

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



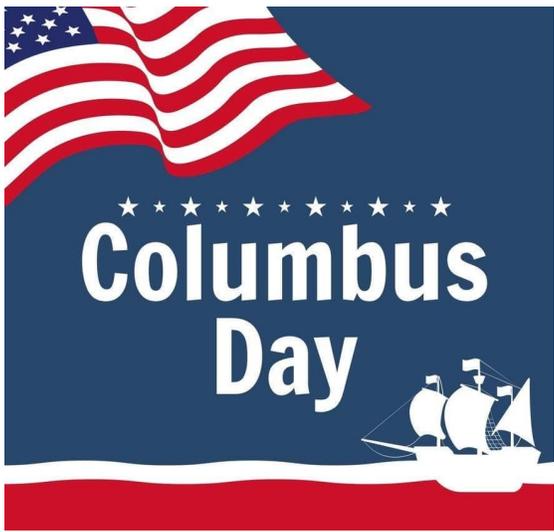
2025 Budget Information

Department Heads have worked hard on their budgets for 2025 with our Town Administrator. They are preparing to present their budgets to the Board of Selectmen starting Wednesday, 10/02/2024. Meetings will continue until 10/16/2024 with some hosted in the evenings and some during daytime hours. Please see the schedule and links to agendas on page 2.

Budget Committee meetings will start in November and we are still looking for two registered voters to serve (see page 5).

2024 Tax Rate

The Town and the State are collecting necessary data required to set our annual municipal/Town tax rate. The rate should be set in late October or early November. Tax bills will be generated after the final 2024 rate has been set by the State, and tax bills are typically due in early December.



Town Hall
will be closed
Monday, October 14th
in observance of
Columbus Day

A graphic for Columbus Day featuring an American flag, a row of stars, and a silhouette of a sailing ship. The text below the graphic states that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14th, in observance of Columbus Day.

RETURNED MAIL !



Returned mail costs the Town a lot of money. Please check with the Town Clerk or Assessing Office to verify your mailing address with the Town. A change of address is required in writing. Forms available at Town Hall or belmontnh.gov > Info Center > Applications & Forms > Change of Address.

Meeting Information—Budget

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular Board of Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 10:00 am in the Tioga Room at the Mill. Immediately following the regular meeting will be the first of 5 Budget Workshops for the Board of Selectmen with three evening meetings and two daytime meetings:

10/02 @ 11:30 am

10/07 @ 5 pm

10/08 @ 5 pm

10/15 @ 5 pm

10/16 @ 11:30 am

The Budget Committee will be meeting with Department Heads regarding the 2025 Budget during November and December.

All meetings are open to the public, streamed on YouTube and Zoom, and agendas are posted at Town Hall and on our website at:

<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/227658/agendas---2024>

Budget Planning



Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)

HYDRANT

FLUSHING



Starting Monday, Oct 7th through 11th 2024

- Completed in Fall and Spring to ensure hydrants are working for fire protection and to remove mineral deposits.
- Use caution when approaching flushing operations.
- You may experience discolored water, but it is safe to drink.
- Refrain from doing laundry during flushing. Check the color of your water prior to washing laundry.
- Let your water run for a few minutes before using.

Please contact DPW at 528-2677 with any questions.

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 <https://vod.lrpa.org/>

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 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.

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.



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>

Property Fraud ALERT !!



SIGN UP FOR FREE

PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT

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PROPERTY FRAUD occurs when someone records a fraudulent document in the county land records office, making it look like they own your home or property.



PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT is a notification service that alerts subscribers against the possibilities of fraudulent activity being committed against their property.

SIGN UP FOR FREE by visiting PropertyFraudAlert.com, by scanning the QR code with your phone camera, or call the Property Fraud Alert Hotline at 800-728-3858.



Choose how you want to be notified!



Register in English or Spanish
Regístrate en inglés o español

*For further details, contact your county's
Land Records Office*

Town of Belmont

Budget Committee

Members Needed

The Town of Belmont is seeking two interested residents who are registered voters to serve on the Budget Committee.

This is a short-term commitment with Tuesday evening meetings at 6:30 pm from early November through early January. (*First meeting only, Thurs. 11/07*)



Please submit a letter of interest by 10/07/2024 to:

Town Administrator, Alicia Jipson

PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220

or

administration@belmontnh.gov

TOWN OF BELMONT



Thursday, October 31st
5 pm to 8 pm

Here are some tips for a safe trick-or-treating experience:

- ⇒ All costumes and accessories should be fire-resistant
- ⇒ Use flashlights, glow sticks or reflective tape for better visibility in the dark
- ⇒ Choose non-toxic makeup instead of a mask for better vision
- ⇒ Responsible adults should accompany young children
- ⇒ Older children should review their route with parents
- ⇒ Only approach homes with porch lights on, or ones you are familiar with
- ⇒ Children should not eat any treats until parents can check them
- ⇒ Motorists should be on high alert for “ghosts and goblins” in and along roadways
- ⇒ Consider battery-operated candles for jack-o-lanterns



**Please stop by the Fire House
to show off your costumes
for Trick or Treat
on Halloween!**

Thursday, October 31st

5pm to 8pm



Town Clerk's Corner



Fall is upon us! It is **officially** spooky season!

October, along with all its beautiful foliage brings the due date for the third issue water/sewer bills. The bills are due October 10, 2024. The third issue bill covers the months of June-August. Payment can be made via mail, in person, dropped in our drop box or on our Town's website, www.belmontnh.gov. We accept cash, check or card but please keep in mind that if you use a card there is an additional 2.79% fee added to the total.

In addition to the third issue bill being due, disconnect notices have been sent out for overdue water/sewer bills. If you have received a notice and have any questions, please reach out to our office at (603) 267-8300 ext 2.

We are busy little bees preparing for the 2024 General Election happening in November. If you require an absentee ballot, please drop off your request and we will mail your ballot to you as soon as they are available. We will have our absentee ballots in the office by the second week of October so if you are planning on being away or unable to vote at the polls on election day, we suggest you give us a call and you can come to Town Hall and request and cast your ballot all in one stop. This prevents the time it takes for the mailing process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

The 2024 State General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polls are located at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Rd and will be open from 7AM-7PM. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Election Day and re-opening at 9:00AM Wednesday, November 6, 2024. All other offices will be open at Town Hall on Election Day. The last day to register to vote at the Clerk's office is Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Otherwise, you will have to register to vote on Election Day at the polls. Be sure to bring your ID and proof of residency.

Have a happy and safe Halloween!



Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon

Election Special



WHAT'S NEW?

The deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is noon the day before the election. Previously, voters had until 5 p.m.

Voters must mail a copy of their ID to the secretary of state within seven days of registering to vote if they're doing so for the first time on Election Day and do not show ID at the polls. Voters who don't submit proof of ID by the deadline will have their ballot removed from the final vote tally.

Redistricting in 2022 changed the boundaries of some legislative districts. Confirm your voting district at sos.nh.gov/elections under Voter Information Lookup.

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

How can I register to vote?

By mail: You can register by mail if you have an approved reason, such as a disability. If you qualify, call your city or town clerk to request a voter registration form and return it with a copy of your driver's license or other ID.

For details about valid reasons for registering by mail or for documents needed, visit sos.nh.gov/elections and click Register to Vote, then Registering to Vote in New Hampshire. You will need a witness to sign your absentee-voter registration affidavit. Registration deadlines vary by locality. Check with your city or town clerk.

In person: Fill out a registration form at your local clerk's office. You'll need to show ID, such as a driver's license or U.S. passport, proving your name, age, citizenship status and New Hampshire residence.

You can also register at your polling place on Election Day with proof of your identity, age, citizenship status and New Hampshire residence.

Online: If a disability prevents you from



NEW HAMPSHIRE

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTIONS

KEY DATES

Voter registration deadline
Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the polls

Absentee ballot request deadline
Monday, Nov. 4, noon

Absentee ballot return deadline in person
Monday, Nov. 4, 5 p.m.

Absentee ballot return deadline by mail
Tuesday, Nov. 5, received by 5 p.m.

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 5, hours vary



filling out a form by hand, call your city or town clerk to request an accessible online absentee registration form.

How do I vote absentee?

You can vote absentee only for approved reasons. Go to sos.nh.gov, select Elections and then Absentee Voting to see the list of approved reasons or to download an absentee ballot application. Complete the form and mail it to your local clerk's office so the request is received by noon on Monday, Nov. 4. You may also drop off your completed form at your local clerk's office.

If you have a disability, you may request an accessible ballot at sos.nh.gov. Click on Elections, then Voting with Disabilities.

Mail your completed ballot to your city or town clerk with proper postage, ensuring enough time for it to arrive by 5 p.m. on Election Day. You can hand-deliver your ballot to your local clerk by 5 p.m. the day before the election.

If you need assistance delivering your ab-

sentee ballot, a delivery agent may bring it to your polling place up until 5 p.m. on Election Day.

A delivery agent can be a family member, nursing home or elder care facility administrator, or another person assisting a voter with a disability. Your delivery agent may be asked to show ID and fill out paperwork to deliver your ballot.

To track your absentee ballot, go to app.sos.nh.gov/viphome and select View My Voter Information.

Am I allowed to vote early in-person?

New Hampshire doesn't offer early in-person voting, but those qualified to vote absentee can do so early at their clerk's office.

Do I need an ID to vote?

Bring an acceptable form of photo ID, such as a state driver's license or U.S. passport, to vote on Election Day. If you are 65 or older, you may use an expired ID. Those without ID can sign an affidavit, have their photo taken and vote, with follow-up verification required.

Is there assistance for people with disabilities?

Yes, polling places have an accessible system and voting booths for voters with disabilities. Accessible absentee voting is an option too, as is curbside voting with the help of an election official. Visit sos.nh.gov, click on Elections, then Voting with Disabilities.

What about military or overseas voters?

Go to sos.nh.gov, click on Elections, then Military & Overseas Voters.

When is Election Day?

Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polling hours vary. For details, visit sos.nh.gov/elections and click on Voter Information Lookup for hours and locations. —Michelle Tuccitto Sullo



Sewer & Septic—NOT FLUSHABLE ITEMS



Sewer & Septic Issues!



Above is an example of an ongoing problem with our local sewer pump stations that service the Town of Belmont. The problem is that non-flushable items are being flushed at an alarming rate!

Non-flushable items are also a problem for property owners with a septic system.

Items that should not be flushed lead to clogs in the Town's sewer pump stations, which interfere with the efficiency of our pumps, and lead to extensive maintenance in order to correct the issue. This requires pulling Town staff from other necessary job duties, and in turn, costs more for all of our taxpayers.

Extensive maintenance was required and more than four bags of grease and non-flushables were removed from this one pump station. It took two employees two and a half days to get this pump back online. Only human waste and toilet paper are flushable!

Product labels can be misleading:

- **"Flushable" does not mean it is safe for your septic system or sewer. These items can clog your system and be expensive to fix!**
- "Disposable" items are not flushable and should go in the trash.
- Trash – do not flush the following items:
 - Wipes
 - Feminine Hygiene Products
 - Facial tissues
 - Diapers
 - Cigarettes
 - Cotton swabs
 - Dental floss
 - Toys

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/whats-flushable-brochure.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Belmont Public Works at (603) 528-2677.

Highway Department News

Graffiti & Roadside Dumping



The Department continues to deal with an influx of roadside dumping and sign graffiti. Once a sign has been painted like the one pictured above it cannot be cleaned properly. Any solvent the department has attempted to use removes the pigment from the color on the sign along with the graffiti. Replacement sign costs vary, starting around \$45.00 and increase depending on type and size.

Roadside dumping is also a common problem in town. Items left roadside such as the tires pictured above are disposed of through a company that charges the Town per tire. Other items recovered from the Town's ROW are brought directly to the transfer station where the Department is billed for standard scale fees.

Both of these issues contribute to increasing line item amounts in the Department's budget and only cover the disposal. The actual cost is greater because it takes time from members of your Public Works Team who could be used in places that would better serve the Town of Belmont. If you witness this happening, contact the local PD so efforts can be made to put a stop to this waste of money and resources.

Roadside Mowing

Your Public Works Department continues to work with the limited resources at its disposal. Through the combined efforts of contractors and the Department's trackless, outfitted with its boom mower, we are on target to make at least two passes on every road. This effort is put forth to improve sight distance and reduce vegetation in the ditch lines thorough the Town's maintenance ROW.



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



Highway Department News

Fall Hydrant Flushing !!

In an effort to maintain water quality the Town of Belmont, with help from its partners at Pennichuck Water Works, plan to flush all Town owned fire hydrants between October 7th and October 11th. This process may discolor or affect water pressure, but is not harmful. If discoloration occurs, run cold water until color returns to normal.



Mailbox Specifications

Fall has arrived and now is the time to make necessary changes to mailboxes before the ground freezes. Below are helpful guidelines to follow when installing your mailbox.

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

(Example below can be viewed at the Belmont Post Office)



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BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



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The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo

Heating Safety

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

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

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



Heating Equipment Smarts

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

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



FACT

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



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SHARPS DISPOSAL

The Department has recently received a number of requests for instructions on Sharps disposal. We have provided a two page document from NHDES with this information.

Disposal Tips for Household Generated Sharps

Household generated “sharps” include hypodermic needles and syringes, lancets, infusion sets, and auto-injectors. They are typically used in the home for insulin injections or for administering other medications. Household generated sharps should be disposed of appropriately to help prevent injury and illness to family members and waste handlers, and to reduce pollution to the environment.



Environmental Management of Sharps

NHDES regulates the disposal of household generated sharps (see New Hampshire Solid Waste Rule [Env-Sw 904.01\(b\)\(3\)](#)). Household generated sharps may be disposed of with household trash, if:

1. They are enclosed inside a rigid, puncture-resistant container, such as a plastic bleach or laundry detergent bottle.
2. The screw-top of the container is securely taped closed with heavy-duty tape, such as duct tape.
3. The container is labeled, “**Medical Sharps Container – Not for Recycling.**”
4. The container is disposed of at a facility that is authorized to accept it.



Simply **recapping a syringe is not adequate** to protect against needle sticks. A printable label stating “Medical Sharps Container! Not For Recycling!” is included with this fact sheet. If printed on regular paper, secure the label to the container with clear packing tape.

MEDICAL SHARPS CONTAINER!



NOT FOR RECYCLING!

www.des.nh.gov

Belmont Fire Department—Sharps Pg 2

Although placing household generated sharps in the regular trash is not prohibited when following the above provisions, some solid waste disposal facilities do not accept sharps. Always check with your disposal facility or trash hauler before putting your container in the trash.

Alternative Options for Safe Sharps Disposal

An alternative is to use a **Container Exchange** or **Mail Back Program** that supplies empty containers for clients to fill with sharps and return for safe disposal. There may be a charge for such services. Patients using certain drugs are eligible for safe needle disposal directly from pharmaceutical (i.e., drug) manufacturers.



Other alternatives include using a specially designed needle cutter or **incineration device** purchased from your pharmacy. **Safe needle cutters** clip the needle tip off and allow the user to throw away the rest of the syringe, such as the plastic part, in the trash. When the clipping device is full, wrap it with heavy duty tape and then dispose with your household trash. Make sure the tape covers the sharps insert hole.

Go to www.safeneedledisposal.org for more information or talk to your pharmacist or health care provider.

REMEMBER...

NEVER throw loose sharps into the trash or toilet!

NEVER leave sharps anywhere they could injure someone!

NEVER store used sharps in glass bottles, soda bottles, milk jugs, aluminum cans, coffee cans or plastic bags!

NEVER put containers with used sharps in a recycling bin!

For more information, contact:

NH Department of Environmental Services
Waste Management Division, Solid Waste Management Bureau
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
[\(603\) 271-2925](tel:6032712925)
solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov

A paper copy of the rules may be obtained by contacting the NHDES Public Information Center at the above noted mailing address or [\(603\) 271-8876](tel:6032718876).



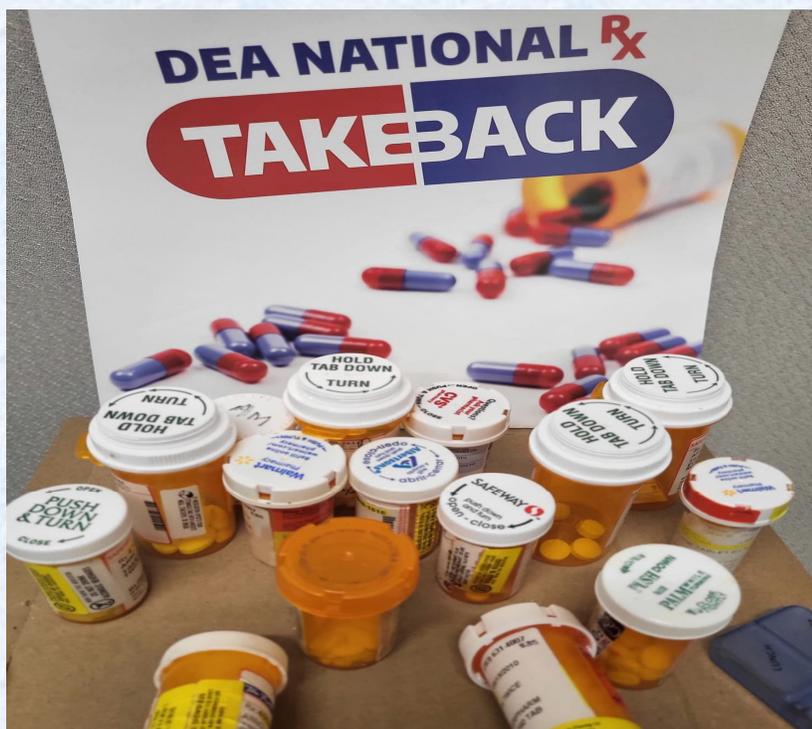
Did You Know?
Some safe needle cutters can hold up to 1,500 needle tips!

Belmont Police Department

Drug Take Back



The Belmont Police Department is going to participate in the DEA's National Drug Take Back, which will take place on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 from 10am-2pm. This is a time when you can dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. This program helps get prescription drugs out of homes, which in turn reduces the chance of someone misusing them. There are no questions asked when you turn them in and it is a simple and fast process. The location for the drug take back will be at the Police Station in the lobby at 16 Fuller Street.



THEFTS

There has been an increase in reports of suspicious people going through vehicles, in different areas of town. Most of the reports that have been taken are being reported that someone had gone through a vehicle overnight. It is important to keep your vehicles locked up and remove any valuables. If you do see or hear something suspicious please call when it is taking place.

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

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION



Halloween TRUNK **or** TREAT & DANCE PARTY OCTOBER 26, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at the Belmont Mill for our Trunk or Treat event!
Trunk or Treat is a fun way for families to enjoy the Halloween holiday and a great opportunity to interact with members of the community.

Come dressed in your best costume to Trick or Treat your way around trunks decorated by local businesses and members of the community.

or

Decorate your trunk and join in on the fun! Sign up here to reserve your spot. Just scan the QR code or visit the link below!



<https://tinyurl.com/BPRTrunkorTreat>

REGISTRATION OPENS 9/27

Belmont Parks & Recreation

GUNSTOCK OUTREACH SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



OPEN TO AGES 8-19

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ❄️ Midweek or Prime season pass
- ❄️ 4 50-minute lesson days
- ❄️ Rentals on lesson days and any night Gunstock is open
- ❄️ Discount BFF Lift Ticket Vouchers

MIDWEEK YOUTH SEASON PASS

PRIME YOUTH SEASON PASS

NORDIC CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL PASS

TIER 1

Register by 10/25/24

\$200

\$350

\$95

TIER 2

Register by 11/15/24

\$250

\$400

\$109

📞 603-267-1865

📍 Belmont Parks and Recreation

✉️ Recreation@BelmontNH.gov

Building & Code Enforcement—Septic System Maintenance

Notice for Septic Users

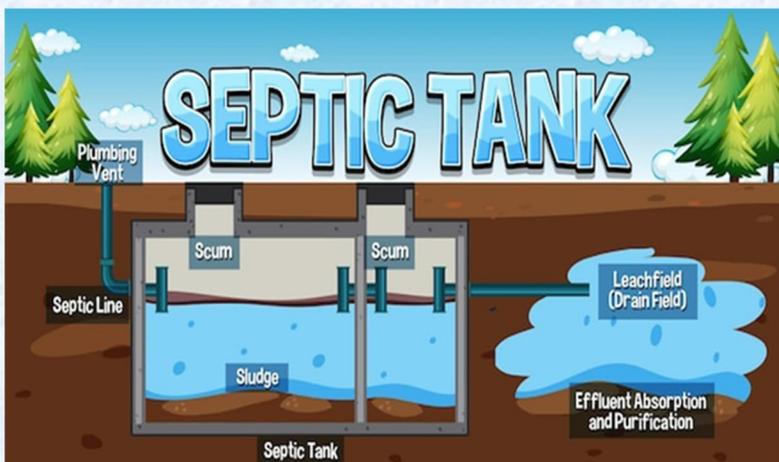
A properly maintained septic system is the key to extending the life of your system. This includes proper maintenance, such as pumping your tank every 2-3 years.

A septic system at its most basic function treats and stores sewage waste from our households. Sewage is conditioned so that it can be dispersed and percolated into the topsoil. This accomplishes the final purification, including destroying disease-producing bacteria.

A septic system in failure is unhealthy, illegal and a nuisance. Replacement costs are high, so proper maintenance can extend the life of your system.

- Inspect your tank every year
- Do not flush grease or toxic materials
- Do not use a garbage disposal unit
- Conserve water
- Don't allow vehicles or livestock on your leach field to protect the integrity of your soil and pipes
- Soggy areas or bad odors can indicate a system failure and should be checked by a professional
- Keep a record of all inspections and maintenance

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/ssb-13.pdf>



October
2024

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 10/17/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 10/28/2024

Zoning Board – 10/23/2024



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

John Crowley
Land Use Clerk

For additional Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.gov
Contact
luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Application Review Committee (September 19, 2024)

Priceland Trust, LLC: Review of an application for Site Plan Approval to convert a residential home into office space. Property is located at 149 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 210- 009-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case #07-24R

John Claridge: Review of an application for Subdivision Approval to divide one lot into two. Property is located at 703 Province Road, Tax Lot 228-027-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ARC Case #08-24R

Planning Board (September 23, 2024)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – 284 Property, LLC: Continuation of a request for Site Plan approval to construct a 4,950 square foot steel storage building. Property is located at 284 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 210-002-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. PB Case# 16-24P.– Continued to 10/28/2024

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing –JCB, LLC: Request for subdivision approval to divide one lot into nine residential lots and construct a 4,150-foot road, including utilities and fire cistern. Property is located at 36 Horse Point Road, Tax Lot 201-011-000-000, in the Commercial and Residential Single Zones. Planning Board Case #18-24P—Continued to 10/28/2024

>>> **Next Planning Board Meeting: October 28, 2024, 6:00PM**

continued...



Zoning Board of Adjustment (September 25, 2024)

Meeting canceled due to lack of applications.

Mission

It is the Mission of the Land Use Department to provide guidance and support to the Officials and Employees of the Town of Belmont. To work closely with Residents, Property and Business Owners, and Prospective Developers to provide an efficient and effective process whereby property proposals can be evaluated within the guidelines of applicable Ordinances and Regulations. To promote a fair, consistent and pleasant atmosphere in which customers may obtain assistance.



**Please join us in welcoming our new Clerk,
John Crowley,
to the Land Use Department!**

Looking for Board members!

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

Planning Board

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- **3 vacancies**

Zoning Board

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

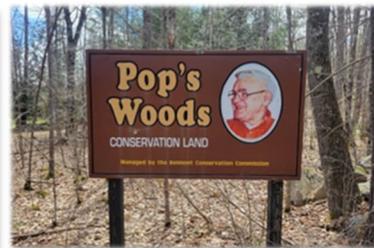
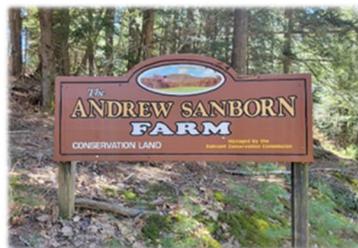
Conservation (no current vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



Conservation Commission

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Natural resources largely define Belmont's rural character. Rural character is "*a quality of life and place...characterized by open spaces, historic places, forest and farmlands*" (Belmont Master Plan, November 18, 2002, page 7.1).

BELMONT CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

The Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, in addition to its numerous recreational facilities, has twenty conservation properties that are open to the public. Belmont supports the conservation of open space through the efforts of its Conservation Commission to promote open space preservation and to successfully steward conservation lands under their management. The Commission has been charged with the protection and preservation of land that has been identified as a valuable and irreplaceable resource for drinking water, wildlife habitat and recreation.

Andrew Sanborn Farm & Pop's Woods Conservation Areas



typical woodland trail

The Andrew Sanborn Farm and Pop's Woods Conservation properties are located on the south side of Durrell Mountain Road, at the corner of the Belmont, Gilmanton and Gilford Town Lines, about 2 miles east of the intersection with Route 107 in Belmont, New Hampshire. The Conservation areas consist of two adjacent lots and contains a total of 217.93 acres, including some minor acreage in Gilmanton and Gilford. The Sanborn Farm was purchased by the Town of Belmont in 2008 and Pop's Woods was purchased from Richard and Peggy Meyers in 2010. Both lots contain forested uplands and wetlands and the Sanborn farm also contains a hayfield now used for wildlife habitat. The property abuts protected land in the Town of Gilmanton and is part of a long range project by the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition to protect significant lands in the Belknap Mountain Range.

The properties were purchased with the intent of protecting open space as well as the headwaters of the Tioga River whose adjacent wetlands were identified in 2008 by Stoney Ridge Environmental as the top four wetlands in the Town. The properties are managed under the Multiple Use concept where consideration is given to timber production, forest recreation, wildlife habitat, education and watershed protection.

Wildlife

Interacting with wildlife can be the most memorable part of any forest experience. A variety of wildlife signs have been observed while cruising on the property, including signs of deer, moose, bear, coyote, porcupine, red and gray fox, squirrels, rabbits and mice. Birds of note included wood ducks, geese, ruffed grouse, kingfishers and red tailed hawk. There were no rare or endangered wildlife species observed during the inventory nor are there any listed in the NH Heritage Bureau data check as of September, 2013. The presence of wildlife usually indicates the presence of adequate habitat both on the property as well as on abutting lands for a breeding population. The size of a species' population is usually dependent on the amount of suitable habitat. Animal populations can often be manipulated by varying the amount of habitat, especially if game species are preferred.



red fox (*Vulpis vulpis*)

Conservation Commission



View of Piper Mountain from Sanborn Farm Conservation Property

Wildlife (cont.)

Providing a variety of habitats will increase the diversity of wildlife. Most wildlife species are opportunists and will take advantage of almost any type of habitat according to their needs. As area habitats are slowly lost to development, it may become more important to replace some of the lost habitats to avoid losing wildlife populations.



wild turkey hens (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

Recreation

The woods roads offer a great opportunity for passive recreation



beaver dams (*Castor*)

including hiking, mountain-biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation and hunting. These uses are considered relatively environmentally friendly, though some of them can be temporarily disrupted by logging as forest management prescriptions and site conditions will sometimes dictate the time of year when logging will occur. Loop trails are often preferred as opposed to walking back and forth on the same trail or logging road. The woods road system combined with Rogers Road provides several loop opportunities. There is a nice view looking east over the beaver swamp from the bridge on Rogers Road. Several mountains are visible including Durrell Mountain and Grant Hill.

Cultural and Historic Features

There are several cultural and historic features found throughout the properties. They include stone walls, farm ditches and fieldstone farmstead and sawmill foundations along Rogers Road.



Tioga River headwaters

Threatened and Endangered Species

There were no threatened or endangered plant or wildlife species observed on the lot during the cruise, nor are there any listed with the NH Heritage Bureau as of September 2013. There were no truly unique habitats or sites that would harbor unique species found during the cruise, though Blanding's and Spotted (*Clemmys guttata*) Turtles may use the brushy, alder areas along the streams and beaver swamps. A few vernal pools were observed on the property and are an important breeding habitat for frogs and salamanders.

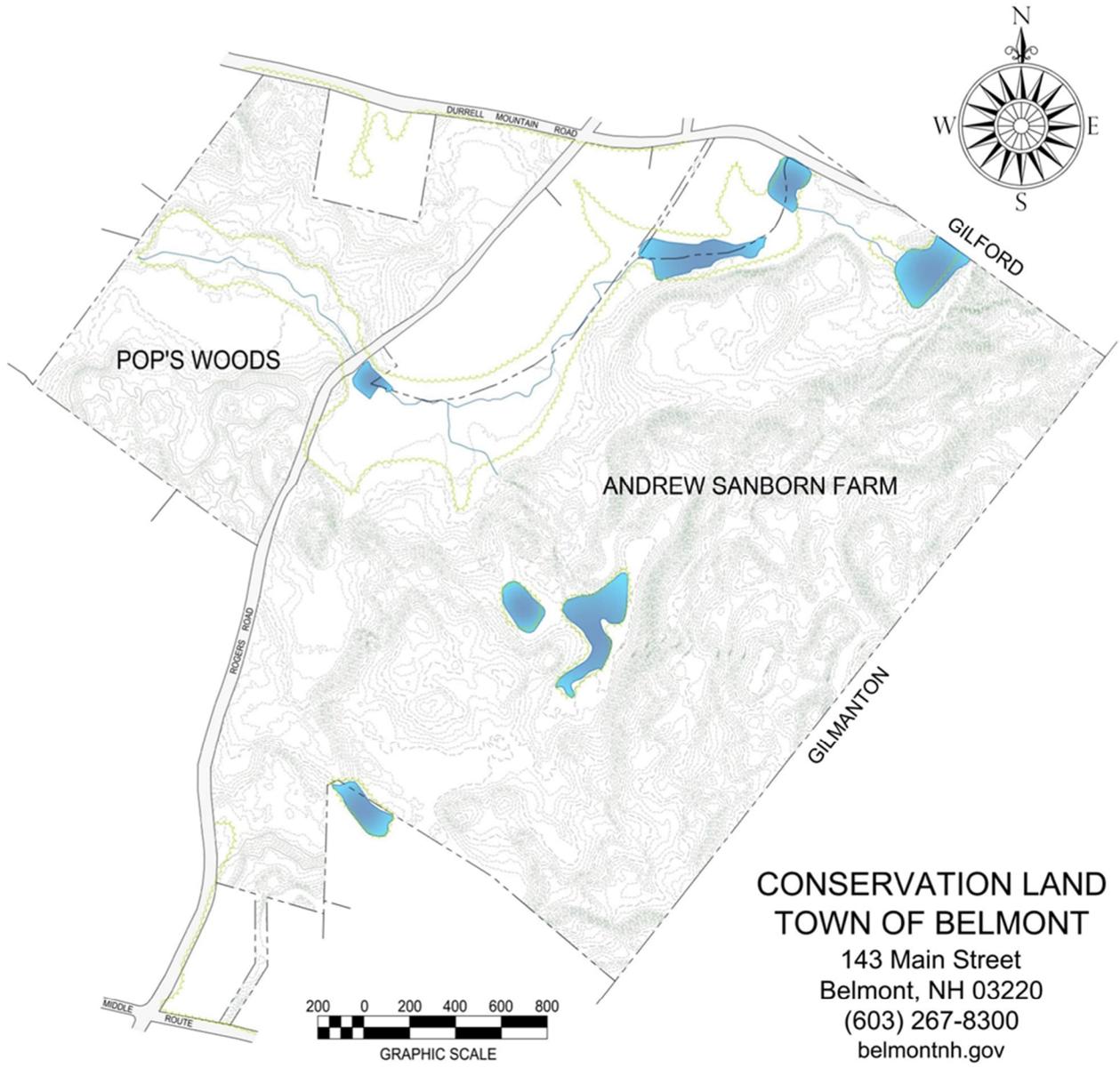


Blanding's Turtle
(*Emydoidea blandingii*)



Spotted Turtle
(*Clemmys guttata*)

Conservation Commission



NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 02, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Tioga Room, 4th Floor, Belmont Mill

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOMED TO ATTEND

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Richard Moreau; Jeffrey DeFrancesco;
Alternate Position Open

STUDENT MEMBERS

Emerson Decato

Belmont Public Library

October 2024



Library Closed
October 11th & 14th

Youth Services

Programs

ARE BACK

Starting October 1



Join us at Belmont's
Trunk-or-Treat & Dance Party
Saturday, October 26, 6-8pm



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

ADULTS

- Fiber Arts Group** - Mondays 10am
- Watercolor Workshop** - Mondays 2pm
- Cribbage Club** - Tuesdays 1-3pm
- Mah Jong** - Thursdays 2-4pm

Newcomers welcome!



Tea and Tales

October 10 4:30pm

Chapter & Verse (Gr. 6-8)

October 17 3pm

Chapter Chats (Gr. 4-6)

October 17 4pm

Friday Fiction

October 18 10:30am

My First Book Club

October 19 11am

Mystery Group

October 24 10am

BOOK CLUBS



CHILDREN

- Pre-K Pals** - Tuesdays 11am
- StoryTots** - Wednesdays 10:30am
- Homeschool Travelers** - Thursdays 11am
- Flashback Films** - Fridays 3pm

Belmont Public Library

October 2024

ADULT PROGRAMS

Newcomers welcome!

Fiber Arts Group - Mondays, Weekly meet-up group, chatting and learning about all things fiber arts - crochet, knitting, cross stitching, embroidery, etc. Duration: 1 hour

Watercolor Workshop - Mondays, Weekly meet-up group, chatting and learning about watercolor techniques. Duration: 90 minutes

Cribbage Club - Tuesdays, Weekly meet-up, chatting and learning about the game. Duration: 2 hours

Mah Jong - Thursdays; Weekly meet-up, chatting and learning about the American version Duration: 2 hours

Tea and Tales: Monthly meet-up, discussion about the monthly selection. duration: 1 hour
Oct. 10: *Before We Were Yours*; Nov. 14: *A Slow Fire Burning*; Dec. 12: *The Heart of the Deal*

Mystery Group: Monthly meet-up, discussion about the monthly selection. duration: 1 hour
Oct. 24: *Deja Dead*; Nov. 21: TBD; Dec. 26: TBD

Friday Fiction: Monthly meet-up, discussion about the monthly selection. duration: 1 hour
Oct. 18: *Gilead*; Nov. 21: TBD; Dec. 26: TBD

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Pre-K Pals - Tuesdays, weekly group that encourages the building and learning of preschool milestones through stories and crafts. ages 3-5. Duration: 45 mins.

StoryTots - Wednesdays; weekly group that encourages the learning of toddler milestones through stories, songs, and movement. ages birth - three. Duration: 30 mins.

Homeschool Travelers - Thursdays; weekly group that will travel the globe through reading and group activities. ages 6 - 18. duration: 90 mins.

Chapter & Verse (G. 6-8) - Monthly discussion on book selection. Duration: 45 mins.
Oct. 17: *Uprising*; Nov. 21: *Rez Ball*; Dec. 19: *Remember Us*

Chapter Chats (G. 4-6) - Monthly book discussion on current selection.

Oct. 17: *The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall*; Nov. 21: *The Lumbering Giants of Windy Pines*; Dec. 19: *The Night War*

Flashback Films - Fridays 3pm

My 1st Book Club (g.1-3) - Monthly discussion on book selection. Duration: 45 mins.

Oct. 19: *The School is Alive!*; Nov. 16: *Dr. Carbles is Losing His Marbles*; Dec. 14: *Mystery at Snowflake Inn*

News from the Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission invites you to a special event honoring Linda Frawley. A memorial plaque will be unveiled and she will be honored with words from those who knew her through her preservation work and personally.



PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING

Linda Frawley

Saturday - 1:00 PM
October 5, 2024

The Belmont Heritage Commission invites you to celebrate all that Linda championed for the Town of Belmont, its history, and its heritage.

The Belmont Mill & Bandstand
14 Mill Street - Belmont, New Hampshire

The dedication of Linda's Memorial Plaque and Garden will take place at the Belmont Mill, followed by a ceremonial planting of bulbs at the historic Bandstand. We will return to the Mill for refreshments and tributes to Linda by her colleagues and friends.

Later this fall, members of the community will plant two thousand daffodil bulbs at Belmont's five historic sites.

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan, Claire Bickford, Ben Rolfe, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Chris Mooney and Travis O'Hara (Ex-officio)

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

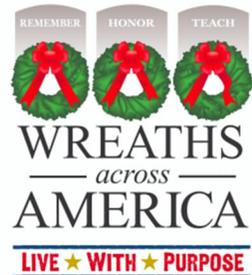
National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Belmont Cemetery Trustees and American Legion Post 58 honor our local heroes!

ALL WREATHS FOR 2024 ARE COVERED!!
BUT, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPONSOR A WREATH
FOR NEXT YEAR YOU CAN!

Scan the QR code to make a donation online
or visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/
NH0030](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NH0030)



#LiveWithPurpose

*There will be
NO changes to
October's
trash and recycling
collection.*

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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**JOIN
GOT LUNCH!
BELMONT &
FRIENDS**

**AT THE 4TH
ANNUAL FALL
FESTIVAL AT
THE 4H
FAIRGROUNDS
IN BELMONT**

174 MILE HILL RD. BELMONT NH 03220

**WE SUPPLY
EVERYTHING YOU
NEED!!**

*DIY
TIE-DYE
T-SHIRTS*

\$10 EACH!



**10/19
10am to 3pm**

**EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH VIBRANT
COLORS**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR
2025 SEASON!**

CASH, VENMO, AND CHECKS ACCEPTED

Granite VNA Programs

Franklin VNA & Hospice is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners and here is an upcoming event they are hosting:

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice

3rd Annual

HOSPICE BALL

Saturday
NOVEMBER 2, 2024

5 P M - 10 P M
DINNER
LIVE BAND
DANCING
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

**FOR TICKETS VISIT:
FRANKLINVNA.ORG/HOSPICE-BALL
CALL (603) 934-3454**

 Newfound Lake Inn
1030 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH

Vote in Honor of a Veteran

Vote in Honor of a Veteran

Information on how to participate in the Secretary of State's "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program.

The Secretary of State's Office is pleased to launch its "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program, which gives New Hampshire voters the opportunity to recognize the veterans and service members in their lives who protect our most precious freedom – the right to vote.

To participate in the program, simply use the button below to submit the name of the veteran or service member you are voting in honor of and a short testimonial on what their service means to you. In exchange, the Secretary of State's Office will mail you a "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" lapel pin designed by Navy veteran Jacob Aldridge that you can wear proudly on Election Day.

Your testimony may be posted on our website.



Artist's Biography

Our "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" pin was designed by Navy veteran Jacob Aldridge in 2024. Originally from Virginia, Mr. Aldridge joined the navy after graduating high school in 2010. Following his service as an auxiliary technician aboard the USS Cheyenne, he joined the USS New Hampshire. After a decade of dedicated service in the Navy, he worked as an engineering tech at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Mr. Aldridge, a recipient of five Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals, is currently pursuing a degree in Fine Arts at Great Bay Community College.

Go to www.sos.nh.gov/vote-honor-veteran
to sign up and receive your pin.



MST MID-STATE TRANSIT

NEED HELP GETTING TO THE POLLS? CALL ON MST!

VOTER SHUTTLE SERVICE

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

About the Voter Shuttle Service

Mid-State Transit (MST) is pleased to announce it is adding a special Voter Shuttle bus service to help Belknap and Merrimack residents get to the polls on November 5 for the general election! Call to schedule before 2:30 pm Monday, November 4, 2024.

Call today to reserve a seat at 603-225-1989

MST is a service of CAPBM
603.225.3295
2 Industrial Park Dr., Concord

- This **free service** will pick up individuals from home or work, drop off at the requested polling location and will return a short time later for the return trip making it very convenient to get out and vote this election cycle!
- Call in advance to schedule but no later than 2:30 pm the day before election day.
- Available to any voting age Merrimack County or Belknap County resident in the MST service area going to the polls.



Sargent Fund Application 2024

2025 Application John M. Sargent Fund – Town of Belmont, NH

The John M. Sargent Fund: *The income from the John M. Sargent Fund is used for any purpose that the voters of the Town of Belmont decide by major vote at the Town Meeting Second Session (Election/Voting) on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. In order to facilitate the distribution of this money, an appointed committee of local citizens will review all requests and shall make recommendations to the voters.*

Important: *To be considered for funding, applicants must complete and return this form, along with a one page cover letter and one page organization information as outlined below.*

Fund Application: Please complete the following information.

Name of group or organization: _____

Mailing address: _____

Town: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How many Belmont residents does your group serve?: _____

Is your group or organization a non-profit/tax exempt, 501(c)(3): Yes _____ No _____

Amount Requesting: \$ _____

Please provide: *(Please note: This information must be included to be considered for funding.)*

- **A Cover Letter:** Include a basic **one-page cover letter** that states the amount requested and provides a highly abbreviated description of how the funds would be used. Discuss the need/issue and a description of the targeted population of Belmont residents who would be directly impacted by this request.
- **Organization Information:** Include a basic **one-page outline** including:
 - i. Description of the organization or group
 - ii. Description of the current programs, activities, and accomplishments.
 - iii. Briefly discuss funding history; including both public and private funds.
 - iv. If you received money last year from the John M. Sargent Fund, please discuss how it was used.

Deadline: December 5, 2024. *A hard copy of the application must be received at Belmont Town Hall, 143 Main Street, Belmont, NH or postmarked by this date. No email applications will be accepted.*

Submit to: The John M. Sargent Fund, c/o The Town of Belmont
P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220-0310

For information, contact:
BJ Eckardt, *John M. Sargent Fund Committee Chair*
e-mail – walnut@metrocast.net

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Belmont Community
St. Joseph Church

Church Basement
96 Main Street
Belmont, NH 03220

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Treat yourself: Come give blood in October for a \$10
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, automatically be
entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card, there will
be three lucky winners! Terms apply: rcblood.org/treat**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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

NH Housing Programs



New Hampshire Housing's goal is to make homeownership more affordable. They offer a wide variety of great homeownership programs including mortgages, refinancing, downpayment and closing cost assistance, Homebuyer Tax Credits, and more.

These programs come with great benefits, too—like low downpayment requirements, 30-year fixed rates, and no hidden fees.

The maximum income limit is \$167,800. Some programs may have lower income limits and purchase price limits.

New Hampshire Housing makes homeownership more affordable with mortgages that offer great benefits including:

- Up to \$15,000 in downpayment and closing cost help
- 30-year fixed rates
- Low or no downpayment requirements
- Reduced mortgage insurance options
- No hidden fees
- Financing for single family homes, condos, manufactured housing and 1-4 unit owner occupied homes
- Convenient homebuyer education classes
- Mortgage refinancing for those who already own a home

While specific programs may have different income limits, in general we serve incomes up to \$167,800. Explore their programs at:

gonewhampshirehousing.com





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”.**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire. 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...".

On the left side, there is a section for "Belmont Town Office" with the address "143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300" and "Town Hall Business Hours - Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm.". Below this is a section for "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: "10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, 12/25".

In the center, there is a large image of a building at sunset. Below it is a section titled "Current News and Notices" 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."

On the right side, there is a "Connect on Facebook with..." section listing: "Board of Selectmen", "Recreation Department", "Winni Trail", "Fire", "Police", and "Library". Below this is a "Sign up for Notifications" button, which is circled in red and has a large red arrow pointing to it from the left. Other buttons in this column include "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data".