

# Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



## 2023 Tax Rate

The Town of Belmont's 2023 tax rate was set in coordination with the Department of Revenue Administration. This year's total tax rate has been set at \$ 17.47 which breaks down as follows:

Town	\$5.86
Local School	\$9.47
State School	\$1.25
County	\$0.89
2023 Tax Rate	\$17.47

Overall, the rate decreased by \$1.64 this year.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 267-8300 ext. 124 or email [administration@belmontnh.gov](mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov)

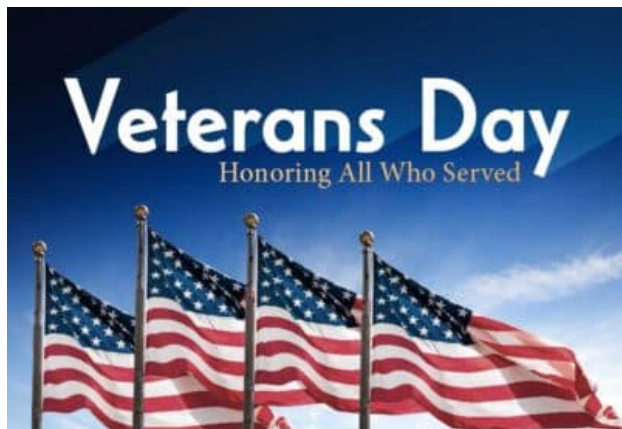
Tax bills are on their way to the printer's and should be arriving in your mailbox towards the end of next week. Tax bills will also be posted on our website next week at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) on the Tax Collector's web page. Tax bills will be due December 18th, 2023.

## 2024 Budget Season

The Board of Selectmen have completed their budget reviews and the Budget Committee will start deliberations November 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm.



Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving



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



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>



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.

## WEBSITE SHORTCUT BUTTONS

The home page of our website at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) includes buttons for easy access to Sign up for Notifications via email, Auto Registrations, Assessing Maps, Applications & Forms, Meeting Agendas & Minutes as well as ways to View Meetings (live or recorded).

## 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.

-  Sign up for Notifications
-  Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records
-  Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer
-  Recreation Department Programs
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-  Application Forms Regulations
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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  
until further notice.



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



## **Gale School Redevelopment Update Meeting**

***November 29, 2023 / 5:30 PM / Belmont Mill***

Have you been wondering what is going on with the planned redevelopment of the Gale School at its new location on Concord Street?

The Save Our Gale School Committee and Lakes Region Community Developers would like to give you an update as to what is happening and when.

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Belmont Mill.**

***Hosted by:***

**The Save Our Gale School Committee**

**&**



## Town Clerk's Corner



Can't believe it's already November! We are so excited to have Jennifer Cashman return as our new Town Clerk /Tax Collector. Jennifer previously served as the Deputy Town Clerk for 9 years for the Town of Belmont so her knowledge and experience are welcomed with open arms! We also welcome two new members to the Town Clerk /Tax Collector's office, Samantha LeClair and Devon Tibbets. They are joining us shortly so please stop by and say hello if you have the opportunity!

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Elections are around the corner and approaching quickly. We are preparing for either a December or January Presidential Primary Election once the date is officially set by the State, then we will have more information regarding absentee ballots. Please keep in mind, absentee ballot requests can be submitted in writing or by email but **MUST** be signed by the requestor. If you are new to the Town of Belmont, please stop by the office to register to vote. We require a copy of your license, proof of residency (utility bill, mail, etc...) and a form be filled out. If you are currently registered to vote in Belmont, you cannot make any changes to your party affiliation until after the Presidential Primary Election.



## Town Clerk's Corner



Thinking of tying the knot? Come on down and **fill** out a request for a marriage license! We ask that you please come in prior to 3 pm as this process can take a bit of time but only because we ensure every step is correct.

- A marriage license costs \$50.00
- Good for 90 days
- If you've been married before, documentation is required (divorce decrees or death certificates)
- Can be done at any Town Hall **office** regardless of where you reside (marriage is to take place in NH)



When asked what we are thankful for, our first answer is our RESIDENTS! We are thankful for your patience, your understanding and your time. We hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you,

Jenn C & Jenn T



## Highway Department News

### FINAL PAVING UPDATE

Belmont's Public Works Department was gifted one last stretch of nice weather to finish off the month of October. Contractors' schedules opened up and we were able to complete a full shim and overlay on Arlene Drive. Arlene Drive was the last on the Department's list of desired roads to receive pavement treatment in 2023.

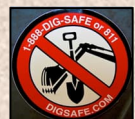


### **FALL CLEANUP**

November brings the same cleanup chores to Public Works crews throughout New England as property owners in the region. Leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris create a thick blanket on the ground that if left unattended has the potential to cause headaches for maintenance personnel. It can suffocate vegetation and inhibit growth of lush green lawns everyone strives to maintain during the summer months. The biggest obstacle Public Works Crews are up against during this time is keeping drainage systems clean. The leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris seem to make its way into ditches and drainage swales creating dams and plugging catch basins. If left in place, systems run the risk of failure causing washouts that come with large repair costs and hazardous situations for the traveling public to navigate through. For this reason, your Public Works Department has an industrial leaf vac and proactively spends time removing leaves from areas of concern as the schedule allows. We ask that property owners do their part and remove yard debris while performing cleanups. Please do not relocate yard waste to any area that could impede drainage. The Public Works Department does not have a set schedule and cleans ditches and swales based on experience and observation. The goal is to remove as much debris as possible before drainage is covered with snow, so you will see your crews out as soon as the majority of the leaves have dropped. This is a slow-moving operation so be on the lookout for advanced warning signs and flaggers in the road. When you see this operation in motion, proceed with caution and give the crew the room it needs to do the job safely.



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



## Highway Department News

### Sewer Pump Station Maintenance



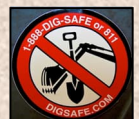
The key to keeping any system running smoothly is preventative maintenance, and lots of it. The Town of Belmont’s Sewer system is no exception. Earlier this summer, the Department performed an annual sewer line cleaning and CCTV inspection. The cleaning keeps the system flowing smoothly and the camera inspection locates deficiencies that need to be corrected. More recently, 4 of the town’s 8 pump stations received wet well cleanings. Grease and other undesirable items such as flushable wipes create a thick crust and float on top of the liquid that should be removed so it doesn’t get sucked into the pumps. Dirt that inevitably makes it into the system sinks to the bottom forming something referred to as “grit”, which is also removed as needed to keep

the suction areas free of debris allowing for uninterrupted flow. The photo to the left shows members of your Public Works Team setting up for a confined space entry into a wet well for one of the Town’s above ground pump systems. The manhole entry leads down a 15 foot ladder ending at a platform above the wet well’s pit, where the maintenance procedure is executed.

The picture to the right shows 2 submersible pumps at the bottom of a pit. When in normal operation, the pumps are not exposed. The pit is drawn down to the lowest safe operating level and then the remaining grease, rags, and grit are vacuumed out from above leaving a clean concrete base. These type of pumping stations make up 5 of Belmont’s 8 in its system.



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## Belmont Police Department



### *Santa's Little Helpers*

The Belmont Police Department is delighted to offer our assistance to Belmont residents this Christmas for families that demonstrate a financial need for Christmas gifts. Santa's Little Helpers eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a current Belmont resident and have documentation proving your residency status (utility bill, lease / rental agreement, motor vehicle registration etc.).
- Must have photo identification.
- Must *not* have obtained assistance from the Santa's Little Helpers program for more than three (3) years.
- Children must be under 16 years of age.
- Families *cannot* be receiving assistance from any other charitable organization providing Christmas gifts.

If your family meets the above listed criteria, we encourage you to fill out an application starting November 6, 2023. The Belmont Police Department and Santa's Little Helpers believe every child deserves to have a Merry Christmas and we are happy to help. Please see the important dates that are shown below:

Application *deadline* is 12-08-2023

Gift *pick up* will be held on 12-15-2023 between 10:00am - 12:00pm and 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Belmont Police Department. Detailed pick-up information will be provided at a later time.

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

# THE SENIOR GIVING TREE

Belmont Parks and Recreation is seeking the community's help to make our Senior Citizens' Holiday season a little brighter.

Please consider choosing a wish list from our Senior Giving Tree located at the Belmont Town Hall starting November 27<sup>th</sup>

Bring wrapped gifts, along with the wish list, by December 15<sup>th</sup>

**CLOTHING**  
**PUZZLES**  
**BOOKS**  
**BLANKETS**  
**CANDLES**  
**GIFT CERTIFICATES**



**ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW, A SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEED OF A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER? PLEASE REACH OUT TO BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION FOR MORE INFORMATION. ALL WISHLISTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED.**

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION  
RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV  
603-267-1865.

# **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  
PRESENTS

# DECK *the* VILLAGE

**DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023  
2PM - 5PM**

FREE Arts & Crafts ✨ Holiday Music ✨ Baked Goods  
Raffles ✨ Holiday Storytime ✨ S'mores by the Fire  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest ✨ Christmas Caroling around the village

Belmont Parks & Recreation

# GUNSTOCK OUTREACH

SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



**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

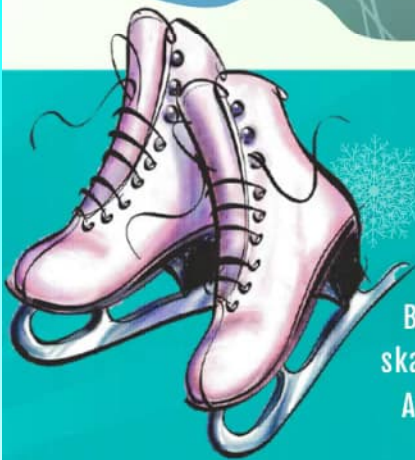
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✉️ Recreation@BelmontNH.gov

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

# BELMONT SKATES

AT MERRILL FAY ARENA



MARCH 16, 2024  
4 PM - 5:30 PM

Belmont Residents and friends are invited to ice skate at the Merrill Fay Arena (formerly Laconia Ice Arena) for a private skate time. This is a family outing and chaperones will not be provided.

Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required.

**RSVP NOW AT:**

**\$6**  
PER PERSON

**\$6**  
OPTIONAL  
SKATE RENTAL

For more info, please contact Danielle St.Onge, 603-267-1865 or email [Recreation@Belmontnh.gov](mailto:Recreation@Belmontnh.gov)

## Village Spur Rail Trail NOTICE

Please take notice that the Village Rail Spur Trail is not maintained over the winter. All Town trails may be enjoyed at your own risk.

# CAUTION



**TRAIL NOT  
MAINTAINED FOR  
WINTER USE  
PROCEED AT YOUR  
OWN RISK**

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*Upcoming Meetings:*

- ARC – 11/16/2023 (if needed)*
- Planning Board – 11/27/2023*
- Zoning Board – 11/15/2023*



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

# Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning

**October Meetings >>>**

**Your Land Use Staff**

**Karen Santoro**  
Town Planner

**Rod Cameron**  
Land Use Technician

**Susan Austin**  
Administrative Assistant

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 (October 19, 2023)**

**Todd Cote:** Review of an application for a Boundary Line adjustment/ Subdivision. Property is located at 245 Hoadley Road, Tax lot 215-021-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ARC Case #17-23R

**Van Hertel:** Review of an application for a Boundary Line adjustment/ Subdivision. Property is located on Jamestown Road, Tax Map 118-016-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ARC Case #18-23R

**NH Land Acquisition, LLC:** Review of an application for a Site Plan to install a ground mounted solar facility on approximately 8.39 acres of the 11.69-acre lot. Property is located at 985 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 125-047-000-000, in the Commercial District. ARC Case # 19-23R

**Planning Board (October 23, 2023)**

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Lakeview at Belmont LLC:** Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide 3 single family residential lots from Tax Lots 201-067 and 201-066, and create an Open Space Easement on Tax Lot 206-013. Property is located at Ladd Hill Road/Old Ladd Hill Road, in the Rural Zone. Planning Board Case# 19-23P - Continued to 11/27/2023

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Craig and Magdalena Roeder:** Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide to subdivide one lot into two. Property is located at 60 Bean Hill Road, Tax Lot 218-004-001-000, in the Residential Single-Family Zone. Planning Board Case # 20-23P.—Approved

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

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**Zoning Board of Adjustment ( Meeting October 25, 2023)**

1. **Abutter’s Hearings: Mary LaFarr:**
  - a. Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build an 8’ x 32’ deck approximately 4.7’ from the front lot line, where 50’ is required. ZBA Case # 25-23Z—Approved
  - b. Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 5’ x 8’ landing/deck approximately 27.5’ from the front lot line, where 50’ is required. ZBA Case # 26-23Z—Approved

Property is located at 34 Mountain View Terrace, Tax Lot 121-070-000-000; Residential Single Zone.
2. **Abutter’s Hearing-Marianne Evans:** Request for a variance from Article 4 of the Wetlands Ordinance to build an 11’x11’ cedar framed hard top gazebo 14.6 ‘from the adjacent wetland, where 35’ is required. Property is located at 8 Donway Drive, Tax Lot 117-015-000-018; Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case # 27-23Z—Approved
3. **Abutter’s Hearing – Robert Boyd:** Request for a variance from Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 16’ x 42’ addition to the rear of the existing mobile home approximately 45.6’ from the front lot line, where 50’ is required. Property is located at 2 Stark Street, Tax Lot 121-098-000-000; Residential Multi Family Zone. ZBA Case # 28-23Z—Approved
4. **Abutter’s Hearing – Shawn and Tricia Beauchesne:** Request for a variance from Article 5, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a veterinary clinic/boarding kennel (canine daycare & boarding) in existing residence and associated fenced in area. Property is located at 677 Union Road, Tax Lot 222-047-000-000; Residential Single Zone.—Approved

>>> Next Meeting: November 15, 2023, 6:00PM

# 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
- **3 vacancies**

**Conservation (no current vacancies)**

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



## ***Building Department News***

**from the**

**Building Official's Office**

*November, 2023*



The Building Department would like to take time to remind you of some important items to consider around your home this time of year.

- Change batteries in your smoke and CO detectors
- \* Check/reset your time on any electronic heating systems.
- Clean/Service heating systems including air/ fuel filters
- Make sure exterior vents are clear and close properly.
- Make sure attic access is insulated.
- Check holiday decorations for electrical damage.
- Use extreme caution in setting up / using portable heaters.
- If using a generator, be sure to vent properly, and keep exhaust away from doors/windows.

**Change your  
CLOCKS...**



**Change your  
BATTERIES!**



THANK-YOU TO ALL SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN  
Without you we would not have what we have today.



Wishing everyone a Thanksgiving filled  
with family and friends.

**Mark C. Ekberg BI/CEO**

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## Heritage Commission

The Belmont Heritage Commission and the Belmont Board of Selectmen proudly announce its 2023 Community Heritage Award winners.

Since 2011, individuals, businesses and organizations have been recognized by the Belmont Heritage Commission and the Board of Selectmen for contributing to the heritage of the town. At its October 18th Selectmen's Meeting two recipients were presented with Community Heritage Awards.



Row 1: Board of Selectmen: Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney, Sonny Patten and Sharon Ciampi. Row 2: Recipients: Ray Brake Sr. James Marden Sr., Barbara Binette, Heritage Member: Claire Bickford, Recipient: Sara Kaye Mirski, Heritage members: Priscilla Annis and Jack Donovan.

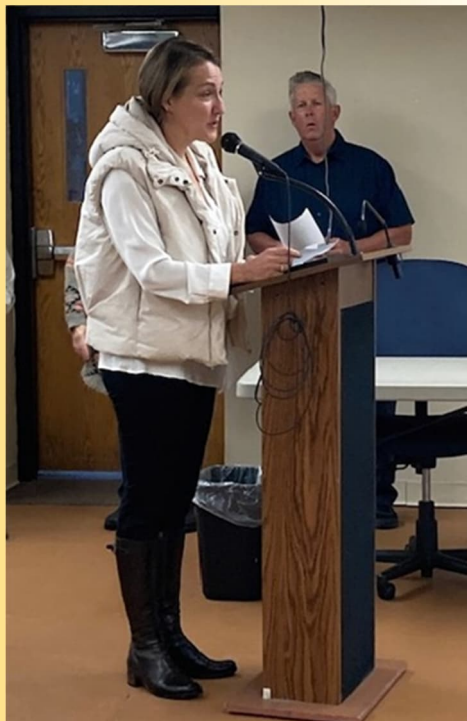
### **PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONS**

awarded to: Sara Kaye Mirski and Peter Spencer

Earlier this year the Dudley-Gilman Homestead was honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior by being listed to the National Register of NH Historic Places. It was an easy choice to award one of Belmont's 2023 Community Heritage awards to the homestead farm owners, Sara Kaye Mirski and Peter Spencer. The *Preservation of Traditions Award* humbly goes to Sara and Peter for all of their hard work to preserve such an outstanding example of a late eighteenth to early nineteenth century homestead farm. Not only does the architect tell about the time period such as its large cooking hearth, the Borning Room and its Carriage Shed, there is also a unique history behind the

## Heritage Commission

builder of the farmhouse, Corporal Dudley-Gilman. He served in the Revolutionary War where his regiment served at the Battle of Bennington with General John Stark. The Town of Belmont thank the [Dudley-Gilman Homestead](#) owners who bring a special recognition to the town to remember its past and in preserving the Homestead towards its future. What a remarkable feat being honored by the National Register of Historic Places. Congratulations and thank you Sara and Peter for contributing to the Belmont Community and enhancing its history and heritage!



Sara Kaye Mirski



Dudley - Gilman Homestead

### PRESERVATION OF TOWN HISTORY AND HERITAGE

*awarded posthumously to: Diane Marden*

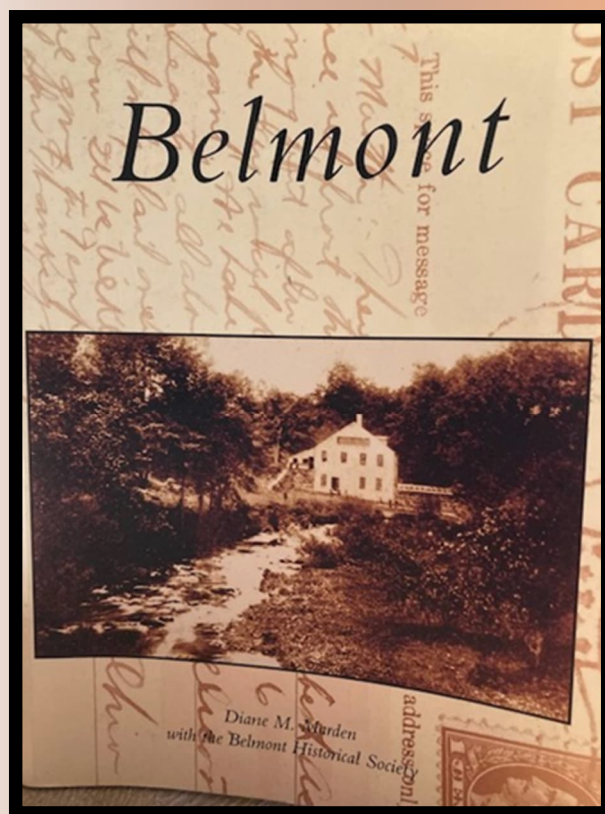
The Preservation of Town History and Heritage Award carries an emotional piece as it honors someone who passed away only five months ago. Diane Marden always had her hand in letting others know about the history of Belmont. She had a love for the history of the town and even published a book with the Historical Society about Belmont Postcards. This book featured very old Postcards from Belmont. Each postcard page gave a unique perspective of the town's beginning and highlighted both comical and historical aspects of Belmont's past. Diane knew details concerning

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many Belmont artifacts and always wanted to share her thoughts about them with others. Diane was a member of the Historical Society, the Cemetery Trustees, and an original member of the Heritage Commission. That in itself shows her dedication to the history of the town. Her biggest challenge, as it was with many others, was the dedication to Saving the Gale School building. It was a daunting task, but she was able to see it moved and brought to its new resting place. As we award Diane Marden posthumously for this Preservation of Town History and Heritage award, we honor all that she gave to the town. She can rest knowing how much she gave to enhance Belmont's History. It is with great honor to give this award to Barbara Binette, Ray Brake Sr. and Diane's Dad, James Marden Sr., who accepted the award on Diane's behalf.



Accepting Diane Marden's award on her behalf, Barbara Binette.



Belmont Postcard book published by Diane Marden with the Belmont Historical Society.

### **Belmont Heritage Commission**

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Sharon Ciampi (Selectman) and Adam Riberio (Student Representative).



# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Approximately 90 Lakes and Rivers in New Hampshire are Infested with Invasive Species

### Invasive Species in Our Lakes

Our lakes are home to many plants and animals that are good for the lake. However, some species are harmful to our lakes. These are invasive species. Invasive species are organisms that thrive in an area where they do not evolve naturally, have no natural predators, and cause harm to the environment, economy, or people.

They primarily spread from lake to lake by traveling on boats, trailers, and recreational gear that needs to be adequately cleaned, drained, and dried between waterbodies. Large areas of invasive plants in a lake make swimming and boating difficult and dangerous. They are expensive to control and nearly impossible to get rid of. They also reduce shoreline property values.

The invasive plant variable milfoil was discovered in New Hampshire in 1965. The spread of these plants in New Hampshire has slowed thanks to the education and prevention efforts of our Lake Host Program. And it is against the law to sell, move, grow, or bring in specific plants and animals that threaten our lakes. However, despite these laws and education efforts, invasive plants and animals in our lakes are increasing.

*From an article by NH Lakes*

**NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING : 6 PM, NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT THE BELMONT MILL**

**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 Members

Emilie DeFrancesco & Emerson Decato  
Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## New Hampshire Lakes Aquatic Invasive Plant Identification

Have you seen an **AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANT** lurking in the water or hitchhiking on a boat, trailer, or other recreational gear?

### Curly-leaf Pondweed

- Leaves are somewhat stiff and crinkled, approx. 1/2-inch wide, 2 to 3 inches long
- Leaves arranged alternately around the stem, becoming more dense toward the end of branches
- Has small "teeth" along edge of leaf



Credit: B. Wahlstrom

### Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Feather-like leaves with blunt ends commonly with 12 to 24 pairs of leaflets on each leaf
- Leaves are grouped in whorls (circles) of 3 to 6 leaves around stem



Credit: R. Johnson

### European Naiad

- Leaves are lime green, very slender, 1- 2 inches long with 6-15 "teeth" along edge
- Leaves are usually opposite of each other with wide base that tapers to a tip
- The brittle, recurved leaves branch profusely at stem



Credit: D. Cameron

### Fanwort



Credit: NH DES

- Underwater leaves approx. 2 inches across, divided into fine branches with fan shape
- Submerged parts slimy
- Flowering branches grow above surface are small and diamond-shaped

### Hydrilla



Credit: R. Videkii

- Small leaves (3/4 inch) are bright green and pointed with "toothed" edges
- 3 to 10 leaves arranged in a whorl (circle) around stem
- branches profusely at surface

### Variable Milfoil



Credit: NH DES

- Stems are thick and often red
- Submerged leaves finely divided, resembling a feather
- Leaves in whorls (circles) of 4 to 6 around the stem
- Cross section of the stem has pie-shaped air chambers

### Water Chestnut



- Surface leaves are waxy and triangular with toothed edges
- Submerged leaves are feathery and whorled around stalk
- Stems can grow up to 16 ft.
- Forms dense, floating mats

Report potential invasive species sightings to:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-2248

This information is brought to you by the Lake Host Program  
info@nhlakes.org  
603.226.0299



New Hampshire is home to nearly 1,000 lakes — some of the cleanest in the country. They are one of the reasons people choose to live in New Hampshire and come from all over the world to visit. Clean and healthy lakes are important to our quality of life, economy, and culture. They are important for the health of our wildlife, too.

Today, our lakes face more challenges than ever before. Invasive plant and animal species continue to spread each year, polluted runoff water is causing more toxic cyanobacteria blooms than ever before, and climate change will continue to impact lakes in ways we've never experienced. The care of the lakes we all love is in the trust of the current generation who use them. It is up to us to protect them.

# Belmont Public Library

November 2023

No School?  
Family Movie and Snacks  
November 7 11 am

Library Closed  
Friday November 10  
Saturday November 11  
  
Thursday November 23  
Friday November 24  
  
Closing at 2pm  
Wednesday November 22

### Art Group

October 31 1-3pm  
November 7 1-3pm  
November 21 1-3pm

### STEM Group

November 14 1-3pm  
November 28 1-3pm

### LEGO Drop-In

Thursdays 1pm

Homeschool

### GSF Book Club ages 10-14

November 2 5 3pm

### I.F. Book Club ages 13 - 18

November 16 3pm

### Panels & Pages

November 18 11am

### Film Fridays 3pm

Twens/Teens

### Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

### Fiber Arts Group

Wednesdays 10am

### Tea & Tales Book Club

November 9 5pm

### Friday Fiction Book Group

November 17 10:30am

Adults

### Babies, Blankets, and Books

Mondays 10:30am

### Musical Munchkins

Tuesdays 11am

### StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

### Tinker Tots

November 2 11 AM

November 16 11am

### Family Storytime

November 18 10am

Preschool

Monday Friday 10am-5pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

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# **GOT LUNCH!** Belmont & Friends

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We've got a big summer ahead delivering food bags to kids every week. But we need help right now to make it all happen!

Immediate roles include:

- Fundraising/Donations
- Logistics
- Public Relations
- Procurement
- Grant Writing



When summer rolls around, we'll also need folks for:

- Packing food
- Delivery drivers

Got some time to spare? Whenever you can help, we've got a spot for you. Reach out and let us know.

**For More Information Call**  
**Sharon Ciampi**  
**603.581.9746**



**Got Lunch Belmont & Friends**

**email:**

**gotlunchbelmontandfriends@gmail.com**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**

**SPONSOR A WREATH!**

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



*Join Us in Our Mission*

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **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**

## 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/>*

# 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

# 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 Veterans Day or Thanksgiving. All pickups remain on your regular service day.



# 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, November 14, 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®



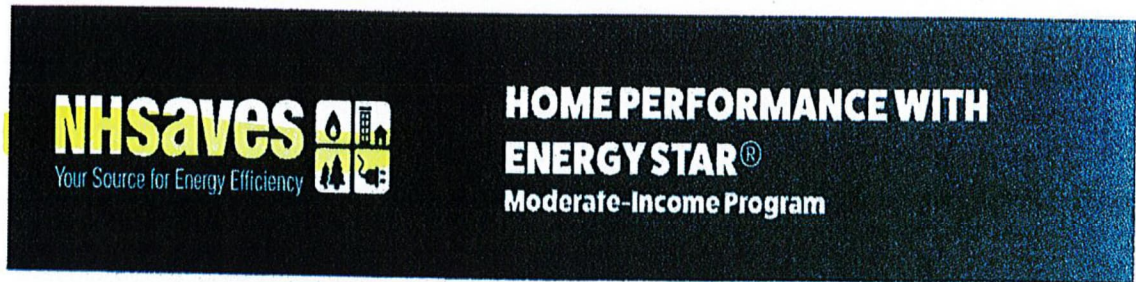
**Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23)**



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

# General Assistance



The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR - Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Unitil, 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**

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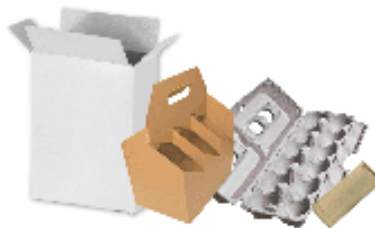
# ZERO-SORT<sup>®</sup> RECYCLING

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™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass



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# 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.

# Help Support Our Fundraiser!

We've partnered with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh & fragrant balsam fir wreaths and more for holiday decorating and gift-giving.



Visit [threeriversfundraising.com](https://threeriversfundraising.com) and enter our group code shown below to reach our fundraising page and begin shopping.



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Items ship via FedEx Ground Economy or U.S. Mail and cannot be shipped outside the contiguous U.S. Your credit card will be charged at the time you place your order online, and items ship out during the shipping week you select at checkout. Please review details on our website thoroughly before ordering.

## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction



## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Ornaments Now Available

LACONIA - 'Tis the season to support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, and local businesses are now selling decorative ornaments for in-store display or to take home. The ornaments cost \$1, \$5 or \$10 and help raise money for the auction, which will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

The ornaments are four-inch-round cardstock ornaments that customers can write their names on for display at a business or to take home. All proceeds benefit the auction.

Ornaments are available at many community partner locations:

Alton: Foster's Tavern, 403 Main St.

Bristol: Cielito's Mexican Restaurant, 50 South Main St.

Danbury: Danbury Country Store, 705 US-4

Gilford: Bank of NH, One Country Club Road; Bank of NH, 1441 Lakeshore Road Route 11; Gilford Country Store & Nahamsha Gifts, 1934 Lake Shore Road; Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore; Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road; H. Salon, 28 Weirs Road; Patrick's Pub & Eatery, 18 Weirs Road; The Wine'ing Butcher, 28 Weirs Road; Winnepesaukee Bay Gulls 2, 18 Weirs Rd, Fireside Inn & Suites, 17 Harris Shore Road.

Laconia: Bank of NH, 62 Pleasant St.; Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North; Café Déjà Vu, 311 Court St; Case n Keg Laconia, 855 Union Ave #2554; Crazy Gringo, 306 Lakeside Ave.; Defiant Records & Craft Beer, 609 Main St. units; High Octane, 1072 Watson Road; Laconia Village Bakery, 660 Main St.; LACS Snack Shack, Memorial Park, Tower Hill, 264 Lakeside Ave; Water Street Cafe, 141 Water St.

## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

Meredith: Bank of NH, 312 Daniel Webster Highway; Great Northern Trading Company, 312 Daniel Webster Highway at Mill Falls; Fitness Edge, 169 Daniel Webster Highway; Forest view Manor, 153 Parade Road; Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Ristorante, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, Mill Falls; Harley-Davidson Laconia, 239 Daniel Webster Highway; Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery, 72 Main St.; Middleton Building Supply, 157 Main St.; The Wine'ing Butcher. 81 NH Route 25; White Birch Gifts, 63 Main St.



Moultonborough: Bank of NH, 960 Whittier Hwy Route 25, Winnepesaukee Bay Gulls 118 Whittier Highway.

Plymouth: Bank of NH, 6 Riverside Drive.

Gilford Country Store and Nahamsha Gifts will have a raffle at both locations; for every \$1 donated by purchasing an ornament, the customer will receive a raffle ticket to win a \$100 gift basket (at each store).

Winnepesaukee Bay Gulls in Gilford & Moultonborough offer three one-day-old bagels with the purchase of a \$5 ornament and six one-day-old bagels with the purchase of a \$10 ornament.

Country Cook'n At the Lakeside and Great Northern Trading Company: For every \$1 of donation, the customer will receive a raffle ticket to win one of five \$25 gift certificates.

Businesses interested in offering ornaments at their location should call 603-527-0999 or email [jenn@childrensauction.org](mailto:jenn@childrensauction.org).

### About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

Numerous fundraising events in the Lakes Region throughout the year support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, including our four-day signature event every December. In the past four decades we have distributed more than \$8 million to over 80 nonprofits that serve low-income families and children in the Lakes Region, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Auction falls under the umbrella of the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps local community organizations that serve children and families in need. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org).

Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, Inc is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

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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 is divided into several sections. On the left, there is contact information for the town office, including the address "143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300" and business hours. Below this is a section for "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: 10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, and 12/25. In the center, there is a large image of a building at sunset. To the right of the image, a red arrow points from the "Sign up for Notifications" button in the banner above to a similar button on the website. This button is circled in red. Below the arrow, there is a "Connect on Facebook with..." section listing various town departments like "Board of Selectmen", "Recreation Department", "Winni Trail", "Fire", "Police", and "Library". Further down are several service tiles: "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses &amp; Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data". At the bottom left, there is a "Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events..." section with a calendar icon. A note at the bottom center states: "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."