

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



### TOWN ELECTIONS

Voting for officials as well as zoning amendments, operating budget and other warrant articles will be held on:

**Tuesday, March 12th, 2024.**

The ballot for the Shaker Regional School District will be available at the same time.

**BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

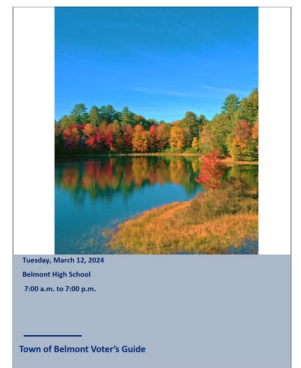
**255 SEAVEY ROAD**

**7:00 am to 7:00 pm**

### 2024 Voter's Guide

The Guide is available:

- On our website at: [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov)
- Emailed to all recipients of our Newsletter list as a separate PDF document.
- Hard copies may be picked up at Town Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.



The 2024 Voter's Guide is a tool to help aid in making informed decisions about ballot items and highlights some of the articles.

### WATER & SEWER BILLS

First quarter water and sewer bills have been mailed and everyone should have theirs soon.

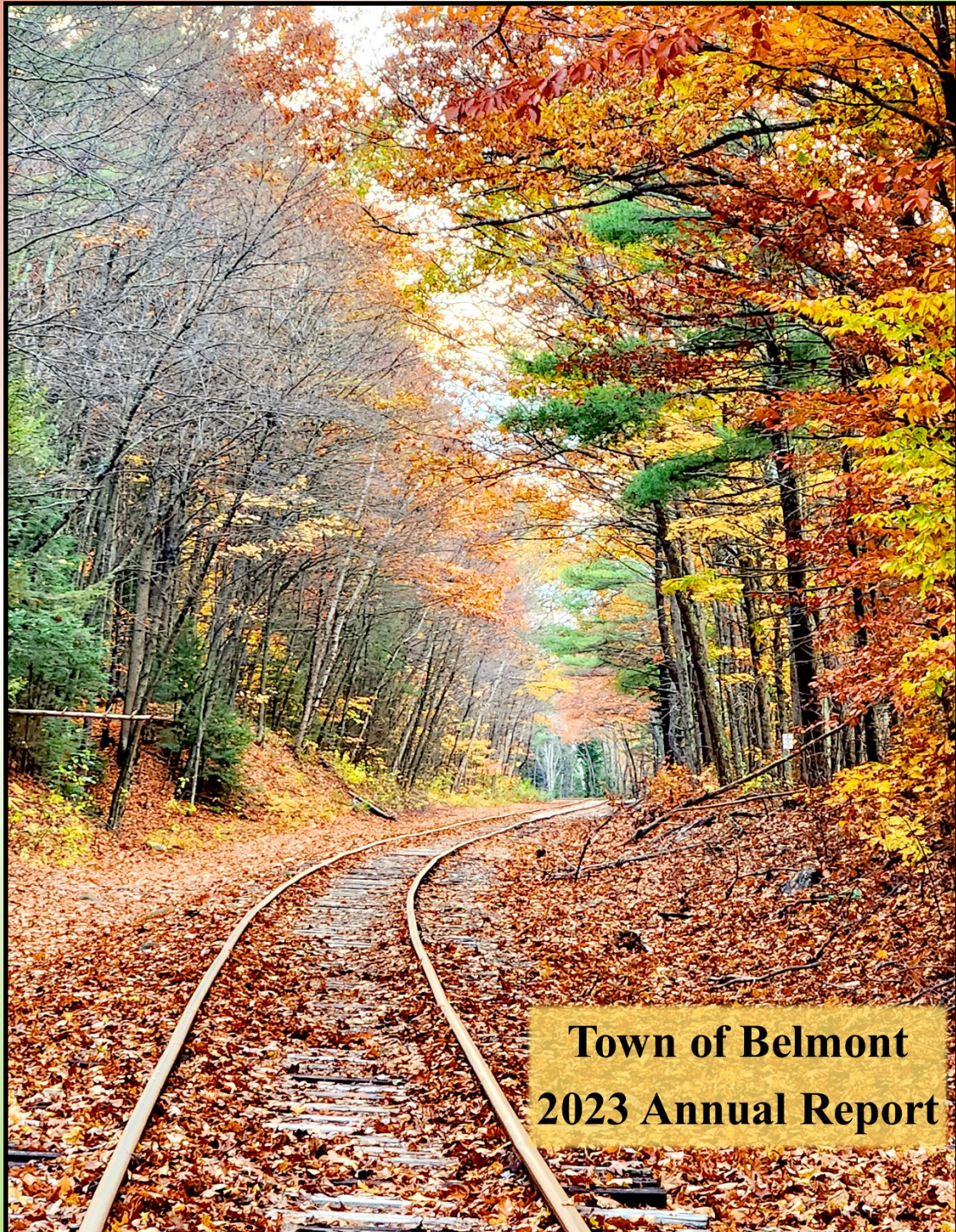
Bills may be paid online from our home page located at: [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov) using the button for "Payments/Inquiries /Property Tax / Water/Sewer".





## 2023 Annual Report

Our 2023 Annual Reports are now available at Town Hall, or an electronic copy is available from the home page of our website at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov)





## 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.

### 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.



### 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.



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 Clerk's Corner



Our annual Town election will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Belmont High School Gymnasium located at 255 Seavey Road. The polls will be open from 7AM – 7 PM.

Voter Guides regarding the articles we will be voting on are available on our town website at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov), or at Town Hall. If you are going to be absent on the day of the election and are in need of an absentee ballot, we have them here in our office. You can stop by the Clerk's office and cast your vote, or submit a request and we can mail your ballot to you. You can also mail or email a request for a ballot; please keep in mind that every request must include your signature and indicate where you need your ballot mailed to.

We cannot accept any new voter registrations in our office after Saturday, March 2, 2024. After this date, you must register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Be sure to bring your valid State or Government issued ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, etc...) as well as proof of residency.

March also means it is time for the first issue water and sewer bills to be sent out. The first issue utility bills cover the months of December, January, and February. They will be due on April 10th. As a reminder, you may pay this in person, by mail, our front door drop box or online at [belmontnh.gov](http://belmontnh.gov). If you owe a balance from a previous bill, please give our office a call for the updated interest amount.

Punxsutawney Phil says Spring is arriving early! Stop by the Clerk's office with your registration to get your beach pass and a smile !

While you're here, don't forget to renew your dog license. Just a friendly reminder that they are due by April 30, 2024. You may also renew them by mail or online. If you have a new puppy, we will need a copy of their current rabies vaccination paperwork.



Planning a summer wedding? We can help! Marriage licenses cost \$50.00 and are valid for 90 days. Both parties must be present and if there are any previous marriages, official documents as to how that marriage dissolved are required. (Divorce Decree, Death Certificate or Annulment) If you have any questions regarding what documentation is needed, please reach out to our office.

Thank you, *Jenn C.*, *Sam C.* & *Devon*



## ***Posted Roads***

We made it through most of February without posting weight limits. The roads were officially posted on February 26, 2024. Official notice of posted roads will be made available on the town website and in the local newspaper. Once weight limits have been posted, all Town Maintained roads are limited to 6-Tons.

Please reach out to the Public Works Department at 603-528-2677 with any questions.



## ***Muddy Roads***

This winter mild temperatures have caused abnormal thawing on some of the town's 10+ miles of dirt roads. As usual, your DPW has made efforts to be proactive. Roads have been monitored and muddy areas have been met with the addition of appropriate aggregate, then graded back into form. It is the hope of the Department that reacting to these small areas now, will ease the severity of "Mud Season" moving through the next month. Once the spring thaw is in full swing, ask yourself if you really need to travel this road. Although the Department does everything it can to keep the roads passable, you will encounter mud, ruts, and newly exposed rocks. Conditions can change hourly as temperatures vary and a road that was fine in the morning may be borderline hazardous for some vehicles. If there is another way, just not as scenic or quick, mud season may be the time to use it.



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



## Sewer Maintenance

The Town of Belmont's sewer system consists of approximately 20 miles of combined gravity and forced main lines that go to and from 8 pumping stations spread throughout the system. All lines end at the WRBP's interceptor, where waste is transported via large diameter pipe line from Belmont and other surrounding communities to Franklin for treatment.

Fats, oils, and grease also known as FOG, is one of the most harmful types of waste that can be flushed down the drain. This contributes to a large number of system failures in both private septic systems and public sewer systems. The primary source of FOG is preparing and cooking food and improperly disposing of rendered fats and oils by dumping them down the drain. Once mixed with water, it cools and solidifies onto whatever it can. Sometimes it is the inside of pipes, reducing the inner diameter and causing slow drainage or worse, backups. Other times the FOG makes it into wet wells before solidifying on float switches or valves causing pumping station malfunctions. Members of the department monitor these wells and as a measure of preventative maintenance, frequently remove and clean float switches and any other excessive buildup to keep thing moving smoothly. Another item that is commonly flushed that causes major system problems are "flushable wipes". Although labeled as such, flushable wipes create a strain on systems due to their inability to break down when saturated. They move through the system freely until they either catch on something, potentially creating a backup in the line, or find their way to a pump. At that point one of two things happen. We get lucky and it passes through and on to the next one downstream in the system, or it doesn't. If it doesn't, they build up around intakes, causing suction issues or actually make it inside where they can cause the pump to lose vacuum or worse, stop it completely, rendering the pump inoperable. Pictured below are a float switch that malfunctioned due to the excessive amount of grease stuck to the float. The second is a picture of the inside of one of the towns pumps that was experiencing a loss in GPM likely due to the handful of "flushable wipes" that had found their way inside and got caught on the impeller. See the Town's website for a more in-depth look at what's flushable.



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## Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

As Spring is upon us and we move into March, we want to bring you some facts from NHTSA.

St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest days on our nation's roads.

272 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period (6:00 p.m. March 16 to 5:59 a.m. March 18) between 2017 and 2021.

Over the 2021 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, 47 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes.

Year after year, the rate of impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes is higher at night on St. Patrick's Day.

In 2021, 41 of the 47 traffic fatalities involving an impaired driver during the holiday period occurred in the nighttime hours (6:00 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.). Still, 31 daytime fatalities in drunk-driving crashes occurred between 2017 and 2021 over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period.



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

## Prohibited Burning Construction & Demolition Debris and Household Trash

### Materials Not Acceptable for Burning

- Construction & demolition debris
- Tires
- Household trash
- Packaging materials
- Plastics
- Coated or laminated paper
- Coated or treated cardboard
- Oily rags
- Animal, vegetable and kitchen waste
- Used Oil, gasoline and hazardous waste
- Brush greater than 5 inches in diameter
- Any wood that has been painted/stained, glued, or treated in any way



### Materials Acceptable for Burning

- Campfire wood
- Charcoal
- Clean pallets

#### If generated on-site

- Brush (less than 5 inches in diameter)
- Clean lumber scraps (private single family residences only)

*Burning construction & demolition debris and household trash releases toxic air pollutants, creates potentially hazardous ash, and puts your family, neighbors, and the environment at risk.*



**All burning must be conducted in accordance with local ordinances and under a "Permit To Kindle Fire" issued by the local Fire Warden or authorized agent.**



Please contact DES at (603) 271-1370 for more information on open burning.



# FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED BY LAW

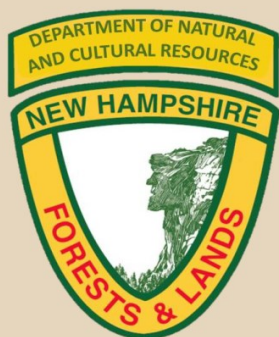
In New Hampshire RSA 227-L:17 requires that a fire permit be obtained by the person conducting and responsible for the open burning whenever the ground is not completely covered with snow within a 100-foot radius of the burn site. For additional information on open burning laws and applicable administrative rules please visit <http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/> or contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department.

Please be advised that some communities may also have additional restrictions regarding open burning and specific local permitting requirements.

## Options for Obtaining a Required State of NH Fire Permit

- ☐ Contact your local Forest Fire Warden, Deputy Warden or a fire department official to obtain a written fire permit.
- ☐ Utilize the convenience of the Online Fire Permit System in participating communities. Simply scan the QR code below to visit the Online Permit website

**[www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com)**



NH Division of Forests and Lands

Forest Protection Bureau

172 Pembroke Road

Concord, NH 03301

603-271-2214

[nh.gov/nhdfl/](http://nh.gov/nhdfl/)

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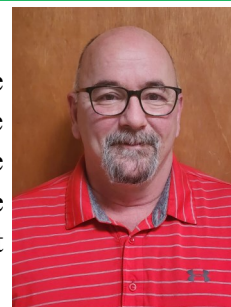
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# Town of Belmont Building Department

## WELCOME!

The Town of Belmont would like to welcome our new Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Caron. Glenn comes to us from the City of Laconia where he served as Assistant Building Inspector/Housing Inspector/Fire Inspector. Additionally, he has many years of experience working in the construction trade. He will be joining the team the week of March 4th. Glenn has been the Interim Building Inspector for the last few weeks and we look forward to having him here full time!



As we enter into the Month of March many people start dreaming of their spring projects. Please keep in mind that these projects may require a permit!

Decks; sheds (including the tent-style membrane sheds); and pools, even seasonal pools, require a permit.



Another popular spring project is fences. As long as the fence does not exceed six (6) feet in height, it does not require a building permit. Fences may be placed on the property line but be sure you know where your property lines are. The Town *recommends* a foot off the property line to allow for maintenance on the rear side of the fence.



We strongly encourage all residents to reach out to the Land Use/Building Office if you are unsure whether your project requires a permit. If you need a permit and do not have one prior to the start of your project you may be subject to the “after the fact” fee. First offense is double the permit fee, any offense after that is triple the permit fee.

Application forms are available in the Land Use office during regular business hours 7:30AM to 4PM and online at:

<https://www.belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50742/applications-forms-ordinances-regulations>



## Building Department

# Who Needs Building Codes?

We all do—whether in our homes, offices, schools, stores, factories, or places of entertainment. We rely on the safety of structures that surround us in our everyday living. The public need for protection from disaster due to fire, structural collapse, and general deterioration underscores the need for modern codes and their administration.

Resilient construction has the potential to substantially reduce property damage and loss of life resulting from all forms of natural disasters.

### HOW RELIABLE ARE THEY?

Most aspects of building construction—electrical wiring, heating, sanitary facilities—represent a potential hazard to building occupants and users. Building codes provide safeguards. Although no code can eliminate all risks, reducing risks to an acceptable level helps.

### WHAT IS A BUILDING CODE?

Practically, it is the government's official statement on building safety. Technically, it is a compendium of minimum safety standards arranged in a systematic manner (codified) for easy reference. It embraces all aspects of building construction—fire, structural, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical.

### WHAT IF I WANT TO DO A BUILDING PROJECT MYSELF?

Building departments have pamphlets and brochures explaining, in detail, how to obtain permits and design and construct a safe building. Inquire within your local community.



People Helping People Build a Safer World®

## Building Codes How They Help You

### WHY SHOULD CODES APPLY TO MY OWN HOUSE?

For several reasons:

- For your personal safety, and that of your family, and the guests invited into your home.
- To ensure the economic well-being of the community by reducing potential spread of fire and disease.
- For the conservation of energy.
- To protect future home purchasers who deserve reasonable assurance that the home they buy will be safe.

*The regulation of building construction is not a recent phenomenon. It can be traced through recorded history for more than 4,000 years. Through time, people have become increasingly aware of ways to avoid the catastrophic consequences of building-construction failures.*

If you are considering a building project,  
please contact the Building Office  
with any questions.

603-267-8300 x3

Or email the Building Official at  
[buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov](mailto:buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov)

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### Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 3/21/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 3/25/2024

Zoning Board – 3/27/2024



March  
2024

## A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

# Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning

## February Meetings >>>

### Your Land Use Staff

**Karen Santoro**  
Town Planner

**Rod Cameron**  
Land Use Technician

**Susan Austin**  
Administrative Assistant

**Jennifer Thomas**  
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 (February 15, 2024)

**Walterlynn 22 LLC:** Review of an application for Site Plan approval to add a tent style storage building to the site for the storage of maintenance equipment. Property is located at 1213 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 241-006-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. ARC Case 01-24R

**White Oaks, LLC:** Review of an application for Site Plan approval to add a tent style storage building to the site for the storage of maintenance equipment. Property is located at 52 Higgins Drive, Tax Lot 241-008-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. ARC Case # 02-24R

### Planning Board (February 26, 2024)

**Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Raed Hertel Family Trust:** Continuation of a request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide to subdivide 5 single family residential lots from Tax Lot 118-016-000-000. Property is located on Jamestown Road in the Residential Single-Family Zone. Planning Board Case # 23-23P. - Denied w/o prejudice

**Cartier - Revocation of Subdivision Approval** - to subdivide a single-family residential lot from Tax Lot 223-054-000-000 that was granted on December 18, 2023. Planning Board Case # 23-23P—Revocation granted

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Cartier:** Request for Subdivision approval to subdivide one lot into two. Property is located at 105 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 223-054-000-000, in the Residential Zone. Planning Board Case # 03-24P—Approved

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**Planning Board (continued)**

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Walterlynn 22 LLC:** Request for Site Plan approval to add a tent style storage building to the site for the storage of maintenance equipment. Property is located at 1213 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 241-006-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. Planning Board Case # 04-24P Approved

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – White Oaks, LLC:** Request for Site Plan approval to add a tent style storage building to the site for the storage of maintenance equipment. Property is located at 52 Higgins Drive, Tax Lot 241-008-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. Planning Board Case # 05-24P—Continued to March 25, 2024

**>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: February 26, 2024, 6:00PM**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment ( February 28, 2024)**

**Meeting Canceled due to lack of applications**

**>>> Next Meeting: March 27 ,2024, 6:00PM**

# Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town's website:  
**[www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)**  
to submit an application.

**Planning Board**

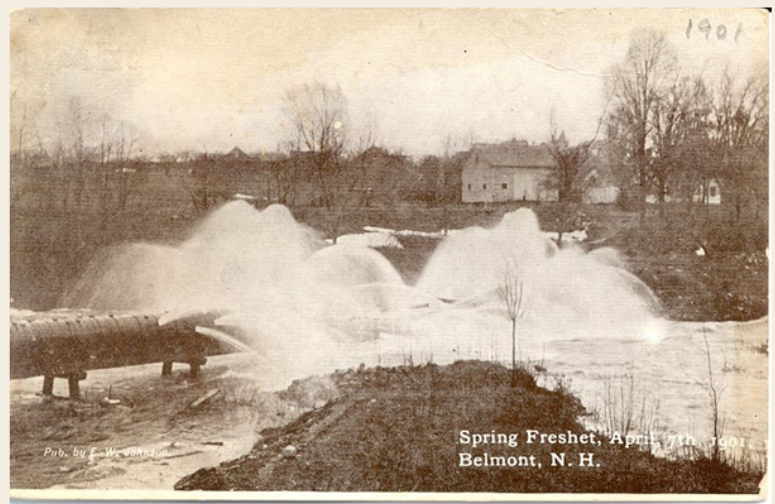
- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- **1 vacancy**

**Zoning Board**

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

**Conservation (no current vacancies)**

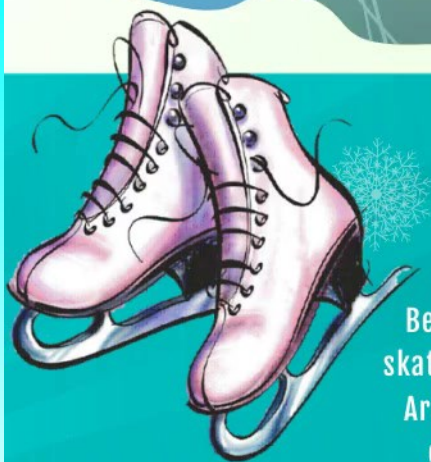
- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



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](mailto:Recreation@Belmontnh.gov)

**\$6**  
PER PERSON

**\$6**  
OPTIONAL  
SKATE RENTAL



# LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES

Winter is just getting started but **SUMMER** will be here before you know it! Belmont Parks & Recreation will be hiring lifeguards **16+** for the summer of 2024! Get certified now!

**FOR CLASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION VISIT:**

<https://tinyurl.com/LifeguardTraining2024>



Great work environment - Flexible Schedule - Learn important life skills  
- Excellent source of summer income - Great resume' builder!

<https://tinyurl.com/LifeguardTraining2024>

***Call to schedule an interview today!***

***HELP WANTED***  
***Belmont Parks & Recreation***

***SUMMER JOB POSITIONS:***  
***SUMMER CAMP STAFF***  
***SARGENT PARK ATTENDANT***  
***LIFEGUARDS***

Belmont Parks & Recreation is seeking qualified candidates to fill seasonal job openings. Job descriptions and applications are available online at [BelmontNH.gov](http://BelmontNH.gov)

***Danielle St.Onge***  
*Recreation Director*  
*Town of Belmont*  
*PO Box 310*  
*Belmont, NH 03220*  
*(603) 267-1865*



Please see our job descriptions and information on our website:

[Camp Director Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Assistant Camp Director Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Summer Camp Councilor Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Lifeguard Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

[Park Attendant Job Description \(PDF\)](#)



**REGISTER NOW!**

# **BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP**

## **DAILY PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

**SPORTS, CRAFTS, CONTESTS, FIELD  
TRIPS, BEACH DAYS, FREE PLAY  
AND MORE**

## **WEEKLY THEMES**

**WEEK 1 – THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
WEEK 2 – VILLAINS & SUPERHEROES  
WEEK 3 – COLOR CRAZE  
WEEK 4 – SHIPWRECKED  
WEEK 5 – LET THE GAMES BEGIN  
WEEK 6 – CARNIVAL**

**JULY 1–AUGUST 9**

**CAMP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

**8:00AM – 4:30PM**

**EARLY DROP OFF AT 7:30 AVAILABLE FOR \$25/WEEK**

**OPEN TO AGES 5–12**

**RESIDENTS \$155/WEEK**

**NON-RESIDENTS \$175/WEEK**

**\$20/WEEK SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

**FIELD TRIP FEES  
INCLUDED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
DANIELLE STONGE (603) 267-1865  
OR  
EMAIL [RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV](mailto:RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV)**

## Belmont Summer Camp 2024—Preliminary Calendar

BELMONT SUMMER CAMP 2024								THEME DAYS! Dress the theme THURSDAYS!
WEEK 1	SUNDAY June 30, 2024	MONDAY July 1, 2024	TUESDAY July 2, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 3, 2024	THURSDAY July 4, 2024	FRIDAY July 5, 2024	SATURDAY July 6, 2024	
The Great Outdoors	X	WELCOME CAMPERS!	BEACH DAY		X	FIELD TRIP Please have campers in clothes they can get tie-dye on!	X	Dress ready for the Great Outdoors....or maybe something that lives outdoors. Animal prints? Hiking attire? Gone Fishing?
WEEK 2	SUNDAY July 7, 2024	MONDAY July 8, 2024	TUESDAY July 9, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 10, 2024	THURSDAY July 11, 2024	FRIDAY July 12, 2024	SATURDAY July 13, 2024	
Superheros & Villians Week	X		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	Who is your favorite Villian or Superhero? Are they from a Marvel/DC comic book? A Disney movie? A personal/local hero?
WEEK 3	SUNDAY July 14, 2024	MONDAY July 15, 2024	TUESDAY July 16, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 17, 2024	THURSDAY July 18, 2024	FRIDAY July 19, 2024	SATURDAY July 20, 2024	
Color Craze	X	Please have campers in clothes that can get paint on them!	BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP	COLOR CRAZE COLOR RUN! Please bring/wear white t/shirt	BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	Get those BRIGHT COLORS out! Whats your favorite?
WEEK 4	SUNDAY July 21, 2024	MONDAY July 22, 2024	TUESDAY July 23, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 24, 2024	THURSDAY July 25, 2024	FRIDAY July 26, 2024	SATURDAY July 27, 2024	
Shipwrecked	X		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY SWIM LESSONS	X	We are shipwrecked! Who will we see? Pirates? Mermaids? Tourists? Dress in any of the above or your crews colors!
WEEK 5	SUNDAY July 28, 2024	MONDAY July 29, 2024	TUESDAY July 30, 2024	WEDNESDAY July 31, 2024	THURSDAY August 1, 2024	FRIDAY August 2, 2024	SATURDAY August 3, 2024	
"Let the GAMES Begin"	X		BEACH DAY	FIELD TRIP		BEACH DAY Cardboard Boat Races	X	Whats your favorite sport? Dress up like your favorite athlete/sport!
WEEK 6	SUNDAY August 4, 2024	MONDAY August 5, 2024	TUESDAY August 6, 2024	WEDNESDAY August 7, 2024	THURSDAY August 8, 2024	FRIDAY August 9, 2024	SATURDAY August 10, 2024	
"Carnival"	X		BEACH DAY	FIELD TRIP		END OF CAMP CELEBRATION	Belmont Old Home Day	This week we are "under the top ". Dress up in big, fun & colorful clothes, shoes & hats!
This calendar is subject to change. While we will try our BEST to not have to make adjustments, sometimes situations arise that require a change of plans. Notice will be given for any changes that would require your camper to bring additional items from home (swimsuit, camp shirt, etc).								
SWIM LESSONS ARE OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$40								
BEACH DAYS - Please remember to bring towels, sunscreen & EXTRA water!								
FIELD TRIP DAYS - Bus space is limited - Please remember to bring EXTRA water. Campers can bring money for water but please no lunches or souvenirs. Bus space is limited so campers will be asked to only bring what is needed for the trip, sunscreen, water and something to keep them busy on the bus rides!								





# **Belmont Parks & Recreation**

## **HELP WANTED**

### **SARGENT PARK ATTENDANT**

#### **Seasonal / Part-time Position**

**10 -12 hours weekly, late May to early September, some flexibility with days of the week and times required**

- **Be 18 years of age**
- **Criminal Background Check approval is required**
- **Be able to effectively communicate with the public and staff**
- **Work cooperatively with people in an enthusiastic manner**
- **First Aid & CPR Certified, or willing to acquire certification**
- **Assist the Parks & Recreation Director with the planning and execution of community events held at Sargent Park**

**Applications can be found on the town of Belmont website at [BelmontNH.gov](http://BelmontNH.gov) or by contacting the Parks & Recreation Director at [recreation@BelmontNH.gov](mailto:recreation@BelmontNH.gov)**





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 MARCH 21, 2024**  
**6:30PM**  
**BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR**

**JOIN US**





## Belmont Conservation Commission Program

### What is a BioBlitz?

A BioBlitz is a type of citizen science project. BioBlitzes bring together experts (trained scientists or naturalists) with community members to find as many different plants, wildlife, insects, fungi and other species as possible. These efforts can help build our understanding of the natural world, detect invasive species, engage local stakeholders, and educate community members.

A BioBlitz focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. BioBlitzes are a fun, engaging way to involve people from a variety of backgrounds in exploring nature!

While not equivalent to comprehensive biological surveys, BioBlitz events can collect useful data, helping inventory natural resources in a chosen location. If repeated over time, they can also be used to monitor changes or shifts in species' occurrences or detect new species in a location. BioBlitz events increase the amount of biodiversity and natural resources data available to community groups and landowners, which can provide valuable information for stewardship planning.

Beyond the data, BioBlitz events are an effective method of community engagement. Participants can meet and work with experts, improve their naturalist skills, gain an understanding of scientific survey practices, and learn more about natural resources. A BioBlitz can also connect community members to a new parcel of land or organization, potentially helping to establish or improve attitudes towards nature and local conservation efforts. These events can bring together a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds, allowing them to form connections with each other and with the species and place they're exploring. Perhaps most importantly, BioBlitzes are fun - for those who plan them and for those who participate!

The most common type of BioBlitz brings together participants and experts for a nature scavenger hunt. Together, they find and identify as many different plants, wildlife, insects, fungi, and other species as possible. The experts can be scientists, researchers, naturalists, educators, or other natural resources professionals with expertise identifying one or more specific taxa (groups of species, such as birds). These events are often one day, a weekend or even a full week. They generally take place on one property - a park, conservation area, or schoolyard - but can be broadened to cover a larger geographic area.





## Collecting Data

A BioBlitz can be a powerful way to collect useful data and for people to experience the process of data collection. There are several ways observations can be recorded during a BioBlitz. Regardless of the method you choose, you should strive to collect accurate and robust data that is useful to help you achieve your goals. Think about how your data might be used, connect with organizations that might benefit from the data, and consider using tools (like iNaturalist) that allow the data to be shared with others.

## Belmont BioBlitz Event

New Hampshire Conservation Commissions are tasked with conducting town natural resources inventories, coordinating conservation activities including environmental education, land protection, wetland evaluation and so much more. The Belmont Conservation Commission, as part of their activities to accomplish these tasks, is in the process of planning a BioBlitz Event sometime in late spring or early summer. This activity will be evaluated, and if successful, will be continued as a regular program of the Commission. More information will be provided to the community as plans are developed. This is a great opportunity for young and old alike to experience the incredible natural environment in Belmont, New Hampshire.

### NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Tioga Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Belmont Mill**

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Denise Naiva, Chair  
Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair  
Jane Jordan, Pauline Tessier,  
Deborah Woodcock, Georgina Lambert,  
Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

#### ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Richard Moreau, Jeffrey DeFrancesco

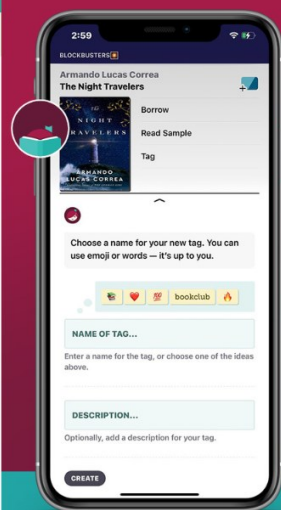
#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Emilie DeFrancesco, Emerson Decato



# Belmont Public Library

March 2024



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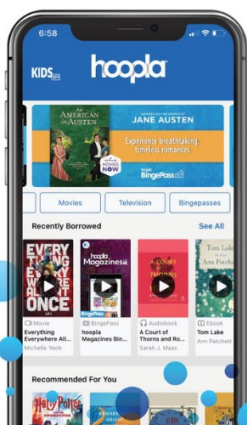
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### Babies and Books

Tuesdays 10am

### StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

### Tinker Tots

March 5, 19 1pm

Preschool

### Homeschool Activities

March 14, 21 1pm

### Family Fun

March 2, 19 10am

### LEGO

Fridays 1pm

Family

### Chapters & Verse

March 7 4pm

### Teen Games Drop In

March 21, 28 3pm

### Film Fridays 3pm

Teens

### Fiber Arts Group

Mondays 10am

### Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

### Book Groups

March 7, 14, 15

Adults

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

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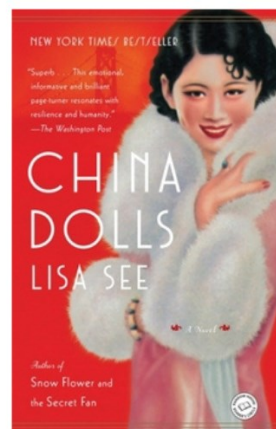
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## Adult Book Groups

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson  
March 7, 2024 10:30am

The Last Policeman by Ben H. Winters  
March 14 5pm

China Dolls by Lisa See  
March 15 10:30am



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## **The Belmont Heritage Commission and Belmont Elementary School Team Up**

The Belmont Heritage Commission and Belmont Elementary School students joined together for its second year to create a special day for its Senior Citizens. The students organized a soup and crackers food drive and the Heritage Commission added other groceries to surprise the seniors with a special Valentine's Day gesture. The Heritage Commission wanted to honor the Seniors of the community and it came up with a Valentine's Day theme, "We Love Our Senior Citizens". The Belmont Elementary Student Council along with their advisor Mrs. King organized a soup and crackers food drive. They also worked hard to get the message out to the rest of the school to create Valentine's Day cards for the Senior Citizens. On February 14<sup>th</sup> the Belmont Senior Housing Community Room was packed with soup, crackers, breakfast items, dairy, vegetables and other needed items to help them get through the winter blues. The Senior Housing Community Room was adorned with Valentine Hearts, also made by the students to add to the festive day. Residents were given a student made card as they came to fill decorated grocery bags. Belmont Heritage chairman, Vicki Donovan received many comments about the seniors being pleasantly surprised and grateful to such a wonderful community gesture. The cards the children made were cherished most of all from the residents. Michelle Lowell and Dawn Hamell, managers of the Senior Housing, were helpful getting the Community Room and bags ready. They were very appreciative for the involvement of BES students and Heritage members. The John M. Sargent Fund and Hannaford Brothers of Gilford also donated funds to help this community effort. The Heritage Commission dropped off several bags to shut-ins as well as visiting the seniors who meet twice a week at the Belmont Mill. It was a Valentine's Day for all to remember.

## Heritage Commission



Belmont Elementary Student Council Members and Advisor Mrs. King with: *"We Love Our Senior Citizens"* soup and crackers collection.



BES Students' art work decorated the Senior Community Room.

### Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, and Sharon Ciampi (Ex-officio) Adam Ribeiro (Student Representative)



# **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**

## Cemetery Trustees / Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

Town of Belmont  
Board of Selectmen / Cemetery Trustees  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 am  
Belmont Mill, 14 Mill Street

**The Town of Belmont NH Cemetery Trustees have identified 7 cemeteries that are not owned by the Town, and under RSA 289:19-21, propose to have them declared neglected/abandoned:**

**Gile Cemetery** - 229 Jamestown Road - M/L 232-006 – oldest stone--Mary Gile deceased 09/18/1828

**Woodman Cemetery** – Hurricane Road – M/L 222-004 - oldest stone--Frances Adelaide Woodman deceased 10/01/1845

**Leavitt Cemetery** – Leavitt Road behind Smith's Orchard – M/L 211-074 - oldest stone--Lewis S Leavitt deceased 01/14/1814

**Farrar Cemetery** – Province Road – M/L 226-026 - oldest stone--Jeduthan Farrar Sr. deceased 06/1784.

**Prescott Cemetery** – Northbrook Road – M/L 205-008 - oldest stone--Col. Dudley Prescott deceased 08/03/1815

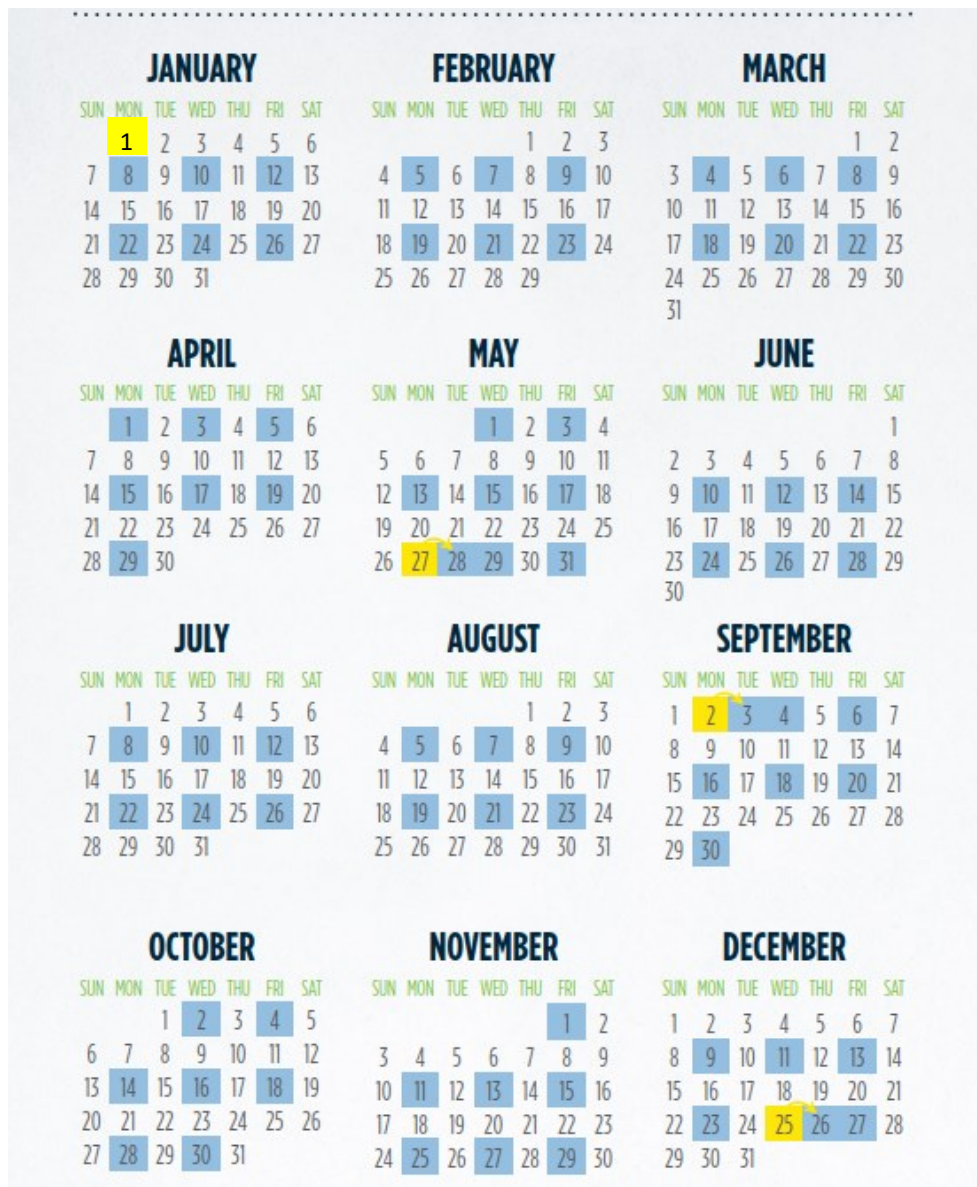
**Weymouth Cemetery (Burial Ground)** – Brown Hill Road – M/L 229-040

**Swallow Cemetery** – Swallow Road – M/L 203-004

Direct descendants or other interested parties of the ancestors or properties above should contact the Belmont Selectboard at (603) 267-8300 xt 118 as soon as possible to discuss this matter. The SelectBoard may declare the cemeteries abandoned after the public hearing if descendants grant permission or no descendants are located. Those will become municipal cemeteries managed by the Cemetery Trustees.



**Please note there will be NO CHANGES  
to garbage and recycling collection  
in March or April.**






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143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300

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**Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023**


10/09,  
11/10  
11/23, 11/24  
12/25

Please schedule your visits to our offices accordingly.




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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, 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:

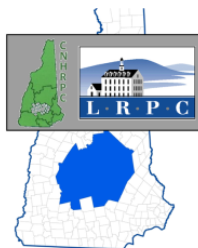
- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:

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

March 2024

## Lakes Region Planning Commission Rider Survey



Mid-State Regional  
Coordinating Council

# RIDER SURVEY

Help us get you where you  
need to go!

### OUR SERVICE

Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council helps organize transportation services around the southern Lakes Region and central New Hampshire. This survey will help determine residents' wants and needs for services.

### FOR MORE INFO



<https://midstatercc.org/>

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March 2024

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*1st Annual*

# 5K RUN & WALK



SATURDAY

**APRIL 27, 2024 AT 9AM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL RYAN HOWE

**603-934-3454**

[rhowe@franklinvna.org](mailto:rhowe@franklinvna.org)

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