

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



### 2023 Sales Update



In mid-July, KRT Appraisals issued letters to all Belmont property owners regarding their new property assessments, informal hearings were held in August, and values

will be finalized by early October. Once the values are finalized, the Town will complete its annual filings to the State of NH Department of Revenue Administration and they will set the 2023 tax rate for the Town. It is anticipated that tax bills will be issued by the first of November and will be due at least 30 days from the bill date. In the event you feel your property assessment is incorrect, you have the right to file an abatement application after receiving your tax bill and before March 1, 2024.

The Town conducted a sales update last year for tax year 2022. Our tax year 2021 equalization ratio had dropped to 66.1%, which means property values on the whole were 33.9% below market value for the 2021 tax year. In 2022, voters recognized the need to correct the disparity between the market and assessed values. (State law requires that assessments be at fair market value.) Although we completed a sales update in 2022, the equalization ratio was only 91.86% for tax year 2022.

As we know, the real estate market has continued to increase and this year's sales update reflects that trend. The average assessment increased about 19%. We do anticipate another decrease in the tax rate this

year based on the increase in assessed values. Typically when assessments increase, the tax rate decreases, and vice versa.

It is the responsibility of property owners to verify that the information recorded on their property tax cards is accurate and up to date. You may request an updated copy of your tax card by stopping at Town Hall in the Land Use Department. You may also email [assessing@belmontnh.gov](mailto:assessing@belmontnh.gov) If you are dissatisfied with your final 2023 assessed value, your next step is to file for an abatement after you receive your fall tax bill. Applications are available online or at Town Hall. The filing period is after fall tax bills have been issued, until March 1, 2024. The abatement process follows all state RSAs. Property owners are required to submit supporting documentation to dispute their assessed value, which may include photographs, appraisal reports, tax cards of other similar properties for comparison, etc.

Spring tax bills are a prepayment of your annual taxes based on the prior year's assessment and tax rate. Your fall tax bill will reflect the balance due for the whole year after your spring payment is deducted. The Town will only collect taxes for amounts to support the appropriations and budget voted on at our Town Meeting and School Meetings in March 2023. The state calculates our annual tax rate based on the budget and warrant articles voted on at Town Meeting, and revenues and income received during the year, such as fees collected and grants received. The Town does not, and cannot, collect additional taxes based on higher assessments.



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

### 2023 Water/Sewer Rate Changes

The Town of Belmont Board of Selectmen, after a Public Hearing, have voted to make the following changes to the Town Water and Sewer Rates, effective August 23, 2023, with the first billing at the new rate to be received in September 2023.

Water Rate:

From \$3.36/1,000 Gallons to \$6.31/1,000 Gallons

Minimum Metered

Water Charge: From \$47.52 to \$61.17

Flat Sewer Charge: From \$57.25 to \$70.13

A PowerPoint presentation is available with more information from the Public Hearing:

[Water & Sewer Public Hearing 08/23/2023 \(PDF\)](#)

[Water & Sewer Public Hearing 08/23/2023 \(PowerPoint\)](#)

### Budget Committee Member Vacancy

We are seeking an interested resident and registered voter to serve on the Budget Committee. Please submit your letter of interest to Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 or [administration@belmontnh.gov](mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov)

Town Hall will be Closed  
Monday, September 4th, 2023

*In honor of*



### Bulky Waste Disposal

**Please note that Casella will continue this program even after automated collection is in place.** 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 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.



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>

## Town Notices

### For sale

The following items are listed for sale by the Town of Bemont.

48" Hustler Raptor Zero-Turn mower.  
Approx 6 years old. Minimum bid \$300.



2017 Never used F350 extended cab 8ft bed,  
Race Red Minimum bid \$1,000.



42" Hustler Raptor Z-Turn mower.  
Approx 4 years old. Minimum bid \$200.



All bids to be sealed and sent to Town Administrator, PO Box 310 Belmont NH 03220. Or dropped off in person Attn: Town Administrator 143 Main St, Belmont NH 03220 during hours of 7:30-4:00 M-F. Sealed bids due by 9/13/23.

## Labor Day Holiday Trash & Recycling Collection Schedule

**MONDAY 09/04/2023**

Holiday - No Collection

**TUESDAY 09/05/2023**

Delayed Collection  
for Monday Pickups

**WEDNESDAY 09/06/2023**

Regular Pickups - no delays

**FRIDAY 09/08/2023**

Regular Pickups - no delays



## Finance Department Job Posting

### Town of Belmont Finance Director Job Posting

The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Finance Director. This position performs complex, professional accounting work including grants, budgeting, financial reporting, payroll, benefits administration, and general ledger maintenance.

The Finance Director works under the direct supervision of the Town Administrator. Requirements: 4-year degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance or related field. 8 years of progressively responsible related experience in a municipal position with 5 years at a senior level. Experience in a town similar in size to Belmont is highly desirable. Or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

This is a challenging position with great benefits. This is a full-time benefited position but will consider part-time applicants. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Our home page [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) includes a link to the full job description for this position: [Finance Director Full Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

Please submit your resume' and letter of interest to the Town Administrator's office at PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220 or [administration@belmontnh.gov](mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov) The Town of Belmont is an EOE. Position will remain open until filled.



## Town Clerk's Corner



With Fall right around the corner, keep an eye on those mailboxes for the third issue water/sewer bills. The third issue bill covers the months of June, July, and August. 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 sometime.

There are several ways to pay your bill. You can come by Town Hall and drop your payment off in person, or drop it off in the drop box at the front of the building any time of the day or night. Also, there is always the option of sending in your payment by mail.



Have you tried using the Belmont website to pay yet? Go to [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov) and click one of these icons on the right-hand side of the page. If you choose auto registrations it will be very helpful for you to have your registration(s) in front of you. It will ask for your license plate number, last four digits 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, the credit card company will charge an additional 2.79% convenience fee, which is the same as if you were in person. If you have any questions, please let us know.



# IMPORTANT dates & information

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in Observance of Labor Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.



The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Thursday, September 21, and Friday, September 22, 2023 for the NH Tax Collec-



tor's Association Education Conference. We will re-open on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. We ask that you please plan your trips accordingly with the adjustment of hours for the conference. We hope to bring back helpful tools that can ben-

efit our residents! The rest of our Town offices will be open on these days.

Thank you,

*Cynthia, Jenn, Leigh and Jenny*

## Washout Repairs

If you've seen the news or looked at social media, you're aware of the devastation caused by excessive amounts of rain that's fallen across the northeast. Through a combination of proactive activities and a little bit of luck, Belmont has fared pretty well. We suffered some relatively minor damage to two paved roads and a few dirt roads throughout Town during last month's multiple heavy rain events. Here are a couple pictures of damage sustained during an hour-long torrential rain event on a Tuesday afternoon. The damage was determined to be severe enough to respond with the entire team after regular



work hours and fill the washout back in, ensuring two lanes of traffic remained open. Leadership in the Department cannot thank the Team enough. This group is nothing if not consistent in showing up when there is a job to get done. They have spent countless hours away from family and friends to make sure Belmont's roads are always safe to travel. When you see the crew out working around Town, please let them know what a great job they are doing. A kind word or even a thumbs up while passing through a work zone can brighten their day!



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



## Highway Department News cont'd. . . .

### Water Break

When the Department's Emergency line begins ringing at 5:30 am, there is normally someone on the other end of the line delivering some bad news. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, that's exactly what happened. Patrick, the Town's Building and Grounds Lead was heading into work and noticed water bubbling out of the ground beside the sidewalk on Fuller Street. The Department responded, investigated, and concluded the leak was coming from the 8 inch main, most likely at the saddle and corporation stock of a single-family dwelling's service. In the Town of Belmont, the Town is responsible for water lines to the curb stop and the property owner is responsible from the curb stop to their faucet. Due to staffing and scheduling



conflicts, the Department reached out to Busby Construction who responded with a Team and had the water repairs completed before lunch. The Department's suspicions were correct. The leak came from a saddle that supplied water to the dwelling. The saddle had somehow split beside the threaded area the corporation stop screws into. Once cracked, the saddle can not hold against the pressure of the 8 inch main and water is allowed to pass by the seals. Included are some pictures of the leak and repairs. The Department would like to thank Busby Construction for answering our call for help. Their knowledge of the Town's infrastructure and experienced Team made quick work of this emergency repair.





### Sewer Preventative Maintenance

The Department believes preventative maintenance is of the highest priority when it comes to keeping any system running smoothly. The Town's Sewer System is no exception. Every year we have projects that are mandated by State Agencies, such as an annual cleaning and CCTV inspection of a percentage of sewer mains throughout Town. We accept their mandated maintenance and then go a step further. There are 8 sewer pumping stations that are spread throughout Town and all move waste to the state "Interceptor" line, where it is then moved to Franklin for treatment. These pumping stations are inspected daily to monitor trends and spot deficiencies before they become problems.



Most operate using a float switch system that requires constant attention due to the number of undesirable things being flushed or dumped down drains. "Flushable" wipes are not really flushable and get wrapped around these float switches, making them inoperable, and grease, yes, simple bacon grease, when dumped down the drain will solidify and float on

the surface only to collect on the same float switch. Because of this, the switches are removed and cleaned whenever buildup starts to occur. Sometimes they get bad enough to require a truck to come pump out the undesirable waste that gets stuck in the wet wells.



Here are pictures of those float switches before cleaning, and one of contractors, along with the Fire Department who provides clean water to "flush" one of the Town's Syphons that gets plugged up by the same grease and rags, causing it to work improperly.

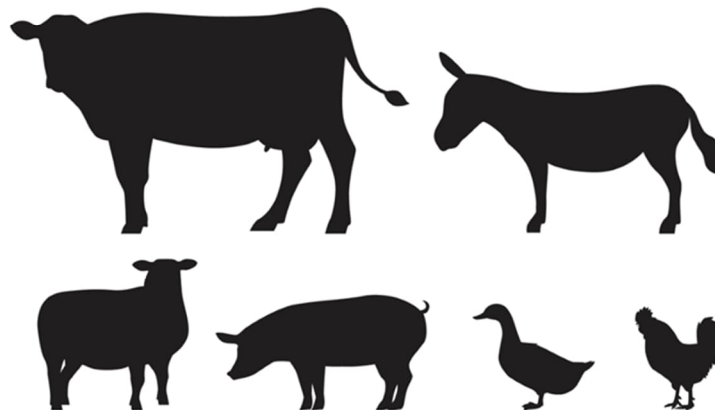
## Agricultural Animals

# HAYYYYY...

We have had a recent influx of inquiries regarding the care and keeping of agricultural animals. Agricultural animals include poultry (e.g. chickens, guinea hens, ducks, etc) , dairy & beef cattle, deer, bison, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, goats, llamas; as well as animals traditionally raised for fur.

In order to keep agricultural animals on your property you must have 3 or more acres in the Residential Single Family, Residential Multi-Family, or Rural Zone. Lots with less than 3 acres require a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you are unsure of how your property is zoned, or have questions on how to apply for a Special Exception, please contact the Land Use Department at

603-267-8300 x 3 or [luoffice@belmontnh.gov](mailto:luoffice@belmontnh.gov)





# School Bus Safety

## STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES!

Many students rely on school buses to get them to and from school safely.

Did You Know: School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they're designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.

### **If you are driving, remember these simple rules:**

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.
- Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

### **Parents - talk bus safety with your children:**

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it SAFE:

- **S**tay at least ten feet — five giant steps — away from the curb.
- **A**lways wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.
- **F**ace forward after finding a seat on the bus.
- **E**xit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

Article from <https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe#school-bus-safety>



# BFD Times

## Moving on Up!



On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Deborah Black was sworn in as the Fire Chief for the Belmont Fire Department. Chief Black joined Belmont Fire Department on January 6, 2020 as our Assistant Chief and Inspector. On April 30th, upon the retirement of our, then, Fire Chief, Chief Black transitioned into the role of Acting Chief, where she took on the roles of Chief, Assistant Chief and Inspector. We are very happy that she has officially been promoted to Chief and can't wait to see what she has in store for this department! Congratulations Chief!

# Belmont Fire Department



On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Richard Raper was also promoted, moving from Firefighter to Lieutenant. Lt. Raper is no stranger to the fire service, and came to our department on March 6, 2023 as a firefighter. Congratulations LT! Keep up the good work!



**BELMONT  
PARKS  
&  
RECREATION**

# **PAINT AT THE PARK PARTY**

**FRIDAY 15TH SEPT**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**SARGENT PARK - BELMONT - NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**COME JOIN US FOR AS WE CLOSE DOWN SARGENT PARK FOR THE 2023 SEASON. ENJOY FUN TAKE HOME PAINT ACTIVITIES, PAINT A CANVAS IN OUR PAINT SPLATTER AREA AND TRY ONE OF OUR FUN FLAVORED MOCKTAILS! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**BELMONT OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Belmont Parks & Recreation is looking for enthusiastic volunteers interested in becoming members of the Belmont Old Home Day Committee.

Committee members will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to plan all aspects of our annual Belmont Old Home Day celebration .

Interested residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and become part of planning the towns most popular annual event!

If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to contribute your ideas or volunteer for the days activities, please contact Danielle St.Onge at [Recreation@Belmontnh.gov](mailto:Recreation@Belmontnh.gov) or call 603-267-1865

## **NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023  
6:00PM  
BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR**

**JOIN US**

BELMONT  
PARKS & RECREATION  
PRESENTS



# Halloween TRUNK or TREAT 28TH OCT 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at the Belmont Mill for our Trunk or Treat event!  
Trunk or Treat is a fun way for families to enjoy the  
Halloween holiday and a great opportunity to interact with  
members of the community.

Come dressed in your best costume to  
Trick or Treat your way around trunks  
decorated by local businesses and  
members of the community.



Decorate your trunk and join in on the fun!  
Sign up here to reserve your spot. Just  
scan the QR code or visit the link below!



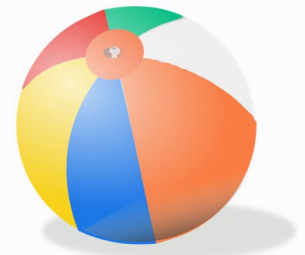
<https://tinyurl.com/BPRTrunkorTreat>



# BEACH RULES

1. **NO VEHICLES ALLOWED ON BEACH**
2. **CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (14 OR OLDER)**
3. **NO BOATS, WINDSURFERS, ETC. ALLOWED**
4. **NO DOGS EXCEPT SERVICE DOGS OR OTHER PETS ALLOWED**
5. **PLACE TRASH IN PROPER RECEPTACLES**
6. **SWIM IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**
7. **NO BALL PLAYING, WATERGUNS, ETC. ON THE BEACH**
8. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED**
9. **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WATER FOWL**
10. **REMOVAL OR DAMAGE OF ANY STRUCTURE WILL BE PROSECUTED**
11. **NO CHARCOAL FIRES ALLOWED**
12. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED**
13. **NO SMOKING**

**BELMONT TAXPAYERS ONLY  
NO SOLICITING BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF BELMONT**



**In this issue >>>**

*Upcoming Meetings:*

ARC – 9/21/2023 (if needed)

Planning Board – 9/25/2023

Zoning Board – 9/27/2023



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

# Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning

**August Meetings >>>**

Your Land Use Staff

**Karen Santoro**  
Town Planner

**Rod Cameron**  
Land Use Technician

**Susan Austin**  
Administrative Assistant

**Elizabeth Stewart**  
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 (August 17, 2023)

**Fran and Sarah Patno:** Review of an application for a Boundary Line Adjustment that will take .07 acres from Lot 211-057 and give it to Lot 211-056. Property is located at 143 Province Road, Tax Lots 211-056-000-000 and 211-057-000-000.

**Fran and Sarah Patno:** Review of application to allow Boat Storage-Exterior on Lot 211-057. Property is located at Province Road, Tax Lot 211-057-000-000.

**Walterlyne 22, LLC:** Review of request to amend Site Plan approval to remove the requirement for a fence along the rear slope; several markers will be added along area where fence was originally proposed. Property is located at 1323 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 241-006-000-000

Planning Board (August 28, 2023)

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing: Lakeview at Belmont, LLC:** Continuation of a Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide 172 acres into 4 lots, three of the lots will be single family residential lots, while the fourth lot will have nine 2-bedroom condominium units. Property is located at 89 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lots 206-013-000-000, 201-066-000-000 and 201-067-000-000, in the Rural zone. Planning Board case #09-23P

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Lakeview at Belmont, LLC:** Continuation of a Request for Site Plan approval to convert from a Golf Course to residential use. Property is located at 89 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lots 206-013-000-000, 201-066-000-000 and 201-067-000-000, in the Rural zone. Planning Board case #10-23P

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**Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Fall Line Trust:** Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide 16.58 acres into 9 lots, creating 8 new lots. Property is located at 70 Bishop Road, Tax Lot 205-047-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. Planning Board case # 13-23P

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Walterlynn 22, LLC:** Request for Site Plan Approval to modify a previous condition of approval of the original site plan to remove the requirement for a fence along the rear slope. Property is located at 1213 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 241-006-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. Planning Board Case #15-23P.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment ( Meeting August 23, 2023)

**Abutter's Hearing: Michael Gagne-Matt Smith:** Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 16' x 24' addition off of the rear of the house 23' from the side lot line, where 25' is required. **And r** request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 16' x 24' addition off of the rear of the house 16' from the rear lot line, where 25' is required. Property is located at 50 Silkwood Avenue, Tax Lot 206-029-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ZBA Case #16-23Z

**Abutter's Hearing: George Pickering:** Continuation of a request for two variances of: Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to replace two decks (27' x 20') and (15' x 10') approximately .5' from the side lot line, where 12.5' is required, **(ZBA Case # 17-23Z)** **and** Article 4 of the Wetlands Ordinance, to replace two decks (27' x 20') and (15' x 10') approximately 5' from the public water, where 50' is required. **(ZBA Case #18-23Z)** Property is located at 96 Fox Hill Road, Tax Lot 111-058-000-000 in the Residential Single Zone.

**Motion for Consideration of Rehearing:** Susan Condodemetraky Revocable Trust (Tradz, LLC) 194 Gilmanton Road, Tax Lot 241-019-000-000, **(ZBA Case #11-23Z)**

**Abutter's Hearing: CCSMK, LLC:** Request for a variance of Article 4 of the Wetlands Ordinance, to demolish and rebuild a single family with an attached garage home with approximately 19.8' from the public water, where 50' is required. Property is located at 16 Walnut Street, Tax Lot 114-010-000-000 in the Residential Single Zone. **ZBA Case #19-23Z**

**Abutter's Hearing: Loons of Winnisquam Rev. Trust** Request a one-year extension of the approval for two variances of: Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to replace a single-family structure closer (18') to the front property line than allowed (50'), **(ZBA Case #20-23)**, **and** Article 4 of the Wetlands Ordinance to replace a single-family structure closer (27.6') to the highwater mark than allowed (50') not closer than the preexisting structure but expansion exceeds 40%. Property is located at 21 Gilman Shore Road, Tax Lot 111-069-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. **(ZBA Case #21-23Z)**

## 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
- **4 vacancies**

### Conservation (no current vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



## ***Building Department News***

### **From the office of Building Inspection and Code Enforcement**



What is the difference between Building Inspection and Code Enforcement? Below is a abbreviated list of responsibilities handled within the office:

#### **Building Inspection:**

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

#### **Code Enforcement:**

- Zoning/Use Issues
- Aquifer, Floodplain, or Wetlands violations
- Unpermitted campers/camping/dwelling use
- Unpermitted work
- Junkyards/unregistered vehicles



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

- 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

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. You can reach me at the following:  
[codeenforcement@belmontnh.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@belmontnh.gov)

603 267 8300 x 111

Thank you,

Mark C. Ekberg, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

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[www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Fall Leaves 101: When Is Peak and How Long Does It Last?

The fall colors in New England are beautiful every year, and the timing of the annual show and progression of peak color is generally predictable. The leaves begin to change in the far north and at high elevations in mid-September, and the peak wave typically slides south, downhill, and toward the coast between late September and early November. By the time peak arrives far south in Mystic, Connecticut, the trees up north in Rangeley, Maine, are bare, and snow may even be on the ground. Color usually lasts for two to three weeks at any given location, punctuated by a few days in the middle when people argue over whether peak color has arrived. Some consider peak to be when the reds are the brightest but green is still mixed in, while others say it's when some leaves have already fallen but the hillsides are all orange and gold. Either way, it's beautiful.

While the path of peak color looks much the same from year to year, there's always variation in timing, tone, and intensity. Rarely does this variation extend beyond a week from normal, but if you miss the wave in any location, it's a great opportunity to explore a bit. Differences in terrain, temperature, and forest type mean that there can be big contrasts in how the leaves look over relatively short distances. So it's best to be a relaxed leaf peeper. Doing it right is all about finding the best-looking hillsides and photo ops along the way.

(Leaf Peeping for Newbies | A Beginner's Guide to Experiencing Fall in New England)

**NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING : 6PM, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT THE BELMONT MILL**

### *Who are your Conservation Commission Members?*

Denise Naiva, Chair and Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair

Members Jane Jordan , Pauline Tessier,

Susan Irving, and Georgina Lambert

Alternate Members Richard Moreau, Deborah Woodcock,

and Jeffrey DeFrancesco,

Student Member Emilie DeFrancesco

Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio



# Belmont Public Library

September 2023



## Babies, Blankets, and Books

Mondays 10:30am

## Musical Munchkins

Tuesdays 11am

## StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

## Tinker Tots

September 14 11am

## Family Storytime

September 16 10am

Monday Friday 10am-5pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331

Preschool

## Art Group

September 5 1-3pm

Alternate weeks

## STEM Group

September 12 1-3pm

Alternate weeks

## LEGO Drop-In

Thursdays 1pm

Homeschool

## GSF Book Club ages 10-14

September 7 3pm

## Panels & Pages

September 16 11am

## I.F. Book Club ages 14 - 18

September 21 3pm

## Film Fridays 3pm

Tweens/Teens

## Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

## Fiber Arts Group

Wednesdays 10am

## Friday Fiction Book Group

September 15 10:30am

## Tea & Tales Book Club

September 21 5pm

Adults

146 Main Street ~ [belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://belmontpubliclibrary.org)

Monday & Friday 10-5; Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10-6; Saturday 9-1

## Important Updates To NH Homeowner Assistance Fund



The New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund has recently updated its Plan and Policy that went into effect at the end of February 2023.

- **Program and Assistance Type Caps:** Total assistance available per household has been increased to \$40,000 and can be utilized for one or a combination of any of the following:
  - Total assistance available for Mortgage Reinstatement increased to \$40,000
  - Total assistance available for Property Charges increased to \$40,000
  - Total assistance available for Utilities increased to \$5,000
- The six-month waiting period for reapplication has been eliminated.
- Proof of loss mitigation is still required for those requesting mortgage reinstatement assistance; however, if an applicant can show that they have completed loss mitigation any time after January 2020, they will not be required to complete it a second time.

It is still the policy of NH HAF to only cover past due expenses. Expenses are considered past due as early as the day after they are due.

Property taxes fall under the Property Charges assistance type which now has a cap of \$40,000. NH HAF will cover all delinquent taxes, including deferred taxes, up to the assistance cap.

*For more information: <https://homehelpnh.org/>*

## Cemetery Trustees



### FROM THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

We wanted to share with you RSA 289:3: New construction, excavation, or building in the area of a known burial site or within the boundaries of an established burial ground or cemetery shall comply with local zoning regulations concerning burial sites, burial grounds or cemeteries, whether or not such burial site or burial ground was properly recorded in the deed to the property. In the absence of such regulations, no new construction, excavation, or building shall be conducted within 25 feet of a known burial site or within 25 feet of the boundaries of an established burial ground or cemetery, whether or not such burial site or burial ground was properly recorded in the deed to the property, except when such construction, excavation, or building is necessary for the construction of an essential service, as approved by the governing body of a municipality in concurrence with the cemetery trustees, or in the case of a state highway, by the commissioner of the department of transportation in concurrence with the cemetery trustees.

With the growth of our town, we address questions about burial sites frequently. It is historic knowledge that people in the first settlements of New Hampshire were sometimes buried just outside the cemetery walls. Some people were slaves, and some people were killed for the accusation of being a witch or a criminal. Therefore a 25-foot setback for any activity near a burial site is necessary.

We are continuing to focus on rebuilding our database of records from historical websites. This includes death certificates and burial papers for an estimated 950 people.

September is the month we start planning for next year. We try to find areas that need some work and include some for restoration. We will be working on our budget requests for 2024.

The Trustees thank you for your continued support and the community for keeping an eye out and reporting anything they see to us.

Happy September!

Sharon Ciampi - Chairman

Kyle Dodge - Trustee

Hillary Horn - Trustee







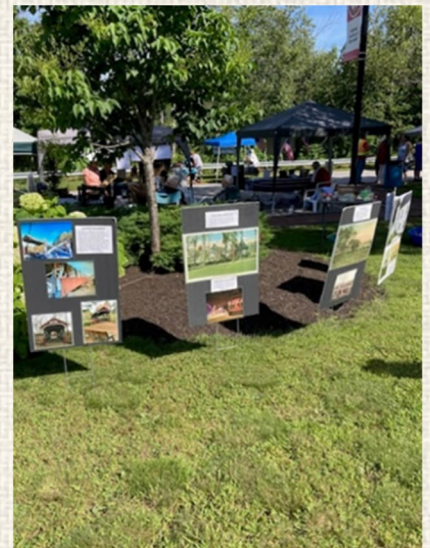
## Old Home Day

### *News from The Heritage Commission*

It was a great day for a great Old Home Day and the weather was perfect! We especially enjoyed the children who took a chance at The Heritage Duck Pond and Sand Pit games. They were a big hit for the little ones who dug and fished their way to special prizes. Both activities represented similar games children played many, many years ago during Old Home Day festivities.



Another first for us was our Picture Walk. We used the Old Home Day theme, *PICTURE THIS* and created a lawn display from pictures of long ago. The walk-through display was stationed by the Bandstand. A suggestion was made to put them along the trail at another time this Fall. Some of the pictures were Belmont buildings that are now distinguished as Historical Landmarks in our town.



## ***Old Home Day Continued***

The Heritage table was visited by many friends and new faces to Belmont! We were happy to share laughs and discuss how fast things change! A famous quote by *Robbie Roberson* summed up our day: *You don't stumble upon your heritage. It's there, just waiting to be explored and shared.*



The Heritage members wish to thank Danielle, the Old Home Day Committee, the Public Works Department and anyone who worked behind the scenes for a job well done! We appreciate ALL of the hard work, time and dedication you gave to make this day special for the young and young at heart of Belmont!

### ***Belmont Heritage Commission***

*Pictured left: Jack Donovan, Vicki Donovan (Chair), Priscilla Annis, Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Jill Rolfe, and Ben Rolfe (Secretary). Not pictured: Sharon Champi ( Ex-Officio) and Adam Riberio (Student Representative).*



Belmont Historical Society Program

# RALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG: The American Civil War Through Folksong



**Marek Bennett** presents an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music. Audience members may participate and sing along as the presenter explores lyrics, documents, and visual images from sources such as the Library of Congress. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, Bennett examines the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, influence public perceptions of events, and simultaneously fuse and conserve cultures in times of change. Showcasing numerous instruments, the presenter challenges participants to find new connections between song, art, and politics in American history. This program is sponsored by **NH Humanities/Humanities-to-Go** and is open to the public and handicapped accessible.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

7 PM at the Belmont Mill

14 Mill St, Belmont, NH

# Belmont LUNCH! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To provide healthy lunches to our children during the summer weeks, we count on many hours of volunteer labor to plan, pack and deliver food. So many skills are needed. Whatever your schedule, there will be a way for you to help.

We are also looking for long-term helpers for planning and fundraising. Volunteers already working with us, say that the program feels worthwhile and satisfying. Let us know the best times for you and how to reach you.

***Please Contact Us For More Information***

 [belmontgotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:belmontgotlunch@gmail.com)



**GOT LUNCH!** Belmont & Friends

# FALL MUMS SALE FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 21st - SEPTEMBER 10th

**\$13.00 FOR 9" POTS**

**CHOOSE FROM:  
RED, ORANGE,  
YELLOW, PURPLE,  
OR WHITE**

For more information contact:  
Sharon Ciampi - (603) 581-9746

**Reserve your plant  
Anytime between  
August 21st & Sept 10th**

**All proceeds benefit  
Got Lunch Belmont & Friends**

**PICK UP  
Sept 23rd - Tioga Pavilion  
18 Mill Street, Belmont  
FROM 9am - 1pm**



Mums Provided by:  
Murray Farm Greenhouse

# American Red Cross Blood Drive



**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, September 19, 2023**  
**12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #10943

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

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



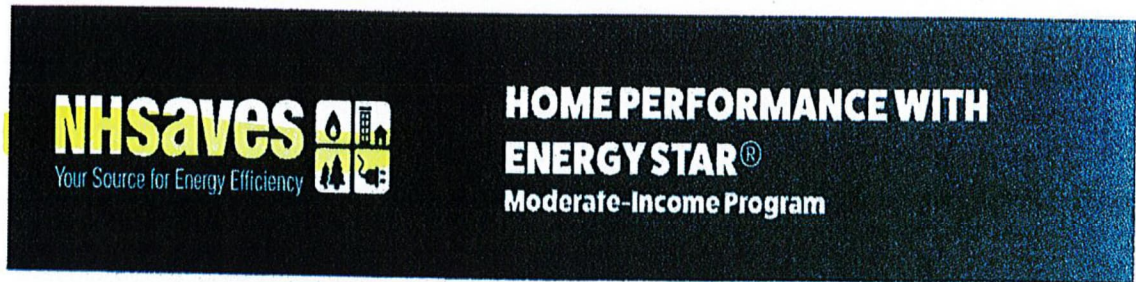
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# General Assistance



The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR - Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Until, and NH Electric Cooperative. The HPwES-MI looks to support those NH residents that are over income for Home Energy Assistance (income eligible weatherization program) yet may struggle to cover the customer co-pays in our market rate Home Performance program. HPwES-MI offers higher incentives on weatherization measures and 0% finance options to help cover the customer co-pay.

The program rebate structure is as follows:

Measure Type	Incentive Level	Customer Co-Pay
Air Conditioning	80%	20%
Air Sealing	100%	0%
Appliance Timers	100%	0%
Door Replacements	80%	20%
Duct Sealing	80%	20%
Health & Safety	80%	20%
Heating System Clean & Tune	80%	20%
Heating System Replacements	80%	20%
Insulation	80%	20%
LED Bulbs	100%	0%
LED Fixtures	100%	0%
Low Flows	100%	0%
Pipe Insulation	80%	20%
Refrigerators/Freezers	100%	0%
Tank Wrap	80%	20%
Thermostats	100%	0%
Water Heater Setback	80%	20%
Window Replacements	80%	20%

**Program Requirements:**

- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

**For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:**

**Margaux.levesque@eversource.com or 603-490-3506**

Powered by:



# Garbage & Recycling Calendar Update

**— 2023 —**

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR



- **Trash** is collected weekly and **recycling** is collected every other week on your service day as indicated below.
- Your service will be delayed by one day during weeks in which a highlighted holiday occurs.

Recycling collection day
 Holiday

Place containers at the curb the night before pickup day

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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# 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



For recycling tips and resources, visit [casella.com/recyclebetter](https://casella.com/recyclebetter) • 800-CASELLA

# NH Saves & EnergyStar Incentives



## Heat Pump Water Heaters: Clean, Efficient, Affordable

Still burning propane or oil to heat your water? Switch to the all-electric heat pump water heater and kiss that old flame goodbye!

### How They Work

A heat pump water heater pulls heat from the surrounding air, compresses it, and transfers it to the water in your tank. This means it can be two to three times more efficient than a conventional water heater, saving a family of four up to \$550 per year on its electric bill.

### Other Benefits

- No combustion or on-site fuel storage
- Less maintenance
- Heat pump water heaters cool and dehumidify as they operate

### Incentives Up to \$750

As a NHSaves utility partner, NHEC offers instant incentives to our members of \$750 on the purchase of a 40-gallon through 80-gallon heat pump water heaters. To learn more or apply for rebates, just scan the QR code here, or visit [www.nhec.com/home-energy-solutions/heat-pump-water-heaters](http://www.nhec.com/home-energy-solutions/heat-pump-water-heaters).



Scan here for instant rebate



Get \$30 for Your Old AC or Dehumidifier!

Got an old, inefficient room air conditioner or dehumidifier that needs replacing? Recycle it and collect \$30! Sponsored by the NHSaves® utility partners, turn-in events are happening around the state this summer. Find one closest to you: [nhsaves.com/learn/2023/04/2023-turn-in-events](http://nhsaves.com/learn/2023/04/2023-turn-in-events)



Splash the Cash with \$500 Pool Pump Rebates

Your pool pump could be your home's second largest energy user. Replace it this summer and get a \$500 rebate on ENERGY STAR® certified models from your NHSaves® utility partners! ENERGY STAR certified in-ground pool pumps use 18% less energy than standard pumps, saving you over \$300 per year in energy costs.

ENERGY STAR certified above-ground pool pumps use 11% less energy than standard pumps and can save you over \$115 over the lifetime of the product.

DETAILS & REBATE FORM:  
[www.nhsaves.com/residential/pool-pumps](http://www.nhsaves.com/residential/pool-pumps)



Round Up for Our Communities

Joining NHEC's Round Up program is an easy way to give a little back to community nonprofits that are improving the quality of life here in NHEC service territory. More than 40,000 NHEC members have their electric bill "rounded up" to the next dollar, with the proceeds benefiting the NHEC Foundation. Since 2006, the NHEC Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million of member contributions to hundreds of organizations right here in New Hampshire. To join Round Up, visit: [www.nhec.com/round-up-program](http://www.nhec.com/round-up-program)



Board of Directors Meetings

The NHEC Board of Directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Please check the Board of Directors page on the NHEC web site at [www.nhec.com](http://www.nhec.com), or call Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801 to confirm the current month's time and location.

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[assessing@belmontnh.gov](mailto:assessing@belmontnh.gov) to get on our **newsletter distribution list!**

