethal cause and effect that could be harmful for future generations of plants, creatures, and humans. A secondary problem would come from pests becoming resistant to the pesticides, which would lead companies to create stronger, more dangerous chemicals. Three days after *Silent Spring* was published, the United Farm Workers convention took place, in which hard data was brought forward of the risks that pesticides had on humans. There were first-hand accounts of “skin rashes, dizziness and nausea, respiratory ailments...cancers and death faced by the farmworkers due to pesticide exposure.”<sup>[2]</sup> This was one of Carson’s major points—pesticides that were used before the 1950’s would be prevalent in species the next fifty to a hundred years in the future.



# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Silent Spring and the Modern Environmental Movement (cont.)

Although the book would eventually gain support, it first had to fight many battles. During the 1950s, female and male scientists had different outlooks on the world. Carson wrote that “the balance of nature...is a complex, precise, and highly integrated system of relationships between living things which cannot safely be ignored any more than the law of gravity can be defied with impunity by a man perched on the edge of a cliff...Man, too, is part of this balance.”<sup>[3]</sup> The words she chose were poetic, and they expressed a deep connection to the natural world. These were determined as characteristics of being a woman. Therefore, she was discredited as a scientist. These remarks paired with a volley of negative book reviews from chemical plants and threatened corporations, all boiled down to the fact “she was a woman and she was challenging a cornerstone of industrial capitalism with a passion considered unbecoming of a scientist.”<sup>[4]</sup>

*Silent Spring* would be “the fuse that triggered the explosion culminating in the current wave of environmental activism...”<sup>[5]</sup> Thus, the modern environmental movement was born. It consisted of a growing consensus that the environment needed to be taken care of as humanity progressed. In the early 1970s, the use of DDT and other pesticides like it were banned in the United States and Canada. Rachel Carson had created a legacy—she had succeeded in being a catalyst of change to the dangers of using pesticides.

[1] Christal G. Pollock, “Silent Spring Revisited: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Look at the Effect of Pesticides on Wildlife,” *Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery* 15, no. 1 (2001): 51

[2] Donald Heyneman, ““Silent Spring”: Action and Reaction,” *The American Biology Teacher* 28, no. 7 (1966): 524

[3] Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1962) 218.

[4] Michael B. Smith, ““Silence, Miss Carson!” Science, Gender, and the Reception of “Silent Spring,”” *Feminist Studies* 27, no. 3 (2001): 741.

[5] Victor Lewis, “Rachel Carson Remembered,” *Race, Poverty, & the Environment* 2, no. 1 (1991): 5.

### NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, May 01, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Tioga Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Belmont Mill

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Denise Naiva, Chair  
Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair  
Jane Jordan, Pauline Tessier,  
Deborah Woodcock, Georgina Lambert,  
Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

#### ALTERNATE MEMBERS

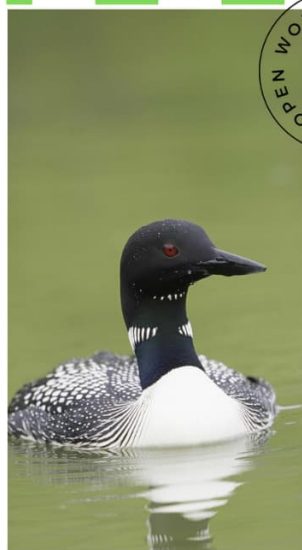
Richard Moreau, Jeffrey DeFrancesco

#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Emilie DeFrancesco, Emerson Decato

# Belmont Public Library

May 2024



## Backyard Birdscaping

May 22 6pm  
at the Belmont Mill

A joint program of the Belmont Library and the Belmont Conservation Commission

## Fiber Arts Group

Mondays 10am

## Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

## Cribbage Club

Tuesdays 1-3pm

## StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

## LEGO

Fridays 1pm

## T(w)een Film Fridays 3pm

Weekly



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• Cribbage Club  
• Tuesdays 1-3pm

## Book Groups

May 9, 17

June 7

## Family Book Club

May 4, 11am

## Homeschool Activities

May 16, 23 1pm

## T(w)een Board Games

May 18 4pm

Monthly

Monday Friday 10am-5pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

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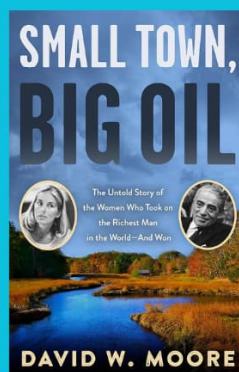
# Belmont Public Library

May 2024

## Quarterly NonFiction Group

Small town, big oil : the untold story of the women who took on the richest man in the world--and won by David W. Moore

June 7, 10:30am



## Adult Book Groups

Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney  
May 9 5pm

Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova  
May 17 10:30am

Copies available at the desk or from our digital services.

**MAKE YOUR MEMORIAL DAY THE BEST EVER!**  
HERE'S WHAT YOU WIN:

FRIENDS OF THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**MEMORIAL DAY RAFFLE**

**GRILL & GLAMOR**

DRAWING ON  
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

\$5/TICKET  
OR 5 FOR \$20

**GRAND PRIZE \$500 VALUE**  
**THE GRILL**   
MASTERBUILT GRAVITY SERIES 560! PLUS MEAT & PELLETS! (GIFT CARDS)

**SECOND PRIZE \$100+ VALUE**  
**THE GLAMOR**  
HAIR PRODUCTS (THE VAULT HAIR STUDIO)  
A MANICURE (FROM THE VILLAGE IMAGE)  
DINNER FROM BROOKSIDE PIZZA!  
GO OUT TO A MOVIE (FROM SMITTY'S CINEMA)

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT [GIVEBUTTER.COM/GRILL](http://GIVEBUTTER.COM/GRILL) OR AT THE BELMONT LIBRARY!  
QUESTIONS: [BELMONTPLFRIENDS@GMAIL.CO](mailto:BELMONTPLFRIENDS@GMAIL.CO)

# Closed Memorial Day

## Cemetery Trustees

May is truly the time when the grass turns green and leaves bud. It is the start of a new season. Spring clean ups are underway. We would like to remind residents that we are very mindful of our bee population and we schedule some of the mowing around them.

The Trustees are excited to welcome our newest board member. Fred Wells was elected this year for a 3-year term in March. Welcome Fred, we are looking forward to working with you. While we are happy to welcome our new member, we want to acknowledge the loss of Sharon Ciampi from the board. She spent 15 years as a Cemetery Trustee. You may know her now as a Selectman of our town. As a Cemetery Trustee, she spearheaded the effort to bring the Wreaths Across America Project to our small town. Now, because of her efforts and the assistance of American Legion Post 58, we hold a special ceremony in December each year to honor our fallen heroes for the Holidays. Thank you, Sharon, for your many years of dedication to the board and we wish you well with all of your future endeavors. We also reappointed our alternates Norma Patten for 1 year and Kevin Sturgeon for 3 years .

In March the Board of Selectmen granted our request to declare 7 of our cemeteries abandoned, giving the trustees right of descendant ship, allowing us to provide all aspects of protection and preservation.

In the month of May, the Cemetery Trustees take special care in making sure that the cemeteries we are entrusted with are at the absolute best they can be in advance of Memorial Day, which is the last Monday of the month. We have 15 Cemeteries that have Veterans interred there. We make sure the grounds are the best that they can be. The American Legion Post 58 presents flags on all graves of all who have served in the armed forces.

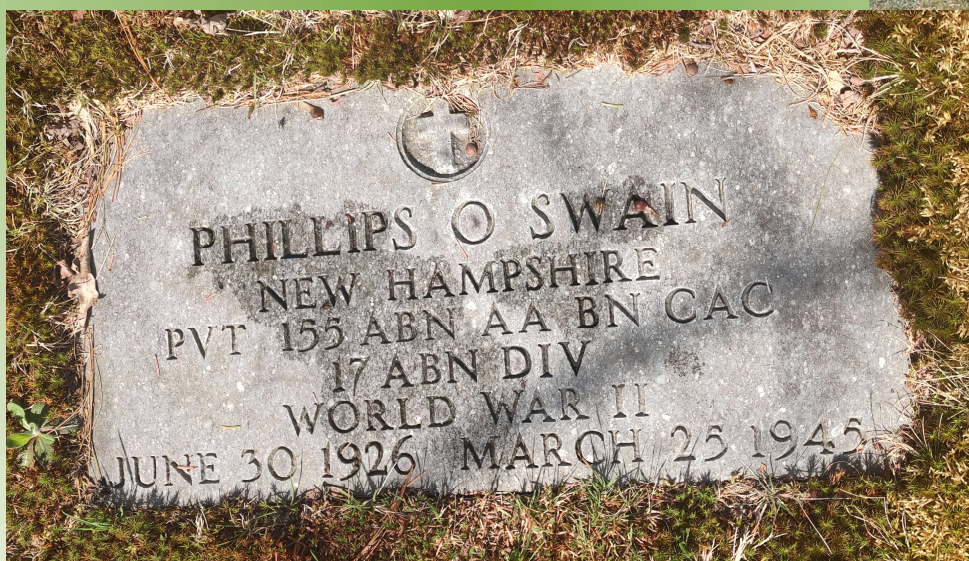
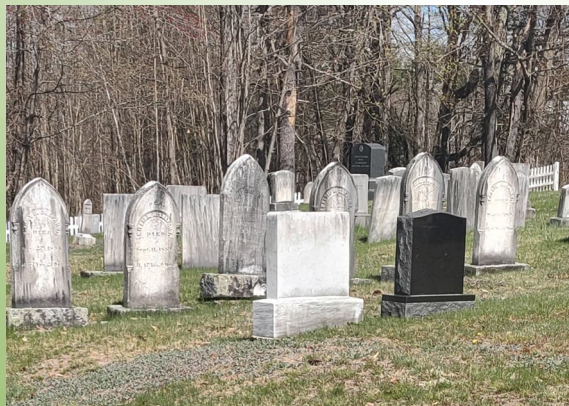


## Cemetery Trustees

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We would like to share one with you.

Phillips O. Swain born June 30, 1926. He was the son of Samuel and Dorothy Swain and lived on Concord Street. He enlisted in the Service on September 21, 1944 and was assigned to the Brty. A 155 ABN. AA. 17th Airborne Division. The 17th Airborne Division, "The Golden Talons", was an airborne infantry division of the United States Army during World War II, commanded by Major General William M. Miley. Phillips was KIA on March 25th, 1945 In Wesel, Germany. Presumably during Operation Varsity that launched March 24th, 1945. Records indicate that his aircraft was shot down. He was 18 years, 8 months and 25 days old and was buried in Highland Cemetery on October 23, 1948. Please take a moment over the holiday weekend to reflect on him and the many others like him who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Your Cemetery Trustees,  
Hillary Horn  
Kyle Dodge  
Fred Wells





# New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality - May 14<sup>th</sup> Belmont Mill

(Hosted by the Belmont Historical Society)

**Hundreds of one-room schools dotted the landscape of New Hampshire**



**a century ago** and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. Revered in literature and lore, they actually were beset with problems, some of which are little changed today. The greatest issue was financing the local school and the vast differences between taxing districts in ability to support education. Other concerns included teacher preparation and quality, curriculum, discipline, student achievement and

community involvement in the educational process.

This program is hosted by the Belmont Historical Society with *funding provided thru the NH Humanities and the Belmont Sargent Fund*. The program will be held on **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Belmont Mill located at 14 Mill St. Presenter, Steve Taylor, will explore the lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today. This program is free, open to the public and is handicapped accessible. (*Attendees please use rear door by the elevator*)

**Steve Taylor** is a scholar, farmer, journalist and longtime public official. With his sons, he operates a dairy, maple syrup and cheese-making enterprise in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor, and served for 25 years as New Hampshire's commissioner of agriculture. Taylor was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council, has been a lifelong student of the state's rural culture and is devoted to preserving New Hampshire's history.

(For additional information regarding this program contact Christine Fogg, Belmont Historical Society Program Coordinator at: 603-524-8268)





**American  
Red Cross**



**In Service to One, In Service to All.**

*Join us in answering the call to help others give blood!*

**Blood Drive**  
**Belmont Community**  
**St. Joseph Church**

Church Basement  
96 Main Street  
Belmont, NH 03220

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #10943

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: BELMONT to schedule an appointment.

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Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

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**Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. PLUS, get a bonus \$10 e-gift card, when you come to give at that time. [rcblood.org/win](https://rcblood.org/win)**



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Do you know someone new to Town, or someone in Town who would love to see our **Newsletter** and receive important notices by email from the Town of Belmont?

Please visit our homepage at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) and click the button on the right-hand side to “Sign Up for Notifications”.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire. At the top right, there are links for "Search", "Contact Us", and "Facebook". The main header features the town's logo on the left and the text "Town of Belmont New Hampshire" in the center. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: "Home", "News / Events", "Projects", "Boards / Officials", "Departments / Staff", "Info Center", "Doing Business", and "More...".

On the left side, there is contact information for Belmont Town Office (143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300) and town hall business hours (Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm). Below this is a section for "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: 10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, and 12/25.

In the center, there is a "Current News and Notices" section with a note: "Please note if you are using our website on a mobile device/cell phone, you may need to scroll to the bottom of the screen to see information such as our hours of operation, holiday closings, and quick links to Registrations, Payments, Maps, Applications and Meetings."

On the right side, there is a "Connect on Facebook with..." section listing various town departments: Board of Selectmen, Recreation Department, Winni Trail, Fire, Police, and Library. Below this is a "Sign up for Notifications" button, which is circled in red and has a large red arrow pointing to it from the left. Other quick links include "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data".