

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Meeting is over and hopefully winter will be soon! Voters at the Town Meeting did not approve the Town's operating budget and therefore we are working in a default budget. This is the first time in well over 30 years, if not longer, that Belmont has had a failed budget. Most warrant articles passed with the exception of a few very important articles such as appropriations for Road Maintenance, Municipal Facilities, Property Revaluation Project, and Information Technology CRF. These Capital Reserve funds serve as savings accounts for the Town, so we have the ability to address and maintain necessary work and projects instead of taking out large loans and or bonds at one time. We put funds away into savings, a little each year, to lessen the tax impacts on our taxpayers. A great deal of time and effort is put into creating a budget that is fiscally responsible. There are multiple checks and balances along the way including a full review by the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and final approval from a group of 12 Budget Committee volunteers, who work on the budget from November until February.



Please know that the top concerns of the Board during this default budget season are:

- Maintaining staff levels to ensure the safety of our Town and its residents
- Providing essential services to continue the day-to-day operations of the Town
- Meeting all of our contractual obligations

The Board of Selectmen, Administration and Department Heads have worked quickly to rework the entire budget in just a few short weeks. There were difficult decisions to be made with cuts to specific line items and functions. Everyone may not like or agree with the cuts that were made, but the Board alone has the authority to make the necessary changes so that we stay within our default budget. Budget and revenues will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis and in the future, there may be some line items that could be restored, or additional line items that need to be cut.

After the Town Meeting in March, the Board of Selectmen held their organizational meeting following Town Meeting and this year's Select Board Chair is Ruth Mooney and Vice Chair is Travis O'Hara. The Selectmen will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Tioga Meeting Room at the Mill.

Town Administrator's News (con'td.)

Just a reminder that KRT Appraisals staff is in the community conducting a field review of residential and commercial property. Their staff have identification badges and carry letters from the Town explaining the project. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Colleen Akerman, Assessing Administrator, at 267-8300 xt. 118.

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.



Please note that applications for Elderly and Disability Exemptions or Veterans Tax Credits must be submitted to Town Hall with all supporting documents no later than April 15th. Information pertaining to both can be found at:

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

Please contact Colleen Akerman, Assessing Administrator, at 267-8300 xt. 118 with any questions.



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.



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>

Help us Beautify Belmont!

The Belmont Board of Selectmen would like to invite you to participate in a community wide effort to beautify Belmont and celebrate Earth Day, by collecting roadside litter in your neighborhood **April 20th thru April 21st, 2024**. Collection bags can be picked up at Town Hall or at the Public Works Garage between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Public Works Department will then collect the bags placed by the roadside on **Monday, April 22nd**. We urge you to participate in this effort and help us clean up our community.



This is a litter collection effort only, no yard waste, furniture, white goods, tires or scrap metal will be collected.

Town Clerk's Corner



Greetings fellow Belmontians!! We are looking forward to the April showers bringing May flowers.

Just a reminder that 2024 1st issue water/sewer bills are due April 10, 2024. The first issue bill covers the months of December through February. You can make a payment in person, send a check in the mail, drop your payment in the dropbox located in the front door of Town Hall or pay on the Town's website, www.belmontnh.gov. We accept cash, check or card but please keep in mind that there is a 2.79% convenience fee added to the total when using a card.

It is that time of year to make sure that your canine family members' licenses are renewed. Dog licenses are due by April 30th. The cost is \$6.50 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$9.00 for those who are not. If you, the owner, are 65 or older, one dog per household costs \$2.00. As with other payments, you can stop by the office, pay through the mail, in our dropbox or on the Town's website.

We will be sending out certified intent to lien notices the week of April 12th. These notices notify residents of the intent to lien any unpaid amounts for property taxes, water and sewer from 2023. You will have 30 days to make payment in full to avoid the lien. The lien date is set for May 16, 2024.

We would like to extend our congratulations for all newly elected officials for the Town of Belmont! Thank you for participating in our local Government! Election results are available on the Town's website.

Thank you, *Jenn C, Sam & Devon*



Spring Work

Once weight restrictions are lifted the race is on for construction in the northeast. Companies of all sizes will be out doing everything from major highway improvement projects to basic maintenance and landscape. Please be mindful of advanced warning signs and follow the directions of traffic control personnel. Their goal is to get you through a work zone in a timely manner while keeping you and their co-workers safe.



If you are excavating or employing a company to perform services on property in the Town of Belmont please keep a couple of things in mind. The Town of Belmont has ordinances governing work done in public ways and requires a permit prior to the start. The Ordinances are easy to find on the Town website www.belmontnh.gov and outline standards and expectations of the Town while working in the right of way. A permit must be submitted and approved prior to the work taking place.

The Town of Belmont requires driveway permits for any new construction or reconstruction of existing driveways that create access to town-maintained roads. Driveway permits can be found along with a list of rules and requirements on the Town website. Your Public Works Department is happy to field questions regarding the permit process at 603-528-2677.

Litter Clean Up



April brings warm days and receding snow cover unveiling roadside trash that's been hidden by a season's worth of snow and ice. Your Public Works Department will be out when time allows to do their part in removing it. Anyone with a desire to help beautify the Town is encouraged to do so. Trash bags are available at the Public Works Department and we are happy to provide them to anyone who wants to help out. Contact Public Works to coordinate the acquisition of supplies and removal of roadside debris post litter pick-up.



Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



High Water Use

During Quarter 1 meter reading, multiple properties that had unusually high-water usage were identified. High usage can result from a multitude of reasons. A dripping faucet or fixture, for example can result in a waste of 3 gallons a day. That alone is a total of over 1,000 gallons per year.

The Department immediately set out to investigate and after meeting with residents, identified issues similar to the one mentioned prior. A toilet fill valve that was leaking causing it to run continuously was identified by placing food coloring in the tank and watching the tinted water run into the bowl without moving the handle. They discovered some residents leave their faucets cracked during extremely cold weather to keep water moving, ultimately reducing the chance for a pipe freeze up.

Lastly, they identified the worst-case scenario at 2 properties in town. Both had incredibly high use with no apparent reason. Further investigation revealed a leak in the service line between the curb stop (the valve in the front yard) and the house. This is something that rarely happens but is still possible. A local contractor responded to help our resident and water user complete repairs to their service line. The Contractor worked with our resident to come up with a cost effective, quality repair that will last.

Pictured below, the new waterline trench has been dug and a new line installed awaiting a pressure test. Belmont's Public Works Department would like to thank our Resident for promptly addressing the leak and the contractor for responding to, and completing, a quality repair in a timely manner.



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Drug Take Back

This April, the Belmont Police Department will not be participating in the DEA's National Drug Take back day due to budget cuts. However, we do have a drug drop box located inside the main entrance of the police station where anyone can drop off unused prescription drugs. This can be done any time the lobby is open. We encourage people to continue to use this resource to rid your home of unused prescriptions.



Dog Registrations

April 30th marks the expiration of dog licenses. If you have not done so already, please make it a point to get your dog(s) registered ahead of time. By taking the time to do this, it avoids unnecessary work for the Town Clerk's office and the Animal Control Officer.

Bike Helmets

With nicer weather around the corner, we will no doubt see children out riding bikes around town. We want to remind everyone that anyone under the age of 16 is required to wear a helmet while riding on the roads. In the event you need a helmet, we have some available here at the police station at no cost. Please help keep our children safe and require them to wear a helmet.



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



Belmont Fire Department



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK **CHANGE YOUR** **BATTERY**

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Daylight savings time began on Sunday, March 10, 2024. As we spring forward and reset our clocks, we remind our residents that changing out the batteries in your smoke detectors at the same time is a good habit to get in to. 25% of smoke detector failures are a result dead batteries. Working smoke alarms save lives.



Purchase your Fire Permits
Online at:

<https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

(Permits are also available at no charge at
Belmont Fire Dept.)

*****Friendly Reminders*****

1. You must be 18 years of age or older to obtain a fire permit.
2. You must own the land in which your are burning, or have written permission from the landowner on file at Belmont Fire Department.
3. ONLY the burning of untreated wood, untreated pallets, campfire wood, brush or charcoal is allowed. Wood can be NO GREATER than 5 inches in diameter. Construction or demolition materials shall not be burned.
4. RAIN—Sustained precipitation that is ACTIVELY occurring of sufficient intensity and duration so as to prevent the fire from spreading in woodland fuels.
5. SNOW—The area within an 100' radius from the fire edge is covered with snow or other frozen precipitation sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.
6. You must obtain a fire permit for portable fireplaces.
7. You must attend your fire or have the fire in plain view. You must be capable of extinguishing the fire and be on the same property as your fire.



BFD Times

Welcome Assistant Chief Donald Pickowicz!



We are pleased to welcome a new member to our Belmont Fire Department leadership team! Assistant Chief Pickowicz comes to us with 15+ years of experience in the Fire Service. You may find Assistant Chief Pickowicz out and about in the community conducting various business and residential inspections. He may also assist our ambulance crews occasionally to become even more familiar with the Belmont community. Assistant Chief Pickowicz is a native of New Hampshire and the Lakes Region and has worked closely with our Mutual Aid Agencies. Please welcome Assistant Chief Pickowicz to the Belmont Community and Fire Department Family!

Town of Belmont
Building Department



Spring has sprung and many people are dreaming of their spring projects. Please keep in mind that your projects may require a permit!

All pools, even seasonal pools, decks and sheds, whether stick built, prebuilt or a kit (including the tent-style membrane sheds) require permits. The Building and Land Use Departments can answer all of your permitting questions.



Fencing is another popular spring project . As long as a fence does not exceed six (6) feet in height, it does not require a building permit. Fences may be placed on your property line but not in any Town right-of-way near the road. Be sure you know where your property lines and right-of-way 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 to determine if 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 an “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 7:30 AM to 4P M and online at:

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

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 4/18/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 4/22/2024

Zoning Board – 4/24/2024



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
Contact
luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Application Review Committee (No March Meeting)

Planning Board (March 25, 2024)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – White Oaks, LLC: Continuation of a 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.—Approved.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust: Request for Site Plan approval extension for Contractor’s Yard, commercial building (motor vehicle & trailer service, professional offices, light manufacturing, retail stores and service business), and a Conditional Use Permit for a subordinate dwelling unit. The original approval date was June 27, 2022. Property is located on Laconia Road & 28 Corriveau Way, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000, in the Commercial Zone.—Approved.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust: Request for Site Plan approval extension to construct and operate a self-storage facility. The original approval date was March 22, 2021, an extension was granted on March 27, 2023. Property is located on Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-003-000-000, in the Commercial Zone.—Approved.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Fall Line Trust: Request for Subdivision Approval (Phase 2) to create three lots from Lot 205-047-000-000. Property is located at 70 Bishop Road, Tax Lot 205-047-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone.—Approved.

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Planning Board (continued)

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Good Fortune Trust of 2022: Request for Subdivision Approval to create three lots from Lot 229-007-000-000. Property is located at 258 Farrarville Road (fka 121 Brown Hill Road), Tax Lot 229-007-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone.—Approved.

>>> **Next Planning Board Meeting: April 22, 2024, 6:00PM**

Zoning Board of Adjustment (March 27, 2024)

Abutter’s Hearings: Alfred Mitchell: Request for an extension approval of a Special Exception of Article 5, Table 1(permitted uses) to allow a Contractor’s Yard in the Commercial Zone. Original Approval date was April 27, 2022. Property is located at 28 Cor-riveau Way and Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case # 02-24Z

Abutter’s Hearing-Route 106 Realty Trust: Request for a one-year extension of a variance approval to Article 5, Table 1 (permitted uses) to allow the construction of a single-family residence in the commercial zone. Original approval date was Febru-ary 23, 2022. Property is located at 54 Peggy Drive, Tax Lot 210-017-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case 03-24Z.

Abutter’s Hearing – CKME, LLC: Request for a variance from Article 5, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to convert the existing office space to residential units. Property is located at 150 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 101-015-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ZBA Case# 04-24Z

>>> **Next Meeting: April 24 ,2024, 6:00PM**

Looking for Board members!

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

Planning Board

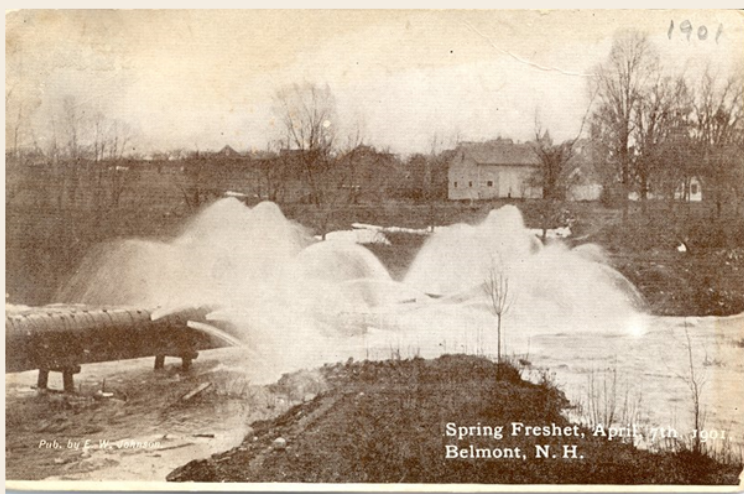
- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- **1 vacancy**

Zoning Board

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

Conservation (no current vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



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

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

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**

**SUMMER CAMP
PARENT
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

JUNE 21ST, 2024

6:30P-7:30P

LOCATION: TIOGA PAVILION

- **MEET OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF**
- **GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**
- **SIGN/UPDATE ANY PAPERWORK**

CONTACT AT (603)267-1865

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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 or by contacting the Parks & Recreation Director at 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 or call 603-267-1865

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024
6:30PM
BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR
JOIN US

**GILFORD CINEMA 8 MOVIE THEATER
&
BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION**

**APRIL 10TH
WEDNESDAY
12:00 PM**



**GILFORD CINEMA 8 MOVIE THEATER IS OFFERING THIS
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SENIORS!**

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE CHOICES ARE:

CABRINI

ARTHUR THE KING

KUNGFU PANDA 4

DUNE PART 2

GHOSTBUSTERS FROZEN EMPIRE

NO RSVP REQUIRED!

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION



Join us in celebrating the opening of our new community space

"The Belmont Center."

May 1st, 2024

12p-2p

Meet & Greet

Meet your Parks & Recreation director

Establish positive connections with community members

Programs

Learn about our new senior program

View our monthly program calendar

Planning

Bring your ideas of what you would like to see for future programs/events in our community.

For more information follow our Facebook page "Belmont Parks & Recreation" or email Recreation@Belmontnh.gov to join our email list!

14 Mill St
2nd Floor
Belmont NH 03220



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2024

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics." 2025 will be the 55th anniversary of Earth Day.

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be observed on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day of nature's equipoise was later sanctioned in a proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General U Thant at the United Nations. A month later, United States Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed the idea to hold a nationwide environmental teach-in on April 22, 1970. He hired a young activist, Denis Hayes, to be the National Coordinator. Nelson and Hayes renamed the event "Earth Day". Denis and his staff grew the event beyond the original idea for a teach-in to include the entire United States. More than 20 million people poured out on the streets, and the first Earth Day remains the largest single-day protest in human history. Key non-environmentally focused partners played major roles. Under the leadership of labor leader Walter Reuther, for example, the United Auto Workers (UAW) was the most instrumental outside financial and operational supporter of the first Earth Day. According to Hayes: "Without the UAW, the first Earth Day would have likely flopped!" Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom award in recognition of his work. The first Earth Day was focused on the United States. In 1990, Denis Hayes, the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international and organized events in 141 nations. On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement was signed by the United States, the United Kingdom, China, and 120 other countries. This signing satisfied a key requirement for the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. Numerous communities engaged in Earth Day Week actions, an entire week of activities focused on the environmental issues that the world faces. On Earth Day 2020, over 100 million people around the world observed the 50th anniversary in what is being referred to as the largest online mass mobilization in history.

Conservation Commission



BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2024

Celebrate Earth Day by appreciating and respecting the natural world. Here are some ideas to inspire you this year.

Support Our Pollinators

Bring native bees and other pollinating creatures to your garden. One way to do this is by selecting the right plants this season with pollinator-friendly plants.

Clean Up Plastic in Your Neighborhood or Local Park

One of the best ways to connect with the Earth is through cleanups. Go on a walk with a trash bag and help to clean up any plastic that you find.

Plant a Tree

We love our trees! They capture carbon, cool overheated places, benefit agriculture, support pollinators, reduce the risk of disease transmission, and boost local economies. Did you know that planting one oak tree brings in more insect and bird species than an entire yard of plants?

Use Wildflowers and Native Plants

Wildflowers and indigenous species are not only beautiful but also attract native and beneficial insects that improve both pest control and pollination – meaning bigger flowers and better harvests. Try to simply add a couple of native plants to your garden each year, and you'll be amazed at the difference – they'll bring in pollinators as well as birds!

Stop Pesticide and Chemical Use in the Garden

You don't need chemicals to get rid of pesky garden pests: Companion planting, natural remedies, and attracting predators to your garden can save you money and also save your plants.

Conserve Water

We waste a lot of water. Avoid overwatering your plants and improve their health by knowing how much your garden really needs. Avoid watering your garden vegetables and plants from overhead, which invites fungal disease. Water at the soil level.

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Tioga Room, 4th 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

April 2024

Eclipse Glasses



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• Cribbage Club
• Tuesdays 1-3pm



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

Babies and Books

Tuesdays 10am

StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

Preschool

Family Book Club

April 6 11am

Homeschool Activities

April 11 & 18 1pm

Family Storytime & Games

April 20 10am

LEGO

Fridays 1pm

Family

Chapters & Verse

April 4 4pm

Teen Games Drop In

April 18 4pm

Film Fridays 3pm

Teens

Fiber Arts Group

Mondays 10am

Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

Cribbage Club

Tuesdays 1-3pm

Book Groups

April 11 19

Adults

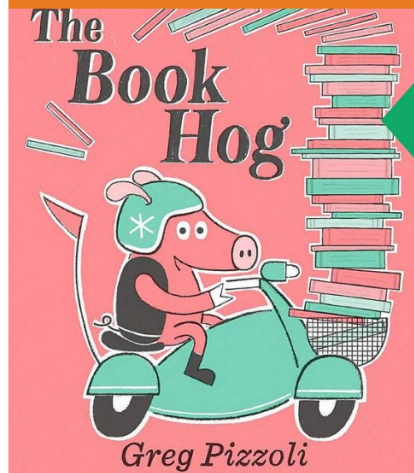
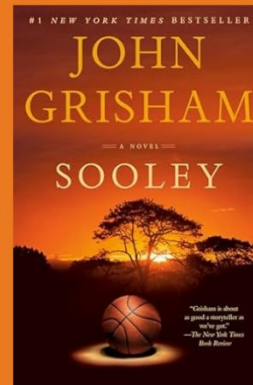
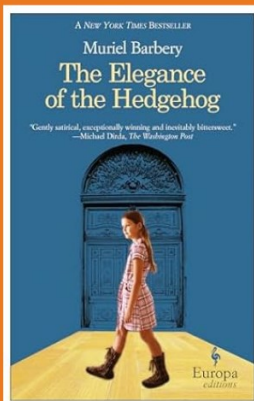
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Adult Book Groups

The Elegance of the Hedgehog
by Muriel Barbery
April 11 5pm

Sooley by John Grisham
April 19 10:30am



SPRING STORYWALK OPENING
APRIL 6TH AND RUNNING THROUGH APRIL 28

FRIENDS OF THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORIAL DAY RAFFLE

GRILL & GLAMOR

DRAWING ON
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

\$5/TICKET
OR 5 FOR \$20

USE YOUR TICKETS AT
[TER.COM/GRILL](https://www.belmontpubliclibrary.org/ter.com/grill) OR AT THE BELMONT LIBRARY!

MAKE YOUR MEMORIAL
DAY THE **BEST EVER!**
HERE'S WHAT YOU WIN:

GRAND PRIZE \$500 VALUE
THE GRILL



MASTERBUILT
GRAVITY
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PLUS MEAT
& PELLETS!
(GIFT CARDS)



SECOND PRIZE \$100+ VALUE

THE GLAMOR

HAIR PRODUCTS
(THE VAULT HAIR STUDIO)
A MANICURE
(FROM THE VILLAGE IMAGE)
DINNER FROM BROOKSIDE PIZZA
GO OUT TO A MOVIE
(FROM SMITTY'S CINEMA)

QUESTIONS: BELMONTPLFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM

Spring Vacation Schedule

April 22-26, 2024

MONDAY, 2/26:
10A Fiber Arts
2P Watercolor Workshop
2P Families' Scavenger Hunt

TUESDAY, 2/27:
10A Babies & Blankets
1P Family Game Tournament - SORRY

WEDNESDAY, 2/28:
10:30A StoryTots
12P Brown Bag Double Feature

THURSDAY, 2/29:
2P Family Time
4P Minecraft Movie

FRIDAY, 3/1:
12P LEGO Minute to Win It Challenge
3P Flashback Film Friday

GOT LUNCH BELMONT & FRIENDS

Nourishing our future one bag at a time



APPLICATIONS OPEN APRIL 3RD

PLEASE GO TO WEBSITE AND FILL OUT
OUR FORM

DO NOT HESITATE TO GET ASSISTANCE
EVERYONE NEEDS HELP
FROM TIME TO TIME.
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

CONTACT INFO-
GOTLUNCHBELMONTANDFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM
PHONE-
603- 520-0723

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON
OUR WEBSITE OR WITH YOUR CHILDS
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

WWW.GOTLUNCHBELMONTANDFRIENDS.COM



OUR MISSION

GOT LUNCH! BELMONT & FRIENDS MISSION IS TO ERADICATE CHILDHOOD HUNGER AND ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT NO CHILD GOES TO BED HUNGRY AND THAT EVERY FAMILY HAS ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS. THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH, WE STRIVE TO CREATE A HUNGER-FREE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN THRIVE PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND ACADEMICALLY. OUR COMMITMENT IS TO EMPOWER FAMILIES, ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY, AND BUILD SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS THAT FOSTER A BRIGHTER AND HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR EVERY CHILD WE SERVE.



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

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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 and click the button on the right-hand side to "Sign Up for Notifications".

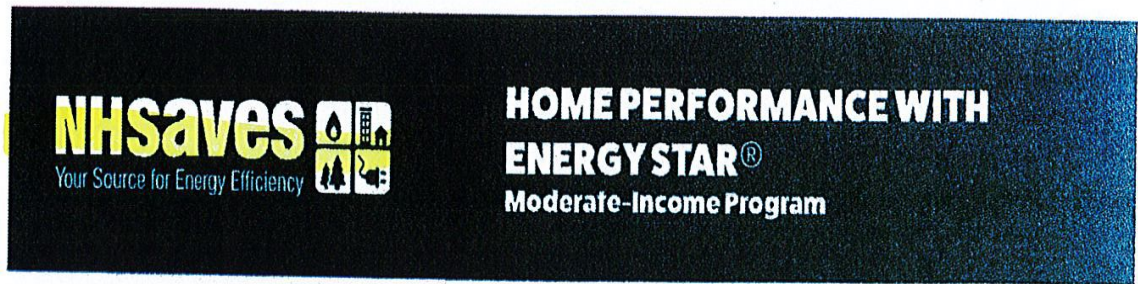
 A screenshot of the Town of Belmont website homepage. At the top right, there are links for "Search", "Contact Us", and "Facebook". The main header features the town's logo on the left and the text "Town of Belmont New Hampshire" in the center. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: "Home",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

- Contact information: "Belmont Town Office", "143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300", and "Town Hall Business Hours - Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm."
- "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: "10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, 12/25".
- A "Current News and Notices" section with a note: "Please note if you are using our website on a mobile device/cell phone, you may need to scroll to the bottom of the screen to see information such as our hours of operation, holiday closings, and quick links to Registrations, Payments, Maps, Applications and Meetings."
- A sidebar on the right titled "Connect on Facebook with..." listing: "Board of Selectmen", "Recreation Department", "Winni Trail", "Fire", "Police", and "Library".
- A "Sign up for Notifications" button with a bell icon, which is circled in red. A large red arrow points from the top-left text area towards this button.
- Other sidebar buttons: "THANKS Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data".



Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events...

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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New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality - May 14th Belmont Mill



Hundreds of one-room schools dotted the landscape of New Hampshire a century ago and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. Revered in literature and lore, they actually were beset with problems, some of which are little changed today. The greatest issue was financing the local school and the vast differences between taxing districts in ability to support education. Other concerns included teacher preparation and quality, curriculum, discipline, student achievement and community involvement in the educational process.

Hosted by the **Belmont Historical Society** and the **NH Humanities**, this program will be held on **Tuesday, May 14th at 7 pm** on the 4th floor of the Belmont Mill. **Presenter, Steve Taylor**, will explore the lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today.

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Awards \$609,700 to 63 Nonprofits *Distribution luncheon offers nonprofit leaders time to connect, collaborate*

LACONIA—The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently distributed \$609,700 in grants to 63 area nonprofit organizations at a luncheon at the Huot Career and Technical Center.

The 63 nonprofit leaders accepted their checks during the meet-and-greet event that also offered nonprofit leaders the chance to collaborate and share challenges and strategies over a lunch prepared by students at the center.

"We were glad to see everyone enjoying this celebration of their successes, feeling grateful not only for their grant but for the chance to gather with other nonprofit leaders and share stories and ideas," said Jennifer Kelley, the auction's executive director. "It was a great opportunity for everyone."

Grants will be used by the nonprofit organizations to fund wide-ranging programs that support local children and families in need. These initiatives address needs that are vital to the well-being of children in area communities, including food and housing insecurity and related emergency assistance; childcare and after-school programs, recreation, education and the arts; family resources; and healthcare, including mental health support, victim outreach and support, and preventative health and wellness training.

The auction had over \$800,000 in requests in 2023 and awarded \$609,700 to 63 agencies. For a list of organizations that received funding, visit childrensauction.com/whereourmoneygoes.

The auction's board president, Doug Morrissette, is pleased with the process the organization uses to determine grant eligibility.

"We have a Distribution Committee that works tirelessly over many months to review grant requests, and these committee members also look at the health of each organization and its past use of funding to ensure that every dollar the auction grants has impact," Morrissette said. "We are confident that funds we raise and distribute significantly work to improve the lives of local children and their families by ensuring their basic needs are met, and they have opportunities to thrive."

Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, chair of the Distribution Committee, said, "The committee is charged with problem-solving, analysis, empathy and community awareness, so we can assure all who donate, bid and volunteer that the funding is being spent wisely."

The next round of grant applications will be due by Oct. 15. To apply for funding or learn more, visit childrensauction.org/apply-for-funding.

In past 42 years, the auction has distributed \$8.6 million to nonprofit organizations in the community.

Learn more about the auction at childrensauction.org, or follow the Children's Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn.

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction



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 \$8.6 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) non-profit 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.

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

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April 2024

Franklin VNA & Hospice

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice

1st Annual

5K RUN & WALK



SATURDAY

APRIL 27, 2024 AT 9AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL RYAN HOWE

603-934-3454

rhowe@franklinvna.org

Start/Finish at Paul Smith
Elementary School
41 Daniel Webster Dr.
Frankin, NH
9am

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REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Franklin/FranklinVNAandHospice5kRunWalk>