

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Important Upcoming Dates

- Petitioned Zoning Amendments are due to the Planning Board 12/11/2024
- Tax bills are due Friday 12/13/2024
- Petitioned Warrant Articles are due to the Board of Selectmen by 01/14/2025.
- Candidacy Filing Period Opens 01/22/2025
- Candidacy Filing Period Ends 5pm 01/31/2025
- Town Meeting Deliberative Session 02/01/2025
- School District Meeting Deliberative Session 02/06/2025

Budget Committee meetings are ongoing through December and into January. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Agendas are posted to our website and access is available via YouTube and Zoom as well as in person.



TOWN HALL will be closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

and

Wednesday, January 1, 2025



OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

The Town of Belmont Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 30th. There is no overnight parking along roadways. We appreciate everyone's assistance with our Traffic Ordinance.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

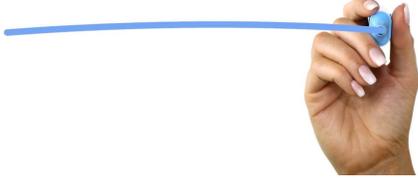
Updated Vision Property Tax Cards
have been posted to our website:

<https://next.axisgis.com/BelmontNH/>



Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)

CREDIT CARD FRAUD



During the holiday season, take precautions against credit card fraud:

- Review your transaction history often
- Ask if a deal seems to good to be true
- Set account alerts
- Don't give out any personal information to someone who contacts you unexpectedly
- Beware of text message links purporting to be from a delivery company
- Do not shop online using public wi-fi/internet
- Report any concerns to your bank and/or police department



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>



'Tis the season to be jolly!

What an election! The Clerk's office takes great pride in preparing for any election, and to see the turnout on November 5th by our fellow Belmontians was so moving! From September – October 30th, our office took in roughly 300 new voter registrations. At the polls, the Supervisors of the Checklist accepted, drum roll please... 500 new registrations. A total of 4,337 votes were cast, including 350 absentee ballots. We hope to see a great turnout again and many new faces at the Town Election in March.

The 2024 2nd issue tax bill is out and is due on Friday, December 13th. The 4th issue water/sewer bills will be mailed mid-December, and will be due in January. Payments can be made by mail, on the town website www.belmontnh.gov, or in the office – we accept cash, check, and credit cards (with an additional 2.79% convenience fee).

Almost that time of year to begin registering our four-legged friends! We can start renewing dog licenses on January 1, 2025! All dogs will need to be registered no later than April 30, 2025. The cost to register a spayed/neutered dog is \$6.50, non-spayed/non-neutered dog is \$9.00, if the registrant is over the age of 65, the cost is \$2.00 for one dog per household & if you are registering 5 or more dogs, the cost is \$20.00. Please be sure to have the updated rabies information from your vet; without it, we cannot license your dog.

Plan head! Also, starting in the new year, the Town Clerk's office can process boat registrations for the 2025 season.

Happy Holidays ❄️

Jenn, Sam, and Devon



WATER Department Notice

Unknown Water Service Line Material

Because of new federal requirements for lead in drinking water, water systems must notify water users that we do not have a record of the piping materials for individual water service lines. Letters have been mailed to all water system customers. The good news is that you can help your water system assess, and where necessary, make improvements to your water service lines.

If your property is serviced by a private well, this notice does not apply to you.

It is very important that the Town meet the federal requirements to determine if any properties in Belmont have lead service lines. We strongly encourage all water system users to reach out to us for assistance. Please call us at (603) 267-8300 xt 115 or email us at water@belmontnh.gov

We appreciate everyone's assistance with this important project!

<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50740/water>

Why are you receiving this letter?

Because of new federal requirements for lead in drinking water, water systems must notify you that we do not have a record of the piping materials of your water service line. You and other water system customers are receiving this or a similar letter. The good news is that you can help your water system assess, and where necessary, make improvements to your water service lines. Please contact us via the phone or email below for assistance to report your service line materials. Until then, please follow the simple steps below recommended for everyone to prevent potential exposure to lead in drinking water.

What are the Health Effects of Lead?

The Environmental Protection Agency requires we inform you the following: *Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.*

What Can I Do to Reduce Exposure to lead in Drinking Water?

In addition to your service line (see figure on back), other plumbing in your home may contain lead and could increase the levels of lead in your drinking water. These may include faucets, valves, and soldered joints. Please contact us via the phone / email below to request a free water test and to confirm your service line materials. If you're concerned about lead, the following measures can help you prevent potential lead exposure from any drinking water plumbing:

- **Identify your service line materials.** Contact your water system email / phone listed below for assistance to identify your service line materials.
- **Run your water to flush out lead.** If the water hasn't been used for several hours (such as in the morning), run the water for 1 minute or more to flush potential lead from interior plumbing before using it for drinking or cooking.
- Use **cold** water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do **NOT** boil water to attempt to remove lead.
- For pregnant persons, infants, and young children, look for alternative sources or treatment of water such as bottled water or use water filters certified for lead removal.
- Identify and replace home plumbing fixtures containing lead.



WATER Department Notice

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- Clean faucet screen (also known as aerator) on a regular basis.
- For general questions on lead exposure, visit NH DHHS Sources of Lead page by scanning the blue QR code.

Getting My Water Sampled

If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may request to have it tested at no cost to you. Please reach out via the contact information below to request a sample test kit.

What is a Service Line?

Service lines are the individual pipes that run from the water main in the street into a home or building. Most service lines are owned and maintained by your water provider up to the curb-stop valve, while the portion from the curb-stop to your home is owned by you, the customer. The materials of both the utility side and your side of the service line need to be identified regardless of ownership.

Replacement of Your Service Line

All service lines identified as lead or galvanized requiring replacement are required to be replaced on a schedule approved by NHDES. Both the utility side and customer side must be replaced to prevent lead exposure and qualify for funding assistance. Please reach out using the contact information below for more information on service line replacements.

Additional information

Please visit NHDES Lead in Drinking Water (black QR code) for more information about sources of lead and how to reduce your exposure.



For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead.

Please contact Belmont Water Department if you have questions regarding this letter.

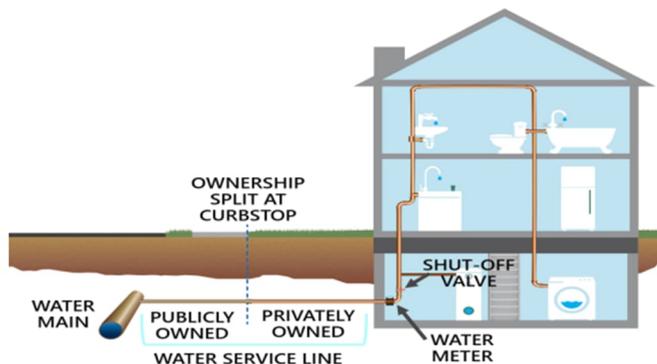
Belmont Water Department

Craig Clairmont or Brian Jackes

*Belmont Water Department
PO Box 310
Belmont NH 03220*

Questions, or to inquire about a test kit call 603-267-8300*115 or email water@belmontnh.gov

Figure: Typical scenario of a service line (does not represent all scenarios).



Highway Department News

Driveway Dilemma

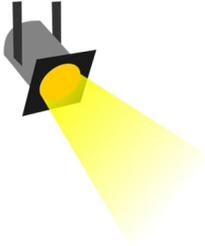
We have only started the cold weather, snow and ice season! Your Public Works Team does a great job keeping up with snow and inclement weather events in town. While performing clean up duties, some of our team have been asked about plowing things differently in an effort to mitigate the amount of snow that ends up in property owners' driveways. The short answer to that is no, but there is a reason. Most trucks are equipped with one direction plows and the wing on the passenger side is always at a fixed angle when deployed. The trucks are designed to clear a path of snow 13 to 14 feet wide from the center of the road and push it to the edge of pavement. The snow from the lane of the roadway being plowed will end up in the maintenance right of way on the property at the edge of the road. There is something that can be done by property owners to lessen the impact to a previously shoveled or plowed driveway. Below, you will find an illustration borrowed from our neighbors to the north about how to prevent the dreaded "Second Shovel". It shows how clearing to the left side of the driveway for approximately 20 feet gives the plow and wing a place to unload built up snow, reducing the amount that gets pushed into the driveway.



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



SPOTLIGHT on Highway, Water & Sewer Departments



The Public Works Department oversees operations of Belmont's Streets and Highways, Municipal Water, and Municipal Sewer. 67 miles of Class IV roads receive year-round maintenance including paving, drainage, tree work, gravel road maintenance, along with snow and ice removal in the winter months to name a few.

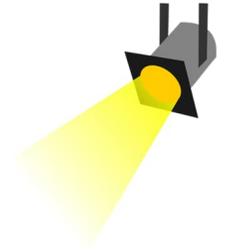
There are 8 sewer pump stations along with approximately 20 miles of both gravity and forced sewer mains that service over 1,300 customers' properties throughout Belmont. Water follows with only around 12 miles of watermains ranging from 2" to 12" that supply water from wells located near Pout Pond to around 650 properties.

All of these duties are performed by a team of 9 dedicated full-time employees, and 3 part-time employees who share the same enthusiasm for providing exceptional service to the people of Belmont. It's led by a Public Works Director and Assistant Director who are invested in the Department not only as employees, but are both lifelong residents of Belmont. The team includes two Foremen, tasked with keeping day-to-day operations in motion. Two heavy equipment operators keep Belmont's estimated 10 miles of dirt roads in good shape with its grader or perform any necessary heavy lifting, drainage work, or utility repairs with its rubber-tired excavator. One Truck Driver, one Sewer Technician, and one Mechanic round out the full-time Crew. This 9-person crew is the reason roads are plowed and treated for your morning commute, you have a stop sign and stop bar at the end of your road, and the tree that fell overnight is cleaned up when you get home from work in the afternoon. They are the reason safe water is running when you open a faucet at your kitchen sink, and the reason your toilet flushes when you push that lever on the back of it. They are the behind-the-scenes heroes of Belmont who perform their duties without being noticed the majority of the time.

The toughest challenge the Department faced with the default budget was finding line items that we could reduce without effecting the level of service that has been held so high, for so long. All of the activities the Department undertakes are done for a reason, and most of them are done in the name of safety for the traveling public. Signs, delineation, and pavement marking (stop bars and cross walks included) are all budgeted for the necessary supplies only and simply could not be done without. Other items such as fuel, salt, and sand are similar in a sense that they are necessary, however they are a weather dependent item that varies from year to year without consistency. That forced our Department to make cuts to the Town's resurfacing plan and remove a scheduled Middle Route reconstruction project. We adjusted the quantity of materials purchased for dirt road maintenance and tried to work with the material that was there. More labor-intensive hand work was performed to cut contractor costs in areas where it could be done, such as sweeping downtown and picking it up manually when a street

SPOTLIGHT on Highway, Water & Sewer Departments

sweeper is normally utilized. Some of the more proactive projects such as hazardous tree cutting was forced to be reduced to only bringing in tree crews for extremely hazardous situations.



The biggest challenge moving forward is the compounding cost of projects that were unable to be completed due to budget constraints. Those need to be placed back into the schedule and could push tentative projects out further. Costs never seem to decrease for fuel, material, and labor, so a project that was budgeted \$10,000 in 2024 will likely cost \$11,000 in 2025. Combine that with the fact that there are only so many hours in a work week and it is clear to see it is a step backwards and will take a couple years to catch up. The Department has worked hard to develop a responsible budget that satisfied the needs of this Town and leaves wants for another time in the hope that voters will fund a budget so things can begin to get back on track. Funding to bring back the shim and overlay program at full strength and getting Middle Route Back on the reconstruction schedule would be a great start.

While we wait to see what next year brings, we continue to do the best we can with what we have. We look for alternative funding options from other State and Federal agencies to help reduce the burden on tax payers. Grants for asset management and leak detection have been submitted and are awaiting notice of selection at the beginning of next year. The Department was also awarded a grant through NHDES that will pay 80% of the cost of replacing one of the older diesel plow trucks with a more fuel efficient 2025 model in an effort to reduce emissions in NH. The Department will take delivery of a 2025 Western Star 47X and place it in service the first part of December 2024. This fully equipped plow truck will arrive with over \$207,520.00 funded by the Volkswagen Mitigation Fund and just \$51,659.00 from the Town.

The Department would like to thank The Town of Belmont, its Select Board, Budget Committee, and Administration for their guidance, wisdom, and support as we navigate through these challenging times. We invite everyone to reach out with questions, comments, and concerns.

Our facility is located at 149 Hurricane Road and our direct line is 603-528-2677. Give us a call or set up a time to come say hello and find out what we do!

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Belmont Fire Department

14 Gilmanton Rd
Belmont NH 03220
(603) 267-8333



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.**



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, Dec 20th from 12:00—2:00

(while supplies last)

NHTI, Lots A/B

31 College Drive, Concord, 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.

**Sponsored by
caring neighbors.**

**FEEDING
AMERICA**

Belmont Police Department—Winter/Holiday Safety

Winter Weather Driving Tips:



[https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips?](https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips?_ga=2.3028917.401810684.1733248986-345836733.1733248986)

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AM I OKAY TO DRIVE?

BUZZED DRIVING

IS DRUNK DRIVING



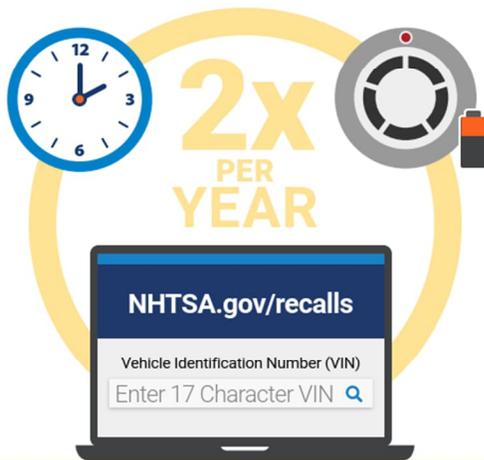
As always, if you have any questions for us, we can be reached at 603-267-8350.

EVERY SAFETY RECALL MATTERS

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE FOR SAFETY RECALLS TWICE A YEAR!

Daylight Saving Time is a great time to remind yourself to check for safety recalls.

- ✓ Change clocks.
- ✓ Change smoke alarm batteries.
- ✓ Check for vehicle safety recalls.



CHECKING FOR SAFETY RECALLS IS FREE AND EASY!

Locate your VIN

Check the lower left of your car's windshield for your 17-character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).



Visit NHTSA.gov/recalls

Enter your VIN. NHTSA will provide details on any unrepaired recalls for your vehicle.



Download the SaferCar App

Enter your VIN and add car seats, tires, or other vehicle-related equipment. NHTSA will send you an alert if a safety recall is issued.



All safety recalls are important and should be repaired immediately!

IN 2021, THERE WERE

1,093 SAFETY RECALLS AFFECTING OVER **34** MILLION VEHICLES and other equipment in the United States.



MILLIONS OF VEHICLES go unrepaired every year.



GOT A SAFETY RECALL? Get your car fixed for FREE today!

Does your vehicle have a safety-related defect? Call NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. *Even one complaint is enough to trigger a safety recall.*

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.

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION LET'S PLAY TOGETHER

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

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

**CRAFTS
GAMES
FREE PLAY**

**SONGS
BOOKS
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

**FREE
&
LOW COST
ACTIVITIES
(\$1-\$3)**

**FRIDAYS
OCTOBER 18TH - DECEMBER 20TH
(EXCLUDING 11/29 & 12/6)**

**BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION
14 MILL STREET
2ND FLOOR**

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

Belmont Parks & Recreation

GUNSTOCK OUTREACH SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



OUTREACH LESSON DAYS

6:30 PM

1/8 - 1/15 - 1/22 - 1/29

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

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

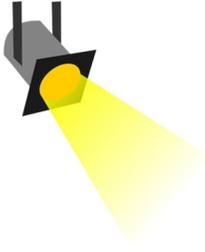


ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW, A SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEED OF A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER? PLEASE REACH OUT TO BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION FOR MORE INFORMATION. ALL WISHLISTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18TH. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED.

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.

SPOTLIGHT on Parks & Recreation



Belmont Parks & Recreation was reestablished in April of 2022 with the goals of overseeing the town parks, beach, recreational opportunities and events. Along with a full-time recreational director, the Parks & Recreation Department hires a year-round part-time program coordinator/park attendant, 3 seasonal part-time lifeguards, a seasonal part-time beach/gate attendant, a seasonal full time camp director, seasonal full time assistant camp director and 10 seasonal part time camp counselors.

Our Parks & Recreation department plays a crucial role in creating healthy communities, preserving natural resources, promoting health & wellness and driving economic opportunity and uniting people while strengthening communities. This year's goal for the Parks & Recreation department was to grow the department by offering new events and programs to the community as well as to sustain the programs put in place over the last few years, all while working within the constraints of a default budget.

Some of our more long-term goals include developing a Capital Improvement Plan to update our aging playground equipment, refinish/rework our tennis court, basketball court and roller hockey rink while looking into grants to help bring the idea of a more customary Community Center facility to life.

2024 brought the return of some popular events such as the Gunstock Outreach Ski & Snowboard program, the Community Yard Sale, the Beach Party and Trunk or Treat. Residents also participated in a discounted cost Belmont Skates event at the Merrill Fay Arena, and we hosted Sargent Park Nights, pickleball, and activities for toddlers and preschoolers.

In May and June, based on community input, we provided programming options for seniors with arts and crafts, exercise classes, games, social hours, health clinics and more. Unfortunately, the program was closed at the end of June due to a negative response from some community members. In 2025, we will be working to build a community program that encompasses varied activities for all residents, including our seniors, while remaining economically sound.

We once again had a busy summer camp season and served up to 55 campers each week. Activities included two beach days, economical field trips and programs hosted by the Belmont Public Library.

Old Home Day was held on a smaller scale this year utilizing donations and volunteers. The Town's operating budget did not pass and the Board of Selectmen made the difficult decision to remove funding for Old Home Day to fund other necessary budget items.

A new addition to our 2023 holiday season was the "Senior Giving Tree" program, and we have offered it again for 2024. The program allows seniors to write a holiday wish list, and gifts are purchased for each senior by members of the community.

We anticipate offering a seasonal calendar of events (3 months at a time) with appropriate programs and events for the community as a whole. Our small community has people with different types of lifestyles, and we plan to cater to the wants and needs of those lifestyles while remaining fiscally responsible and within budget.

We can be reached at (603) 267-1865 or recreation@belmontnh.gov

Building & Code Enforcement

With the winter season upon us, and the potential for power outages, we want to share some generator safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International.



Portable Generator Safety



Portable generators can provide a good, temporary source of power during storm-induced electrical outages, but can become deadly if improperly installed or operated. Taking a few simple precautions can keep you and your family safe from the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning and electric shock resulting from the improper use of portable generators:

Generator Installation Safety Tips:

- ESFI strongly recommends that a **licensed electrician** install home generators to ensure they meet all local electrical codes.
- Do not connect generators directly to the household wiring without an appropriate **transfer switch** installed. Power from generators connected directly to household wiring can **backfeed** along power lines and **electrocute** anyone coming in contact with them, including utility lineworkers making repairs.
- Make sure your generator is **properly grounded**. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.



Using Your Generator Safely:

- Make sure your home is equipped with a battery-operated or battery back-up **carbon monoxide alarm**. 
- **Never operate a generator inside your home** or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces. Generators can very quickly produce high levels of carbon monoxide (CO), which can be deadly. 
- Opening doors and windows or operating fans to attempt to ventilate a generator **will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up** in the home. Even with a working CO alarm, you should never use a gasoline-powered generator inside your home or in a garage. 
- ESFI recommends positioning the generator at least **25 feet outside the home** and **away from doors, windows** and vents that can allow CO to enter.
- **Carbon Monoxide is the "silent killer."** Don't take chances. Get to fresh air right away if you feel dizzy or weak.
- Do not **overload** the generator.
- Do not use a generator in **wet conditions**. 
- Plug appliances **directly** into the generator or use a heavy-duty, outdoor rated extension cord.
- Make sure extension cords used with generators are **rated for the load** and have **three-pronged plugs**. They should be **inspected for damage**, such as cuts and/or worn insulation before use.
- **Turn off** all appliances powered by the generator **before** shutting down the generator.
- Make sure fuel for the generator is **stored safely**, away from living areas, in properly labeled containers, and away from fuel-burning appliances. Before re-fueling, always **turn the generator off** and let it cool down.
- **Keep children away** from portable generators at all times.
- A generator is a **temporary power source**. Use a generator only when necessary to power essential equipment or appliances.
- Warn those in your home **not to open windows or leave doors open** while a generator is operating outside.

Be sure to watch ESFI's generator safety videos for more information to help you power up safely during an outage. <http://esfi.org/index.cfm/page/Generator-Videos/pid/12678>

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 12/19/2024 (if needed)

Planning Board – 12/16/2024

Zoning Board – 12/18/2024



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 (November 21, 2024)

Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority: Review of an application to add 4 additional units to the existing building, and to construct two additional buildings with 6 units in each. Property is located at 124 Concord Street, Tax Lot 126-018-000-000, in the Village Zone. ARC Case# 10-24R

Joseph & Cindy Rolfe: Review of an application for a 3-lot subdivision, 2 residential lots and one commercial lot on existing frontage. Property is located at 6 Lamprey Road, Tax Lot 224-024-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case# 11-24R

Tammy Allard Revocable Trust: Review of an application for a 6-lot subdivision, on existing frontage. Property is located on Farrarville Road, Tax Lot 224-030-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ARC Case# 12-24R

Planning Board (November 25, 2024)

CIP Second Public Hearing

2025 Zoning Amendments First Public Hearing

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.

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Land Use



Zoning Board of Adjustment (November 20, 2024)

Abutter’s Hearings – Winnisquam Beach Campground: Applicant is requesting to place a park model camper, a three-season room and deck on their lot and is requesting the following relief:

A variance to Article 5; Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow the camper, three season room, and deck closer (10’6”) to the property line than allowed (25’ required). Case 23-24Z

A Variance to Article 8:B:f, to allow the camper, three season room, and deck closer (12.4’) to the internal park road known as Morway Lane, than allowed (15’ required). Case #24-24Z

Property is located at 4 Morway Lane, Tax Lot 117-015-000-125, in the Residential Single Zone. - Cont. to Dec. 18, 2024

Abutter’s Hearing – Jean Cowing: Request for a Variance to Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to place a 12’ x 16’ shed closer (7’2”) to the side property line where (25’ is required.) Property is located at 47 Silkwood Ave, Tax Lot 206-058-000-000. Case #25-24Z—Granted

Abutter’s Hearing – Pavnick RE Holdings, LLC: Applicant is requesting to place a 26’8” x 60’ manufactured house on their lot and is requesting the following relief:

A variance to Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow the manufactured home and deck to be closer (15’) to the front lot line (Leisure Lane) than allowed (50’). Case #26-24—Granted

A variance to Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow the manufactured home and deck to be closer (34.5’) to the front setback (Stark Street) than allowed (50’). Case # 27-24— Granted

Property is located at 4 Leisure Lane, Tax Lot 121-093-000-000, in the Residential Multi Family Zone.

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 (2 vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Brighten a Winter Landscape with Native Plants

Winter is often described as cold, dark, and dreary. The good news is it doesn't have to be that way! We are lucky to live in a region with several native plants that offer winter color and provide food and shelter to many over-wintering bird species. A colorful native garden alive with beautiful bird species might just be the remedy for those cold, and dreary, winter days.

What is a native plant and why should we help cultivate them? In our region it is the natural flora that was present at the time the European settlers arrived. These plants co-evolved with wildlife over many hundreds of years creating a complex network of relationships – providing habitat and food for many species. This is the foundation of our region's ecosystem. Native plants can be easier to grow because of this evolution and are often naturally resistant to pests and require less maintenance (i.e., watering, pruning) to thrive. The best way to start is by adding a few plants each season. Below is a starter list of native plants to add to your garden for winter interest:

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)

A tree that can grow to a height of 40'-50' and a width of 18'-40' at maturity. These trees produce inconspicuous greenish to cream-colored flowers in the spring and bright red berries in the fall.



This red fruit is a beautiful contrast to the evergreen, waxy, sharp-pointed leaves. This tree grows well in full sun to partial shade and is tolerant of different soil types. However, take care not to plant it in windy, exposed locations where moving air might dry out the leaves. The berries are a valuable winter food source for many bird species including the American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Gray Catbird, and Northern Mockingbird. As an evergreen this tree provides shelter for wildlife throughout the harsh winter. Like all hollies, this plant is dioecious and needs at least one male plant close by for the female plants to produce berries.

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

A deciduous holly that can grow to a height of 6'-15'. Tiny white flowers bloom in June. In the fall, the leaves turn a lovely burgundy and give way to red berries that brightly decorate the bare branches in the winter. Winterberry will produce more berries in full sun and prefers wet areas, but will do reasonably well in dryer conditions. It is a favorite of many bird species including American Robin, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, White-throated Sparrow and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.



Conservation Commission

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Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)

A hardy shrub that grows to a height of 8' and half that in width. It has clusters of white flowers and bright red berries that last throughout winter. In the fall, it shows off impressive leaf color. It produces more fruit when planted in the sun and easily tolerates most growing conditions. This native plant attracts **several** birds including the Black-capped Chickadee, Eastern Meadowlark, Cedar Waxwing and Wild Turkey.

Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)

A medium-sized deciduous shrub that can grow to a height of 15'. It blooms showy white clusters of flowers in the spring and pink, maturing to black, oval-shaped fruit in the fall and winter. The autumn foliage is a beautiful purplish color. Blackhaws are easy to grow and readily adaptable to most conditions. Birds attracted to the fruit include the Cardinal, Cedar Waxwing, Hermit Thrush, Bluebird and White-throated sparrows.



American Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

A deciduous large shrub that can grow to 10'-30'. This tree blooms in late October to early November after its fall foliage has dropped. The striking flowers are bright yellow and spider-like in shape and add unexpected color. It is very tolerant of light and moisture conditions, but usually found in nature as an under-story plant in forests. The low-lateral branches are favored by many bird species as nesting sites.

Next Conservation Commission Meeting - January 08, 2025

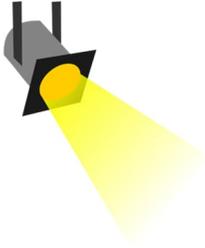
Correction:

The November Newsletter failed to note that the excellent work by the Student Conservation Association was in partnership with the Belknap County Conservation District. We apologize for the omission.

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

ALTERNATE MEMBERS
Richard Moreau; Thomas Ceniglio
STUDENT MEMBERS
Emerson Decato, Mia Kenison

Spotlight on Health Agency Partnerships



The Town of Belmont partners with many Health Agencies in our local area. The Town’s budget helps support some of these organizations who provide services to all of our residents, regardless of their ability to pay.

Our partner organizations include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Road Cemetery• Granite VNA• Lakes Region VNA• Belknap County Community Action Program (CAP)• Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)• Waypoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Beginnings• American Red Cross• Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC)• Franklin VNA & Hospice• Partnership for Public Health
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Our partners provide care to some of our most vulnerable populations including our children; elderly; disabled; and those suffering from domestic violence, sexual assault, mental health issues, substance misuse, or other healthcare issues.

Services provided range from blood pressure, foot and flu clinics, to hospice, social work, therapy, mental health services, long-term pediatric care for chronically ill children, shelter/housing, fuel and electrical assistance, support for children involved in court or DCYF cases, and programs for our school age students on domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, substance abuse or misuse and more. Services are available to assist elderly residents with aging services, applying for long-term care, and support for care givers.

The South Road Cemetery is our “Town” cemetery and is where indigent community members may be interred.

A large portion of the services provided to Belmont residents fall under charity care. These agencies provide services to many of our residents are no cost, or a reduced cost. This in turn saves the Town money because we are not providing that assistance directly out of the Town budget.

Thank you to all of our Health Agency partners, who are critical to keeping Belmont community members safe and healthy!



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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 Dec 3 at 2 pm

TUESDAY Dec 17 at 2pm

TUESDAY Dec 31 at 2pm

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.

THURSDAY Dec 12 at 4:30pm

Heart of the Deal by Lindsay MacMillan

MYSTERY GROUP

Monthly discussion of current book selection.

THURSDAY Dec 19 at 10am

Back of Beyond by CJ Box

FRIDAY FICTION BOOK GROUP

Monthly discussion of current book selection.

FRIDAY Dec 20 at 10:30am

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

Library Closed

WEDNESDAY Dec 25

WEDNESDAY Jan 1

Mitten Tree



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

December 2024

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

146 Main Street

Family Activities

PRE-K 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 Dec 21 at 11am

Judy Moody & Stink: The Holly Joliday by Megan McDonald

CHAPTER CHATS (Grades 4-6)

Monthly discussion of current GSF nominations.

THURSDAY Dec 21 at 4pm

The Night War by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

HOMESCHOOLTRAVELLERS

"Take a trip" around the world through various activities. ages 6 - 13

THURSDAYS at 11am

Middle School

CHAPTER & VERSE (Grades 6-8)

Monthly book discussion of current Isinglass nominations.

THURSDAY Dec 19 at 3pm

Remember Us by Jacqueline Woodson

FLASHBACK FILMS

Tweens & Teens relax with movies from the early 2000s.

FRIDAYS at 3pm

Children Events

POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY

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

SATURDAY Dec 21 at 2pm, RSVP, all ages



NOON YEARS EVE

Celebrate the new year without staying up past bedtime.

TUESDAY Dec 31 at 11am RSVP, all ages



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
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PROCEED AT YOUR
OWN RISK**



Heritage Commission Spotlight

The Belmont Heritage Commission was established by citizens on March 13, 2004 (Town Meeting Warrant, Article 7) under New Hampshire law RSA 674:44-b as a land use board. We promote recognition, use and protection of the unique historic and cultural resources of Belmont, and also integrate preservation planning as a partnership with individuals, businesses, Town Boards and other appropriate groups.

The Commission consists of seven volunteer members who apply, and then are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a three-year term. One of the seven members is a member of the Board of Selectmen. Since 2018 a Belmont High School student representative has served as a non-voting member. Currently members consist of retired educators, parents, and a long-standing member who shares her historical background. Three of the members also live in homes dating back to the 1800's and one that was recently restored.

The Commission has worked diligently with many organizations, most recently with the Historical Society and the American Legion Post 58. Connections with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and other town departments as well as the citizens of Belmont continue in earnest to preserve Belmont's heritage. Grants and funding from organizations such as the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, the Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the NH Humanities Council and the John M. Sargent Fund have allowed us to be very successful in preserving programs and funding special projects throughout our town.

We pride ourselves on signature programs that have been established over the years. Together with the Selectmen our Community Heritage Awards recognize individuals and groups that foster Belmont's heritage and community. Awards ranging from Youth Leadership to Preservation Traditions in the past have honored Belmont High School graduates as well as a large group of volunteers who moved and reconstructed the covered walking bridges along the Tioga River.

Another project connects Senior Citizens with the youth of Belmont. On Valentine's Day the Heritage Commission organizes the "We Love Our Senior Citizens" food drive event. The Belmont Elementary Students help us let our Senior Citizens know they are being thought of especially in the middle of winter and on Valentine's Day. Our heritage is not only in our buildings, but in the people within our community.

Recent projects completed include the Tioga Trail sign, new Main Street Banners, American Flags from the American Legion Post 58, a Penstock evaluation and the Linda Frawley Memorial. The Commission also provides a children's game booth at Belmont Old Home Day.

Belmont holds many accolades in preservation of its historic buildings mostly from the work of former chair Linda Frawley. The Town of Belmont has four buildings on the New Hampshire Registry of Historic Places: the Belmont Mill, the Province Road Meeting House, the Belmont Library and the

Heritage Commission

Belmont Bandstand. On Route 140 there is also an Historical Highway Marker which tells about the history of the Belmont Mill.

Founding members of the Historical Society Suzanne Roberts, Wallace Rhodes, and Frawley left a town legacy of artifacts from their collections as well as contributions from ancestors of Belmont families. Our next major goal is to work with the Historical Society to document, preserve and display these unique pieces for all to see, to teach about the history and heritage of Belmont.

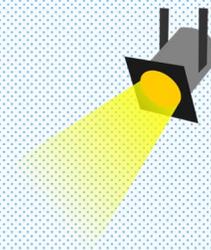
The commission members, for the 150th celebration in 2019, documented interviews onto a DVD from senior citizens. This DVD can be checked out at the Belmont Library. We continue to seek out citizens to collect written interviews. A culmination booklet will be made telling about their part in history about living and growing up in Belmont. A difficult process has been trying to reach out to obtain stories from the generations of families who have forged through the Belmont Eras. There is a lot of history and heritage in the minds of our elders. They are such an important part in documenting the heritage of our town.

The Heritage Commission is here to be a resource, to acknowledge, to inform and document, especially for the youth of our community. Whatever we can do to assist the townspeople to honor, care and connect the towns past to its present has been our major goal.

The Commission's work is funded through partnerships with local businesses and organizations, \$250.00 in the Town's operating budget, and a warrant article for their Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$4,500.00.

*The Heritage Commission meets every third Thursday of the month (except August and December)
on the 4th floor of the Belmont Mill at 6:00 P.M.*

To reach us drop off a note at the Town Hall or email us at Heritagecommission@belmontnh.gov



Community Heritage Awards

Since 2011 individuals, businesses and organizations have been recognized by the Belmont Heritage Commission and the Board of Selectmen for contributing to the heritage, history and well-being of the town. At its' November 21st Selectmen's meeting we proudly announced the 2024 Community Heritage Award Recipients.

The Exceptional Commitment to Community Award goes to a small group of persistent, dedicated members of the Belmont Community who volunteered many hours to get the "Got Lunch!" Belmont and Friends program running and off the ground. It's not easy to start something new but these volunteers saw a need and the Belmont children of our town benefitted. The "Got Lunch!" Belmont & Friends provided essential support by offering free weekly meal deliveries throughout the 8 -10 weeks of summer vacation. The efforts in starting this program which improves the health and well-being of children go way beyond the gratitude this award bestowed to this group. Hard work and determination for such a worthy cause for the children of the community of Belmont is very much appreciated. It was an easy decision to recognize all of the "Got Lunch!" Volunteers for bringing such a worthy program to our town.



Thank you: *Hillary Horn, Briana O'Hara, Jeanne Hibbard – Bickford, Jessica Treadway, Sharon Ciampi, Chris and Sara Arsenault, Jena Fleck, Cheryl Woundy, Ginger Wells-Kay, Ruth Mooney, Katrina Boucher, Travis O'Hara, Christine Smith, John and Kate Goegel, Laurie Hart, Alex Lenfest, Diana Johnson & Family, Laurie Oberter, Chrissy Riser, Natalie Labbare, Tari Selig, Brenda Seavey, Dana DeAngelis and Diane Hatch.* The children of Belmont especially thank you all as well.

Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission is also proud to announce two Youth Leadership awards. Both award recipients are 2024 graduates of Belmont High School.

Emilie DeFrancesco served on the Conservation Commission from 2022- 2024 as the Student Representative. For the same two years *Adam Riberio* also held a Student Representative position on the Heritage Commission. Both representatives brought a unique perspective to each commission. It is gratifying to see the youth of Belmont become involved in town government; to learn about the town's historical and heritage and work together with civic groups.

We appreciate their volunteer efforts and stepping forward. Working hand in hand with members of the community especially within the Commissions help to solidify the importance of carrying on the value of knowing about living in a small town. Both commissions are pleased to have such dedicated young members adding their input and energy to each meeting and projects they became involved with. The partnership with these two former Belmont High School students opened the door to many more possible connections in the years ahead. We thank and appreciate Emilie's and Adam's participation in the two town commissions. We hope they take a little piece of their experience with the Heritage Commission and Conservation Commission with them wherever their future endeavors take them.

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chairman) Claire Bickford (Vice -Chairman) Ben Rolfe (Secretary) Jack Donovan Jillian Rolfe
Priscilla Annis Chris Mooney (Alternate) Travis O'Hara (Selectman Representative)

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.





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!!
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Belknap County Conservation District



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Attention Belknap County Farmers!

Climate Resilience Grant Applications are being accepted until February 1, 2025!

Eligible projects will:

- Minimize soil erosion and maximize carbon capture
- promote sustainable water management
- increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use
- employ Integrated Pest Management Practices

Information session on Zoom on December 11, 2025, 6:00-7:00 PM

For more information and to register, visit

<https://www.cheshireconservation.org/event-details/nh-conservation-districts-climate-resilience-grant-informational-session>
or call (603) 527-5880



Advance Care Planning Walk-In Session

Friday, January 17, 2025
1:00-3:00 PM

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Registration is not required.
This program is offered at
no charge.

For more information,
call (603) 934-3454 or
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A Franklin VNA & Hospice Social Worker/Notary Public will be available to:

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- Review your Advanced Directives to make sure they reflect your decisions
- Assist with filling out your Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and/or Living Will
- Provide information on resources or services that may benefit you or your family members.



HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

The holidays present unique challenges when you are grieving. This targeted, one-day program—offered two times in December—will provide support, understanding, and the tools to navigate through them.

Thursday, December 5th 1:30-3:30 p.m.
and
Tuesday, December 10th 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin



No registration required to attend.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: info@franklinvna.org OR CALL (603) 934-3454



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Lakes Region Children's Auction

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Seeks Donations

Locations for convenient drop off around the region

LACONIA—The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is seeking items to auction off at its annual event, and several dozen collection locations are available around the area for convenient drop off.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, said, "We're looking for new, unused items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with our bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, experiences, toys and services. You name it, we need it."

The 43rd annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 13, at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

Drop off locations are in:

ALTON: Irwin Marine, 396 Main St., and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 82 Wolfeboro Highway

ASHLAND: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 5 Riverside Drive

BELMONT: Baron's Major Brands, 225 Daniel Webster Highway; Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Road; Mattress Firm, Belknap Marketplace, 96 Daniel Webster Highway

BRISTOL: Tapply Thompson Community Center, 300 North Main St.

CENTER HARBOR: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 28 State Route 25

FRANKLIN: Franklin Savings Bank, 933 Central St., and Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St.

GILFORD: Children's Dentistry, 369 Hounsell Ave, Suite 1; Franklin Savings Bank, 11 Sawmill Road; Gilford Country Store, 1934 Lakes Shore Road; Gilford Tennis and Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore Road; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Road

LACONIA: Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North; Irwin Automotive Group, 59 Bisson Ave; Irwin Automotive Group, 446 Union Ave.; Irwin Chevrolet, 623 Union Ave.; Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave.; Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 South Main Street Rt. 106; The Wellness Complex, 827 North Main St.; and WORKS Lakes Region, 51 Elm St., #107

MEREDITH: Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25 #1A; Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St., Suite 1; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 71 NH Rt. 104 and 24 NH Rt. 25

MOULTONBOROUGH: For Your Eyes Only, 517 Whittier Highway and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 991 State Rt. 25

PLYMOUTH: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 131 Main St.

TILTON: The Country Store at Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road and Dox on Winnisquam, 927 Laconia Road

WOLFEBORO: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 66 North Main St.

For more information, visit childrensauction.org or call 603-527-0999.



Lakes Region Children's Auction

The 43rd Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction to be held

Dec. 10-13 at the Belknap Marketplace



LACONIA—The 43rd annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 13 at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

The auction occurs live at the marketplace and airs daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A variety of items will be up for bid each day, and friends and neighbors from throughout the community will appear on the set. Watch the event on Lakes Region Public Access television viewers can tune into Channel 25. The auction will also stream live at ChildrensAuction.org, on The Laconia Daily Sun's website at laconiadailysun.com and on [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensAuction). Listen to the auction each day with Zack Derby and friends at Lakes 101.5 FM.

On Friday, Dec. 13, auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, is thrilled to have the event at the Belknap Marketplace. "We are grateful to everyone at the marketplace for welcoming our hundreds of auction volunteers into their space," she said. "The auction is such a valuable community event. Business leaders throughout the Lakes Region continue to show their generosity as we raise funds to financially support local children and families in need."

George Vernet, owner of Vernet Properties, which oversees the marketplace, said, "It is an honor to be associated with such an outstanding organization as the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. It provides so much to the Lakes Region community. The Belknap Marketplace looks forward to hosting this event that financially supports local children and families in need."

The auction will host its second annual family night on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Have your picture taken with Santa, meet the Grinch, build a toy in Santa's workshop, decorate holiday cookies, face paint, sing along with the Snow Family and hear holiday stories; children will get a free book courtesy of the local Kiwanis Club.

The auction still needs donations of new, unused, non-perishable items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys and services.

Convenient item collection sites are now open throughout the region. Visit ChildrensAuction.org for details. And on Nov. 29 and 30, visit the collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also donate items on Dec. 7-9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace.

Bid online at ChildrensAuction.org or over the phone during auction week at (603) 527-0999. Pre-bidding begins Friday, Nov. 29 online on items with a retail value of \$300 or more. Anyone can bid on these featured items as well as place a max bid on any item. Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level. Email Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org or call (603) 527-0999 for more information on how your business can make a difference in the lives of children.

Follow the auction on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensAuction); Instagram at [Instagram.com/childrensauction603/](https://www.instagram.com/childrensauction603/); and LinkedIn at [LinkedIn.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/)

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

Numerous fundraising events in the Lakes Region throughout the year support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, including our four-day signature event every December. In the past four decades we have distributed more than \$8 million to over 80 nonprofits that serve low-income families and children in the Lakes Region, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Auction falls under the umbrella of the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps local community organizations that serve children and families in need. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

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

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and

Weds. 1/1 DELAYED to Thurs. 1/2

**All other collection days
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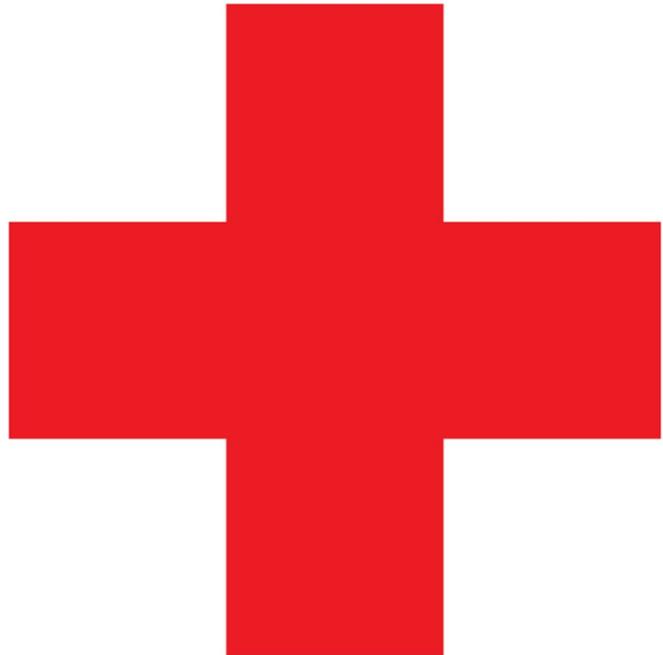
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