# Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



Low &
Moderate
Income
Homeowners
Property Tax
Relief



The 2023 State of NH DP-8 application forms are still available for Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief. (Income limits: Single person \$37,000 per year and married couples \$47,000 per year.) Forms can be downloaded from the State website at: <a href="https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm">https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm</a> We also have paper copies of the form available here at Town Hall. The deadline to submit applications is June 30, 2024.

## Sales Update

The Sales update for 2023-2024 has started. New assessment values will be established for properties and notifications will be mailed to every property owner regarding their new values. The new values will be reflected in your Fall 2024 Tax Bill which will be issued in late October or early November. All updates are based on recent sales of properties in the Town of Belmont, as State law

requires that property assessments be based on fair market value. At this time, there are no additional/new revaluations planned until 2029.





# 1st Issue TAX BILLS

The first issue 2024 tax bills will hit the mail at the end of

this week and are due on July 1st, 2024. The bills are based on last year's assessment (2023) and last year's tax rate (17.47). Construction permitted between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024, is reflected in this bill. If you have any questions regarding the bill you just received, please do not hesitate to contact our Assessing office at (603) 267-8300 xt. 118 and we will be happy to assist.

## Special Programs for June

- 06/11/2024 @ 7pm The Belmont Historical Society is hosting a "Family Profile: Taking care of the Old Man" Presentation with David Nielsen, Caretaker of the Old Man of the Mountain
- 06/19/2024 @ 6 pm—The Belmont Library and the Conservation Commission are co-hosting a "Backyard Birdscaping" presentation

Both presentations will be hosted at the Belmont Mill, 4th Floor Penstock Room, at 14 Mill Street

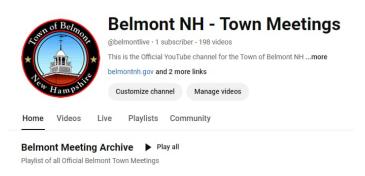
## Town Administrator's News (con'td.)

## LiveStream Meetings

The Town of Belmont is now using YouTube to livestream meetings and to archive meeting videos. Videos will also still be made available at Lakes Region Public Access through <a href="https://vod.lrpa.org/">https://vod.lrpa.org/</a>

#### Please see our YouTube channel at:

### www.youtube.com/@belmontlive





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 <a href="https://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a>

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.

#### **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 AC-CEPTED. 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 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

Summer is upon us and you know what that means... the first issue property tax bills will be in your mailbox the beginning of June. This bill covers April 1st through September 30th. The taxes are due July 1, 2024. You can pay the bill via mail (please include the payment stub), in



person, or on our Town's website Belmontnh.gov. We accept cash, check or card but please keep in mind if you pay with a card there is a 2.79% convenience fee added to the total.

Also coming out this month are the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue water and sewer bill. This bill covers the months of March, April, and May. They will be due July 8th. All of the same payment options are available for the water and sewer bills.



BEACH PASSES ARE AVAILABLE. Please bring in the registration to the vehicle you would like a pass for.



WE CAN DO BOAT REGISTRATIONS! Please call with any questions.



Licenses for our barky, furry family members were due to be renewed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We give the month of May as a grace period, however as June rolls around there is a \$1.00 late fee charged (per month) as well as the impending civil forfeiture fee of \$25.00 that is levied by the PD for unlicensed dogs. Come on down and renew their license in person, by mail, by drop box, or our Town's website.

Planning a summer wedding?? The Town Clerk's office can help! Marriage licenses cost \$50.00 and are valid for 90 days. Both parties must be present at the time of application with valid ID. If either party has been married previously, you must provide the official document(s) pertaining to how the marriage ended (divorce decree, death certificate, etc.). It does take some time to process marriage license applications so we require that couples come in no later than 3:00 pm.



### Town Clerk's Corner

September is not that far away and that means time to vote in the NH State Primary to choose the candidates that will be on the ballot for the November General Election. The candidacy for the following offices will be on the September Primary ballot:

- Governor
- US Senator
- Representative in Congress
- Executive Councilor
- State Senator
- State Rep Belknap District 6 & 9
- Sheriff
- County Attorney
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- Register of Probate
- County Commissioner
- Delegates to the State Convention

The Last day to change your party affiliation is June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to change your affiliation, come in to the office and we are happy to assist you.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer! Be safe and have fun out there. Wear your sunscreen!



Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon

# **Highway Department News**

#### **Grant Funded Plow Truck**

Some time ago the Department, under the direction of the Select Board, applied to an RFP funded by the NH Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. This RFP funds 80% of the replacement of a qualified diesel truck. The aim for this grant is reducing the amount of emissions produced by municipalities in NH. The Department submitted RFPs for each of the 2 qualifying trucks in its fleet and is happy to share, was awarded one. A 2006 International with approximately 80,000 miles will be replaced with a 2025 Western Star 47X that is currently being built. The Grant was written to replace the existing truck in kind so it will be outfitted with an all-purpose body with built in spreader and come equipped with a wing and



plow, ready to be put into service. The cab and chassis hit the production line on 4/20/2024 and made it to Advantage Truck Groups' lot in Manchester on 5/13/2024. There, it will go through a quality control inspection and undergo some minor prep work before being sent over to HP Fairfield for up-fitting. This Grant contractually obligates the Department to 5 years of quarterly reporting, requires a 20% match in funds, and mandates the old unit is permanently decommissioned within 90 days of the replacement unit being placed in service. All in all, a small price to pay to reduce the Department's impact on the environment without



#### **Belmont Water News**

Exciting news for water users, Belmont's getting a new well! Funding was made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The new well will be replacing our current well #1 which has been in service since 1939 and will officially be known as well site #4. This was a great opportunity to address water quantity needs for the future of the community without any direct impact on the taxpayers or system users. Underwood Engineering, along with HydroSource Associates, was given the tasks to work with NHDES to begin the process of permitting the new well, conduct the necessary surveys that were required and adopting bid

documents for prospective companies to compete for the contract. Barrie Miller's Well and Pump Service from Hillsborough NH was the low bidder and was recently given the contract for well drilling services. Currently we are in the process of cleaning the site from all necessary obstructions. Pictured left are members of our team working on cleaning trees and brush at the site.





## **Highway Department News**

#### **Sewer Pump Rebuild**

Along with monitoring alarms for a multitude of potential issues that could arise, the Department is required to perform daily checks on all sewer and water facilities, 365 days a year. Mid-May, while performing these checks, members of the Team noticed a small drip from outside of one of the Gorman Rupp pumps that services part of our sewer system. They notified appropriate personnel, diagnosed the problem, and coordinated with our pump supplier to get the parts needed to make the necessary repairs. An entire rotating assembly was the most cost effective, permanent repair. This was a great "catch" by members of our team. Daily checks force personnel to become familiar with the equipment and machines that operate our system. Sight, sound, and even smell is all part of these inspections that, although seem cumbersome at times, can identify



problems. In this instance, if left in service the bearings in this pump would have quickly degraded to the point where they could have caused catastrophic failure and significant downtime. The complete rotating assembly, new seals and gaskets make the pump "like New" again for less than 1/3 of the cost. Best of all, with guidance from our supplier, the repair was completed by Department personnel. This helps keep costs to a minimum and makes us more familiar with our system. The Department would like to thank Walter, Bert, and the rest of the staff at Water Industries. Their knowledge, competitive pricing, and professional relationships allowed for the speedy acquisition of the necessary assembly. Once received, they not only brought it down for us, but stayed to guide us through this first-time project.









## Belmont Job Opening!

Town of Belmont

JOB POSTING

#### Land Use Clerk



The Town of Belmont is seeking a self-motivated, detail-oriented, communicative, and respectful individual to fill the position of Land Use Clerk in a fast-paced land use suite. The successful candidate will have a general knowledge of administrative and clerical duties and municipal experience. The Land Use Clerk will play an integral role in the Town of Belmont organization in anticipating and meeting the needs of the community. Duties include: assisting in counter, telephone, and electronic reception duties; intaking and directing inquiries and property compliance complaints; providing general information and answering standard inquires on property records and documents; providing guidance to the public regarding ordinances, codes, regulations, and processes; receiving, processing, and reviewing incoming applications for initial completeness; assisting in preparing and distributing meeting agendas and packets; assisting in producing mailings; record and distribute meeting minutes as required; preparing permits, reports, correspondence and certificates for review and signatures; maintaining easily accessible paper and electronic files and records in accordance with accepted review standards; and researching, composing, and preparing correspondence and reports as directed. Occasional attendance at evening meetings may be required.

The ideal candidate would have a minimum of a high school diploma and two years of experience in a government, building or land use related position; or any equivalent combination of education and experience that demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Preference will be given to candidates with minute-taking experience.

This is a full-time, hourly position in a supportive and collegial working atmosphere with an excellent benefits package. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Complete job description available online at <a href="https://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a>.

E-mail cover letter, resume, and list of references to Karen Santoro, Town Planner, at <u>Planner@belmontnh.gov</u>. The position shall remain open until filled.

# Belmont Fire Department



# **BFD Times**

# Welcome Firefighter Gavin Martin!





We are pleased to welcome our newest member to the Belmont Fire Department! Please welcome Firefighter Gavin Martin! FF Martin is a 2024 graduate of Lakes Region Community College and is not new to life in the Fire Service. Pictured on the left is a photo with FF Martin and his Grandfather, Retired Belmont Fire Chief and current Call Member, Richard Siegel. In June, once FF Martin has completed his rotation of day shifts, he will be joining Shift 1.Welcome to the BFD family!!

## Belmont Fire Department



## FIREWORKS - PERMITS REQUIRED!!

With a permit, Belmont residents are permitted to discharge fireworks displays throughout the year. Permits are issued for one single day at a time, with the exception of the week of the 4th of July, where a permit will be issued for the entire week.

In order to obtain a fireworks permit, the following are required:

- 1) The applicant must be 21 years of age or older.
- 2) The applicant must produce a valid form of ID.
- 3) The applicant must be the property owner, or produce written consent from the property owner to discharge Class "C" fireworks on their property.
- 4) The applicant must notify owners of abutting properties of the date and time of the fireworks display.
- 5) The applicant must produce a sketch of the area in which the fireworks display will be discharged from.
- 6) The applicant must produce a Plan review Submittal Form and Permit Application.
- 7) The applicant must read and understand the Town of Belmont Fireworks Ordinance. Permits can be applied for at the station between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm Monday through Sunday. A one time inspection must be completed by our department in order for the permit to be issued.

It is advised that applications and required documentation be turned into the Belmont Fire Department a minimum of 24 hours before the anticipated discharge of fireworks display to allow members to schedule out the inspections in a timely manner. Be advised that inspections will be scheduled AFTER any and all emergency calls taking place that day.

# WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES



# DRIVER TIPS

- After a crash involving a motorcycle, drivers often say, "I didn't see him." Increased awareness of motorcycles will make you more likely to see them.
- Motorcycles are often hidden in blind spots or masked by objects or conditions outside the car (bushes, fences, bridges, the sun, etc.). Take extra time to look for motorcycles.
- Always assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears; its speed and distance is difficult for drivers to judge.
- Don't expect that a motorcyclist will always be able to maneuver out of the way.
- Depending on road conditions, a motorcyclist may take longer to stop. Always allow more following distance behind a motorcycle.
- Motorcyclists often slow down by downshifting or rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, and at intersections anticipate a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
- When you "Watch for Motorcycles," see more than the motorcycle see the person under the helmet. He or she could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

# **Belmont Police Department**

## **Summer Crime Prevention Tips**

Theft is a crime of opportunity. During the summer months would-be thieves are on the look-out for items which can be easily taken in moments. Unlocked doors, open windows, and open garage doors all provide a temptation to steal valuables — bikes, packages, cell phones, purses — left in plain view. Blooming trees and overgrown shrubs can provide would-be burglars with places to hide.



Here are a few tips to make your summer a safe one:

#### **Home Safety Tips**

- Install lighting, such as motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights, on your home's exterior.
- Trim shrubbery around your home to eliminate hiding places.
- Your address should be clearly visible from the street for emergency and identification purposes.
- Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby. Try to place smaller equipment and valuables in a location not visible from the street when the garage door is open.
- Do not leave bikes unattended. Lock your bikes, even if you are going to be away for only a few moments.
- If you sleep on the second floor of your home, keep all first floor doors and windows closed and locked.

#### Vehicle Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car. Make sure to take your keys with you.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.

#### **Vacation Tips**

- If you are going out of town, you can notify the Police Department.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure.
- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity inside.
- Exterior motion sensor lighting can aid in deterring crime.
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window, etc.
- Do not discuss vacation plans in public or on social media.

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

# BELMONT OLD HOME DAY

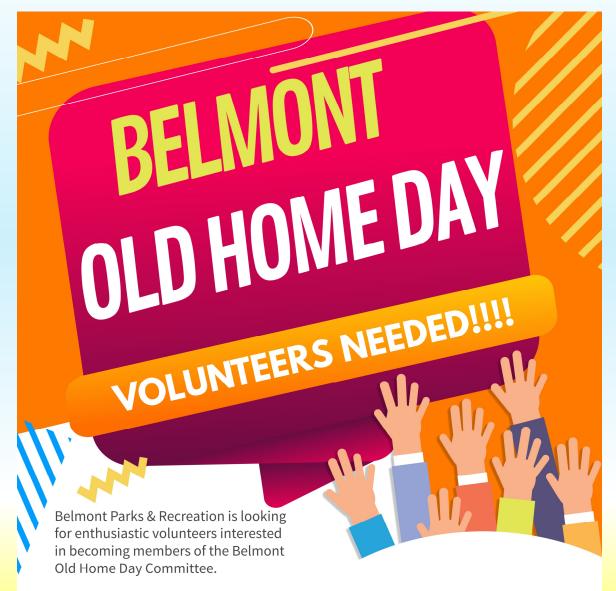


# "Four Seasons" August 10th, 2024

Live Bands • Parade • Family Games & Activities • Food Trucks & vendors • School & Community organizations • Raffles
Craft & Apparel vendors • Local Artists

For more information, vendor forms, parade forms, publicity opportunities or to volunteer for the days events, please visit Belmontnh.gov or email events@belmontnh.gov

## **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 JUNE 20, 2024 6:30PM BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR JOIN US

# **BEACH RULES**

- 1. NO VEHICLES ALLOWED ON BEACH
- 2. CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (14 OR OLDER)
- 3. NO BOATS, WINDSURFERS, ETC. ALLOWED
- 4. NO DOGS EXCEPT SERVICE DOGS OR OTHER PETS ALLOWED
- 5. PLACE TRASH IN PROPER RECEPTACLES
- 6. SWIM IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY
- NO BALL PLAYING, WATERGUNS, ETC. ON THE BEACH
- 8. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED
- 9. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WATER FOWL
- 10. REMOVAL OR DAMAGE OF ANY STRUCTURE WILL BE PROSECUTED
- 11. NO CHARCOAL FIRES ALLOWED
- 12. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

BELMONT TAXPAYERS ONLY
NO SOLICITING BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF BELMONT

# Belmont Parks & Rec Community Game Night



# Belmont Parks & Rec Summer Camp Parent Info Night

# BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

# SUMMER CAMP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>,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



# Belmont Parks & Rec - JUNE Senior Activities Calendar

		<b>JUNE</b> 2024		
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Excercise Class Franklin VNA 10:15a-11a Social Hour 11a-12p Arts & Crafts 12p-2p	5	Tioga Trail Walk 9a-10a Chair Yoga 10a-11a Belmont Blooms 11a-2p	7	
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# Belmont Parks & Rec Program Guidelines & Info

#### Guidelines for participating in activities

We want this program to be an inviting atmosphere for every senior in Belmont and the surrounding communities. This program is open to any senior in Belmont or the surrounding communities

Participants must complete and submit a registration and waiver form prior to attending the programs.

If a class or activity session is cancelled due to weather or other circumstance, every effort will be made to reschedule the session with ample notice.

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Activities and classes that are rescheduled are not eligible for a refund.

Disrespectful, inappopriate and rude behavior will not be tolerated. Anyone who displays this behavior will be asked to leave.

Participants must be able to function independently without one-to-one assistance or supervision, or provide a companion or aide to provide assistance. The companion must abide by all Belmont Parks & Recreation policies and procedures. Companions must pay the same price for activities as others unless otherwise noted. Companions must be at least 18 years old.

Participants who need special accommodation (wheelchair access, aisle seating, etc) must indicate the need at time of registration. Although every effort will be made to accommodate the request, such accommodation is not guaranteed.

While The Belmont Center does not provide daily meals, participants are welcome to bring a lunch!

#### **Program Descriptions**

Book Club - brought to you by Belmont Public Library

Chair Yoga - a 1 hour yoga chair yoga session via video from a trained instructor

Gentle Stretches - Simple stretches, both free standing and with a chair, followiing a video instruction.

Cribbage or Scrabble - looking for partners for cribbage or scrabble? Join us for some games!

Knit/Crochet - Bring your supplies while we chat and show each other our craft projects. Join us in making a square for the Angel Babies program

Tioga Trail Walk - We will meet at the trailhead to start our day with a walk on the Tioga Trail

Coffee Social - enjoy a cup of coffee & conversation. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Painting - Bring your own or use our supplies. We will have various painting projects throughout the month.

Candy Bar Bingo - Bring your full size candy bars and lets play a game! Please bring 1 full size candy bar per bingo card.

Musical Jam & Picnic at the Pavilion- Bring your instrument or come and sing! Please bring your own lunch.

Card making & Coloring - Create cards for our soldiers or grab a coloring book and socialize.

Bowling at Funspot - We will meet at Funspot for some casual bowlinig fun. All levels welcome. Each participant is responsible for their own cost.

Movie Wednesdays - Seniors will meet at Gilford Cinema's. Enjoy a movie, popcorn, candy & a drink for \$8. Each Participant is responsible for their own cost

Out to Lunch Club - Each month we will meet at a designated restaurant. Each participant is responsible for their own check and tip. Advance sign-up is required



# **EXERCISE GROUP**

When: Every Tuesday for the Month of June

**Time:** 10:15am

Where: The Belmont Center, 14 Mill Street



# FREE to the community

Led by your local Physical Therapist



# **Building & Code Enforcement**



# **5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING**

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

#### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



#### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



#### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



#### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



#### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider







# **Building & Code Enforcement**

# Installing a deck, shed (less than 300sf) or perhaps interior renovations? Fill out the permit below!



### Town of Belmont, NH MINOR PROJECT

Decks (all), Sheds/ Accessory Structure (Less than 300sf),
Functional roof overhangs, Interior renovations
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

# Please note: A sketch of the property, including the requirements on page 4 of the permit is needed in order to process!

#### PLOT PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

A Plot Plan to be provided below. Include the following information on each proposed structure/addition. A sample sketch is shown above.

North arrow	All proposed structures and additions showing overall dimensions			
Boundaries of lot with dimensions in feet	Location of any wetlands, floodplain, streams, etc. on site			
Include all proposed decks, landings, exterior stairs, porches	Existing structures on lot: include septic system, drainage structures,			
and overhangs	wells and utilities			
Names & locations of roads adjacent to lot	Location of any on-site or adjacent cemeteries or burial sites			

#### Setback (distance from structure) in all directions to:

All property lines (front setback is measured from property line, not from the road)

All waterbodies and wetlands

Location of existing & proposed driveways (Driveway application required for new/expanded/paving existing/change of use)

Measuring Setbacks in campgrounds and manufactured home parks – Add the following:

Nearest structure on adjacent sites (identify type of structure), roads, and exterior property lines of the park or campground

Any additional information that will adequately describe the proposed work



Have a great Summer!

Glenn & Christine

BuildingOfficial@belmontnh.gov ~ (603) 267-8300 xt 111

# **Building & Code Enforcement**





# RSA 130-A:5-d Sale and Rental of Property In Effect July 1, 2024

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is calling attention to a section of RSA 130-A Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention and Control, passed on April 9, 2018, that will go into effect July 1, 2024.



According to RSA 130-A:5-d, the following shall require certification of lead safety prior to being used as either a residential rental unit or as a day care facility:

- I. Newly-constructed rental units within buildings erected prior to January 1, 1978. ("Newly-constructed rental units" means rental units being converted from a use other than residential rental housing.)
- II. Newly-licensed day care facilities within buildings erected prior to January 1, 1978.

#### What Does This Mean?

All pre-1978 properties being converted into residential rental housing or newly licensed childcare facilities will be required to have a Lead-Safe Certificate issued by a licensed NH Risk Assessor prior to occupancy.

#### What types of properties does this apply to?

- Pre-1978 properties that can include mill buildings, warehouses, Victorians, or other buildings that are being converted from another use into residential housing.
- Single-family homes that were owner-occupied and are now being put on the residential rental market.
- Childcare facilities applying for a new license.

#### What type of properties does this not apply to?

- Residential rental properties already in existence
- Owner-occupied homes
- Childcare facilities that are already licensed

#### Who Should Be Aware of This Law?







Property owners



Municipalities Developers





Banking industry



Childcare facilities



Building inspectors



Contractors





#### For more Information

Visit DHHS.NH.Gov/LeadInfo or email LeadInfo@dhhs.nh.gov

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 6/20/2024 (if needed)
Planning Board – 6/24/2024
Zoning Board – 6/26/2024



June **2024** 

A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

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#### 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 <a href="www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a>
Contact
<a href="mailto:luoffice@belmontnh.gov">luoffice@belmontnh.gov</a>



#### Application Review Committee (May 16,2024)

<u>Al Mitchell:</u> Review of an application for Site Plan approval to add a commercial garage and office building. Property is located on Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-108-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case# 05-24R

#### Planning Board (May 20, 2024)

Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Winnisquam Storage, LLC: Request for Site Plan approval to expand the existing self-storage facility. Property is located at 307 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 102-003-000-000. Planning Board Case# 14-24R.

<u>Public Hearing:</u> Eversource Energy: Pursuant to RSA 231:158, a public hearing shall be held for trimming and removal of trees and brush on roads designated as scenic roads (Ladd Hill)

>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: June 24, 2024, 6:00PM

# continued...

#### Land Use contd.



Zoning Board of Adjustment (May 22, 2024)

Abutter's Hearings - N&M Realty, LLC: Request for a Variance from Article 5; Table 2 of the Town of Belmont Zoning Ordinance to add a one car garage and front porch to the existing home that is closer (40.3') to the front setback than is allowed (50' required) Property is located at 12 Nancy Drive, Tax Lot 107-085-000-000 in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #06-24Z.

Abutters Hearing - St. George Family Trust: Request for a Variance from Article 4; Table 1 of the Town of Belmont Wetland Ordinance to extend the existing deck 12.5 feet to the corner of the existing home closer (20.4') to public waters 50' than is allowed (50' required). Property is located at 190 Gardeners Grove Road, Tax Lot 119-023-000-000, in Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #07-24Z.

<u>Abutters' Hearing – Eric and Tracie Osborne:</u> Applicant is proposing to remove an existing shed and add a garage, and is requesting the following relief:

- A Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit in the "RS" Zone. ZBA #08-24Z
- A Variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a garage closer (14') to the private road than allowed (50'). ZBA #09-24Z.
- A Variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a second floor closer (5') to the side property line than allowed (12.5'). ZBA #10-24Z.

Property is located at 100 Sunset Drive, Tax Lot 107-142-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone.

>>> Next Meeting: June 26 ,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



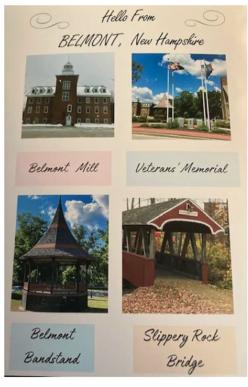


# Garbage & Recycling Calendar 2024

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## Heritage Commission



# News from the Heritage Commission

#### **Belmont Heritage Commission**

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Chris Mooney, Travis O'Hara (Ex-Officio) and Adam Riberio (Student Representative)

Our Annual Meeting elected officers for 2024-2025 (shown above) and three Heritage members were recently sworn in by Jenn Cashman from the Town Clerk's office. We gratefully thanked Jenn for coming to our 6:00 P.M. meeting to swear in Claire Bickford and Priscilla Annis who renewed their membership until 2027. Chris Mooney is our newly appointed alternate member. We welcomed all three and thanked them for their dedication and volunteerism to the Commission and the Town of Belmont. We also thank Adam Riberio, our Belmont High School Student Rep. for the last two years. He is a member of the 2024 BHS Senior class and we wish him the best as he continues his education at UNH. Adam shown below helping out at our Valentine's Day Food Drive Event.



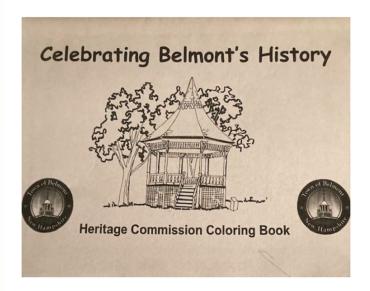






Congratulations Adam!

## Heritage Commission



The Heritage Commission delivered Belmont Historical Coloring Books to Belmont Elementary 4th Graders. The Booklets were designed to inform the students of Historical buildings and landmarks throughout their hometown. The coloring Books will also be available at the Heritage Commission Booth during Old Home Day.

A DVD is also available at the Belmont Library for anyone interested in learning about Belmont's past through interviews from citizens such as: Everett Weeks, Wallace Rhodes and former Fire Chief Akerstrom.

The Commission members as well as the entire community thank American Legion Post # 58 for the Memorial Day tribute held at Monument Square.

The Heritage Commission joined forces with the American Legion to organize an effort this summer to bring flags and updated banners on Main Street. The Legion is an outstanding group to work with and we appreciate the countless things they do for the town.





Next Heritage Commission Meeting: June 20th, @ 6:00 P.M., 4th floor of the Belmont Mill.

#### **Conservation Commission**



#### LOONS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### THE LOON IS A PROTECTED SPECIES IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gavia immer, The common loon, with its eerie calls, is an icon of New Hampshire lakes. These long-bodied birds are impressive swimmers and divers. Unlike the majority of bird species, common loons have solid bones, which makes them less buoyant and more effective at maneuvering through water. Their legs are set far back on their bodies, which also helps them maneuver through water, but causes them to move awkwardly on land. The common loon spends little time on land though, typically only going ashore to nest.

The loon can stay underwater for up to five minutes, its signature red eyes helping it locate prey while submerged. Common loons are skilled in flight, sometimes reaching speeds of 70 miles (110 kilometers) an hour. Because of their relatively heavy bodies, they need a long "runway" to take off for flight and can only do so from water. Their legs trail out behind them while in flight, a characteristic held by all loons.

Male and female common loons will prepare a nest of grasses and reeds together in a sheltered location along a lakeshore, or on an island near deep water where they can swim to and from the nest without alerting predators. They incubate one to two eggs for 26 to 30 days. Within hours of hatching, chicks are able to swim and ride on their parents' backs. The nesting pair will often return to an existing nest the next year. Loons begin breeding at about six years old and are thought to be long-lived birds, living up to 30 years.

#### THREATS TO LOONS

Common Loons are vulnerable due to a number of factors, including the following:

- Water levels can affect loon nesting. Rising water can flood a nest. If the water level drops: caused by reservoir drawdowns for power, for example: loons may abandon their nest. Their legs are so far back on their bodies that they move awkwardly on land.
- Human interference can cause nest abandonment. Boating or water skiing too close to a nest may cause the parents to desert a nest.
- An alarming number of loons have died from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers.
- Some loons have become entangled in fishing line left by anglers, with serious injury or death resulting.
- Increased development along lake shores causes fewer desirable sites to be available for loon nesting.
- Changing temperature and precipitation patterns due to Climate Change may pose a threat to loons, particularly during the nesting period.
- Chemical contaminants have been shown to cause a variety of harmful health and reproductive effects to loons, including reducing the likelihood of eggs successfully hatching.

#### **Conservation Commission**



#### LOON NEST RAFTS

Nesting loons face a number of challenges during their 28 day incubation of eggs. Loon nests are vulnerable to natural or human-induced water level changes that flood nests or leave them stranded out of reach of parents. Floating nest rafts rise and fall with water levels and help loons cope with these water level changes.

Nest rafts also provide alternate nest sites to help loons displaced from traditional sites by shoreline development or recreational use of lakes and offer protection from raccoons and other scavengers whose populations have increased to unnaturally high levels due to the availability of human food and garbage.



#### CONSERVATION - WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT LOONS

- Avoid getting within 300 feet of loon nesting and nursery areas during the breeding season (May through August). Honor warning signs when posted.
- Maintain a respectful distance from wild animals. (Travel with binoculars!) If a loon vocalizes as you approach, immediately back off.
- Observe and report loon sightings and nesting activities in your area to the Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough, NH, (603) 476-5666.
- Avoid depositing toxic lead sinkers and fishing line in New Hampshire waters.

#### **NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING:**

Wednesday, June 05, 2024 @ 6:00 PM Tioga Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Belmont Mill

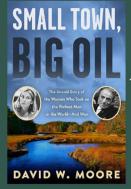
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS Denise Naiva, Chair Pauline Tessier, Vice Chair, Jane Jordan, Ed Stephenson, Deborah Woodcock, Georgina Lambert, Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio ALTERNATE MEMBERS
Richard Moreau, Jeffrey DeFrancesco
STUDENT MEMBERS
Emilie DeFrancesco, Emerson Decato

# **Library News**

Belmont Public Library

June 2024

Quarterly NonFiction Group



Small town, big oil:
the untold story of
the women who took
on the richest man in
the world--and won
by David W. Moore

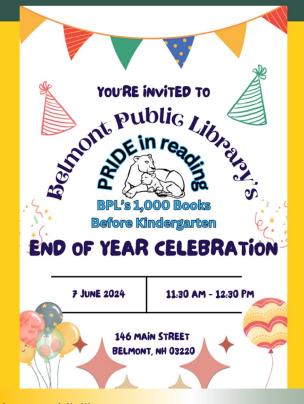
June 7, 10:30am

Copies available at the desk or from our digital services.





Summer Reading Launches June 21



146 Main Street

belmontpubliclibrary.org

# Belmont Public Library

June 2024



ORES

A joint program of the Belmont Library and the Belmont Conservation Comission

### Backyard Birdscaping

June 19 6pm at the Belmont Mill

NEW DATE

**Fiber Arts Group** 

Mondays 10am

**Watercolor Workshop** 

Mondays 2pm

Cribbage Club

Tuesdays 1-3pm

**StoryTots** 

resumes June 26

**Mah Jongg** 

Thursdays 2-4pm

# Come Play Mah Jongg Thursdays 2:00



No experience necessary

# **Summer Hours Change**

The library will be open until 7pm on Thursdays in June, July, and August.

Check the website schedule for weekly activities. 18+

Monday Friday 10am-5pm
Tuesday Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 10am-7pm
Saturday 9am-1pm
belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331

# **Library News**



Friday, June 21, 5 PM

146 Main Street ~

belmontpublictibrary.org

## **Cemetery Trustees**

Requests for Genealogy help are nothing new to the Trustees. Just today as I was getting ready to write this report, I received a call from a woman in Texas who was looking for her Great Grandfather, 4x removed. She told me she has been looking for over 2 years and wanted me to verify that the graves in the photo she sent me were here in Belmont. It just so happens that this was a gravestone we know well. Mr. Eleazer Young's grave is in Young Cemetery on Leavitt Road next to his wife, Hannah Bayley Young. Eleazer Young is honored in Belmont as he is a Veteran serving in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. For this woman, her search can continue on as she got confirmation her information was accurate, and she was able to reset her path to move forward.

Requests come from all over the world for many different reasons. Some are near and looking for information such as what year her parents were married. Some come from further away and look for complex information. For example, we had a gentleman last summer who lived in England looking for the grave of an Uncle. We located the grave, sent photos & GPS coordinates which allowed him to Zoom in on Google Earth and see the location itself. This advancement in technology just highlights one of the reasons the work we do with our record building and data collection is so important.

Respectfully,
Hillary Horn - Chairman
Kyle Dodge
Fred Wells
Norma Patten (Alternate)
Kevin Sturgeon (Alternate)



# Got Lunch Belmont & Friends



PRIZES INCLUDED - A GAS GRILL, MEAT PACKAGE WORTH \$60, A GRILLING SET, SPICES,
J&J YOLK \$25 GIFT CARD, MOISTURIZING CARE PACKAGE AND HAIR CUT

DRAW DATE - JUNE 15TH 2024 10 AM







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WWW.GOTLUNCHBELMONTANDFRIENDS.COM

#### **Got Lunch Belmont & Friends**



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MEETING IS JUNE 4TH AT 5PM at Saint. Joseph Parish

96 Main Street

WE HAVE OPEN POSTIONS
COUNTING AND SET UP ON SUNDAY
BAGGING FOOD ITEMS ON MONDAY
DRIVERS FOR DELIVERY ON MONDAY

Our organization is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY

SERVICE HOURS?

WE'VE GOT THAT COVERED

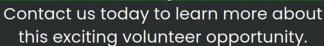
WE HAVE YEAR ROUND VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE









https://www.gotlunchbelmontandfriends.com gotlunchbelmontandfriends@gmail.com



# **Belmont Historical Society**

Do you remember The Old Man of the Mountain?

Do you know the history about the Old Man of the Mountain?

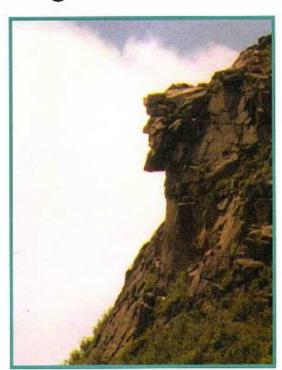
Did you know the Old Man of the Mountain got a shave and a haircut annually?

The iconic image that represents the State of New Hampshire and it's rugged courage, was taken from us on May 3, 2003.

Come and join us for an historical hour about the Great Stone Face and the family that took care of him. Presenter, David Nielsen, Official Caretaker of the Old Man of the Mountain (Includes slide presentation)

# Family Profile

Taking care of the Old Man



## **BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM**

(4th floor at the Belmont Mill)

14 Mill Street

JUNE 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

(Please use Mill entrance at back of the side parking lot)

# American Red Cross





# In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others-give blood!

# Blood Drive Belmont Community St. Joseph Church

Church Basement 96 Main Street Belmont, NH 03220

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Do Good Things! Come to give blood June 10 through 30 for a \$15 e-gift card! See rcblood.org/DoGood



Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

## **Lakes Region Children's Auction**

#### Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Hosts Christmas in July on The Mount Washington All proceeds to benefit the Auction

LACONIA —For the second year, the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will host a Christmas in July event on The Mount Washington on Thursday, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to raise funds for local children and families in need. Tickets cost \$66 and include a three-hour cruise, buffet dinner, dancing and entertainment by <u>DJ Nazzy</u>, along with The <u>PowerChords singing on the boardwalk</u>. The event offers a cash bar and a complimentary wine tasting by <u>Hermit Woods Winery</u>, <u>live broadcasting from the Mount by Lakes 101.5 FM</u> and <u>104.9 FM The Hawk</u>. Santa and the Grinch will also be aboard the sunset cruise, and a silent auction and 50/50 raffle will be held.

As a new added benefit this year, for every ticket purchased before June 1, a free ticket will be presented to a child from the Boys and Girls Club for a day-time cruise in August coordinated by the Children's



Auction. For an additional \$10 per car, passengers can secure a pre-purchased parking spot, and for another \$10, select a seat on the Mount and board early.

All proceeds from Christmas in July benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

Juggernaut Fitness is the Presenting Sponsor. Owner Anna Terry said, "We are pleased to be able to support the Children's Auction as a sponsor. I feel like I'm really paying it forward. My family, and many families at Juggernaut, have been served by the nonprofits the Children's Auction supports, and we want to pay make sure we help other families in need in the lakes Region." Santa Sponsors are <a href="The Xavier Group">The Xavier Group</a>, MB <a href="Tractor and Equipment">Tractor and Equipment</a> and <a href="Amoskeag Beverages">Amoskeag Beverages</a>, and the Entertainment Sponsor is Nazzy Entertainment.

For tickets, visit <a href="https://cruisenh.com/pages/christmas-in-july">https://cruisenh.com/pages/christmas-in-july</a>. Click Book Now and then choose View Special Events from the options provided; choose Christmas in July.

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) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. 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 383 South Main Street, Laconia NH 03246

Federal Tax ID # 47-3815882

# Community Kindness Project

Random Acts of Kindness are all around us everyday!

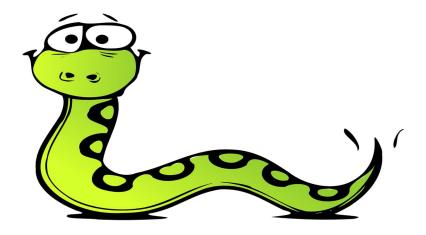
Please join us in spreading kindness this summer with "Jake, Jake, the Kindness Snake" at our Village Spur Rail Trail in downtown Belmont.

Being outside makes us all feel good but now we can all work together and create the longest kindness snake ever! Starting with family, friends, and the whole 4th grade at BES, fun, colorful rocks were painted and we are creating a "kind" rock snake that will be located on the walking trail, right here in downtown Belmont. Let's see how long we can make this kindness snake grow in memory of Jake Deware. As we come together to do this, you will not be able to help but feel the SMILE light up your face. Please find a rock and paint a little fun to add to our kindness snake. KINDNESS MATTERS!!

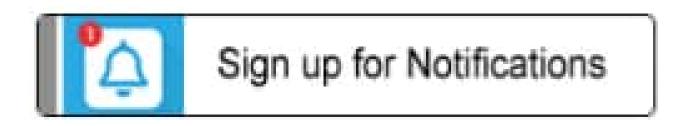
The intent of this project is to continue to enrich our community with things/events and acts of kindness that would make Jake proud. Jake was hardworking, ambitious, and very aware of the world around him. As things come about that would mean a lot to Jake we like to get involved. We continue his kindness with random acts of kindness no matter what it is. A smile can change a whole person's day. We do this to keep his free, loving and kind spirit alive.

The Jake Deware Kindness Project is a local non-profit organization that supports local youth through donations for scholarships, foster care needs, hunter safety courses, fishing experiences and more. Jake was an amazing young man who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was full of life and worked hard for what he wanted and believed in. He lived his best life, balancing work with play and giving the best of himself – his kindness showed through in everything he did. Jake was taken from us way too soon – which has left a hole many can feel. The Jake Deware Kindness Project was created with love and Jake's kind spirit in mind.

\* This event will take place from June through August 2024.







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 <u>belmontnh.gov</u> and click the button on the right-hand side to "Sign Up for Notifications".

