

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



COVID-19 Update

Masks are required in Town Hall and should you be experiencing any symptoms; we ask that you not enter so that we can keep our staff safe and available to meet the community's needs.

2021 Road Construction Plans

Construction is underway on Plummer Hill, please be aware of equipment and crews in the road and use caution. Lane closures may be necessary so we do recommend that you avoid Plummer Hill for routine travel.

Police Department

The Police Department has moved into the new building and we will be holding an open house later this fall, we are still waiting for a few pieces of equipment to arrive before officially "opening" the building. Please stay tuned.

ARPA Funds

We continue to work towards our intended project for the Town's ARPA funds and we are currently reviewing other projects that meet the criteria for use.

2022 Budget

Budget preparation is underway and we anticipate the Budget Committee will begin deliberating the budget in early November. Please stay tuned to the Town's website for dates and times of our meetings. Meetings will be held in the Tioga Meeting Room at the Belmont Mill.

2021 Tax Rate

We anticipate our 2021 Tax Rate to be set in late October/early November with bills due 30-days from the date of mailing. Based on current revenue estimates we anticipate the Town's portion of the tax rate to increase by about .30 cents, which is right on target with the information we provided to you in 2020 relative to the cost of the bond for the new Police Station.



Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 a.m.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



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. 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.



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.



Bulky Waste Disposal



Beginning Wednesday, September 2, 2020, and on the 1st Wednesday of each month following, 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 a check made payable to the Town of Belmont prior to the collection day. Please visit the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org for the full details on the new program and a price.



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>.



Town Clerk's Corner

Time flies when the sun is finally shining! It is hard to believe that fall is here and the foliage is upon us! October means the 3rd quarter water/sewer bills will be due. As a friendly reminder you can make your payment online via the Town of Belmont's website www.belmontnh.org, the overnight drop box in the front door of Town Hall, in person, or mail in the payment. When mailing in your payment to avoid being charged late interest it MUST be post marked for the due date, October 8th. Payments that are late will be subject to a 12% daily late interest charge.

How is it already time for the second issue tax bill?! Once we have the new tax rate at that point we will be able to issue the tax bills. Once the bills are mailed, they will be due 30 days from that date, which is usually the beginning of December. You will be able to make payments the same way water/sewer bills are paid. Also, a reminder if you pay late you will be subject to 8% daily interest charge.

Renewing your Driver's License or Non-Driver License? Effective May 3, 2023, a REAL ID Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card, or a Passport will be required to board an airplane for domestic flights or enter a secure federal facility. Your current Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card will be accepted until May 3, 2023. Your REAL ID Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card will be marked with a star in the top right corner to indicate it may be used for federal identification. REAL ID is voluntary in New Hampshire, but you should consider it if you want to travel by air domestically, or enter a secure federal facility (such as a military base or courthouse) and you do not have a Passport, or other federal identification, or if you do not wish to use your Passport for those purposes. Your Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card will indicate "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION" and you will need another type of federally compliant identification, such as a Passport, to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility.

Lastly, a reminder the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed October 13th at 7:30 AM and will reopen October 14th at 1 PM. The other offices will be functioning as normal. We will be attending the annual New Hampshire Tax Collector's Conference. We appreciate your understanding.



BFD Times

BFD's 2021 Scarecrow Challenge

IT'S BACK!!! AND WE ARE CALLING ON BELMONT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ONCE AGAIN TO BRING YOUR "A" GAME FOR OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW CHALLENGE!

Submissions Accepted until October 19th at 3pm
Facebook Judging from October 20th through October 27th

#BFDESCARECROWCHALLENGE

Scarecrow Challenge Rules

1... 2... 3... 4... WE DECLARE A SCARECROW WAR!!!!

If you are a Belmont resident, business or organization, this is your chance to have a little Halloween fun! It's time to bring a little friendly challenge to Belmont. Who can build it, decorate it, and make the best overall presentation this year?!?! Your masterpiece could be the talk of the town! Show us what you've got! Get the family and the co-workers together and have a little creative fun! The rules are very simple.

- 1) Construct a scarecrow / scarecrow scene on your Belmont, NH property. **The theme is Kid's Classic Halloween Favorites!** Get creative!
- 2) Snap ONE photo of your masterpiece without participants in the photo, and ONE with participants in the photo and email them to sweeks@belmontnh.org along with the name(s) of the artist(s) or the name of the business or organization, age(s) if under 10 years old, telephone number, the address it is located at, category you are entering (children under 10, family or business) and the name of your masterpiece. Submissions must be submitted by October 19th at 3pm. All emailed entries will receive a confirmation email once received. Only one submission per address/business will be accepted (Apartment/Complexes—one per unit).

On Wednesday, October 20th, all photos will be uploaded to our Facebook album and we will let the viewers decide who the winners are! Each category will have a separate album for viewers to place their likes (votes). The photo in each category with the most likes will be the winner! Voting will close on Wednesday, October 27th at 3:00pm and likes will be tallied. The winners will be announced on Thursday, October 28th.

Prizes.

Under 10 Category, \$50.00 Token Gift card to Fanspot

Family Category, Mini Movie Projector with 100" Screen

Business Category, 10 Shooters Pizzas delivered to your business for lunch

Police Department News

Belmont Police Department

Lieutenant Steve Akerstrom



NEW POLICE STATION



As of September 16, 2021 the Belmont Police Department has a new home. While there is still work to be done at both the new station and former station, we are operating out of our new police station. Parking for visitors is located off of Sargent Street. We are super excited to be in the new station and thank everyone for their continued support of this endeavor. An open house will take place at a later time, stay tuned!

DRUG TAKE BACK

We will once again be hosting drug take back, which will take place on Saturday, October 23rd from 10am – 2pm. This is a time when you can dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. This program helps get prescription drugs out of homes, which in turn reduces the chance of someone misusing them. There are no questions asked when you turn them in and it is a simple and fast process. The location for the drug take back will be at the police station in the lobby.



As always if you have any questions for us, we can be reached at 603-267-8350

Highway Department News

Fall Clean Up

Falls arrival brings a unique challenge to residents and DPW Departments alike. Leaves and pine needles fall from the trees and collect in drainage systems ultimately plugging swales, culverts, and catch basins. The DPW will be out clearing troubled areas in the upcoming month but needs your help. Please remove all yard debris as you complete yard clean ups. Do not leave them roadside in ditches. Piles left in or near drainage systems have potential to cause catastrophic failures to the towns infrastructure.

Roadside Mowing

Your DPW Department is wrapping up this year's roadside mowing program. Through the hard work of dedicated DPW employees utilizing both town owned and rented equipment, they were able to attain their goal of mowing a minimum of two passes on all town-maintained roads.

Roadside Dumping

Over the past several weeks the town has experienced an increase in illegal roadside dumping. This is costly to the town in both time lost for crews who have to take time out of their day to pick up the piles left roadside and additional transfer station fees that could be used to benefit the towns infrastructure in better ways. Above all, it's an eyesore for residents and not environmentally friendly. Please report any of these activities to Belmont Police Department. Pictured below are photos of debris found dumped at various locations around town, the final photo is a town 1-Ton Dump that was filled at one location by DPW employees.

The Town of Belmont has a great option for residential customers of Casella Waste. On the first Wednesday of each month Casella Waste will collect your bulky items at the curb. Pick up requests must be made at the Town Hall 267-8300 ex 118 or 124. You will be asked to list items desired for pick up and advised of the cost. A check payable to the Town of Belmont must be received at the Town Hall prior to pick up. Please put the word out to Friends and Family in town, this is a great option to utilize at a low cost and minimal effort.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Code Enforcement News



As a PSA reminder, please make sure you remember the following guidelines:

- Storage Containers are popping up like weeds and seem to be everywhere. Storage containers are not allowed in Residential/Rural Zone without being tied to a current building permit. Please see Table 5-2 in Zoning Ordinances if you would like to see additional information on storage containers/trailers and where they can be used. If you made the simple mistake of not permitting your storage container, please reach out to Elaine Murphy in Land Use, and she will gladly help you with creating the needed permit.
- Do you have an older car that is no longer running but has taken up residency in your yard? If it is 2000 model year or newer and you have a title, any of our local scrapping yards will be willing to remove them from your property. Depending on its value, they may pay you some money for it! Kars for Kids also gives a generous tax deduction for cars, boats, and RVs. If it is older than 2000 model year no title is needed is a simple call is all it takes to arrange removal. If you need assistance in finding a local salvage yard, please contact me and I will assist you with this.
- If you have an abundance of scrap metal on your property some junk removal companies locally will remove metal at a discount due to its current value. If you need assistance finding a local junk removal company, please contact me and I will assist you with this.

Mark Ekberg

Code Enforcement



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Library News

Library closed October 8-11
Check out the Museum and Attraction Passes FREE/Discounted
with your Library card
October Book Groups

River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's

Darkest Journey

by Candice Millard

October 7 1pm

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

October 15 10:30am

Join the Friends

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday October 6 4:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/zab-yewp-qud>

Ask at the circulation desk or visit the Friends webpage

<https://bit.ly/38Rr8MN>

October #DIY

Yarn pumpkin garland

Wooden pumpkin table decoration



New #littlefreelibraries at the Rail Trail and the Town Forest

Halloween STORY-
WALK @

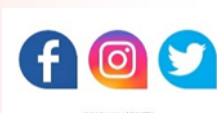
The Scariest Book
Ever

by Bob Shea

Village Rail Trail

October 18-

November 1



October 26th at 7 pm at the Belmont Mill
14 Mill Street, Belmont, NH

“Banjos, Bones and Ballads”

With Jeff Warner



Prepare yourself for a night of fun and music! Traditional songs, rich in local history and a sense of place, present the latest news from the distant past. They help us to interpret present-day life with an understanding of the working people who built our country. Tavern songs, banjo tunes, 18th century New England hymns, sailor songs, and humorous stories about traditional singers and their songs highlight this informative program.

Jeff Warner connects 21st century audiences with the music and everyday lives of 19th century people. He presents musical traditions from the lumber camps of the Adirondack Mountains and the whaling ports of New England to the Outer Banks fishing villages of North Carolina. Warner accompanies his songs on concertina, banjo, guitar, and several pocket instruments, such as bones and spoons. He is a Folklorist and Community Scholar for the New Hampshire Council on the Arts and was a 2007 State Arts Council Fellow. He resides in Portsmouth NH, and has toured nationally for the Smithsonian Institution and has recorded for Flying Fish, Rounder Records and other labels.

This program is sponsored by the Belmont Historical Society with funding from the NH Humanities Program and the Sargent Fund. The Mill is handicapped accessible and light refreshments will be provided. Please enter from the rear of the building where the elevator is located and go to the 4th floor.





NOTICE

Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Belmont Water Department will be flushing hydrants on:
Monday, October 4th, 2021 through Friday, October 8th, 2021.

Hydrant flushing is done in the Spring and Fall to ensure that hydrants are in working order for the fire protection and to remove mineral deposits that may accumulate in the water distribution system.

You may experience some water that is discolored but rest assured it is safe to drink.

In order for the Water Department to complete this work in a safe and orderly fashion, we request that you....

- Please **use caution** when approaching flushing operations.
- Please **refrain from doing laundry when we are in the area flushing**. Be sure to check the color of your water prior to doing laundry since discolored water may stain clothing, particularly whites.
- It is suggested to let your water run for a few minutes before using.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call **Tim Ellis at 603-520-7582**.

Cemetery of the Month!

Judkins/Hunt

This Cemetery is located at the corner of Hurricane Road and Union Road. The first person to be buried there was Judith Taylor on August 11, 1826. She was 56 years old and the wife of Jona Taylor.

The last burial was Snyder Wallace on November 11, 1908. This is memorable because town history records that Snyder was the family dog. He was killed in an automobile accident according to the epitaph on the white marble stone marking his resting place.

Our marked veterans include:

Jona Wadleigh died March 31, 1832 at the age of 81 years old. He was a Revolutionary War Veteran.

True T. Judkins died November 29, 1880 at the age of 66. He was a Civil War Union Soldier Private in Company G 8th infantry. NH VOL.

Much work has been done to this cemetery over the last 3 years. Many trees were removed and tons of debris from years passed taken away.

Its neighbor, a horse farms, makes this corner of the town beautiful.

Stop in and check it out. It complements the area being rural. A touch of old and a well-cared for Cemetery.

Norma Patten

Diane Marden

Sharon Ciampi

Cemetery Trustees



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.

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(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tangles such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, wax/cups or plates, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, tires or rubber, Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass



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Gloves



Face Masks

For contamination purposes, if these items end up in recycling, it will all end up in the trash!



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT[®] RECYCLING

NO Compostable Products



*Place these items in the **Food Waste bin!***

If these items end up in recycling, it will all end up in the trash!