

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT

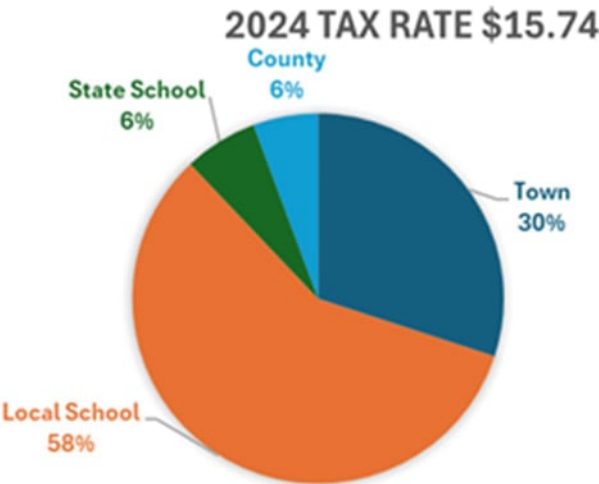


2024 Tax Rate

The Town of Belmont’s 2024 tax rate was set in coordination with the Department of Revenue Administration. This year’s total tax rate has been set at \$ 15.74 which breaks down as follows:

Town	\$4.73
Local School	\$9.11
State School	\$1.01
County	\$.89
2024 Tax Rate	\$15.74

Overall, the rate DECREASED by \$1.73 this year.



The Town’s value increased by \$192 million in 2024. Had the Town not updated assessed values the rate would have been \$17.90.

Tax bills are on their way to the printer’s and should be arriving in your mailbox towards the end of next week (11/08). Tax bills will also be posted on our website next week at belmontnh.gov on the Tax Collector’s web page. Tax bills will be due December 12th, 2024.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 267-8300 ext. 124 or email administration@belmontnh.gov

TOWN HALL

will be closed

Monday,

November 11th

in observance of Veterans Day



Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)



Town Hall will be
closed
for the
Thanksgiving
Holiday

Thursday 11/28 &
Friday 11/29



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>

Meeting Information

Upcoming Meetings

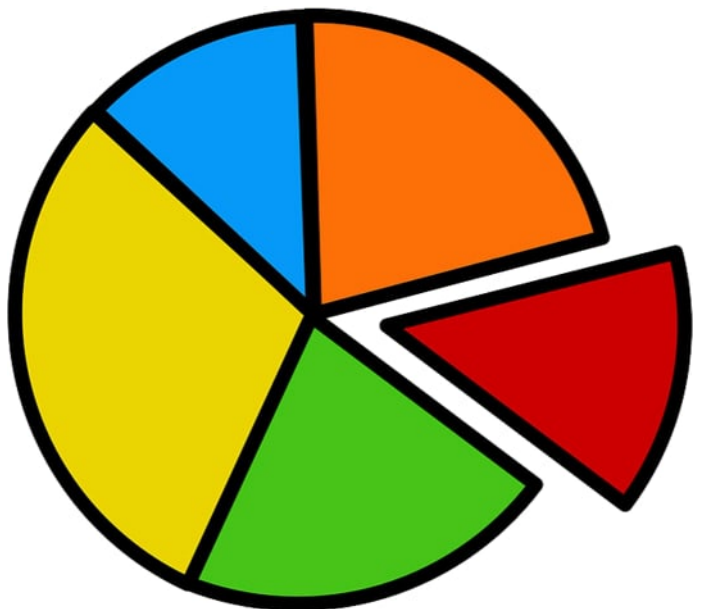
The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, at 10:00 am in the Tioga Room at the Mill.

The **Budget Committee** will be meeting with Department Heads regarding the 2025 Budget starting Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm in the Tioga Room at the Mill. Meetings will continue through December and the Public Hearing(s) will be held in January 2025.

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>

YouTube and Zoom links are posted on each individual agenda.



Town Clerk's Corner

Greetings fellow Belmontians!! How on earth did we get to November so quickly?!?

The State General (Presidential) Election is here! The election will be held at Belmont High School located at 255 Seavey Rd. The polls will be open from 7AM-7PM. Absentee ballots will be opened at 9AM on election day.



If you cannot attend the election in person and need to request an absentee ballot, the request form is available on our Town's website www.belmontnh.gov as well as in our office. Please keep in mind that we CANNOT give anyone another person's ballot to deliver. The Town Clerk's office will remain open from 4-5PM the day before the election, Monday November 4th for Absentee Voting Purposes Only.

The Town Clerk's Office will be opening at 8:30AM on Wednesday, November 6th. This month we celebrate the 1-year anniversaries of our Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Samantha LeClair and Devon Tibbetts!! I am so happy they joined the team. There is so much to learn in this job and they have both worked very hard over the past year. If you get a chance, stop by and say hi!

We hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving!



Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon



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

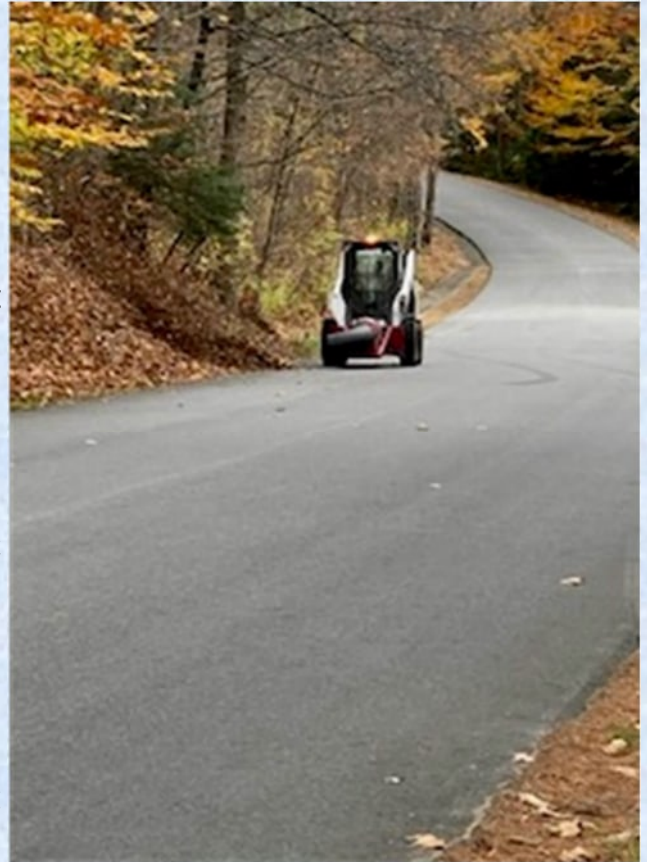
- This **free service** will pick up individuals from home or work, drop off at the requested polling location and will return a short time later for the return trip making it very convenient to get out and vote this election cycle!
- Call in advance to schedule but no later than 2:30 pm the day before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



Highway Department News

Fall Clean-Up

November brings the same cleanup chores to Public Works crews throughout New England as it does to property owners in the region. Leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris create a thick blanket on the ground that if left unattended has the potential to cause headaches for maintenance personnel. It can suffocate vegetation and inhibit the growth of lush green lawns that everyone strives to maintain during the summer months. The biggest obstacle Public Works Crews are up against during this time is keeping drainage systems clean. The leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris seem to make their way into ditches and drainage swales creating dams and plugging catch basins. If left in place, systems run the risk of failure causing



washouts that come with large repair costs and hazardous situations for the traveling public to navigate through. For this reason, your Public Works Department has an industrial leaf vac and proactively spends time removing leaves from areas of concern as the schedule allows. We ask that property owners do their part and remove yard debris while performing cleanups. Please do not relocate yard waste to any area that could impede drainage. The Public Works Department does not have a set schedule and cleans ditches and swales based on experience and observation. The goal is to remove as much debris as possible before drainage is covered with snow so you will see our crews out as soon as the majority of the leaves have dropped. This is a slow-moving operation so be on the lookout for advanced warning signs and flaggers in the road. When you see this operation in motion, proceed with caution and give the crew the room it needs to do the job safely. Last year, the purchase of a Buffalo Turbine Blower attachment for the Bobcat created another asset that could be added to the Departments arsenal. This will only be used in areas leaves can be blown into the woods allowing us to focus the leaf vac on other high priority drainage areas.



Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

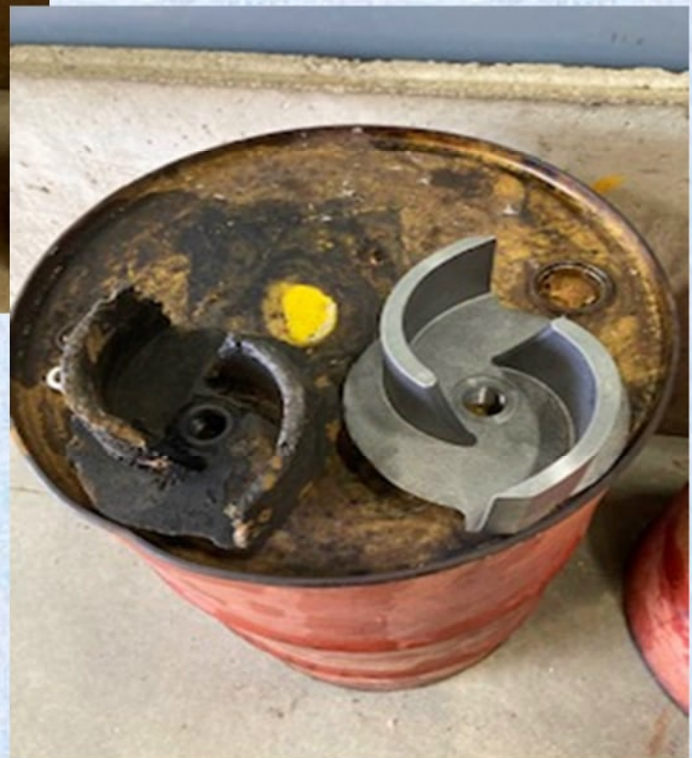
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Highway Department News

Sewer Pump Maintenance

The 4 inch Gorman Rupp Pumps at our Nancy Drive Station got some much needed preventative maintenance last month. Public Works Personnel inspected bearings, installed new seals and gaskets, and replaced impellers and wear plates. This “tune up” increased pumping volumes and ultimately reduced run times. Trends appear to show a 10% reduction in run time per pump which not only will help extend the life of the pump, but will lower the usage charges on the Department’s electric bill. For reference, a photo of both original and replacement impellers has been included.



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Belmont Fire Department

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
Time to Turn Back Your Clocks!!
AND
Change your Smoke Detector Batteries!!

What to do during
daylight
saving time:



Turn your
clock back.



Test your
smoke alarm.



American
Red Cross



Belmont Fire Department

**Belmont Elementary School's
1st Grade Class Visit!!!
October 22, 2024**



Mobile Food Pantry

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, Nov. 8th from 12:00-2:00

(while supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

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caring neighbors.**

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Thanksgiving Leftovers

GREENWorks

Ideas for a Cleaner Environment

A publication of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, NH (603) 271-3710

November 2023

Your Turkey Belongs on Your Plate, Not in the Trash!

Thanksgiving is a beloved American holiday and a time where families across New Hampshire can gather together to share in each other's company, merriment and – of course – food! While we all love sharing a feast at the dinner table, many Americans don't realize how much of this food eventually ends up in the trash. [It's estimated that 300 million pounds of food are wasted during the Thanksgiving festivities every year.](#) Not only is throwing away food a waste of precious resources, but it also contributes to greenhouse gas emissions when food rots in the landfill. So, what can you do this Thanksgiving season to enjoy your food while also not contributing to food waste?



Plan, Plan, Plan!

One way to prevent your food from ending up in the garbage is by planning ahead. If you're hosting, it's important to get a headcount of your guest list and plan portions accordingly. You can also coordinate with any guests wishing to bring a dish of their own. After all, there's no need to have duplicates of stuffing or mashed potatoes if they won't all be eaten at the meal!

Another consideration in planning your serving size is the amount of leftovers you want afterwards. Whether you can't get enough turkey or you get tired of Thanksgiving leftovers by Black Friday, planning out your leftovers helps to determine how much food you should be serving. One resource that can help you plan how much food to buy based on these considerations is an online food calculator, such as the [Omni Thanksgiving Calculator](#). This way, you can make sure to have enough food to feed the family without throwing out the unwanted Thanksgiving leftovers!

While grocery shopping for your food, it's also helpful to write a list ... and actually stick to it! That way, you can avoid any impulse buys that might result in wasting more food. Planning out your guest list, serving size, groceries and leftovers can all go a long way in reducing food waste.

Creativity in the Kitchen

After finishing your feast on the table, you might still have leftovers – either deliberately or accidentally – despite planning out the meal. While some of us might enjoy the classic turkey sandwich, there are also many ways to utilize leftover ingredients for those who may be tired of the same meals. Whether you're craving turkey soup, turkey pot pie or turkey and waffles, there are an abundance of recipes that you can try out to reduce the amount you're wasting. [Here are some creative recipes that you can check](#)

Thanksgiving Leftovers

[out for your Thanksgiving leftovers!](#) The next time you are tempted to toss out that leftover turkey, make sure you get creative in the kitchen to reduce the impact of your waste!

Save Them for Later

Another great way to reduce the amount of food you're tossing out is to freeze your leftovers. This helps preserve the food for much longer and allows you to heat up your leftovers whenever you like. Freezing your extra food also provides you with an easy option for dinner when you might not feel like cooking. Instead of laboring over dinner after a long day, just reach into your freezer and take out those Thanksgiving leftovers for a delicious and convenient meal. Not only does freezing your food reduce the amount of food you're throwing out, but it also helps you with preparing a meal in the future!

Sharing is Caring

If you know you can't eat all those leftovers, share with family and friends. After your feast, you can offer to split leftovers with others and send your guests home with a meal for later. Aside from loved ones, you can also donate to those in need and who might not be as fortunate to have Thanksgiving leftovers. [Check with your local food bank or soup kitchen](#) to donate food to others in your community. Sharing with others is a great way to show appreciation and gratitude during the holiday while also considering the environmental impact of your food waste.

Bad Food Isn't Garbage!

What happens when your food is starting to get bad, or your leftover green beans are looking a little sad? Even when your food starts growing old, there are still alternative ways to use up your leftovers before you turn to the trash. Composting is a great way to use up your food scraps and transform your waste into rich soil for your garden. Make sure to compost with care and to toss only organic materials, like fruits and veggies, into the compost pile. You can also look into local composting facilities, such as composting collections or drop-offs. [Check out the EPA's Food Opportunities Map](#) to see if your community has composting opportunities near you. Before dumping your food in the trash, make sure to reduce as much waste as possible and compost what you can. After all, "bad" food isn't always garbage!

Make Sure to Show the Environment Thanks

While you're reflecting on your blessings and what you're thankful for, remember to show Mother Nature your gratitude by practicing sustainable habits during the holidays. Even making small steps to reduce your food waste can go a long way in respecting the environment and helping limit the harm that comes from the holiday season. We hope that you have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and that you remember to appreciate the environment through taking sustainable steps!

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Belmont Police Department



Santa's Little Helpers

The Belmont Police Department is delighted to offer our assistance to Belmont residents this Christmas for families who demonstrate a financial need for Christmas gifts. Santa's Little Helpers eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a current Belmont resident and have documentation proving your residency status (utility bill, lease / rental agreement, motor vehicle registration etc.).
- Must have photo identification.
- Must *not* have obtained assistance from the Santa's Little Helpers program for more than three (3) years.
- Children must be under 16 years of age.
- Families *cannot* be receiving assistance from any other charitable organization providing Christmas gifts.

If your family meets the above listed criteria, we encourage you to fill out an application starting November 8th, 2024. The Belmont Police Department and Santa's Little Helpers believe every child deserves to have a Merry Christmas and we are happy to help. Please see the important dates that are shown below:

Application *deadline* is 12-13-2024.

Pick-up information will be provided at a later time.

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

Belmont Police Department

Qualified Patrol Officer Candidates Needed

Patrol Officer

The Belmont Police Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill four vacant patrol positions.

Job Summary

Performs duties required to protect lives and property of the public, maintain law and order, detect and prevent crime, apprehend and prosecute violators of the criminal and motor vehicle laws; does related work as required. Performs diversified work patrolling roadways within the Town, responsible for the enforcement of State laws and Town ordinances making regular patrols, directing traffic, responding to calls for service, investigating accidents and crimes; may include other specialized police activities. Makes frequent contacts with the public, other law enforcement agencies, governmental and court officials for the discussion of problems and to obtain cooperation necessary for the accomplishment of the police department mission.



Minimum Qualifications Required

U.S. citizen, high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate, minimum age 21, must pass written and/or oral examinations, extensive background investigation, criminal history check, medical examination, physical fitness test, polygraph examination, psychological examination, and be certified or certifiable by the N.H. Police Standards & Training Council.

Training Required

While no advanced training is required, it is desired. Candidates will be required to attend and successfully complete the basic police certification course held at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council within one (1) year of appointment unless there is no scheduled class within that time frame as well as the department field training program.

Compensation and Benefits: Wages are based on a 10-step union negotiated scale, up to \$36.11 dependent upon years of service for Full-Time Certified Officers. Eleven (11) paid holidays, Medical, Dental and Life Insurance.

Accrual of annual and sick leave with 80 hours vacation time after 6 months. Officers typically work 4/3 schedule, and rotate every 2 months. Participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System Group II.

Salary: \$23.85 - \$36.11 per hour

Benefits: Dental insurance, Employee Assistance Program, health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, vision insurance

Interested parties may submit a Personal History Statement Form

available at belmontnhpolice.org

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

SPOTLIGHT on Belmont Police Department



The Town of Belmont has received Law Enforcement services dating as far back as 1900. In current times, when able to operate at full staff, the Police Department has 20 full-time employees. There are 17 sworn police officers, 2 dispatchers, and 1 secretary. They also have 7 part-time employees including the Chief of Police, a Drug Prevention/Enforcement/Treatment (PET) Officer, a School Resource Officer, an Animal Control Officer, and few patrol officers.

At the present time, the department has 12 sworn full-time officers, 6 sworn part-time officers, an Animal Control Officer, 2 dispatchers and 1 secretary. This means the department has 4 full-time sworn officer openings and 1 full-time position that was not funded this year due to budgetary reasons.

The Police Department's employees have a wide range of experience; from less than a year on the job to 47 years on the job. Most of the members of the department work rotating shifts, which include working nights, weekends and holidays. Salaried employees and detectives are working patrol shifts to cover for vacant positions, and the overtime line is hard to contain. This also leads to burnout and fatigue. In addition, our part-time Chief will be retiring in March of 2025, along with our prosecutor officer. Captain Steve Akerstrom, who has been with Belmont Police for 25 years, has been selected by the Board of Selectmen to succeed Chief Lewandoski after his retirement. Captain Akerstrom was born and raised in Belmont and is very familiar with our community and its needs.

The Police Department deals with a wide variety of calls; from missing dogs to traffic related offenses, all types of crimes, accidents, domestic disturbances, arrests, serving paperwork, and many others. This year they have seen a 5% decrease in accidents, 100 fewer reports of crimes against person/property and 130 fewer arrests, but traffic enforcement is up by 30%.

Belmont's prosecutor officer also provides prosecutorial services to Gilmanton, which the Town is compensated for. Belmont officers, outside of their regular scheduled hours, provide detail services for local construction projects and community events as needed.

The department's Good Morning Belmont program allows seniors to sign up for daily check-ins. If a resident doesn't call the department by 10 am, the department will reach out to them. If there is no answer, an officer will be dispatched to the home. There is a Drug Take Back box available in the lobby of the Police Department all year long. The department hosts National Night Out each year, which promotes police-community partnerships and relationships, and highlights crime and drug prevention awareness. At the holidays, the Santa's Little Helpers program offers financial assistance to Belmont families who demonstrate a financial need for Christmas gifts. "Movie Lunch" days are held at the Belmont Public Library on days when school is not in session. Officers eat lunch with students and watch a free movie. There is also a reading program with students at Belmont Elementary School.

The department has been very successful obtaining grants recently. In three years, they have been awarded over \$1.5 million dollars for items including highway safety programs/radar/speed patrols/DWI/distracted driving; cameras/laptops/radios/printers/fingerprint scanner/substance testing unit;

SPOTLIGHT on Belmont Police Department

radar trailer and speed sign; hiring grants for new officers including a Prevention Enforcement & Treatment officer; and body armor/bullet proof vests.

The biggest problem they have seen in recent years is the ability to hire and retain officers. While there are many factors why people leave law enforcement or don't want to be a police officer in the first place, one major factor is being able to pay police officers a wage that is comparable with area departments. Currently the starting wage for a police officer in Belmont is \$23.85. In the past year, there have been a couple of wage studies done and it was determined that other area departments in Belknap County are paying approximately \$7.00 more per hour for officers just starting out.

This spring there was a warrant article on the Town ballot that was brought to the voters to increase the wages of our police officers. This would bring Belmont's wages more in line with other local communities. Unfortunately, the voters did not approve that warrant article for the contract, which leaves the department trying to attract police officers for a minimum of \$7.00 less per hour to do the same job.

With a default budget this year, the department had to go back to the drawing board to see which services, programs, training, or equipment they would have to cut, while trying to retain the valued employees they currently have. The Police Department managed to get by with reducing spending, but that brings increased expenses in other areas such as cruiser maintenance. The department is making costly repairs to cruisers that would otherwise have already been traded in. This not only costs more money, but it also reduces the fleet while repairs are being done.

Between the default budget, and staffing issues, the department has had to reduce their service coverage. For the first time since 1974, the department has on-call staff responding to calls between 3 am and 6 am. The department hopes to get back to 24/7 coverage by attracting and hiring a full complement of staff.

The Police Department is in the early stages of going through a State Accreditation process. Once accredited, the department will have the same set of standards/policies as other communities in the state. The standards/policies were developed by the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, and will be monitored from the state level. This process is going to be long and challenging, but in the end very rewarding. The Belmont Police Department wants the residents of Belmont to know that all members of the department take their careers very seriously and will align our department with the guidelines set by the Commission.

- The Belmont Police Department is located at 16 Fuller Street in downtown Belmont.
- There is a dispatcher on duty from 7 am to 11 pm Monday through Friday.
- For non-emergencies the department can be reached at (603) 267-8351.
- Emergency calls can be made to 911 or (603) 267-8350.



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TINY TOTS
AGES 1-3
10:30AM-11:30AM

&

PRESCHOOL PLAY PALS
AGES 3-5
12:30PM-1:30PM

CRAFTS
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SONGS
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(EXCLUDING 11/29 & 12/6)

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CALL 603-267-1865 OR EMAIL RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV

Belmont Parks & Rec Gunstock Program

Belmont Parks & Recreation

GUNSTOCK OUTREACH SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



OPEN TO AGES 8-19

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

TIER 1

Register by 10/25/24

MIDWEEK YOUTH SEASON PASS

\$200

PRIME YOUTH SEASON PASS

\$350

NORDIC CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL PASS

\$95

TIER 2

Register by 11/15/24

\$250

\$400

\$109



603-267-1865



Belmont Parks and Recreation



Recreation@BelmontNH.gov

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION
PRESENTS

DECK *the* VILLAGE

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024
2PM - 4PM

FREE Arts & Crafts ❄️ Holiday Music
❄️ Hot Cocoa & S'mores by the Fire ❄️
Holiday Storytime ❄️ Christmas Caroling around the village

THE SENIOR GIVING TREE

Belmont Parks and Recreation is seeking the community's help to make our Senior Citizens' Holiday season a little brighter.

Please consider choosing a wish list from our Senior Giving Tree located at the Belmont Town Hall starting November 19th

Bring unwrapped gifts, along with the wish list, by December 11th

CLOTHING
PUZZLES
BOOKS
BLANKETS
CANDLES
GIFT CERTIFICATES



ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW, A SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEED OF A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER? PLEASE REACH OUT TO BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION FOR MORE INFORMATION. ALL WISHLISTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18TH. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DELIVER THE GIFTS? BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER BY DELIVERING GIFTS DECEMBER 16TH -21ST

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

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Building & Code Enforcement

Before winter hits, you may want to consider adding insulation to your attic. Old insulation compresses and loses its effectiveness. It is an easy do it yourself “DIY” project. It saves money and is cost-effective. You may want to hire a reputable insulation contractor. It is recommended that R-60 insulation be used for an uninsulated attic, and to add R-49 to attics that already have 3-6 inches of insulation.



You can rent equipment to install blown in insulation, or you can install batts and roll it in the opposite direction of your existing insulation. Be sure to install paper-backed batts with the paper facing up to the roof.

**Insulation only projects do not
require permits or inspections.**

You can check out the EnergyStar Insulation Fact Sheet at:

<https://www.energystar.gov/sites/default/files/asset/document/Insulation%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Thank you,

Glenn Caron

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer



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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 11/21/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 11/25/2024

Zoning Board – 11/27/2024



November
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 (October 17, 2024)

Belmont Landing, LLC: Review of an application to convert commercial space into efficiency live/work apartments with common areas. Property is located at 171 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 101-022-000-012, in the Rural Zone. ARC Case# 09-24R

Planning Board (October 28, 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.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing - JCB, LLC: Continuation of a 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.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing - Price Land Trust, LLC: A request for Site Plan approval to convert a residential structure into office space and storage. Property is located at 149 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 210-009-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. Planning Board Case # 19-24P.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – John Claridge: A request 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. Planning Board Case #20-24P

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

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Zoning Board of Adjustment (October 23, 2024)

Abutter's Hearings – Keith and Heather Buxton: Request proposing to remove the existing residential structure and replace it with a new single-family home, and requests the following relief: A variance of Article 4 Table 1 of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow the construction of a single-family home and deck closer (38.8') to public waters than allowed (50' required). ZBA Case # 21-24Z. Property is located at 19 Chestnut Street, in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 114-008-000-000.

Abutter's Hearing – Kaylyn Knox: Request for a Special Exception to Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow agricultural animals (ducks and chickens) on a property less than 3 acres. (2.4 acres) Property is located at 489 Brown Hill Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 239-010-000-000. ZBA# 22-24Z.

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.

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

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members
- **2 vacancies**



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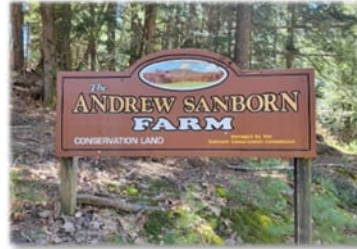


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For further details, contact your county's
Land Records Office

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BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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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 (*Vulpes vulpis*)

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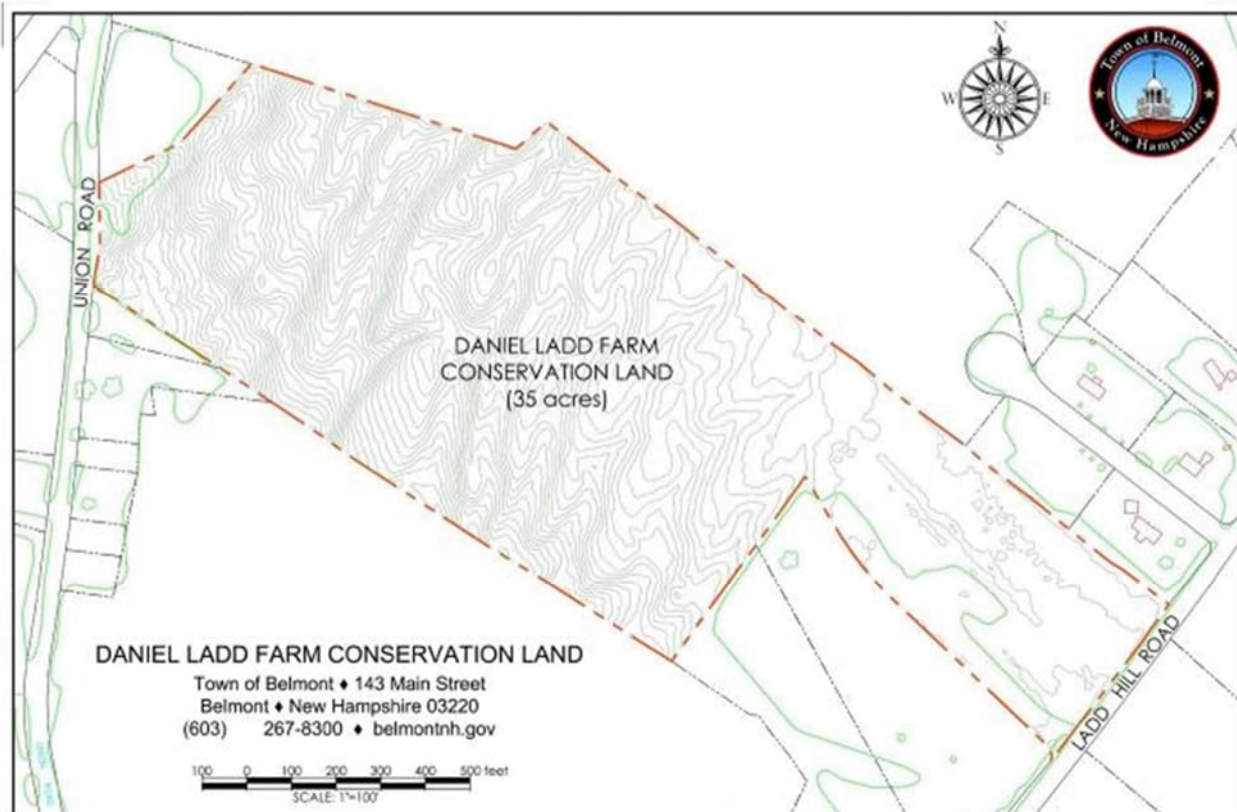
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Daniel Ladd Farm Conservation Land

The Daniel Ladd Farm Conservation Land is a heavily wooded, 35 acre parcel of land located between Ladd Hill Road and Union Road in Belmont. The property was originally two parcels that were merged in 2018. The first 5.84 acre parcel, off of Ladd Hill Road, was obtained by the Town of Belmont as the result of a tax lien in 2010. The second 29.34 acre parcel, off of Union Road, was donated to the Town by Salvatore M. Alosa Sr. in January, 2017.



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STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PROJECT WITH THE BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



SCA AmeriCorps

Student Conservation Association of New Hampshire

From August 20th through August 30th, 2024, a crew of six Student Conservation Association (SCA) NH Corps members worked at the Tioga River Conservation Area to remove invasive Glossy Buckthorn from the forest using mechanical removal methods.

The SCA New Hampshire Conservation Corps is a partnership between the Student Conservation Association, The New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and AmeriCorps. Since 1994, the SCA New Hampshire Conservation Corps has provided nearly one million hours of service to the lands and people of New Hampshire. Each year, volunteers contribute tens of thousands of service hours, providing environmental education programming to the state's residents and visitors, and completing conservation service projects that improve and protect the state's recreational, environmental, and cultural resources.

The mission of the SCA New Hampshire Corps is to serve the communities and public lands of New Hampshire while building leadership and technical skills in the conservation field. SCA New Hampshire Corps members perform direct hands-on service while developing the ethics of service and citizenship. These highly motivated young adults, usually ages 21-29, enhance and protect natural areas through environmental education programs, interpretive ranger programs, and conservation stewardship projects that include trail and recreational management projects as well other land and historic preservation projects.

The crew members included: James Rowland, Avery Ryan, Mel Brown, Kristen Hall, Brenda Kirlin and Sam Melcher.



Special acknowledgment goes to Pauline Tessier, Belmont Conservation Commission Vice-Chairman, for all the help with connecting the Crew to the right people and providing them with the tools they needed to get the job done; thanks to Denise Naiva, Belmont Conservation Commission Chairman; for coming out to work with the Crew; and to Lisa Moran for providing the crew with tarps to cover the pulled buckthorn.

The Crew managed to clear the high-priority areas with hand-pulling methods. These areas included a small lakeside stand, a forest edge near a trail, and the entire perimeter of an old-growth white pine, hemlock, red oak, and red maple tree stand. The protection of these old stands from buckthorn is essential to their survival. Buckthorn thrives in disturbed areas and as a virulent invasive it is more than capable of establishing a monoculture and shading out any other plants. Old-growth forests are especially vulnerable to this type of invader because of the slow growth of new trees to replace old, fallen ones.

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Student Conservation Association of New Hampshire (cont.)

Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) was probably introduced to North America about 200 years ago, and in Canada about 100 years ago. It was planted for hedgerows, forestry plantings, and wildlife habitat, but has become an invasive species. Glossy Buckthorn invades moist woodlands and disturbed areas throughout the Northeast and Midwest. Its rapid growth and prolific seed production make this plant an aggressive invader that can form dense thickets which shade and displace native understory plants, shrubs, and tree seedlings.



Woodland area before clearing
Glossy Buckthorn by the SCA Crew.

Woodland area after clearing
Glossy Buckthorn by the SCA Crew.



NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Tioga Room, 4th Floor, Belmont Mill

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOMED TO ATTEND

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Richard Moreau; Two Alternate Positions Are Open on the Commission

STUDENT MEMBERS

Emerson Decato, Mia Kenison

Please take notice that the Village Rail Spur Trail is not maintained over the winter. All Town trails may be enjoyed at your own risk.

CAUTION



**TRAIL NOT
MAINTAINED FOR
WINTER USE
PROCEED AT YOUR
OWN RISK**

SPOTLIGHT on Land Use/Building/Code Enforcement/Conservation



The Land Use Department encompasses Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Building, and Code Enforcement. They currently have five full-time employees consisting of the Town Planner; Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer; Land Use Technician; Land Use Administrative Assistant; and Land Use Clerk. The department also has a part-time (20 hours per week) Building Clerk.

Land Use staff serves as the liaison to the Planning Board; Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board provides Master Plan Development; Capital Improvements Program Development; Site Plan review; Subdivision review; Lot Mergers; Boundary Line Adjustments and Zoning Ordinance updates. The Zoning Board provides review and decisions on Variance requests; requests for Special Exceptions; Appeals of Administrative Decision and Equitable Waivers.

As liaison to the Conservation Commission the Land Use staff works with the volunteer members to provide for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the Town. Natural resources include the air, land, surface and ground waters, fish, wildlife, plants, wetlands, soils, minerals, and scenic quality. The Conservation Commission also manages several properties around the Town which are available to the public for passive recreation. Some of these properties include Mile Hill, the Currier-Sanborn/Tioga Marsh property; the Andrew Sanborn Farm/Pops Woods; and the Town Forest to name a few.

In addition to serving as staff to the boards and commission, the Land Use Office provides guidance on Land Use processes including home occupation reviews; change of business tenants; mapping and property plans; and provides preliminary review of new development and/or use proposals. Additionally, staff works with and reviews the Master Plan and works with the Planning Board on Ordinance and Regulation preparation and development for presentation to the Town at its annual meeting.

Land Use also oversees the Aquifer Ordinance and Regulations, and along with the Code Enforcement Officer, oversees the required annual inspections of commercial businesses located within the Aquifer Protection District.

The Building/Code Enforcement office oversees the review and issuance of all building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and generator permits as well as reviews complaints from the public regarding code enforcement. The office is also responsible for all licensed junkyard inspections; aquifer inspections and all required inspections related to permits issued. As Code Enforcement, the office is charged with enforcing the Town of Belmont Zoning, Junkyard and Wetlands Ordinances. Their goal is to work with property owners to bring and maintain properties into compliance with the Ordinances adopted by the voters of the Town of Belmont.

The office serves as a resource to all residents, answering questions about their property and their homes; assisting them in locating septic systems; and helping them make their projects a reality. They also answer questions from potential property owners who are doing their due diligence prior to purchasing a house or land. Typically they are reviewing to see if there are any violations that exist on the property, any unusual features or issues with the property, and can they do what they are proposing to do.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are another aspect that the Land Use and Building Office facilitate. Owners of single-family homes wishing to add an ADU work with the Land Use and Building office to

SPOTLIGHT on Land Use/Building/Code Enforcement/Conservation

confirm that their proposal meets the ADU requirements and then the current building code requirements.

The department expects to have their highest ever number of building and driveway applications in 2025. The previous high was 321 in 2021, however they are already at 306 with more than 2 months until year-end. This year has surpassed all prior years in number of Change of Tenant applications. Planning Board applications are on track with 2023, but ARC applications are down, as are Zoning applications.

This year's default budget has been a challenge for all departments. In order to maintain staffing levels, the department was extremely conservative in all other areas of spending. In addition to salaries, they are contractually obligated for certain services such as tax map updates and the Vision software program. To meet these obligations, they had to reduce spending in other areas such as legal fees, and printing services and supplies.

In the short-term budget-wise we have been very fortunate to utilize alternative resources for some services as well as reusing supplies whenever possible. Additionally, as of this writing we have not needed legal services as frequently as last year, which has been a savings, however, this can change overnight and legal fees add up very quickly. The Master Plan is also in need of an update which is not an inexpensive undertaking due to the amount of time and the number of people and consultants involved.

The Master Plan for the Town of Belmont was last done in 2002 and needs to be updated. This is an extensive project and will involve the use of consultants such as Lakes Region Planning Commission, over an extended period of time. The Master Plan is a document that guides all aspects of Planning and Land Use in Belmont and is often a requirement as part of grant applications.

The work of Land Use and Building/Code Enforcement provides opportunities to support and work with other departments such as DPW with driveway applications, Assessing with tax maps and building/zoning issues, Fire Department with mechanical and health inspections and Police for backup on enforcement issues.

All of this work leads to the creation of many files, paper and electronic. The department is struggling to find physical space for more filing cabinets for new applications and associated documents to be stored. There are two offices with staff members who share their space. Consideration of space needs at Town Hall requires review.

The Land Use and Building/Code Enforcement Departments are here to be a resource to our community. We have a very strong staff with diverse backgrounds in all areas of land use and construction and we are here to answer questions and help community members navigate their way through projects from conception to completion.

- The Land Use Office is located at Town Hall in downtown Belmont at 143 Main Street.
- Their hours are Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00 pm.
- You can reach them by phone at (603) 267-8300 xt. 2 or luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Family Activities

PRESCHOOL PALS

Kids learn to listen, follow instructions, practice social skills through cooperative interaction & stories. **TUESDAYS at 11am**

STORY TOTS

Kids listen and follow instructions through songs and stories, practice social skills through cooperative play. **WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am**

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

Family-led book discussion that encourages the enjoyment of reading.

SATURDAY Nov 16 at 11am

Boxcar Children: Mystery at the Snowflake Inn by Gertrude Chandler Warner

SATURDAY Dec 21 at 11am

Dr. Carbles is Losing His Marbles by Dan Gutman.

FAMILY MATINEE

Midday movie on no school days.

TUESDAY Nov 5 11:30am

WEDNESDAY Nov 27 11:30am

POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY

Cozy pajamas, warm hot chocolate, a holiday classic movie! RSVP

SATURDAY Dec 21 at 2pm,

NOON YEARS EVE

Celebrate the new year without staying up past bedtime. RSVP

TUESDAY Dec 31 at 11am

Middle School

CHAPTER & VERSE (Grades 6-8)

Monthly book discussion of current Isinglass nominations.

THURSDAY Nov 21 at 3pm

Rez Ball by Byron Graves

THURSDAY Dec 21 at 3pm

Remember Us by Jacqueline Woodson

Children Events

HOMESCHOOLTRAVELLERS

"Take a trip" around the world ages 6 - 13

THURSDAYS at 11am

CHAPTER CHATS (Grades 4-6)

Monthly discussion of current GSF nominations.

THURSDAY Nov 21 at 4pm

The Lumbering Giants of Windy Pines by Mo Netz

THURSDAY Dec 21 at 4pm

The Night War by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

FLASHBACK FILMS

Tweens & Teens relax with movies from the early 2000s. **FRIDAYS at 3pm**

DECK THE VILLAGE

Stop in for holiday crafts and a special visitor.

SATURDAY Nov. 30 2-4pm, all ages

A festive poster for the Polar Express Pajama Party. The background is dark blue with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, two red Christmas ornaments with white snowflake patterns hang from gold chains. In the center, a man and a woman are sitting on a green bench, holding hands. The man is wearing a red shirt and the woman is wearing a yellow shirt. They are both wearing pajamas. Below them, a red and white striped line suggests a train track. On either side of the bench, there is a yellow ticket stub with the word 'TICKET' and three stars. At the bottom, two green Christmas trees are flanking a central figure of Santa Claus wearing a red hat and a yellow shirt. The text 'Polar Express Pajama Party' is written in a large, bold, yellow font at the top. Below it, in a smaller white font, is 'Cozy pajamas, warm hot chocolate, A holiday movie!'. At the bottom, in a small white font, is 'December 21, 2024 2 PM - 4 PM. Free drinks. Belmont Public Library, 146 Main St., Belmont, NH parking available.' Below that, in a small yellow font, is 'RSVP at youthservices@belmontpubliclibrary.org'.

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BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

146 Main Street

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Art & Games

FIBER ARTS

Self-guided gathering where adults can work on various fiber crafts and chat.

MONDAYS at 10am

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Self-guided craft time where adults can work with watercolor techniques and chat. Supplies provided.

MONDAYS at 2PM

CRIBBAGE

Drop in and play the game with friends in laid back setting. All supplies provided.

TUESDAYS at 1PM

MAH JONGG

Learn to play the American version of the game with friends in a laid back setting.

THURSDAYS at 2PM

ART FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ADULTS

Meets twice a month to participate in a themed craft/painting project.

TUESDAY Nov 5 at 2pm

TUESDAY Nov 19 at 2pm

TUESDAY Dec 3 at 2pm

TUESDAY Dec 17 at 2pm

TUESDAY Dec 31 at 2pm

Library Closed

MONDAY Nov 11

THURSDAY Nov 28

FRIDAY Nov 29

WEDNESDAY Dec 25

WEDNESDAY Jan 1

Holiday Wishes

Write a holiday letter of thanks
to US Troops at the library
November 9-23



Book Groups

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Quarterly discussion of current book selection.
Northeaster: a story of courage and survival in the Blizzard of 1953 by Cathy Pelletier

THURSDAY Dec 5 at 10:30am

TEA & TALES BOOK CLUB

Monthly discussion of current book selection.
A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins

THURSDAY Nov 14 at 4:30pm

Heart of the Deal by Lindsay MacMillan

THURSDAY Dec 12 at 4:30pm

MYSTERY GROUP

Monthly discussion of current book selection.
And Sometimes I Wonder About You by Walter Mosley

THURSDAY Nov 21 at 10am

Back of Beyond by CJ Box

THURSDAY Dec 19 at 10am

FRIDAY FICTION BOOK GROUP

Monthly discussion of current book selection.
Leaving the Atocha Station by Ben Lerner

FRIDAY Nov 15 at 10:30am

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

FRIDAY Dec 20 at 10:30am

Mitten Tree

All during December, drop
off new handmade or store
bought winter accessories
for local distribution

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BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

146 Main Street

SPOTLIGHT on Belmont Public Library



The Belmont Library has been a part of our town life since 1893, serving the community from its current building since 1928. The building has been on the National Register of Historic Places since the 1980s. Back in 1928, the library was open two afternoons a week for a town of around 2,500 people. Library services have changed over time with the town's needs. The library is currently open 42 hours a week, with early evening and weekend hours.

Our library has a five-member governing board of trustees elected from our fellow townspeople. They set library policy and manage the budget, which is under the day-to-day guidance of the library director. Our library has two full-time staff members, the director and the youth services librarian. Up to four others work about one day a week, including a high school shelve.

Books are the library's brand. The library lends a lot of books (22,574 items in 2023) and does a lot more for our community. The library has a robust Library of Things, lending out yard games and metal detectors, a telescope, and preschool activity kits. Library cardholders also use two digital book services, one of which offers streaming video and music too (5,304 uses in 2023). The library borrows from other NH libraries so residents can get exactly what they need.

Library trustees and staff can tell that Belmont residents value library services because they keep coming back and bringing their friends. Have you attended a library event? Storytimes, book groups, art workshops, and in the summer, magicians, live animals, and giveaways. The library saw over 10,000 visits in 2023 and created fun experiences for around 3,000 event participants. They renewed 739 cards and issued 239 new library cards so far this year.

Museum passes are a pretty good value. They allow people with library cards to visit cultural attractions for free or at a reduced price. Squam Lakes Science Center is always a big hit, and the NH State Parks pass is great for a day at the beach or hiking. Some local donors sponsor their personal or institutional favorites. The library gets lots of requests for Boston attractions, but those come with a higher cost, and this year they couldn't make it happen.

This year's default budget affected library services in almost every area. They adjusted plans for community events, including collaborations with other town departments. Library employees missed out on training opportunities. The book budget didn't allow them to satisfy as many requests from our community members. They were able to offer fewer museum passes. Some maintenance on the library building was delayed.

The library offers summer reading programs with a combination of funding sources, including grant support, to help foster a love of reading among children in the community. In addition, they maintain two "Little Free Libraries", small, community-driven book exchange boxes that encourage sharing and reading among neighbors. The library also organizes 4-5 Storywalks each year, which combine reading with outdoor exploration by placing pages of a book along a walking path, allowing families to enjoy literature in a fun and interactive way.

SPOTLIGHT on Belmont Public Library



As the library plans for next year, they continue to balance budget concerns and growing use of library resources. Cardholders want library services to expand in multiple ways. The demand for digital books continues to rise, and people want “regular” books too. The library could use more staff to manage programs and everyday library use, especially since current staff members are increasing time spent with the “grant-writer” hat on.

Looking to the future, the library knows that not everyone is currently able to use the library to the fullest. In the past two years, the library has sought and received two grants to help with physical access to our National Register building and the library collections. More places to sit and talk, or study, or use the WiFi are needed. More opportunities for community members to meet up have been requested. People have given the library such great ideas for services but they don’t have space or time to try at the moment. They are excited to explore options for expanding our library building soon. As they move forward, they will be seeking your input to ensure it meets our community's needs and honors the historic building.

Our library director wants to thank the library trustees (all volunteers) for their service, and the library staff for being so inventive and enthusiastic. Thank you to our cardholders and the rest of the community – come and get a library card!

Our library is located at 146 Main Street in downtown Belmont.

Their hours are:

Monday & Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

Their website is: belmontpubliclibrary.org

You can reach out to them directly at (603) 267-8331 or circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org



News from the Heritage Commission

Belmont Honors Linda Frawley



Many community members, family, friends and historical preservation peers joined together for Linda Frawley's Memorial Service on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Linda was a prominent figure in Belmont until her sudden passing on March 8th. The Belmont Mill stood high behind the large crowd who came to honor and pay tribute to this very unique woman. Vicki Donovan, Chair of the Belmont Heritage Commission, welcomed all and presented a bronze plaque atop a granite post honoring Linda. Donovan commented that Linda dedicated her knowledge, time, energy and heart to Belmont. Frawley's granite post is situated steps away from a granite bench honoring Wallace Rhodes, Town Historian. Wallace's bench was installed after his passing in 2017, honoring him for his dedication to preserving Belmont's history. Both Linda's post and Wallace's bench were enhanced with perennials from Linda's home gardens. Ginger Wells-Kay, a long-time friend to Linda and well-known garden designer, created the memorial garden. Linda and Wallace were quite the team in reshaping the town's landmarks, especially the Belmont Mill. Linda's leadership and astute planning assured that several local Belmont sites were restored and registered as New Hampshire State Historical Landmarks. Frawley played an important role in the preservation of the Belmont Mill, the Belmont Library and the Bandstand, all of which can be seen from Linda's Memorial. Two other prominent places, the Penstock Park and Province Road Meeting House were also given Linda's magic touch. Belmont Heritage Commission Members voted to have many daffodils, Linda's favorite spring flower, planted at the five historic sites she championed, reminding the town of Linda's spunk and spirit for many years to come. Thanks to the help of volunteer Ginger Wells-Kay in fundraising, planting design,

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and directing the many Friends-of-Frawley volunteers, 2750 daffodils (Linda's favorite flower) will be planted later this Fall at five historic sites championed by Linda Frawley. "The five landmarks will be enhanced once again, but this time in Linda's memory," said Donovan at the closing of the first part of the dedication.



Following Linda's outside memorial dedication, a reception was held on the 2nd floor of the Belmont Mill. Volunteers created a beautiful afternoon tea in keeping with Linda's longstanding love of such celebrations. The first speaker, Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance in Concord, commented on Linda's dedication to many causes. Goodman spoke about Linda's leadership in Preservation, emphasizing that she was a true inspiration who will be missed across the state and region. Goodman was followed by Elizabeth Durfee-Hengen, a Preservation Consultant who became a dear friend of Linda's through their many collaborative projects. Durfee-Hengen acknowledged what many already knew: that the Belmont Bandstand was truly Linda's favorite project. Elizabeth also noted that "The Bandstand was the epiphany of a community project". Two Belmont speakers, Woody Fogg and Priscilla Annis, closed out the speeches by honoring additional aspects of Linda's accolades. Both emphasized that Belmont benefitted greatly from Linda Frawley's historical vision of the town. In addition to longstanding efforts to restore and preserve Belmont's historic buildings, Fogg and Annis spoke about her work, notably having historical markers erected and organizing not one but two town charettes. Lastly, Priscilla added that one of the town's favorite Bandstand memories brought the children of Belmont together to perform at Linda's inspired "Deck the Village" holiday event. Linda's reception ended with Donovan thanking Linda for her strength, wisdom and her vision. Donovan also said, "Belmont will forever be indebted to what Linda Frawley accomplished in preserving its history."

Heritage Commission

Thank You to those who donated to the Frawley Memorial, to those who worked diligently behind the scenes, and to Ginger Wells-Kay who organized the Friends-of-Frawley volunteers.

LINDA FRAWLEY MEMORIAL DONORS

Samantha Starman

Timothy M. Hayes

Ken Knowlton & Barbara Garneau

Jeffery McKillip & Donna Hepp

Paige Rooney

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Emily Stearns

Bob Kay & Ginger Wells- Kay

Ron Valpe & Staff

Fr. Iain MacLellan – Chapel Art Center

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Belmont Public Library



Ben, Jack & Travis
installing post.



Ben Rolfe installing
top plate.



Don Cotnoir of NH
Monuments.



Daffodil planters
Diane and Ginger.



Volunteer planter
Shayne.



Bulb planter Claire.



Planters at Library: Shayne,
Ginger, Barbara & Priscilla.



Ginger and Vicki.



Planters Deb and Shilo.

Thank you to the following volunteers for planting daffodil bulbs for Linda's Memorial.
Ginger Wells- Kay, Vicki Donovan, Claire Bickford, Carol and George McMullen, Woody and Chris Fogg, Janice Sawyer, Barbara Binette, Deb Leitch, Shilo Frampton, BJ Eckardt, Karen Gilbert, Priscilla Annis, and Shayne Duggan.

Belmont Heritage Commission

*Vicki Donovan, Claire Bickford, Ben Rolfe, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe,
Chris Mooney and Travis O'Hara (Selectman Representative)*

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024 @ 12pm** ★

At the Belmont Public Library

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.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/
NH0030](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NH0030)



#LiveWithPurpose

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

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Belmont Got Lunch Program



Our fundraising season is in full swing! There are several ways we go about raising money. In September we sent out donation request letters to local businesses in Belmont and Canterbury to hopefully get child sponsorships. We have volunteers who focus on grant writing which involves applying to local organizations for donations. We hold an annual mums sale, raffles, and gift-wrapping events to raise funds. Without the support of our local businesses, other organization donations, and our volunteers, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of providing meals to the children in our community during our Summer season.

This year was our 2nd annual mums sale. Thank you to everyone who placed an order with us. Thank you to Murray Farm Greenhouse for being our mums supplier. The flowers are always beautiful.

On Saturday November 9th we will have a table set up at the Fall Festival that is being held at Belmont High School. We will have a raffle table with donations of gift cards, gift baskets, and donated services.

During the month of December, we are planning on holding a gift-wrapping event. If you would like to have your gifts wrapped please swing in. Wrapping will be done by donation. There will be no limit on the number of gifts we will wrap for you. Watch the Town newsletter in December for our flyer that will give all the details!

Thank you so much to everyone in the community for your continued support for us and our mission! We would not be able to do any of it without you.

Yours Truly,



Granite VNA Programs

Granite VNA is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners and here are some programs they are hosting:

A Matter of Balance

You're as young as you feel!

Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities! "A Matter of Balance" classes provide you the tools needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies including home safety and physical activity.

Registration required.



Granite VNA
Opechee Room
780 North Main Street, Laconia
Mondays,
November 4 - December 23
10 a.m. - Noon

Inclement weather date, December 30

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664,
visit granitevna.org/calendar, or scan QR code.



www.granitevna.org/calendar



Fill Your Caregiving Toolbox!

Caregiving can add stress to our physical and emotional health. This **ONLINE**, interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

November 1- December 13
1 - 2:30 p.m. (no class 11/29)
Six Friday Afternoons

Scan the QR Code or call to register
(603) 224-4093, ext. 85664

This program is offered at no charge!



Underwriting by:



www.granitevna.org/calendar



Franklin VNA & Hospice Fundraiser

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

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice



Help Support Our Fundraiser!

We've partnered with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh & fragrant balsam fir wreaths, indoor seed kits, winter bulbs, and more for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

Visit threeriversfundraising.com and enter our group code below to shop from our fundraising page or scan the QR code below.

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Items ship via FedEx Ground or U.S. Mail and cannot be shipped outside the contiguous U.S. Your credit card will be charged at the time you place your order online, and items ship out during the shipping week you select at checkout. Please review details on our website thoroughly before ordering.

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, November 12, 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®

**Come give blood Nov. 1-17 and get a \$10 gift card by
email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$7,000 prize! There
will be two lucky winners. Terms apply:**
rcblood.org/thanks



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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

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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 pro-

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, there is a navigation bar with links for Search, Contact Us, and Facebook. Below this is a header section with the town's seal on the left and the text "Town of Belmont New Hampshire" on the right. A navigation menu follows with links for Home, News / Events, Projects, Boards / Officials, Departments / Staff, Info Center, Doing Business, and More... The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a section for "Belmont Town Office" with contact information and business hours. In the center, there is a large image of a building at sunset. On the right, there is a section for "Connect on Facebook with..." listing various town departments. Below this, there is a "Sign up for Notifications" button, which is circled in red and pointed to by a large red arrow. Other buttons in this section include "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data". At the bottom, there is a "Current News and Notices" section with a note about mobile device usage and a "Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events..." link.

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

Town Hall Business Hours - Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm.

Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023

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

Please schedule your visits to our offices accordingly.


 **Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events...**


Current News and Notices


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.


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