

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



### Town Administrator's Monthly Report



#### Town Hall Functions and the COVID-19 Virus

As of June 1, 2020, Town Hall is still closed to the public although all offices have resumed full staff and we are beginning to gear up for re-opening in a limited manner to the public. At least for now, the public will be asked to wear a mask when entering Town Hall, to use the hand sanitizing stations and social distancing guidelines will be in place to limit any gathering in the main hallway. *If you are not feeling well, we ask that you refrain from entering the building and instead make use of our online services which can be found at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) or call 267-8300 for assistance.*

Please stay tuned to the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) for news regarding when Town Hall will re-open officially to the public.

The Town is continuing to review with its contract assessor the abatement applications submitted relative to the 2019 tax assessments. Many of you may have received a letter from the Town in the past two weeks regarding your abatement and if you are still aggrieved by your value, you would want to complete an application for further appeal to the BTLA or Superior Court prior to September 1.

We anticipate that all responses will be issued by the July 1 timeline so please if you did file an abatement, have patience and if you would call the Assessing Office prior to payment of your spring tax bill, we may be able to provide an update on the status of your assessment. We appreciate your understanding.

#### Town Beach Update

**BELMONT BEACH IS OPEN  
WITH NO LIFEGUARD  
SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK**

Please continue to follow  
the CDC Guidelines related to  
the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **FOLLOW THESE RULES**

- Social Distancing is Required
- Maintain 6 ft. of Separation
- No More Than 10 People Per Group
- Do Not Gather in Groups Outside Your Immediate Family
- Face Masks Are Encouraged When Walking To and From Your Vehicle

The Town of Belmont appreciates everyone's  
patience and cooperation in helping slow the  
spread of COVID-19.

## Town Administrator's News (Cont.)

We realize there are a lot more people walking about these days so as a reminder if you are walking your dog, please scoop the poop!!



### IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II (c))

Our message to all Dog Owners is to remind you of the importance of picking up your dog's waste from property not your own. The town installed at three different locations, dog waste stations where you can obtain a plastic bag to pick up the waste and deposit it in the numerous garbage cans located in the Village.



Following is a link to a video developed by our recycling vendor to help us recycle better. Better recycling leads to lower costs for trash disposal as whatever we can remove from the trash stream reduces the tonnage we pay for. Your help is needed! [www.bit.ly/recyclebetter](http://www.bit.ly/recyclebetter)

The Casella site on Route 140 is currently **NOT** open on Saturdays as they had been in the past. We will keep you informed when we hear they are reopening for drop off bulky wastes.



### What's Flushable or Not



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.org](http://www.belmontnh.org). 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 Atlantic Broadband 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>.



The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 beginning at 10 a.m.

Please join our Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335638346?pwd=VzhiYjNCN3FZY0ZobEczdHhjN3hRQT09> with Meeting ID 893 3563 8346 Password 994057 or please call in using 1-929-205-6099.

## Town Clerk's Corner

Hello June and our beautiful summer weather and hello to our greatly missed residents of Belmont!! It's been a long time since we have been able to see you!

We are working very hard here in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office to help everyone get their cars registered in the easiest way possible while our building is closed to the public. The following is what you need to provide in order to transfer or get new plates on new vehicles you have purchased:

### **FOR TRANSFERRING REGISTRATION:**

- Original registration you wish to transfer
- Original title signed over on the back OR Title application from dealer
- Copy of Driver's License
- Note explaining that you are transferring plates from vehicle A to vehicle B and make sure to include a phone # so we can call if we have any questions.
- A blank check payable to the Town of Belmont
- A self-addressed stamped envelope for us to mail the transferred registration to you.

### **FOR NEW REGISTRATION:**

- Original title signed over on the back OR Title application from dealer
- Copy of Driver's License
- Note explaining that you want a new plates and what kind of plates you would like and make sure to include a phone # so we can call if we have any questions.
- A blank check payable to the Town of Belmont
- A self-addressed stamped envelope big enough for plates (large manila envelope) with \$5.00 in postage on it for us to mail the plates to you.

You can drop that information in the drop box located in the front door of our building or mail it to our office.

Renewals can be completed online at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) or by calling us with your plate number so we can give you the total cost of the registration, then providing a copy of your registration, a check payable to the Town of Belmont for the aforementioned amount as well as a self-addressed stamped envelope for us to mail the registration to you in the drop box on the front door of our building.

Property taxes are due July 1, 2020. Tax payments can be made online on our town's website, by mailing your payment stub and check to our office or dropping your payment stub and check in the drop box on the front of our building. Unfortunately, we are unable to take credit card payments over the phone (you can use them on the website) and we are not accepting cash at this time.

We understand that everyone is frustrated with the Covid-19 situation and would like everyone to know that we are trying our hardest to make taking care of business at Town Hall as easy and quick as possible. If you have any questions please give us a call at (603) 267-8300 Ext 2.

We look forward to helping you in person again!!

Take care and stay safe!



## Police Department News



### Belmont Police Department

*Captain Richard Mann*

You may be so fed up by the time winter ends that you are praying for a heat wave. As many say, be careful what you wish for. The hot weather can come on as suddenly as a snow storm and affect you even more. Besides the disruptions it causes in daily activities, it can affect your home security.

Even when you have your A/C working, things can get a little lazier around the house as the weather gets steamy. Follow these tips for keeping your home and occupants safe. When you are inside, keep the doors locked. It is one more barrier a burglar will have to overcome if they are so inclined to illegally enter. Keep the cars locked and the windows rolled up in the drive. You may get into the habit of leaving your windows rolled down but that is an open invitation to what we call a "theft of opportunity." Things we often keep by the seats such as a wallet or phone, if stolen, leave you open to other forms of theft and fraud using your now stolen information.

Secure the AC units to your window frames. If you don't lock the unit in the window an AC unit can easily be pushed into your home allowing a thief easy access. Heat does not deter thieves; they will still operate when it is hot and humid. If you are one of the many people that keep a spare key around the premises, it must be far from the door and in an inconspicuous place. Making it easy for you to get the key makes it easy for a thief to do the same. Consider changing your main door locks with an electric push code lock, no key will then be required.

We are all neighbors looking out for each other. Reporting suspicious people, vehicles and activity is the key to deterring crime. If you see something that just struck you as odd we would like you to give us a call. Dispatching an officer around will send a message that the neighbors are vigilant and keep each other's property safe.

If you go on vacation let us know by filling out a residential home check form. Officers add your address to others we watch while residents are away. Let a neighbor know you are away and ask them to call police if they see unusual activity at your home. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about home safety.

Thank you,

BPD





# BFD Times

## Student Hayes and Student Robarge



A big congratulations to Student James “Jimmer” Hayes and Student William “Willy” Robarge III for graduating this year. Student Hayes finished up his second year as a live in student with our department and is graduating from LRCC with his degree in Fire Science. Student Robarge is finishing up his 1 year internship with our department and is graduating from Belmont High School. Congratulations to both of you and job well done! We look forward to seeing what the future holds for both of you as you transition into the next phase of your life.

***“Your chances are always the same, they’re 50/50. Either you do it or you don’t. You must call upon what’s inside you. Your courage, your determination, your will. You must shed your personal cocoon of safety and take a risk. If it was easy, someone else would have done it already.”***

***- Ray McCormack***

## A Message to our BHS Graduates

Although the 2019-2020 school year has not been all you thought it would be for your senior year of high school and this chapter feels like it is closing quickly for you, remember that this is just the beginning to a brand new chapter. The dances, the trips, the games are all amazing moments that you get to take with you on this new journey and shape your future from who you are to who you want to be. As you prepare to graduate, take a moment to reflect on this past year. Although remote learning and social distancing changed the course of the year for you, what was revealed to you during that time was something that most students don't appreciate until they are much older. You got to witness first hand your teachers, your school staff, your coaches, and your community as a whole come together to celebrate and support your success in this strange time full of unknowns. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. The Shaker Regional School District has made the sweetest batch of lemonade for you all as this school year comes to an end. As you prepare for your graduation, take the memories, take the special moments, and remember the good times. Your life is just beginning and there is a big world out there waiting for you. Your teachers, your school staff, your coaches and your community are all behind you as you venture out into yet another unknown. **Congratulations Belmont High School Class of 2020! Go out there and make us all proud!**





## Highway Department News

### CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS ALWAYS UPON US

Your DPW crew takes pride in maintaining our roadways to be as safe as possible. Please remember in order for them to do their job, right of way should always be given as with any emergency vehicle. It's always wise to slow down, leave a little early and arrive to your destination safely. We thank you all for your cooperation!



Please drive cautiously (SLOW DOWN) as our crews will be out working as well as many private contractors in the area. Take note of all signage and slow down when entering a work zone. Remember to stay off your cell phone. The safety and lives of the many construction workers trying to improve your roads depends on it!!



### DRIVEWAY PERMITS REQUIRED

Spring is the time that we remember any problems we have with our drive-way; mud, bumps, drainage. Just a reminder that any work done on that portion of the driveway that meets the Town or State road right-of-way requires a Driveway Permit before the work commences. This includes just paving or re-paving.

Several homeowners have had their driveways accessing town roads re-paved or reconstructed only to learn after the work that it required a permit. Fees are doubled for any permits where the work has already been started. In addition, violations of the Regulations can result in a Violation or Misdemeanor charge.

The Town has requested assistance from paving companies asking for their cooperation in making sure that a valid permit exists before they pave. That obviously is not happening based on information we get from homeowners and the responsibility for the permit ultimately falls to the property owner.

Driveway Permit Applications can be obtained in the Land Use Office or online. Processing applications may take 7-10 business days as the Public Works Department will view the site to make sure that no concerns related to adequate road drainage exist.



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





## HOW TO OBSERVE

### Get involved!

- Report repairs as they are needed
- Hold drills at home to help children know what to do in the event of a fire, medical event, or another natural disaster
- Volunteer to participate in community emergency preparedness events
- Put together a first aid kit
- Take a CPR class
- Teach someone to change a tire properly and safely
- Learn about proper storage and disposal of medications
- Take a defensive driving course
- Learn how to identify fall hazards in a home







# Stay at Home 2.0

UNIVERSAL GUIDELINES

On Friday April 30th, Governor Chris Sununu announced he is implementing a new, modified Stay-at-Home Order. Stay at Home 2.0 is in effect until May 31st. The state is taking steps to reopen the economy in a smart, phased approach that is supported by facts, science and data. To read in full detail the Universal Guidance and Industry Specific Guidelines access the links below.

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/business-guidance>

## What Businesses Can Reopen Under Stay at Home 2.0?

Under New Hampshire's Stay at Home 2.0 Plan, the following industries have been permitted to open, or are scheduled to reopen. Click on the industries below to learn more about conditions that must be met in order for businesses in these sectors to open.

[Acupuncture](#) 

[Attractions](#) 

[Body Art](#) 

[Child Care](#) 

[Drive-in Theaters](#)

[Health and Fitness](#) 

[Golf Courses](#)

[Massage](#) 

[Retail Establishments](#)

[Amateur and Youth Sports](#) 

[Cosmetology](#) 

[Campgrounds](#)

[Dental](#) 

[Equestrian Facility](#) 

[Hospitals](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

[Restaurants and Dining](#)

[State Parks](#)



Now more than ever, we should all respond to the Census online, by phone, or by mail. Responses are kept confidential, and it's easy to respond in 12 non-English languages. The Census count directs federal funding for the next ten years to our community.

The 2020 Census is underway and the most important thing you can do is respond online, by phone, or by mail when you receive your invitation. Responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send Census takers out into communities to follow up.

Census data is used to extend billions of dollars in funding for hospitals, school lunch programs, Medicaid and resources that are needed every year, especially in uncertain times like now. Make sure everyone in your home is counted!

Census data makes sure we receive equal representation in Congress, and fair representation at the local and state levels. Self-respond today! It's important to you, it's important to me.



Did you know that federal financial aid, such as Pell grants, are distributed based on Census data? Make sure college students get the federal aid they need for the next decade.

Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

## Planning and Zoning Committee News



## Planning and Zoning News

### National Nursing Assistants Day

June 18

#### Application Review Committee (5/21/20)

**Philip Brouillard:** Review for adding parking spaces, adding a deck and expanding the Tap Public House into the downstairs of the current location at 930 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 122-057-000-000

**Gary Anderson:** *(Tabled until applicant is able to attend)* Review for operating an indoor recreational facility, a solar farm, an automotive dealership, a junkyard, multi-tenant garage bays and storage and sales of surplus material and appliances, and installing a sign, a solar array and a subordinate dwelling unit at 48 Dearborn Street, Tax Lot 123-028-000-000

**Mountain Made Materials:** Review for transferring the 2007 earth excavation approvals from Blue Sky Enterprises to Mountain Made Materials, Tax Lot 231014-000-000

**Pensco:** Review for one-year extension of Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a 4,000 sf commercial building, up to 4 units, office and/or retail. Tax Lot 122-030-000-000

**BMBH Real Estate Holdings, LLC:** Review of reapplication for previously approved earth excavation operation. Tax Lots 204-028-000-000 & 204-030-000-000

**George Condodemetraky:** *(Tabled until applicant is able to attend)* Review for bringing in fill to level a 4,500 square foot area at 69 Main Street and Laconia Road, Tax Lots 122-053-000-000 & 122-059-000-000

#### Planning Board (5/18/20)

MEETING POSTPONED / NEXT MEETING: JUNE 22, 2020, 6:00 PM

#### Zoning Board of Adjustment (5/27/20)

MEETING POSTPONED / NEXT MEETING: JUNE 24, 2020, 6:00 PM

### LAND USE & BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

### CLOSED TO THE WALK-IN PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In order to help "flatten the curve" of the COVID-19 pandemic, Town Hall is currently closed to the public. However, this does not mean we will not be working. Most resident questions, permit applications and other services can be addressed online or via phone or email, and as a last resort, you may schedule an appointment in Town Hall with the appropriate Town personnel to complete your transaction. Land Use staff will be working on-site and we will continue to be at your service during current business hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday).

During this time of closure, we recommend initiating inquiries and permit submissions via phone by calling the Land Use Office at 603.267.8300x119 or emailing [landuse@belmontnh.org](mailto:landuse@belmontnh.org).

*[Click here for additional information regarding the temporary closure of Town Hall.](#)*

#### For Additional Land Use Information:

Visit [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) • Contact [landuse@belmontnh.org](mailto:landuse@belmontnh.org) • Call 267-8300 x 119



## Library News

**June 2020****CURBSIDE PICK-UP NOW AVAILABLE****146 Main Street – [Belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://Belmontpubliclibrary.org) – (603) 267-8331**

Starting Monday, May 18, the library will be accepting requests for curbside pickup via [email](#) or through our [catalog](#). The first opportunity to pick up items is Saturday, May 23 9am-1pm. Through mid-June, curbside pickup times are **Tuesday and Thursday 2-6pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm**.

We will also be accepting returns starting Tuesday, May 19. Please do not rush to return items-- we don't want to be overwhelmed. The book drop is available at all times and a separate container will be available during curbside pickup times. Returned items will be held for 72 hours before being checked in. There is no need to sanitize items before returning.

The library building is currently closed to the public. WiFi is available outside the building. Digital audio and ebooks are available with your library card through [Overdrive](#). Downloadable and streaming content including books, audio, music, TV, and movies are available with your library card through [hoopla](#).

### How curbside pickup works

1. Place a request by [emailing the library](#) or by [logging into the catalog](#). Phone requests may not be attended to in a timely manner at the present time.
2. You will receive a phone call or email from library staff indicating when your materials are available for pickup.
3. When you arrive in the library parking lot, call the library at 267-8331. A staff member wearing a mask will bring out your items. Please have your trunk open or rear window down to receive

Email us if you have questions, at [circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org](mailto:circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org) or message us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). Also check out our social media or website for summer reading plans and updates about library services.

### Need a Card?

If you, or someone you know in town, need a new or renewed library card to access our digital services, [the link is on our website](#) or email us. Staff are activating new library cards for Belmont residents.



## Library News (Cont.)

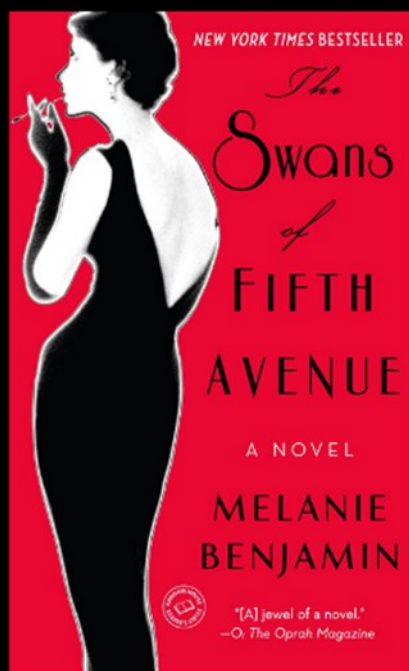
## Read/Listen/Watch



# ONLINE NON- FICTION BOOK GROUP JUNE 11 1PM

Copies available  
through  
[nhoverdrive.com](http://nhoverdrive.com)

Email the library for  
the meeting link.  
[circulation@belmont  
publiclibrary.org](mailto:circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org)



# ONLINE FICTION BOOK GROUP

JUNE 19 10:30AM

Copies available  
through  
[nhoverdrive.com](http://nhoverdrive.com)

Email the library for the meeting link  
[circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org](mailto:circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org)

## Senior Center News

### NOTICE

The Belmont Senior Center is no longer operating under the Community Action Program.

If you are interested in any of the other programs, all Belmont residents are welcome to go to:

**Tilton Senior Center**-11 Grange Rd., Tilton (5.2 miles) (603) 527-8291

- **Laconia Senior Center**-17 Church St., Laconia (6.8 miles) (603) 524-7689
- **TRIP-Franklin Senior Center**-12 Rowell Dr., Franklin (9.5 miles) (603) 934-4151

You may also call Concord with any questions at (603) 225-3295

Additionally, you may still call for bus transportation at (603) 225-1989 as usual.





## American Legion Post 58

### COVID-19 Doesn't Stop Memorial Day Convocation by American Legion Post 58 Belmont

Your local American Legion, Belmont Post 58 safely rallied on Memorial Day, despite the COVID-19 challenge, to honor Belmont's past military service men and women who died in combat or served over the years of America's continuing conflicts. The Post was careful to follow the Federal and State guidelines, 2.0, during the activity with social distancing, face masks and gloves. The ceremony was conducted at the Veterans Monument by St. Joseph's Church, with limited attendance, only by Post Legionnaires with some observing spouses. The flag was raised at the Veterans Monument to full staff while Taps was played along with a rifle salute.

Names of those who died in combat in WWII and Vietnam were read, along with those members of the Post and other veterans from Belmont who have passed away in the last year, with a bell being rung after each name was read. The Post Commander, Rich Stanley, had a few remarks and Vietnam veteran Frank Farrell read the poem "A Soldier Died Today". Prayers were given by our Post's Assistant Chaplain Fred Fabian.

Sue Flanders, a member of the Legion Auxiliary, cast flowers into the Tioga River in honor of our Navy and Coast Guard veterans who gave their lives.



The first two photos, taken by Chris Fogg, and shows Post 58 marching a few yards near the memorial, and one shows the Post in formation with the Post Commander, Rich Stanley, at the podium. A third photo shows Woody Fogg and Howard Brown raising the US flag.

Established in 1919 by an act of the US Congress, the American Legion's key purpose is to provide support to American veterans from all wars, as recently redefined by Congress as a continuous state of war since WWII. This was one of the many services the local Post provides in remembrance of those who sacrificed so much for all of our citizens.

For more information about Post 58's outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call Richard Nowak, Post 58 Service Officer at 443 994-0947 and visit the following internet sites:

<http://www.belmontnh.org/aboutveterans.asp>

FaceBook: American Legion Post 58 Belmont NH

Best regards,

***Lee Cheshire***

USAF/USN Retired

Belmont Post 58, Chaplin, PA  
Belmont, NH 03220



## Heritage Commission



The Belmont Heritage Commission, like other groups, cancelled meetings in March and April due to Covid-19. In May however, a meeting was held outside by the Bandstand, keeping to the social distance guidelines and precautions.

One of the things we did get accomplished in April was mailing out historical coloring books to 4th grade students at Belmont Elementary. We were actually in the process of scheduling time in the classrooms a few weeks before schools were cancelled and the Stay at Home was issued. The Heritage Commission decided to mail B.E.S. 4th graders the coloring books depicting and explaining historical Belmont town buildings and landmarks.

Students enjoyed the surprise of getting mail and inside each mailing was a special note from the Heritage Commission telling students how proud the town was of them and especially how hard they were working. After the coloring books were received, the 4th grade teachers, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. D'Amour, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Boles also incorporated challenge lessons as well. The Heritage Commission would like to thank Mr. Hill, the principal at Belmont Elementary for his efforts in getting this project off the ground. Another huge thank you to Belmont resident and avid stamp collector, Steve Hess who donated unique postage stamps from his collection. The coloring books certainly arrived to the students adorned in quite a special way. It was a great community effort all around.

We would also like to thank our very first Heritage Commission Student Representative Raine Wilkins. Raine is a Belmont High School graduating senior and was our representative for two years. Raine attended monthly meetings, helped with our 150th Anniversary projects, Old Home Day activities and our booth at the Fall High School Craft Fair. We enjoyed having her for two years as she gave a needed perspective to generate ideas to reach younger learners about the history and heritage of Belmont. The Heritage Commission would like to also take this time to extend its congratulations to the Class of 2020. We are very proud of your accomplishments during a most difficult time. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

On a final note we wish to share our gratitude to the Belmont Police and Fire Departments, frontline workers, essential workers and volunteers who have continued their commitment to their professions or given their time. This is truly a gift of community to care and help those in need.

Thank you and Be Safe Belmont!





## Our Furry Friends



**Pets of Belmont**



### Meet Marlowe

Marlowe is 12 years old, and resides with the Gilbert Family. They got her just before the arrival of their eldest daughter. She's very relaxed, loves to be the center of everything. Appreciates British murder mystery shows, catnip balls and loves long naps.

**Want to make your pet the Talk of the Town?** Just send a photo with a brief introduction to them to [townhall@belmontnh.org](mailto:townhall@belmontnh.org).