

# Our Community Newsletter

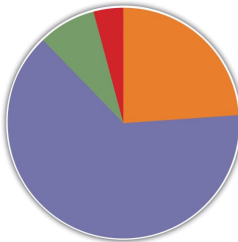
# BELMONT



## 2024 Budget

The Board of Selectman will begin their review of the 2024 Budget starting mid-October. The Budget Committee will start deliberations mid-November. All agendas and minutes will be posted to our website at: <https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50750/meeting-agendas-minutes> and meeting dates are posted in advance at: <https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50697/calendar>

Please note that we are still looking for two community members to join our Budget Committee. Please see our notice on page 3 with additional information.



## 2023 Tax Rate



The Town and the State have been busy collecting the data needed for the State to set our Town tax rate. We expect the rate will be set late October or early November. Tax bills will be generated once we get the rate, and bills will be due 30 days from the date of mailing.



**Town Hall will be closed  
Monday, October 9th**

*in observance of  
Columbus Day*



## Job Postings

**We have a number of openings available:  
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector,  
Finance Director, Assistant Fire Chief,  
Firefighters, and Police Officers.**

**Please visit our website at:**

**<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50721/job-openings>**

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



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

We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing.

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

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### Bulky Waste Disposal

On the 1st Wednesday of each month, Casella Waste will collect your bulky items curbside. Please note this is for Town of Belmont Residential Customers ONLY; service is not available to commercial property owners. Piles of debris, trash, yard waste or a single item too large for one person to collect WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A request for pickup must be made in advance by calling



Town Hall at 267-8300, Extension 118 or 124 only. You will be asked to list the items you want picked up, you will be advised what the cost is, and you will need to drop off cash or a check made payable to the Town of Belmont prior to the collection day. Please visit the Town’s website at [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov) for the full details on the program and a price list.

### MAILING ADDRESSES

We would like to encourage everyone to check their mailing address on file with Town Hall. Our most recent mailing had many items returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Please send an email to [assessing@belmontnh.gov](mailto:assessing@belmontnh.gov) to verify your mailing address if you think you are missing recent mail from the Town, or if you are unsure. A Change of Address Form is available on our website at



<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50723/assessing>

### Attention Voters!

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in public session at the Belmont Town Hall, 143 Main Street, to accept new voter registrations, and to make additions, changes and corrections to the voter checklist on Friday October 6th, 2023 from 7:00-7:30pm.

October 6th is the last day to change your party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary.



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 of Belmont**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Members Needed**

The Town of Belmont is seeking two interested residents who are registered voters to serve on the Budget Committee.

This is a short-term commitment with Tuesday evening meetings at 6:30 pm from November 15th through January 10th.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

Town Administrator, Alicia Jipson

PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220

or

[administration@belmontnh.gov](mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov)

Please note the elevator  
at the Belmont Mill is  
**OUT OF SERVICE**  
while we complete  
an elevator upgrade and renovation.

All meetings will be held on the first floor.



*Please use the  
rear entrance to  
access meetings  
through the  
interior door  
across from the  
elevator.*



BELMONT  
PARKS & RECREATION  
PRESENTS



# Halloween TRUNK or TREAT OCTOBER 28, 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>

# TOWN OF BELMONT



**TUESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 31ST**  
**5 PM TO 8 PM**

*Here are some tips for a safe trick-or-treating experience:*

- ⇒ All costumes and accessories should be fire-resistant
- ⇒ Use flashlights, glow sticks or reflective tape for better visibility in the dark
- ⇒ Choose non-toxic makeup instead of a mask for better vision
- ⇒ Responsible adults should accompany young children
- ⇒ Older children should review their route with parents
- ⇒ Only approach homes with porch lights on, or ones you are familiar with
- ⇒ Children should not eat any treats until parents can check them
- ⇒ Motorists should be on high alert for “ghosts and goblins” in and along roadways
- ⇒ Consider battery-operated candles for jack-o-lanterns

## 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



There's nothing like Fall in New Hampshire. It's a season full of vivid color, tradition and outdoor activities. We hope everyone is enjoying the fall scenery by driving through the White Mountains, picking apples and pumpkins, or getting lost in a corn maze.

Water and Sewer bills are due on October 10th. The third quarter bills cover the months of June, July and August. You can pay your bill by mailing in a check with the payment stub, dropping by the office, or on our Town website, [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov).



We accept check, cash or credit/debit cards for payment. Please be aware that if you use a credit/debit card there is a 2.79% convenience fee added to the total.



How is it already time for the second issue tax bill? Once we have the new tax rate, 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 that water/sewer bills are paid. Also, a reminder if you pay late, you will be subject to 8% daily interest charge.

October 6<sup>th</sup> is the last time registered voters may change their party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary. New voters may continue to register until election day, as permitted by law. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in public session at the Belmont Town Hall, 143 Main Street, to accept new voter registrations, and to make additions, changes and corrections to the voter checklist on Friday October 6th, 2023 from 7:00-7:30pm.





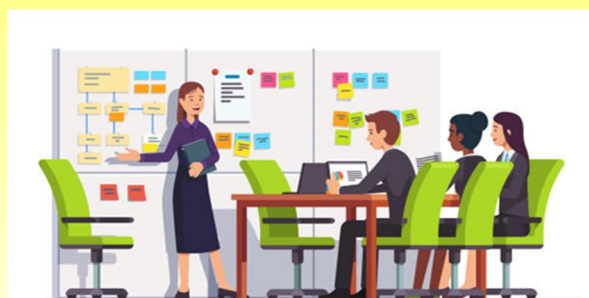


The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, October 9th, 2023 in observance of Columbus Day.

We will re-open on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Thursday, October 12, and Friday, October 13, 2023 so that we may attend the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual New Hampshire City & Town Clerks Association Conference.

We will re-open on Monday, October 16, 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 benefit our residents! The rest of our Town offices will be open on these days.



Thank you,

*Cynthia, Jenn and Cheryl*

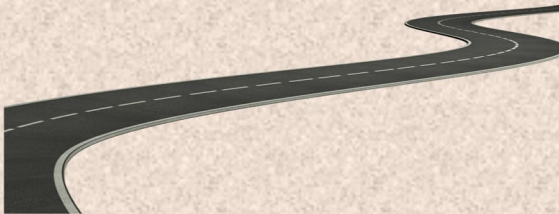


## Highway Department News

### SUMMER PAVING PROGRAM



Scheduling conflicts coupled with frequent storms passing through the region created challenges for the Department's summer paving program. Last month, things came together and afforded a small window to get the job done. Your Public Works Team accepted the challenge and with the help of their paving contractors, completed pavement treatments throughout the Town. First, Plummer Hill, a road that was reconstructed two summers ago, received the final shim and 1 inch overlay of the project. Any reconstructed road is required to be paved with a base coat of winter binder and then left to weather through a minimum of one full freeze and thaw cycle. This allows any unsatisfactory conditions that may arise to be addressed prior to final paving. Leavitt Road from the Plummer Hill intersection to NH Route 106 received the same treatment after undergoing drainage improvements. Finally, portions of Old Marsh Hill, South Road, and the remaining portion of Durrell Mountain Road all received pavement treatments after similar drainage improvements took place.

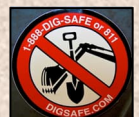


### FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

In an effort to maintain water quality, the Town of Belmont, with help from its partners at Pennichuck Water Works, will be flushing all town-owned fire hydrants between October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>. This process may discolor or affect water pressure, but is not harmful. If discoloration occurs, run cold water until color returns to normal.



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





# JOB POSTING

- ◆ Union Position
- ◆ NH Group II Retirement
- ◆ 24hrs/3 Days off rotating work schedule
- ◆ Paid Personal, Sick, & Holiday time
- ◆ Paid Trainings
- ◆ Annual Stipend for Certifications

Cover letter and resume submitted to:

Firefighter/ALS Provider Hiring Process  
Attention: Chief Deborah Black  
PO Box 837  
Belmont, NH 03220

Open until filled



## What are we looking for?

The Town of Belmont Fire Department is seeking (3) qualified candidates to fill immediate openings for the positions of Full Time Firefighter/ALS Provider (minimum AEMT), Paramedic preferred.) These individuals will perform responsible firefighting operations, emergency medical care, and other related duties that apply.

**(Two of these positions are grant funded positions)**

## Hiring Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- Certification as a pro board Firefighter I
- Nationally Registered EMT
- Valid Drivers License
- Eligible under state of NH Administration rules, 701.01, 701.02, 702.01, 702.02, or a lateral transfer that meets rule 703.01
- Passed criminal and driving background check

## Minimum Qualifications before completion of year 1

- Certification as a pro board Firefighter II
- Nationally registered AEMT
- CDL-B w/ tank endorsement



**Please stop by the Fire House  
to show off your costumes  
for Trick or Treat  
on Halloween!**

**Tuesday, October 31st**

**5pm to 8pm**







# BFD Times

## Goodbye AA Weeks



On September 28th, Belmont Fire said goodbye to longtime Administrative Assistant, Sarah Weeks. Sarah came to our department from the City of Laconia on March 17, 2014, and worked with us for the last 9 1/2 years. We are sad to see her go, but wish her nothing but the best as she takes on her new role as Administrative Assistant for the Moultonborough Fire Department. Good Luck Sarah! We will miss you!

## Hello AA Beaulac



On September 25th, Belmont Fire welcomed Becky Parks-Beaulac as our new Administrative Assistant! Becky comes to us from Gunstock Ski Resort and has a laundry list of qualifications that are going to assist her in this new position. We are so excited to have her on our team and can't wait to see her grow in this position. Welcome to Belmont Fire Becky! You're going to do great!



# Drug Take Back

The Belmont Police Department will participate in the DEA's National Drug Take Back, which will take place on Saturday, October 28th 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, located at 16 Fuller Street.



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



# HYDRANT FLUSHING



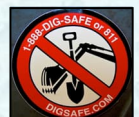
Monday, October 9th  
to Friday, October 13th

- Completed in fall and spring to ensure hydrants are working for fire protection and to remove mineral deposits.
- Use caution when approaching flushing operations.
- You may experience discolored water, but it is safe to drink.
- Refrain from doing laundry during flushing. Check the color of your water prior to washing laundry.
- Let your water run for a few minutes before using.

Please contact DPW at 528-**2677** with any questions.



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# **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 NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**6:00PM**

**BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR**

**JOIN US**

# Belmont Parks & Recreation

# GUNSTOCK OUTREACH SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



OUTREACH LESSON DAYS

6:30 PM

1/3 - 1/10 - 1/17 - 1/24

## OPEN TO AGES 8-19

### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ❄️ Midweek or Prime season pass
- ❄️ 4 50-minute lesson days
- ❄️ Rentals on lesson days and any night Gunstock is open
- ❄️ Discount BFF Lift Ticket Vouchers

## TIER 1

Register by 10/27/23

MIDWEEK YOUTH SEASON PASS  
PRIME YOUTH SEASON PASS

\$175  
\$325

## TIER 2

Register by 11/17/23

\$225  
\$375

📞 603-267-1865

📘 Belmont Parks and Recreation

✉️ Recreation@BelmontNH.gov

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*Upcoming Meetings:*

- ARC – 10/19/2023 (if needed)
- Planning Board – 10/23/2023
- Zoning Board – 10/25/2023



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

# Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning



**September 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 (September 21, 2023)**

**Matt Menengas:** Review of an application for Site Plan Approval to add a 10 X 20 ice cream stand to the front of the parking lot in the front setback. Property is located at 304 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 102-007-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case #14-23R.

**Craig Roeder:** Review of an application for a Subdivision to subdivide one lot into two residential lots. Property is located at 60 Bean Hill Road, Tax lot 218-004-001-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ARC Case #15-23R

**Nawaz Azam:** Review of an application for a Site Plan to develop the lot for residential use, possibly multifamily housing. Property is located at 26 Perkins Road, Tax lot 237-038-000-000, in the Residential Multi Family Zone. ARC Case #16-23R

**Planning Board (September 25, 2023)**

No public meetings scheduled.

**>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: October 23, 2023, 6:00PM**

**continued...**





**Zoning Board of Adjustment ( Meeting September 27, 2023)**

**Abutter’s Hearing: Michael Gagne-Matt Smith:** Continuation of a 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 23.3’ from the side 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 # 15-23Z

**Abutter’s Hearing: Michael Gagne-Matt Smith:** Continuation of a 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 8.7’ 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

**Re- Hearing: Tradz, LLC:** Re- Hearing of a Request for Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of the existing contractor’s yard to include towing of motor vehicles on a flatbed truck in the Rural Zone. Property is located at 194 Gilmanton Road, Tax Lot 241-019-000-000, ZBA Case #11-23Z

**Abutter’s Hearing: Good Fortune Trust of 2022:** Request for a Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 639-sf dwelling unit accessory to residential use. Property is located at 121 Brown Hill Road, Tax Lot 229-007-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case # 22-23Z

**Abutter’s Hearing: Lisa and Chad Ober:** Request for a Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 728-sf dwelling unit accessory to residential use. Property is located at 75 Jefferson Road, Tax Lot 116-012-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #23-23Z

**Abutter’s Hearing: Fran and Sarah Patno:** Request for a Variance from Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of Boat Storage-Exterior on their lot in the Rural Zone. Property is located at 143 Province Road, Tax Lot 211-057-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ZBA Case # 24-23Z.

# 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/Code Enforcement

Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers are responsible for the enforcement of a variety of codes, regulations and ordinances related to the use of land.

These include local regulations such as zoning, site plan, subdivision and other land use board approvals; as well as the State Building and Fire Code, Health Codes and junkyard statutes.

If you have a complaint, please use our Citizen Complaint form located on our website at: [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) > Info Center > Applications & Forms > Citizen Complaint Form.

If you are found to be in violation of a code, regulation or ordinance, you will receive a written warning with a deadline for compliance, and possible suggestions to remedy the violation. Failure to resolve a violation could result in court action and fines.

Our goal is to work with residents to resolve violations without the need to proceed to the court level.

If you have questions about zoning, local regulations or codes, please contact the Land Use Department at (603) 267-8300 xt. 3, or the Building Department at (603) 267-8300 xt. 111. If you have questions about health codes, please contact Fire Chief Deb Black at (603) 267-8333.

Please help keep Belmont safe, clean and beautiful for everyone!



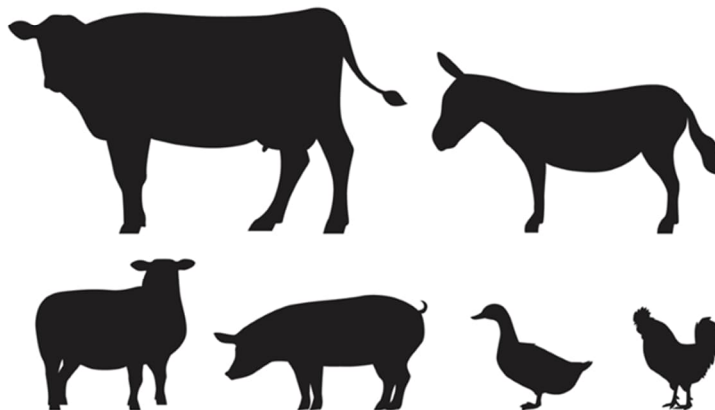
## Agricultural Animals

# 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)







## THE BEAUTY AND BOUNTY OF BELMONT AUTUMNS

### FALL FOLIAGE

While New Hampshire's fall foliage is always beautiful, no two seasons are the same. Some are brighter, and others more muted. The color can be long-lasting or maddeningly brief, it can come early or late, and the range of hues can shift from mostly orange and yellow to overwhelmingly red. It's a complex phenomenon that calls for analyzing many factors, which are often competing or contradictory. No doubt this year's foliage show will be beautiful.

Even with a good setup for leaves this year, the best fall color will occur only if the weather cooperates. Bright hues are brought out by warm, sunny days and crisp, cool nights — a combination that not only accelerates the breakdown of green chlorophyll, but also initiates the formation of red color pigments that serve as a sort of "sunscreen" for the leaves.

In summary, look for a patchwork of fall colors to develop early across the region, especially with the swamp maples. Peak color should arrive on time or late compared to historical averages, with leaves that are more pastel than flaming red, but no less beautiful. Color will be long-lasting, then fade and fall slowly.

### WILDLIFE

Spongy moth caterpillars (formerly known as gypsy moth) dropped in numbers this year, thanks in part to the sharp cold snap in February. They struggle to survive below -20F, and many overwintering egg masses perished. In addition, New England's persistent rainfall boosted a fungus that serves as a biological control for the invasive insect. There were still some outbreaks, especially in the eastern White Mountains, but the leaves have regrown well. The browntail and winter moths continue to expand their invasive ranges in New England but still pose only localized concern.

The arctic cold also halted the progress of the hemlock woolly adelgid across northern New England, and long-term outlooks are not good for the species. Unfortunately, the emerald ash borer has a far lower cold tolerance.

*From an article by Jim Salge of Yankee Magazine*

**NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING : 6 PM, OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT THE BELMONT MILL**



## Conservation Commission

# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### INVASIVE SPECIES: ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET

As summer fades into fall and we start decorating for the upcoming fall holidays, please be aware that it is **PROHIBITED** to use Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) in wreaths or other decorations.

This attractive vine has been used in holiday decorations, and other crafting items, for years because of the beautiful fruiting branches which have red berries and yellow fruit capsules spread along the stem. However these same persistent berries that make wreaths delightfully charming easily spread seed of this terrible invasive. Fortunately, the eastern 2/3 of the US is home to the native vine American Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) that is superior with wonderfully persistent red berries with orange fruit capsules. On American bittersweet, the berries are clustered at the end of the stem, rather than spread out along the length of vine as in Oriental bittersweet. By keeping a watchful eye on your holiday decorations you can enjoy the attractive look and craftiness of American bittersweet decorations while feeling confident you are not spreading an invasive species.



*Oriental Bittersweet Wreath*

The introduction of Oriental Bittersweet to non-infested areas is generally associated with birds and small mammals feeding on the abundant fruits in the fall and excreting the seeds as they move from one area to another. Dispersal is also associated with human activities where earth moving activities occur or when the vines and fruits are collected in the fall for ornamental wreaths and decorations (which is prohibited) and then carelessly discarded.

Oriental bittersweet is a deciduous vine reaching heights of 40-60'. The vine is very aggressive, it climbs up over trees and smothers them. It is difficult to manage, cutting, pulling or recommended herbicide use applied to foliage, bark, or cut-stump.

To easily identify and locate where Oriental bittersweet occurs in any habitat, simply scout areas of concern in the fall when native plant species have reached their peak colors. At this point most native species will have dropped their leaves leaving the bright lemony-yellow foliage of Oriental bittersweet as a key indicator. In New Hampshire, this generally occurs around late October to early November.

### WHO ARE YOUR CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS?

**Conservation Commission Members**  
Denise Naiva, Chair  
Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair  
Jane Jordan, Pauline Tessier, Susan Irving,  
Georgina Lambert

**Alternate Members**  
Richard Moreau, Deborah Woodcock,  
and Jeffrey DeFrancesco,  
Student Member-Emilie DeFrancesco  
Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

# Belmont Public Library

October 2023



**Papercraft Halloween Bookmarks**  
 WITH SHELA CUNNINGHAM  
 Participants should be high school age and up  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 24 6PM**  
 RSVP

**Art Group**  
 October 3 1-3pm  
 October 17 1-3pm  
**STEM Group**  
 October 10 1-3pm  
 October 24 1-3pm  
**LEGO Drop-In**  
 Thursdays 1pm

**Homeschool**

**Babies, Blankets, and Books**  
 Mondays 10:30am  
**Musical Munchkins**  
 Tuesdays 11am  
**StoryTots**  
 Wednesdays 10:30am  
**Tinker Tots**  
 October 5 11 AM  
 October 19 11am  
**Family Storytime**  
 October 21 10am

**Preschool**

**GSF Book Club** ages 10-14  
 October 5 3pm  
**I.F. Book Club** ages 13 - 18  
 October 19 3pm  
**Panels & Pages**  
 October 21 11am  
**Film Fridays** 3pm

**Twens/Teens**

**Watercolor Workshop**  
 Mondays 2pm  
**Fiber Arts Group**  
 Wednesdays 10am  
**Tea & Tales Book Club**  
 October 19 5pm  
**Friday Fiction Book Group**  
 October 20 10:30am

**Adults**

Monday Friday 10am-5pm  
 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm  
 Saturday 9am-1pm  
 belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331



# 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)





## 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/>*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**  
**SPONSOR A WREATH!**

Please reach out to [haimards2016@gmail.com](mailto:haimards2016@gmail.com)  
with any questions.



**★ December 16, 2023 ★**  
**National Wreaths Across America Day**



**Help the Belmont Cemetery Trustee  
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a  
veteran's grave this December at Belmont  
NH.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a  
donation online or visit:

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NH0030](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NH0030)



**#ServeAndSucceed**



# Sargent Fund Application

## 2024 Application

# John M. Sargent Fund – Town of Belmont, NH

**The John M. Sargent Fund:** *The income from the John M. Sargent Fund is used for any purpose that the voters of the Town of Belmont decide by major vote at the Town Meeting Second Session (Election/Voting) on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. In order to facilitate the distribution of this money, an appointed committee of local citizens will review all requests and shall make recommendations to the voters.*

**Fund Application:** Please complete the following information.  
*(Please note: This entire form must be completed and returned to be considered for funding.)*

Name of group or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Belmont residents does your group serve?: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your group or organization a non-profit/tax exempt, 501(c)(3): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requesting: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide:** *(Please note: This information must be included to be considered for funding.)*

- **A Cover Letter:** Include a basic one-page cover letter that states the amount requested and provides a highly abbreviated description of how the funds would be used. Discuss the need/issue and a description of the targeted population of Belmont residents who would be directly impacted by this request.
- **Organization Information:** Include a basic one-page outline including:
  - i. Description of the organization or group
  - ii. Description of the current programs, activities, and accomplishments.
  - iii. Briefly discuss funding history; including both public and private funds.
  - iv. If you received money last year from the John M. Sargent Fund, please discuss how it was used. Include photos if possible.

**Deadline:** December 7, 2023. *A hard copy of the application must be received at Belmont Town Hall, 143 Main Street, Belmont, NH or postmarked by this date. No email applications will be accepted.*

**Submit to:** The John M. Sargent Fund, c/o The Town of Belmont  
P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220-0310

**For information, contact:**

BJ Eckardt, *John M. Sargent Fund Committee Chair*  
e-mail – walnut@metrocast.net



# 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, October 10, 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](https://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](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to  
RapidPass®


**Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15  
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See  
[rcblood.org/together](https://rcblood.org/together)**



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an appointment.

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# General Assistance



**HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR®**  
Moderate-Income Program

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:



## Lakes Region Children's Auction



[www.childreensauction.org](http://www.childreensauction.org)

603-527-0999

The Lakes Region Children's Auction organization consistently partners with other organizations in the Lakes Region. In four decades, over \$8 million has been donated to local non-profit organizations benefiting children in the Lakes Region. They work hard:

- To efficiently fund local non-profit organizations that provide basic needs to area children. This will include but not limited to food, clothing, shelter, Christmas gifts, and hygienic needs.
- To efficiently fund those non-profit organizations that work to eliminate or mitigate the need for basic and extended services for children.
- To efficiently fund those capital initiatives that improve the lives of children or enhances the ability of agencies to deliver their services.
- To efficiently fund those agencies that have an Educational/Recreational aspect to provide children in the Lakes Region, in which the child may not be able to afford elsewhere.

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Troy Kennett of Kennett Equipment Services in Belmont recently donated \$500 to the Lakes Region Children's Auction to launch a corporate challenge for other area businesspeople to match the KES donation. Pictured, left to right, are Paige Thompson, chair of the auction's Community Engagement Committee; Troy Kennett of Kennett Equipment Services; and Dirk Nadon, president of Lakes 101.5 FM.

To donate to the auction, visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org) and click on the Donate button.





# Garbage & Recycling Calendar Update

**— 2023 —**  
**CURBSIDE RECYCLING  
COLLECTION CALENDAR**



Place containers at the curb the night before pickup day

- **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

Please note there will be **NO CHANGE** to curbside collection for the Columbus Day holiday. All pickups remain on your regular service day.

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4					1	2
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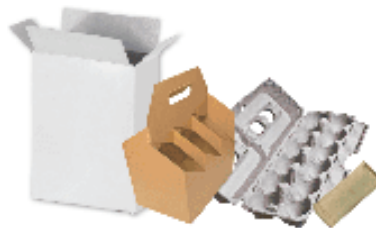
# ZERO-SORT<sup>®</sup> RECYCLING

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, waxy 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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RECYCLING**  
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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.





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

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

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

- Address: Belmont Town Office, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300
- Town Hall Business Hours: Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm.
- Section: "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: 10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, 12/25.
- A note: "Please schedule your visits to our offices accordingly."
- Section: "Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events..." with a calendar icon.
- Section: "Current News and Notices" with a note: "Please note if you are using our website on a mobile device/cell phone, you may need to scroll to the bottom of the screen to see information such as our hours of operation, holiday closings, and quick links to Registrations, Payments, Maps, Applications and Meetings."
- Right sidebar: "Connect on Facebook with..." listing: Board of Selectmen, Recreation Department, Winni Trail, Fire, Police, Library.
- Bottom right: A vertical stack of service buttons: "Sign up for Notifications" (circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it), "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data".