

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



This is a reminder that this year Petition Warrant Articles are due to the Board of Selectmen by the 2nd Tuesday in January which is January 9, 2023. The first day for candidates for Town office to file declarations of candidacy with the Town Clerk is Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and the last day for filing will be February 2, 2024, the office will be open until 5 pm.

The 2023 tax rate has been set and bills were issued November 17th, and are due Monday, December 18th.



For those who wish to appeal their 2023 property tax assessment, abatement applications are available on our website under the Assessing Department or you may get an application at Town Hall.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

The Budget Committee continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at the Mill; their meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and we encourage your attendance.



Just a reminder that there is no overnight parking along our roadways from November 15th through April 30th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please visit our website

for the most recently revised Traffic Ordinance.

Town Hall will be closed
Monday, December 25th
and
Monday, January 1st



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

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.

PROPERTY RECORD / TAX CARDS

Updated 2023 property tax cards for all Belmont properties have been uploaded to our website, and can be accessed through the AxisGIS system: <https://next.axisgis.com/BelmontNH/>

Cards may be searched by property address, owner name or map and lot number. Once you locate the property you are looking for, click on VISION PROPERTY CARD under the Documents section.

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 Town Hall. We are also seeking Seniors to help out this holiday season, so if you know of someone in need and who could benefit from our cheer, please assist them in signing up. More information on page 10.



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 for the full details on the program and a price list.



BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION
PRESENTS

DECK *the* VILLAGE

**DECEMBER 2ND, 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

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.*

Town Clerk's Corner

The December 2023 tax bills have gone out and will be due on December 18, 2023. You can make payments by mail, on our town website belmontnh.gov or stop by the office.



The Presidential Primary date has been selected! The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. If you are not registered to vote, please stop by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office with proof of residency as well as your government issued identification. Voting will be held at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, from 7am to 7pm.

**Due to our new staffing,
we will be closed for lunch from
12:30pm — 1:30pm
beginning December 4, 2023.**



Town Clerk's Corner



Almost that time of year to begin registering our four-legged friends! We can start renewing dog licenses on January 1, 2024! All dogs will need to be registered no later than April 30, 2024. The cost to register a spayed/neutered dog is \$6.50, and a non-spayed/non-neutered dog is \$9.00. If the registrant is over the age of 65, the cost is \$2.00 for one dog per household & if you are registering 5 or more dogs, the cost is \$20.00. Please be sure to have updated rabies information on file; without it, we cannot license your dog.

Please be sure to stop by and welcome our newest team members to the Town Clerk Tax Collectors Office: Samantha LeClair & Devon Tibbetts.

We are excited to be fully staffed and looking forward to serving our residents.



Thank you, Jenn C, Jenn T, Sam & Devon

Highway Department News

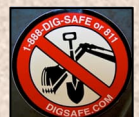


Winter's Arrival

December brings the chance for winter weather and with it, the possibility for the DPW's fleet of trucks to hit the road. The first of many events took place last month and although minor, they still serve as reminder of what's to come in the following months. Please pay attention to forecasts and allow yourself plenty of time for travel or adjust plans accordingly to avoid travel entirely during winter storms. Your Public Works Department monitors perpetually changing forecasts and is in constant communication with Police, Fire and other Municipal Agencies to be as proactive as possible leading up to and during a winter weather event. The Town of Belmont is fortunate to be fully staffed with a dedicated team of DPW Employees who take pride in what they do. Please exercise caution when you see these maintenance activities underway. The trucks used have limited visibility due to the plow gear, are usually slow moving and take longer to stop, especially in poor weather conditions. Give them the room they need to do their job and they will make sure you have the ability to reach your destination. Thank you!



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



Highway Department News

Mailboxes and Other Winter ROW Obstructions

The Employees of the Town would never intentionally damage anyone's property while taking part in winter maintenance operations, however there is always potential. To mitigate some of these risks, you may see members of the crew out marking hazards with reflective delineation and whips. In most areas the Town of Belmont maintains a 25-foot right of way. The Right of Way (ROW) is utilized for snow storage as banks grow throughout the winter while still providing drainage for snow melt and sight distance at driveways and intersections. Now is a good time to remove anything from the Town's right of way that could be damaged, or cause damage to the Department's fleet. Things like planters, basketball hoops, and lighting that can either be moved back or removed. Necessary adjustments to mailboxes should be made before the ground freezes. You can find specifications for mailbox installation below that will help keep your mailbox safe this winter.

- USPS approved metal mailbox required
- Front of mailbox must be 2 feet from the edge of pavement
- Position your mailbox at a height of 46 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox support
- House or Apt. number visible on both sides and front of mailbox
- Minimum 4 x 4 wooden support post
- Supporting post should be installed 2 feet below grade and a minimum of 4 feet from the edge of the pavement



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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 27th

Bring wrapped gifts, along with the wish list, by December 15th

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 26TH. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED.

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

Belmont Fire Department



On November 24th, members of the Belmont Fire Department and their families were at Belknap Marketplace accepting donations for the 42nd Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction!!



Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



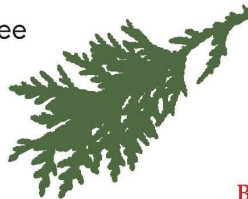
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Belmont Fire Department

14 Gilmanton Rd
Belmont NH 03220
(603) 267-8333



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 MONDAY 12/25/2023 Trash Collection will be delayed to TUESDAY.

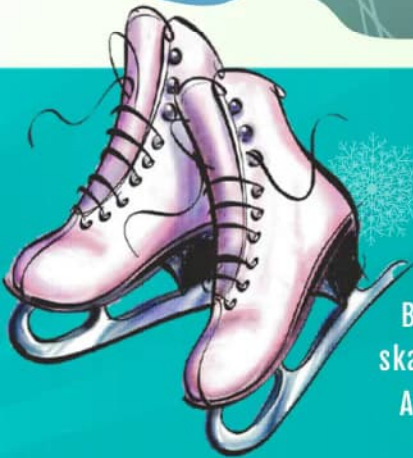
There will be NO CHANGE to Wednesday or Friday pickups.



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:

For more info, please contact Danielle St.Onge, 603-267-1865 or email Recreation@Belmontnh.gov

\$6
PER PERSON

\$6
OPTIONAL
SKATE RENTAL

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**

In this issue >>>

Upcoming Meetings:

- ARC – 12/21/2023 (if needed)*
- Planning Board – 12/18/2023*
- Zoning Board – 12/27/2023*



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use



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
Contact
luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Application Review Committee (November 20, 2023)

Cartier Family Revocable Trust: Review of an application for a Subdivision (2 Lots). Property is located at 105 Hurricane Road, Tax lot 223-054-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ARC Case #20-23R

Cynthia DeRoy & Stephanie Atherton: Review of an application for a Subdivision (2 Lots). Property is located at 386 Bean Hill Road, Tax Map 230-079-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ARC Case #21-23R

JCB LLC: Review of an application for a Subdivision (10 Lots). Property is located at 36 Horse Point Road, Tax Lot 201-011-000-000, in the Commercial & Residential Single Districts. ARC Case # 22-23R

Planning Board (November 27, 2023)

Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Lakeview at Belmont LLC: Continuation of 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: Mountain Lake Village, LLC: Request for an amendment to an 18-lot open space single-family subdivision approval to provide on-site septic (on the proposed lots located in the Town of Belmont only) Property is located on Mile Hill Road, Tax Lots 202-012-000-000 & 202-015-000-000 in the "R" & "RS" Zones. PB # 21-23P.

>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: December 18, 2023, 6:00PM

continued...



Zoning Board of Adjustment (Meeting November 15, 2023)

1. **Abutter’s Hearings: Georges Realty, LLC:**

Request for a Variance of Article 5, Table 2 to renovate/repair and add an additional story on to an existing structure closer (25.2’) to Unit 4 structure than allowed (30’) - Approved

Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2, to renovate/repair and add an additional story on to an existing structure closer (23.3’) to Unit 6 structure than allowed (30’) - Approved

Request for a Special Exception of Article 11.A.3.d to renovate/repair and add an additional story on to an existing structure closer (12.5’) to the highwater mark than allowed (50’) but not closer than the existing building and not exceeding a 40% increase within the setback—Approved

Property located at 82 Sunset Drive; Tax Map 107-150-000-005; Residential Single Zone

>>> **Next Meeting: December 27, 2023, 6:00PM**

Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town’s website:
www.belmontnh.gov
to submit an application.

Planning Board

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- **1 vacancy**

Zoning Board

- 5 regular members, 5 alternates
- **2 vacancies**

Conservation (no current vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members





REPURPOSING YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS TREE

What to do with an old Christmas tree? Anything BUT throw it out. Even though the holidays are over, your tree still has some life left in it. There are several ways of repurposing a dead or dying Christmas tree for uses around your home and garden.

Compost Your Christmas Tree

If you didn't go with a potted living Christmas tree for the holidays, the most obvious way to give new life to an old tree is to add it to your compost pile. But instead of tossing tree parts into your compost bin all at once, there's a better way to take advantage of all that organic matter.

First, cut the tree into smaller chunks and gather them into a pile in your yard. Let the pile sit until the pine needles have fallen off and the branches are dry and brittle. Then, use these brown materials as a carbon source for your compost bin, as needed.

By saving the pine needles and branches from your dead Christmas tree, you can add brown and green materials in the proper 2:1 ratio to your compost all season long. This helps the compost break down faster and keeps the pile from smelling bad or turning sludgy (a common problem in winter).

Mulch Perennial Beds with the Boughs

Cut off the boughs and layer them on your perennial garden beds as a natural mulch to protect the roots and prevent frost heaving. The branches are an excellent alternative to straw or wood chips, and will break down slowly over winter adding nutrients to the soil for spring. They're heavy enough to not blow away in winter storms yet still allow delicate new shoots to poke through once the weather warms up. Contrary to popular belief, pine needles will not acidify your soil, so there's no need to worry about using pine needles (also called pine straw) as mulch.

Place the Tree Outside and Turn It into a Bird Sanctuary

After taking all the decorations off your tree, move it outdoors (still in the tree stand) and create your own bird sanctuary. You can hang bird feeders and suet cages from the branches, or even a birdhouse or two. Once spring rolls around and birds have more food sources available you can compost the tree or use the now-dried wood for

Conservation Commission



REPURPOSING YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS TREE (cont.)

Turn Your Tree into a Wildlife Habitat

If refilling bird feeders isn't your thing, you can still nurture the mini ecosystem in your yard by turning your old tree into a wildlife habitat. Simply drag it outside to an out-of-the-way spot in your garden and let it sit for the winter, on its side. The branches help attract and protect birds, squirrels, chipmunks, snakes, and other wildlife that might otherwise have a hard time finding shelter in leafless trees and snow drifts. By keeping them cozy in your old Christmas tree, you keep the local wildlife from making themselves at home in your attic, garage, or basement.

Use Branches as Simple Supports for Plants

Strip the sturdiest branches of their needles and cut them into various lengths to use as plant stakes. They're handy for supporting houseplants, vegetable seedlings, and young plants in the garden. These small stakes are also useful for protecting tomatoes and other seedlings from dreaded cutworm damage in spring. Placing a small stick against the stem keeps the cutworm from wrapping itself around the stem and chewing on your plant. The "stick trick" is highly effective for this type of pest control and having a stash of stakes on hand will ensure you win that battle every time.

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING :

6 PM, DECEMBER 6, 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 Public Library

December 2023

ancestry library edition

Available for in library use now and through 2024.

Ask a librarian!

Babies, Blankets, and Books

Mondays 10:30am

Musical Munchkins

Tuesdays 11am

StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

Tinker Tots

December 7 11 AM

December 28 11am

Family Storytime

December 16 10am

Preschool

Monday Friday 10am-5pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331

Art Group

December 5 1-3pm

STEM Group

December 12 1-3pm

LEGO Drop-In

Thursdays 1pm

Homeschool

GSF Book Club ages 10-14

December 7 3pm

I.F. Book Club ages 13 - 18

December 28 3pm

Panels & Pages

November 18 11am

Film Fridays 3pm

Tweens/Teens

Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

Fiber Arts Group

Wednesdays 10am

Tea & Tales Book Club

December 15 11:30am

Friday Fiction Book Group

December 15 10:30am

Adults

Belmont Public Library

December 2023

Special Holiday Vacation Week Special Events

12/25 Closed
12/26
11am Family
Singalong-Holiday
Edition
1pm LEGO Drop-In
12/27
10:30 Storytots
1pm Family Film
12/28
10:30 Tinkertots
1pm LEGO Drop in

*Deck the
Village*

Saturday
December 2
2-5pm

**Christmas Cards for
Veterans through 12/9**

**Contribute to
the Mitten Tree
all month**

**New mittens and other
winter gear will go to local
children.**



Heritage Commission

Greetings from the HERITAGE COMMISSION!

Whether you've lived in Belmont all of your life or are new to Belmont, the Heritage Commission sends our warmest wishes to everyone during this holiday season. This little town of Belmont has grown in numbers and spirit since its inception. Remembering the old and cherishing the past through stories, photos, town reports, artifacts and just chatting with townspeople, have brought the commission members many happy memories.



**We thank you for
your support
and for a great
2023.**

**Happy Holidays to all and
to all a GOOD NIGHT!**

***From the*
Belmont Heritage
Commission**

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice -Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jillian Rolfe, Sharon Ciampi (Selectman Representative), Adam Riberio (Belmont High School Student Rep., non-voting member),



Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



December 16, 2023 @ 12pm



at The Belmont Public Library

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the Belmont Cemetery Trustees and their sponsor American Legion Post 58 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



#ServeAndSucceed

Please reach out to haimards2016@gmail.com
with any questions.

Friends of the Library Fundraiser for Gift Wrapping



LET THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DO YOUR

Holiday gift
wrapping

FRIENDLY & AFFORDABLE
ALL WELCOME



Thursday & Friday, December 21 & 22 from 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday, December 23 from 2-5pm

MILL BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN
BELMONT, FIRST FLOOR, SIDE
ENTRANCE

Questions? Pauline: 603-267-5780

FRIENDS OF THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Rabble

FIRST PRIZE
**4 TUBING TICKETS
FROM GUNSTOCK**

SECOND PRIZE
BASKET OF NEW BESTSELLING BOOKS

TICKETS ARE \$5/EA. OR 5 FOR \$20
DRAWING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT BELMONT LIBRARY!
OR AT [GIVEBUTTER.COM/TUBING](https://www.givebutter.com/tubing)**

GOOD MID-WEEK ONLY, TICKETS EXPIRE MARCH 2024
THANK YOU TO GUNSTOCK FOR THE DONATION OF THESE TICKETS
THANK YOU TO MVSBB FOR THE DONATION OF THE BOOKS

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

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/>

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:

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American Red Cross Blood Drive



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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, December 12, 2023
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #10943

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit 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.
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Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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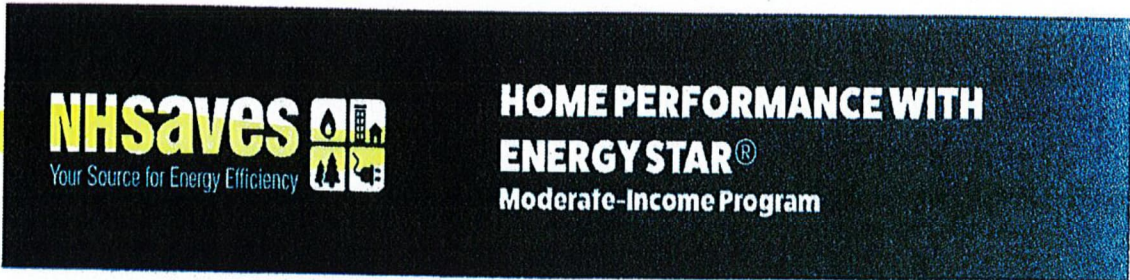
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General Assistance



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

The program rebate structure is as follows:

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

Program Requirements:

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

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:

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

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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, tanglers 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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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.



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

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

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

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, or call Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801 to confirm the current month's time and location.

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Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023

10/09,
 11/10
 11/23, 11/24
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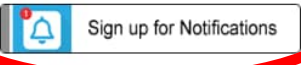



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