

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



### Town Administrator's Monthly Report



#### It's that time of Year!

Belmont Schools open on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, please drive safely and watch out for children walking to and from school as well as exiting the bus.

#### COVID-19 Update

There has been an increase recently in cases of Covid-19 in New Hampshire, currently as of August 27, 2021 there were 175 positive cases in Belknap County. While masks are not required in Town Hall, we do encourage you to wear one if you are not vaccinated 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

Please stay tuned as notice will be provided regarding the start of construction and any possible road closures or delays that might be necessary due to construction on Plummer Hill.

#### Police Department Construction

The Police Department project continues to move along, we have experienced a delay in delivery of the elevator due to a shortage of technology components but our con-

tractor is working diligently with the vendor to move this along. Please stay tuned to our newsletter and the Selectmen's Facebook page for plans for an open house.

#### ARPA Funds

The Town has received its first disbursement of funds from the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery program in the amount of \$383,844.59. Our intended plan for these funds is to repair and reline Well #1.

#### 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 mid-October with bills due on December 1, 2021. 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.

**[Tick Bite Facts](#)**  
**[can be found at the link below:](#)**

**<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/lyme/documents/tickbites.pdf>**

## 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](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.



### 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.



**Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.**

### 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](http://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>.

We hope you all have been enjoying this summer! As we look onto the horizon of fall, we prepare for another round of water/sewer bills to hit the mail boxes. The meters are read on the first of September, then about a week later the bills are created and mailed out. The due date will be 30 days from the billing date, which will be in October. Just like the previous bills, there are several ways to pay your bill. You may come by and drop it off, or drop it off at night in the drop box at the front of the building. Also, there is always the option of sending in your payment by mail. Have you tried using the Belmont website to pay yet? It is user friendly and very convenient! You will go to the homepage and under the tax/water/sewer section on the right of the page you will proceed through with the prompts. Just think, you don't have to make a trip to pay your bill! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Have you tried using the Belmont website yet for your renewals? It is just as simple as paying your utility bill. You will have your registration(s) in front of you. It will ask for your plate number, last four of the VIN, and the type of plate you have such as PASS, IPASS, MOTO, etc. You will proceed through with the prompts as stated. There is a small convenience fee to do this online. Also if you choose to use a card for payment vs an e-check there is an additional 2.79% convenience fee that would charge just like if you were in person.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM and will reopen October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. The other offices will be functioning as normal. We will be attending the annual New Hampshire Tax Collector's Conference. We ask that you plan your trips accordingly with the adjustment of hours for the conference. We hope to bring back helpful tools that can benefit our residents!

Even though we are in the middle of the two issue tax bills, we are excited to share that as of the end of July we have collected 96% of the first issue 2021 tax bills! With everything going on our residents and tax payers have done an amazing job. We are appreciative of our community.

Enjoy the end of summer!





# BFD Times

## Good Luck FF's McGann and Downs



Sadly, our department must say goodbye to Firefighters McGann and Downs. Firefighter McGann starts his new career as a painter for his new business, McGann Painting, and Firefighter Downs heads off to Manchester Fire Department as a new probie! We will certainly miss you both and wish you nothing but the best in your new journeys!



## BFD Welcomes FF's Phillips and Moar



Our department is happy to announce our two newest hires, Firefighters Phillips and Moar. Firefighter Phillips is a paramedic, and was once an explorer, student and call member on our department. He comes to us with 7+ years under his belt. Firefighter Moar comes to us as a newbie. He has been working as a dispatcher for 3+ years, and has been a call member for the Gilford Fire Department while obtaining his certifications as a firefighter/AEMT. We are very excited to have both members join our team!

**Belmont Police Department**

*Lieutenant Steve Akerstrom*



## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

As the Summer is coming to an end and with Fall approaching, we want to remind everyone to take extra precautions while driving, as students will be going back to school. Some students may be seen walking to school or taking a bus, both of which create conditions where drivers need to pay attention. Please be mindful of students crossing the road or a bus stopped on the road to pick up or drop off students. Being attentive while driving will help keep our community safer.

## **POLICE ACADEMY**

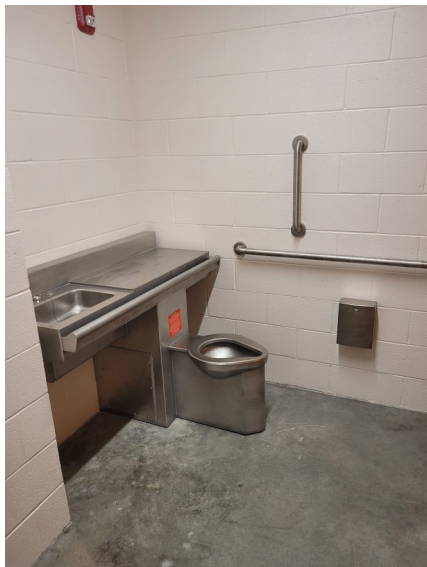
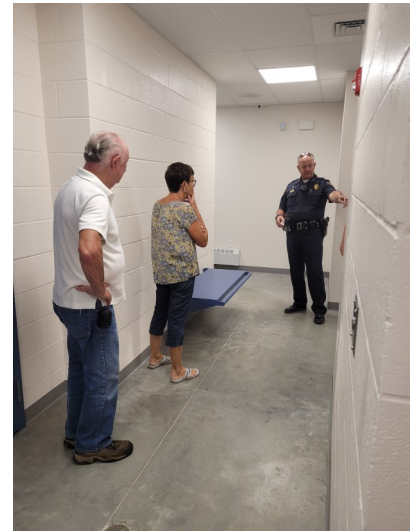
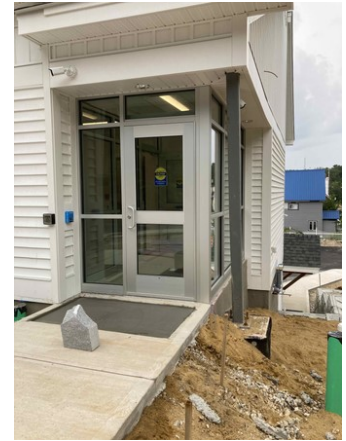
The men and woman of the Belmont Police Department want to congratulate Officer Zachary Cobis and Officer Jacob Tyler on their acceptance to attend the 186<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Police Academy, which starts August 30, 2021 and ends in December.

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





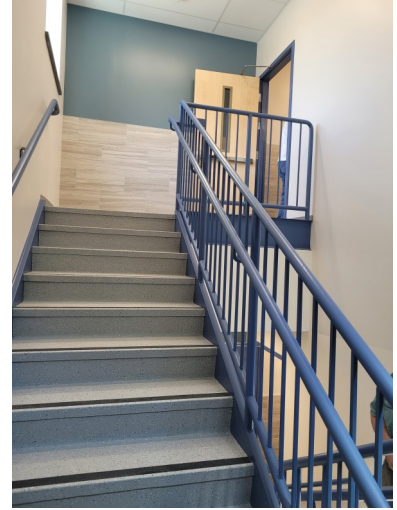
## Construction progress on the new Police Department Building





September

## Police Department News (Cont.)



## Highway Department News

### Roadside Mowing

The Town of Belmont engages in annual vegetation control activities for a number of reasons, safety being at the top of the list. Increased visibility and sight distance is a clear benefit to all roadway users including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and even wildlife. Other benefits include keeping drainage systems functioning as designed, restricting small brush from growing into large hazardous trees, and keeping the root systems from growing into the road bed causing subgrade failures. Additionally, it provides crews with a spot to push snow during winter maintenance activities and the increased sunlight provides aid when chlorides are added to melt snow and ice.

Roadside mowing and trimming for sight distance continue for the Public Works crews. The Department is on track to mow a couple passes on every road this year. Once again, if you see Roadside Mowing signs or other advanced warning devices while traveling around town it means the crews are out there. Please slow down, stay alert, and give them room to work.

### Annual Paving Program

The Town's summer paving program is just about wrapped up for the 2021 season. Crews will be out preparing parts of Jamestown Road that were previously left out and will be waiting for a scheduling slot to open up with the contractor.

### DPW "innovations"

Ever been driving around and noticed something odd? Public Works Departments across the country employ some of the most innovative people you will ever meet. Pictured below left is an old grate from the top of a sand/salt spreader that has been repurposed to prevent Beavers and rodents or debris from heavy rainfall from plugging drainage pipes. The photo on the right shows what can happen without the grate. This kind of blockage, if left unattended can cause catastrophic infrastructure failure.



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

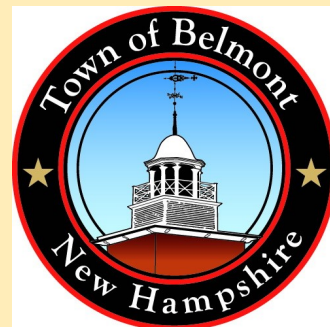
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



# ***Building Department News***

## **from the**

## **Building Inspector**



The Building Department would like to welcome a new member to our team, Mr. Mark Ekberg. He will be taking over Code Enforcement duties for the Town of Belmont.

Previously, Building Inspection and Code Enforcement duties were handled by one person. We also have a separate Health Officer who handles health-related duties.

If you have questions about who to contact regarding specific types of questions and issues, please keep and refer to the list below:

**Building Inspector - Russ Wheeler - 267-8300 xt. 111 or [buildingofficial@belmontnh.org](mailto:buildingofficial@belmontnh.org):**

- Building permits and inspections
- Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical permits and inspections
- Building Code questions and issues
- Construction/Structural issues and safety

**Code Enforcement Officer - Mark Ekberg - 267-8300 xt. 116 or [codeenforcement@belmontnh.org](mailto:codeenforcement@belmontnh.org):**

- Zoning/Use Issues
- Aquifer, Floodplain, or Wetlands violations
- Illegal campers/camping/dwelling use
- Sign complaints
- Junkyards/unregistered vehicles

**Health Officer - Assistant Fire Chief Deborah Black— 267-8333 or [dblack@belmontnh.org](mailto:dblack@belmontnh.org):**

- Public and Community Health Nuisances (garbage, insects, unsanitary living conditions, rodents, safe drinking water, etc.)
- Rental Housing (drinking water, hot water and adequate heat, garbage, septic, rodents, etc.)
- Childcare/Foster Homes



Thank you,

*Russ Wheeler, Building Inspector*

**143 Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220**  
**[buildingofficial@belmontnh.org](mailto:buildingofficial@belmontnh.org)**  
**(603)267-8300x111(V) (603)267-8307(F)**  
**[www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org)**



**Library closed Labor Day**  
**Check out the Museum and**  
**Attraction Passes FREE/**  
**Discounted**

**with your Library card**

**September Book Groups**

*In the Shadow of No Towers*

by Art Spiegelman

September 9 1pm

*The Submission* by Amy Waldman

September 17 10:30am

**Join the Friends**

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday September 8 4:30pm

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

Ask at the circulation desk or visit the Friends webpage

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

**DIY and activity kits**

Crochet! Bake! Telescope! Metal  
Detector! Coding Kits!

It's reading  
season!  
We have the  
2022 state  
award lists for  
readers from  
preschool  
through high

**Libraries Empower...**

...us to connect with each other

...me to learn new things

...our communities to be healthy

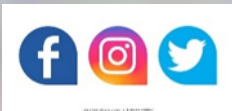
...me to create and explore

Tell us  
for a  
chance  
to win!



SEPTEMBER IS  
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

ALA  
American Library Association



146 Main Street / [Belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://Belmontpubliclibrary.org) / 267-8331 / [circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org](mailto:circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org)  
Monday Friday 10-5 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10-6 Saturday 9-1



September

## Old Home Day 2021



Photos provided by Katy Lewey



September

## Old Home Day (Cont.)





## Belmont Heritage Commission

The Belmont Heritage Commission members enjoyed sharing, chatting and connecting with the Belmont Community during Old Home Day. The Heritage Commission booth had something for all ages. Kelly Rolfe's hand hooked rugs made from 100% wool fabric were displayed on large wooden easels. Kelly's handcrafted rugs are uniquely special as they depicted scenes from the earlier days of Belmont. The Heritage Commission members once again added a kids section to their booth. It featured games depicting yesteryear activities for children 8 and under. The "Sand Pit" and the "Duck Pond" were huge hits as the children dug and fished for prizes. Also available to purchase were limited edition 150th Anniversary and Belmont Mill sun-catchers as well as Belmont baseball hats with the 1869 logo.



September

## Belmont Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission provided ten new banners for Main Street, Mill Street and in front of the Belmont Mill just in time for Old Home Day! A huge thank you to Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Public Works Director Craig Clairmont and Building and Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden for their assistance in getting the "Welcome to Belmont" banners displayed for all to enjoy.



### Heritage Commission

**Vicki Donovan** (Chairman) **Claire Bickford** (Vice -Chairman)  
**Priscilla Annis** (Secretary) **Jack Donovan**  
**Jillian Rolfe** **Ben Rolfe** **Sonny Patten, Jr.** (Ex- Officio)  
**Victoria Riberio** (Belmont High School Student Rep., non voting member)







## Belmont Historical Society September Program

September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Belmont Mill  
“The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns”  
By John Porter

Barns can tell us a great deal about the history of agriculture in New Hampshire. In the colonial period, New Hampshire was a rural, agrarian state and small subsistence farms dotted the landscape. An important part of these farmsteads was the barn, which housed animals and stored crops. Early barns used traditional building methods and followed the English barn style, with a low pitched roof and doors under the eaves. As time went on, the farms expanded to accommodate changes in increased agricultural productivity, the states growing population and changes in society. Mr. Porter will demonstrate how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state's scenic beauty. The presentation will be a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history.

John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science, and then went on to get a master's degree from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management. Later he earned a master's degree from Bob Jones University in Education Administration. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. He still works part-time for UNH and operates his own consulting company, Farm Planning Services, LLC. In 2001, he co-authored the book “Preserving Old Barns”; in December of 2007, was editor and contributing author of “The History and Economics of the New Hampshire Dairy Industry”; and in 2011 wrote the agriculture chapter for the Concord History book, “Crosscurrents of Change”. In 2019 he published a second edition of the Preserving Old Barns book.

Funding for this program is provided thru NH Humanities and the Sargent Fund.





## Advisory Budget Committee

The Shaker Regional School District is seeking community members to serve on the Advisory Budget Committee. The board will select 3 members from Belmont and 3 members from Canterbury to serve on this committee at its September 14, 2021 board meeting. All members must be registered voters for the town in which they are serving. Please visit [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org) to review the charge of this committee. Please submit a letter of interest to Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator at [dthompson@sau80.org](mailto:dthompson@sau80.org) or Shaker Regional School District, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 no later than September 9, 2021. Please contact Ms. Thompson at 267-9223 ext. 5303 with any questions.

### BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

Belmont High School has the following Coaching Positions available for the 2021-2022 School Year. Past playing and/or coaching experience preferred. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, at [cbe-lyea@sau80.org](mailto:cbe-lyea@sau80.org), or mail to Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, NH 03220

JV Girls Soccer

### SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classroom Assistants  
General Special Education Assistants (Full and Part-time)  
1:1 Behavioral Assistants  
Preschool Assistant

#### CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classroom Assistant  
General Special Education Assistant  
1:1 Special Education Assistant

#### BELMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

1:1 Behavioral Assistant  
1:1 Special Education Assistant

#### BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

General Special Education Assistant  
1:1 Special Education Assistant  
1:1 Behavioral Assistant  
School Counseling Secretary

#### BELMONT MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Math Coach

#### DISTRICT WIDE

Custodial positions  
Grounds positions  
Substitute Teachers  
Substitute Nurses

Please visit the district website, [https://www.sau80.org/departments/human\\_resources](https://www.sau80.org/departments/human_resources) for a list of the available positions and a link to apply for them through SchoolSpring.com. Custodial, Grounds and Substitute applications can be found on that same website.

Please contact Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator, at [dthompson@sau80.org](mailto:dthompson@sau80.org) or via phone at 267-9223 x5303 with any questions or for additional information.

## Letter to the Editor



**Belknap House Receives Grant from the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to address capital improvement projects for the shelter.**

**Laconia, NH** – Belknap House recently received a \$6,600 grant from the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant will support three capital improvement projects needed to maintain the integrity of the 3,890 square foot Belknap House, vital in providing safe shelter, education and resource referrals to homeless families from Belknap County.

“We are most grateful to the Franklin Savings Bank Community Fund for providing this community grant opportunity. Addressing needed improvements to the shelter is essential. For children who are most at-risk during homelessness, entering the shelter provides an environment of safety and comfort, along with family stability,” shares Executive Director, Paula Ferenc. “This enables parents to work on goals, develop skills and confidence necessary to become self-sufficient, and move forward with their lives.”

For more information, or to volunteer, please visit [www.belknaphouse.org](http://www.belknaphouse.org) or call 603-527-8097.

The Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement was formed in 1997 to provide support for projects that significantly enhance the lives of people in their communities. They are committed to making a difference through creating community partnerships.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is New Hampshire’s statewide community foundation, founded in 1962, by and for the people of New Hampshire. The Foundation manages a growing collection of 2,000 funds created by generous individuals, families and businesses, and awards more than \$40 million in grants and more than \$6 million in scholarships every year. The Foundation works with generous and visionary citizens to maximize the power of giving, supports great work happening in our communities and leads the collaboration on high-impact initiatives. For more information please visit [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or call 603-225-6641.





## **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.**

# ZERO-SORT<sup>®</sup> RECYCLING

TOSS ALL CLEAN & EMPTY RECYCLABLES INTO THIS CONTAINER

## CARDBOARD/PAPER



**Corrugated Cardboard**  
(Wavy center layer)



**Boxboard**  
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



**Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper**  
(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<sup>™</sup>, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass



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## KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

*Place these items in the trash!*



**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!**