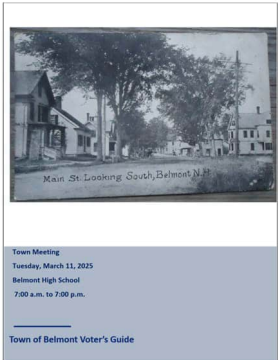


Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Voters Guides are still available in hard copy format at Town Hall during regular business hours. It

is also available in PDF format on our website belmontnh.gov

The Guide can be marked up in advance to bring with you to the polls, which can speed up the time it takes to vote.

Water & Sewer Bills !

First quarter water and sewer bills will be mailed this week and everyone should have theirs soon. Bills may be paid online from our home page located at: belmontnh.gov using the button for "Payments/ Inquiries / Property Tax / Water/Sewer".

VOTING DAY

03/11/2025



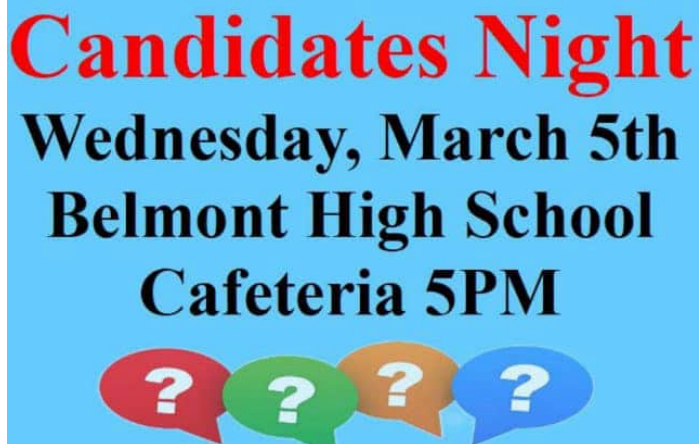
Town and School Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025. Registered voters may vote on the Town ballot for local officials, zoning amendments, operating budget and other warrant articles. The Shaker Regional School District ballot will also be available. See our Voters Guide for details about all ballot articles.

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

255 Seavey Road

Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)



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.

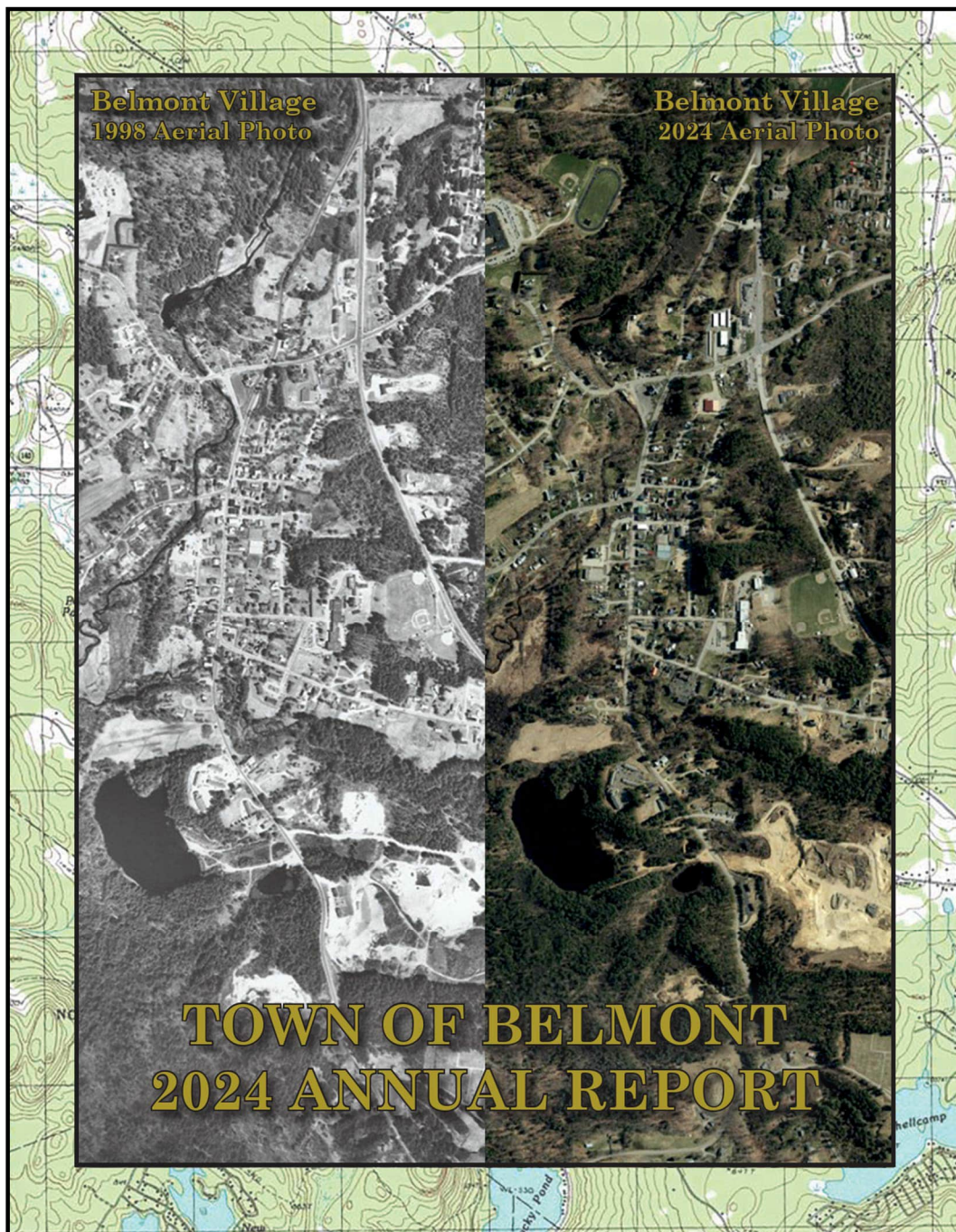


Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Breezeline Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss 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>

2024 Annual Report

Belmont's 2024 Annual Report, per RSA 40:13, was due to residents on March 4, 2025, one week before Town Meeting, March 11, 2025. We worked hard to provide an early electronic copy on our website belmontnh.gov on February 18, 2025. Hard copies were delivered by our printer on February 24, 2025.

Hard copies can be picked up now at Town Hall or at the Library during regular business hours!



Town Clerk's Corner

Our annual Town election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025

at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road.

The polls will be open from 7AM – 7 PM.

New voters can register to vote at the Clerk's Office until March 1, 2025. Otherwise, you can complete the new voter registration at the polls on election day. In addition to your ID and proof of residency (bill in your name, paystub, bank statement, etc.), House Bill 1569 now requires proof of valid citizenship with documents such as your birth certificate, passport, or naturalization paperwork. This new law also removes all exceptions to the state's voter ID requirements and eliminates the affidavit ballot system. For more information, please visit www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote.

Absentee ballots have arrived! Stop by the Office to cast your vote, or submit a request to mail your ballot to you. You can also mail or email a request for a ballot; please keep in mind that every request must include your signature and indicate where you need your ballot mailed to.

Voter Guides are available online and at Town Hall!



First issue water and sewer bills will be sent out this month. The first issue utility bills cover the months of December, January, and February. They will be due in April. As a reminder, you may pay your bill in person, by mail, our front door drop box or online at belmontnh.gov.

You may have received a delinquent notice in the mail. We send this letter to inform taxpayers of any unpaid balances for previous years. This provides time for the tax payer to resolve such balances prior to the start of the lien process. Please keep in mind interest is not reflected on the delinquency notice. Please give us a call at 603-267-8300 x2 for the total pay off amount.

Sunday, March 9th is Daylight Savings – Don't forget to Spring forward and embrace the longer, sunny days. Beach stickers are available with provided proof of residency (vehicle registrations are perfect!). While you're here, don't forget about your furry friend – dog licensing is due by April 30th.

Have a Magical March!

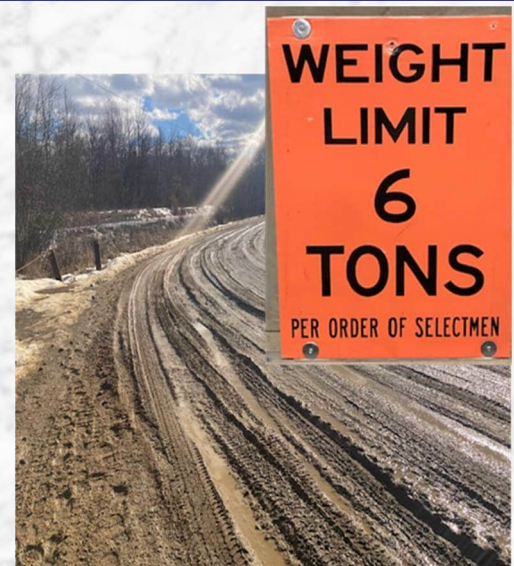
Jenn, Sam, & Devon



Highway Department News

Posted Roads

We made it through February without posting weight limits, however restrictions will be implemented Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Official notice of posted roads will be made available on the town website and in local newspapers. Once weight limits are posted, all Town Maintained roads will be limited to 6 Tons. Until then, please follow common sense practices and restrict heavy loads to colder temperatures, preferably early morning before the sun has had a chance to warm the traveled surfaces. Please reach out to the Public Works Department at 603-528-2677 with any questions.



Mud Season



Spring is just around the corner and with milder temps comes an unofficial fifth season, Mud Season. The Town of Belmont maintains approximately 10 miles of dirt roads throughout town. When temperatures rise enough to melt the snow and ice on and near them, it creates muddy road conditions. As you can imagine, this always seems to happen on every road in town at the same time. The Public Works Team monitors conditions on a daily basis and is prepared to respond in the event roads become difficult to pass. We ask that as conditions worsen, motorists who have the ability to seek an alternate route during this short period of time exercise good judgement and do so. It may add a few extra minutes to your commute but could help prevent damage to town roads or your vehicle, and at the very least, a short detour could save some time at the carwash.



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



Highway Department News



Water Line Freeze Up

Last month the Belmont Public Works Department responded to a few calls for waterline freeze ups. Some were resolved by applying heat to an isolated area that was exposed to extremely cold temperatures. Others proved to be more challenging due to the actual service line freezing because of the depth of the frost this winter. In each case, the freeze up would likely have been prevented by simply leaving a faucet dripping. Pictured to the right is your Public Works Director, Craig Clairmont, assisting the Team by operating the thawing machine at a resident's house. Below is a list of things you can do to help prevent freeze ups.

Insulate pipes

Use pipe insulation, foam sleeves, or heat tape to insulate pipes in unheated areas like attics and crawl spaces.

Keep the thermostat up

Set your thermostat to a temperature no lower than 55° F, especially during cold weather.

Drip faucets

Let a small amount of water drip from faucets in the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry areas.

Open cabinet doors

Open cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathroom to allow warmer air to circulate around pipes.

Seal cracks

Seal or caulk any cracks that might let in cold air, especially around dryer vents and water pipes.

Protect outdoor faucets

Disconnect garden hoses and drain them. For outdoor faucets with cut-off valves, close the valves and drain the faucets. You can also use faucet covers.

Use an automatic water shut-off device

This can help protect against frozen pipes and water damage.



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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!

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.





Belmont Fire Department!!

In case you missed it in the Laconia Daily Sun February 19th,
Belmont Fire Department is getting a Comfort Dog!



Belmont Fire Department will soon become the first in the state to have a comfort dog on staff, thanks to an offer from a local author. Shown at center is A.J., a dog who comes to work with a member of the department and who will help show the new dog around. From left, Police Officer Tia Somogyi, Fire Chief Deb Black, Lt. Tom Ryan, Deputy Chief Donald Pickowicz, and firefighters Trevor Gilbert and Dalton Brown. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun photo)

BELMONT — When writing a memoir about her life in Laconia, Claire Hebert-Dow described how her pets not only gave her companionship and comfort, they also helped her to find the strength to get through difficult moments. It only seemed appropriate for her to direct the proceeds from her book sales to make that kind of comfort available to the people who need it most, and the first expression of that mission is a dog she is purchasing for the town of Belmont, which will become the first comfort dog in New Hampshire assigned to a fire department.



Belmont Fire Department!!

Comfort Dog Continued...

The dog, currently a nursing puppy, is a male black Labrador retriever at Boonefield Labradors, a breeder in Rindge specializing in service dogs. Fire Chief Deb Black expects to collect the dog — he doesn't have a name yet — in early April, and will immediately begin accompanying Black to work. Black said she wants to bring the dog to the station as early as possible, to acclimate him to an environment where people and large vehicles are coming and going. He will also benefit from the guidance of A.J., an adult chocolate Lab that often accompanies another firehouse employee to work.

More formalized training will be provided by Doggonit Training, based in Gilford, which will equip Belmont's new pup with the skills he will need once he begins his official duties, which might begin as soon as the end of the calendar year. When he does, he will make history as the first comfort dog in the Granite State to be stationed in a fire department.

Hebert-Dow said she had long intended for her writing enterprise to fund some sort of working dog. After publishing "Saving Mama" last year, she refined that focus to providing a comfort dog, and began looking for a local department receptive to the idea. When a local police officer introduced her to Black, Hebert-Dow knew she had met her first match. "She was so open to it, I knew that when I left that first day," she said.

"I will be the handler," Black said, explaining the dog will live with her and travel with her throughout her work day. She will also undergo training with the dog, and said she envisions the dog helping to provide some calm and comfort to people in stressful situations, such as when one of the local schools conducts a fire drill, or if there's an emergency. "I had a situation just the other day," Black said, explaining a medical call where the patient had to be transported, and the only other person at the home was a young child. A police officer stayed with the child until a trusted adult could be summoned to the scene. It might have provided the child with more comfort had there been a wet nose and some furry ears there as well.

The idea passed muster when brought to the town selectboard, said board member Sharon Ciampi. She said she was in from the first moment, and other board members were only slightly less eager. It helped that the addition will come at no cost to the town. Hebert-Dow is paying the breeder's fees, Doggonit is donating the training services, and Black said she is finalizing agreements with a local feed store and a local veterinarian to provide nutrition and care for the dog. "I think that given our time right now with a lot of the things that are going on socially, drug addiction and children in foster care, the older generation being as large as it is and the loneliness, if you need help. And the fire department comes, and they've got a dog you can pet," Ciampi said. "Even for that split second, anything that gives someone in need of assistance some joy is a good thing."

Peggi Brogan, of Boonefield Labradors, said their dogs serve a variety of communities and municipal departments, including police departments, schools and mental health facilities. "These dogs are incredibly empathetic and have an inherent awareness with regards to the 'need,'" Brogan wrote in an emailed request for comment. "To see them work a room and hone in on the ones that need them the most is incredible." She said as part of the Belmont Fire Department, the dog will help break down emotional barriers which people in crisis sometimes put up around themselves, providing comfort, but also allowing other responders to better do their work. Black said the dog won't be limited to fire department activities. If the police, schools or neighboring towns experience something that would be easier to handle with a pair of puppy eyes to look into, she'd be happy to bring the dog to the scene.

As Hebert-Dow is convinced after a lifetime of experience, "there's a lot going on behind those eyes."



Belmont Fire Department!!

Ice Rescue Training—February 21st

You may have seen some of our crew out on the ice conducting their annual Ice Rescue Training! This training gives our crew the opportunity to practice the procedures and work with the specific tools for an ice rescue or cold water training.





Belmont Fire Department!!

Ice Rescue Training—February 21st Cont...



Belmont Fire Department Continued...

Friendly Reminder when burning debris!!!

Prohibited Burning Construction & Demolition Debris and Household Trash

Materials Not Acceptable for Burning

- Construction & demolition debris
- Tires
- Household trash
- Packaging materials
- Plastics
- Coated or laminated paper
- Coated or treated cardboard
- Oily rags
- Animal, vegetable and kitchen waste
- Used Oil, gasoline and hazardous waste
- Brush greater than 5 inches in diameter
- Any wood that has been painted/stained, glued, or treated in any way



Materials Acceptable for Burning

- Campfire wood
- Charcoal
- Clean pallets

If generated on-site

- Brush (less than 5 inches in diameter)
- Clean lumber scraps (private single family residences only)

Burning construction & demolition debris and household trash releases toxic air pollutants, creates potentially hazardous ash, and puts your family, neighbors, and the environment at risk.



All burning must be conducted in accordance with local ordinances and under a "Permit To Kindle Fire" issued by the local Fire Warden or authorized agent.



Please contact DES at (603) 271-1370 for more information on open burning.

Belmont Police Department— New Chief & Full-Time Officer

Belmont's New Full-Time Chief of Police – Congratulations Chief Stephen Akerstrom!

The Belmont Police Department is proud to announce that Captain Stephen Akerstrom has officially been sworn in as Belmont's new Full-Time Chief of Police!

Chief Akerstrom began his law enforcement career in Gilmanton in 2000 before quickly finding his home in Belmont. Over the years, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment to both the department and the community, rising through the ranks as Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain.

Born and raised in Belmont, Chief Akerstrom truly embodies the values of **dedication, integrity, and service**. In a heartfelt and memorable ceremony, he was pinned by his children, Landon and Lucy, while his wife, Sarah, affixed his new badge. The room was filled with support from fellow officers, community members, and loved ones who came together to celebrate this well-earned achievement.

We look forward to Chief Akerstrom leading our department into this next chapter with the same commitment and excellence he has demonstrated throughout his career.



Welcome Our Newest Full-Time Officer Joseph Guerriero

The Belmont Police Department is proud to welcome Officer Joseph Guerriero to our team as our newest full-time officer! Officer Guerriero brings an impressive 16 years of experience in various law enforcement roles, and we are thrilled to have his knowledge, dedication, and expertise in our department.

Officer Guerriero will also serve as our new Patrol K-9 Handler, partnering with K-9 Falco. Next week, the duo will be heading to Boston Canine Academy for Falco's official evaluation, and we look forward to formally swearing in K-9 Falco once he successfully completes the program. We are excited to see this partnership in action and confident that Officer Guerriero and Falco will be an incredible asset to our community.

Belmont Police Department—Winni Dip

Freezin' for a Reason

Support Our Officers in the Special Olympics Winni Dip

The men and women of the Belmont Police Department are once again stepping up for a great cause! This year, our officers will be participating in the Special Olympics Winni Dip, where they'll be "Freezin' for a Reason" to support the incredible athletes of the Special Olympics.

On March 8th, our brave officers will be jumping into the frigid waters at the Margate Resort to raise funds and awareness for this amazing organization. Every contribution goes directly toward providing opportunities for these athletes to train, compete, and shine. If you'd like to support the cause, donations are greatly appreciated! And if you'd rather show your support from the sidelines, we'd love to have you there to cheer us on!

For more information on how to donate or attend, please visit:

[https://
fundraising.sonh.org/
fundraisers/belmont-le](https://fundraising.sonh.org/fundraisers/belmont-le)



The Belmont Police Department is excited to jump into the frozen lake to benefit the Special Olympics. Please consider helping us reach our fundraising goal.

Together we can help support dreams!



<https://fundraising.sonh.org/fundraisers/belmont-le>

SCAN TO DONATE



* SATURDAY,
MARCH 8TH, 2025
* 11:00 AM
* MARGATE RESORT
76 LAKE STREET
LACONIA, NH

For more information on the
Special Olympics New
Hampshire visit:

SONH.org



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

March 2025

Belmont Police Department—Public Safety


March 3rd to 9th is Vehicle Safety Recall Week

Your safety is our priority! Vehicle recalls are issued to fix defects that could put you, your passengers, and others on the road at risk. Ignoring a recall could lead to serious mechanical failures or safety hazards.

Take a minute to check for open recalls—it's quick, free, and could save lives. Visit www.nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter your VIN today!



#DriveSafe #CheckForRecalls #SafetyFirst



Safe cars save lives.

**Add checking for
vehicle safety recalls
to your routine.**

CHECK NOW
AT NHTSA.GOV

Recall repairs are always FREE

25%
of vehicle safety recalls
are never **repaired.**



#CheckForRecalls

**Need to check your
vehicle for safety
recalls?**

We've got an app for that!

NHTSA.gov/app



NHTSA

SaferCar



#CheckForRecalls

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

Enjoy the festivities, but don't press your luck—never drink and drive! Plan ahead by designating a sober driver, using a rideshare, or calling a cab.

A DUI can cost you more than just money—it can cost lives. Make the right choice and get home safely.

#DriveSober #StPatricksDay
#Don'tPressYourLuck

Thank you for your continued support of the Belmont Police Department! We are proud to serve this community and appreciate all of you who stand beside us.

Stay safe, Belmont Police Department

**Don't break a lucky streak
by drinking and driving.**





**buzzed
drunk**
driving is
driving

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 & Rec—OHD Volunteers Needed!



Belmont Parks & Recreation is looking for enthusiastic volunteers interested in becoming members of the Belmont Old Home Day Committee.

Committee members will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to plan all aspects of our annual Belmont Old Home Day celebration .

Interested residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and become part of planning the town's most popular annual event! We can't do it without your help!

If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to contribute your ideas or volunteer for the day's activities, please contact Danielle St.Onge at Recreation@Belmontnh.gov or call 603-267-1865

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025
6:30PM
BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR
JOIN US

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

NOW
thru
MARCH 30, 2025

SNOWMAN BUILDING *Contest*

**WHAT'S BETTER THAN ENJOYING A SNOWY
WINTER DAY BUILDING A SNOWMAN?
CREATE A TRADITIONAL SNOWMAN OR BUILD
ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE OR
CARTOON CHARACTERS.**

**WINNERS WILL BE PICKED AT THE END OF THE
COMPETITION.**

**2 PRIZE CATEGORIES
"BEST INDIVIDUAL SNOWMAN"
AND
"BEST GROUP OF SNOWMEN".**

**PLEASE SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS WITH
CONTACT INFO TO
RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV**

**(INCLUDE TITLE AND ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE OTHERS TO
KNOW ABOUT YOUR CREATION)**

*All photos will be posted on our Belmont Parks & Recreation
Facebook page for the community to vote!*



**For more information contact:
BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION
Recreation@belmontnh.gov - 603-267-1865**

March 2025

Belmont Parks & Rec—Earth Day

TOWN OF BELMONT **EARTH DAY** CLEAN UP



SATURDAY - APRIL 19TH, 2025
10:00AM

LESLIE E.ROBERTS BEACH
MEET AT THE LOWER PARKING LOT

**COME JOIN US AS WE CLEAN UP OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACH, TRAIL &
PARKING AREA! GARBAGE BAGS AND GLOVES WILL BE PROVIDED!**

RAIN DATE - SUNDAY - APRIL 20,2025

REGISTRATION OPENS 2/18/25

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

DAILY PLANNED ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY THEMES, SPORTS, CRAFTS,
CONTESTS, FIELD TRIPS, BEACH
DAYS, FREE PLAY
AND MORE

REGISTRATION OPENS ON 2/18



<https://forms.gle/KJ2spWZ8jyXnUneQ7>

JUNE 30–AUGUST 8

CAMP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

8:00AM – 4:30PM

EARLY DROP OFF AT 7:30 AVAILABLE FOR \$25/WEEK

OPEN TO AGES 5–12

RESIDENTS \$175/WEEK

NON-RESIDENTS \$200/WEEK

\$25/WEEK SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

**FIELD TRIP FEES
INCLUDED**

1 WEEK DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION TO HOLD SPOT
REMAINDER FOR WEEKS 1–3 DUE 4/24
REMAINDER FOR WEEKS 4–6 DUE 5/30

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DANIELLE STONGE (603) 267-1865
OR
EMAIL RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV

March 2025

Belmont Parks & Rec—Community Yard Sale

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAP

Register Here or at
Belmontnh.gov



SATURDAY, May 17TH
8AM - 2PM

LIST your address on our
digital & Community
Yard Sale map!

\$5.00



Rent a 12x12 space in the
Tioga Pavilion parking lot
during this years Summer
Kick-off event!

\$10.00

Register Online Before Wednesday 5/9 5PM to be added to online map.
Yard Sale maps will be available at Town Hall 5/14
Email recreation@Belmontnh.gov for more information

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER KICK-OFF



SATURDAY, MAY 17TH
12:00pm-2:00pm

TIOGA PAVILION
MILL STREET - BELMONT, NH

Live music from the
DUNCAN IDAHO BAND
Community Yard Sale -
Arts & Crafts - Cornhole -
Food & Drinks available
for purchase from the
Belmont Rotary

BELMONT OLD HOME DAY

**THE BELMONT OLD HOME
DAY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING
THE COMMUNITY'S
SUPPORT TO RAISE MONEY
FOR THE BELMONT OLD
HOME DAY FIREWORKS!**

TO PARTICIPATE:

**Fill out form by visiting:
<https://tinyurl.com/BOHDFireworks>
OR
Scan QR Code**



**ALL YARD SIGNS/DECALS WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED 7/7-7/11**

PURCHASE A CAR DECAL

\$5



PURCHASE A YARD SIGN

\$25



BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION EVENT SPONSORSHIP

\$50

1/2 page ad in 2025 program book

\$75

Full page ad in 2025 program book

\$250

Full Page ad + Social Media Advertisement

\$500+

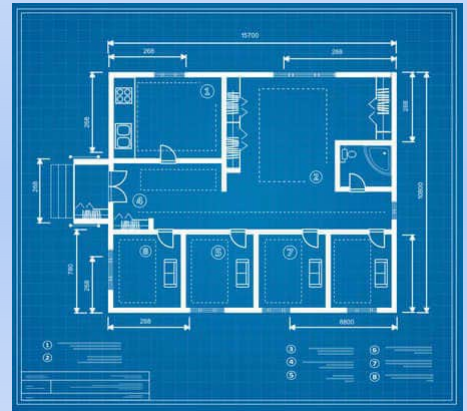
Full Page ad + Social Media Advertisement +
Banner displayed on Old Home Day

**For more information contact:
Parks & Recreation Director - Danielle St. Onge
Recreation@Belmontnh.gov or 603-267-1865**

“After the Fact” Permits

The following types of work require permits:

- Stick-built, modular and manufactured homes
- Decks/Open Porches
- Garages/Sheds/Lean Tos
- Membrane Structures/Carports
- Storage Containers
- Pools
- RV (Camper/Travel Trailer)
- Interior Renovations
- Exterior Renovations that include structural modifications
- Windows and doors if the headers are modified, or if new
- Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Generator work



If any of the work above is completed without a permit, an after-the-fact permit will be required, which will cost double the standard permit fees. If you are selling or purchasing a home, you should ensure that all necessary permits have been obtained for completed work, or the new owner becomes responsible for the unpermitted work.

Many lenders are doing more due diligence with research on homes for sale, and sellers and buyers are finding out that there are missing permits. In these types of situations, it is often difficult for the building official to properly inspect work that has been completed and covered up with sheetrock or flooring, etc. In some situations, it may be necessary to remove sheetrock, flooring, etc. to perform a proper inspection of insulation, electrical, plumbing, or gas lines.

If you have any questions about necessary permits, please contact us at 603-267-8300 ext. 111

Thank you,

Glenn Caron,

Building Official



In this issue >>>

Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 3/20/2025 (if needed)

Planning Board – 3/24/2025

Zoning Board – 3/26/2025



March
2025

A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

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February Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Karen Santoro
Town Planner

Rod Cameron
Land Use Technician

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

John Crowley
Land Use Clerk

For additional Information:

Visit www.belmontnh.gov

Contact

luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Application Review Committee (February 20, 2025)

Sun Lake Village Docks, LLC: Review of an application to install waterfront access to include 4 docks. Property is located adjacent to Sun Lake Village, Tax Lot 104-001-000-000, in the RS Zone. ARC Case #01-25A.

Spiros Athanas: Review of an application for site plan to build a Self-Storage Warehouse. Property is located at 16 Eastgate Park Road, Tax Lot 217-103-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case 02-25A.

Sunray Shores Water District: Review of an application to build a new pump house/storage structure, standby generator and associated parking. Property is located on Elaine Drive, Tax Lots 104-044-000-000, 107-166-000-000, 107-117-000-000, and 107-118-000-000 (lots to be merged) in the RS Zone. ARC Case # 03-25A

Matthew Gault: Review of an application to amend an existing Site Plan Application by changing the layout of the proposed building. Property is located at 682 Laconia Road, Tax Map 240-043-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case # 04-25A

Planning Board (February 24, 2025)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing: Susan Condodemetraky Revocable Trust: Applicant is seeking Site Plan Approval for the expansion of the existing contractor's yard to include towing and temporary storage of repossessed or abandoned motor vehicles. Property is located at 194 Gilmanton Road, Tax Map 241-019-000-000, in the Rural Zone. PB Case # 01-25P

continued...



Zoning Board of Adjustment (February 26, 2025)

Abutter's Hearings – Robert Bonsignore: Applicant is proposing to convert the second story of the existing garage to an accessory dwelling unit and is requesting a Special Exception to Article 5, Table 1. Property is located at 193 Plummer Hill Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 211-027-000-000.

2025 Proposed Zoning Amendments

Warrant Article: 2

AMENDMENT 1

Article 4:J Agricultural Animals

Update Agricultural Use Table 1; Agricultural Animals (Lots less than three acres) as a Permitted (P) use in the Residential Multifamily; Residential Single; and Rural Zones.

Currently the Ordinance language Article 4:J Agricultural Animals states that a minimum of one acre is required. As proposed by the Planning Board, this change would allow agricultural animals on lots greater than one acre in the Residential Multifamily, Residential Single and Rural Zones. Previously a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment was required. All lots with agricultural animals, regardless of size, shall be subject to the application of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture in New Hampshire, dated April 2002, as amended.

ARTICLE 5. - TABLE 1 Zoning District Regulations Table of Permitted Uses

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multifamily	Residential Single	Rural	Village
<u>Agricultural Animals (Lots greater than 1 acre)</u>	E	E	E-P	E-P	E-P	E

Warrant Article: 3

AMENDMENT 2

Article 15: Definitions

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: add a new definition of motor vehicles as any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on stationary tracks.

Currently the Ordinance language does not contain a definition of a motor vehicle. As proposed by the Planning Board, this would add a definition of Motor Vehicle as guided by NH RSA 259:60 to Zoning Ordinance Article 15: Definitions.

Article 15: Definitions

Motor Vehicle:

Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on stationary tracks, including ski area vehicles. This includes all vehicles, engines, machines, or mechanical contrivances, except electric bicycles and electric personal assistive mobility devices (e.g. mobility scooter), which are propelled on the public highways by internal combustion engines, electric motors, steam engines, or other alternate sources of energy except human or animal power.

Warrant Article: 4 (Petitioned)

AMENDMENT 3

To see if the Town of Belmont would vote to allow manufactured homes in the town on their own land.

The proposed Amendment 3 is a petitioned amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. At the January 6, 2025 meeting of the Planning Board, the Planning Board voted to not support the petitioned article as written. The language does not restrict manufactured homes to residential zones (Residential Multifamily; Residential Single Family; Rural; and Village Zones). This amendment, if it passes, would be advisory only as it is in conflict with Article 15 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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
- **3 vacancies**

Conservation (2 vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members



Invasion of the Spiny Water Flea (*Bythotrephes longimanus*)

Non-native aquatic invasive animals are those that are not naturally found in New Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers. Because they are not native, they have few predators or diseases, allowing them to grow quickly and dominate the freshwater systems. Aquatic invasive species, whether invasive plants or animals, can cause impacts to native aquatic species, reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies.

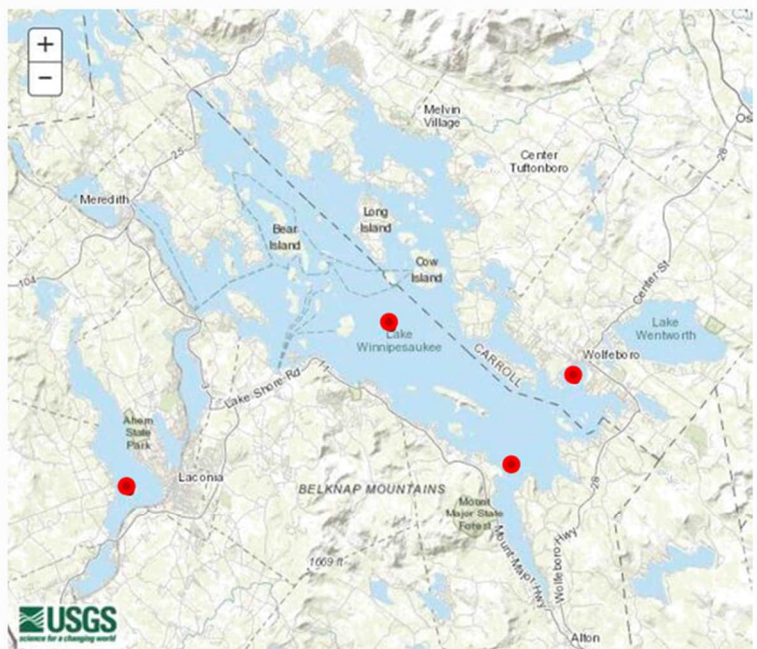
The spiny water flea is a microscopic animal, a type of zooplankton, that is native to Europe and Asia. Spiny water fleas were first introduced to the United States to the Great Lakes in the 1980s according to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The species was unintentionally introduced into the United States' Great Lakes through the discharge of contaminated cargo ship ballast water. They were first discovered in Lake Ontario in 1982, and spread to Lake Superior by 1987.

NHDES began monitoring Lake Winnepesaukee for the invasive species in 2016. Seven years later, in the summer of 2023, NHDES confirmed the presence of spiny water fleas in three areas of Lake Winnepesaukee as well as in Lake Winnisquam.

The spiny water flea was documented on September 13, 2023 in the deepest location of Lake Winnepesaukee, in the Broads in Gilford. Subsequent sampling also confirmed spiny water flea presence in the Alton and Wolfeboro areas of the lake. This was the first detection of this invasive species in the state, and only the second recorded waterbody in New England.

"Invasive species are very good at spreading to new locations," said Kirsten Hugger, an Aquatic Ecologist with NHDES. "We anticipated there was potential for introduction to Lake Winnepesaukee due to boater traffic, which is why we initiated the monitoring program in 2016. However, it is still surprising and disappointing to have confirmed that the spiny water flea is in New Hampshire."

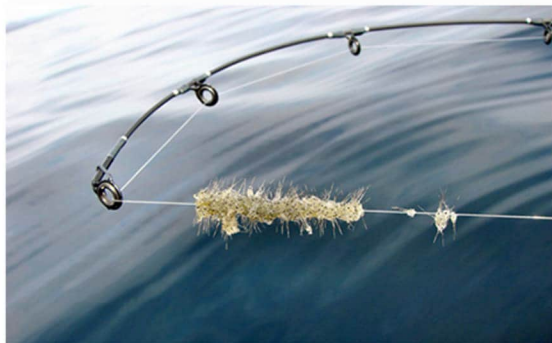
The spiny water flea is not harmful to humans; however, it can be a nuisance when it builds up on fishing lines. It can also negatively impact aquatic food webs by changing the plankton community which can, in turn, influence fish populations.



Conservation Commission

Invasion of the Spiny Water Flea (*cont.*)

It can also negatively impact aquatic food webs by changing the plankton community which can, in turn, influence fish populations. "Some of our native fish species could be impacted by this," said John Magee, Programs Supervisor with the Inland Fisheries Division at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. "At high densities, the spiny water flea can outcompete native zooplankton on which some of our native fish species rely."



People spread spiny water fleas primarily through the movement of water-related equipment. The species collects in gelatinous blobs on fishing lines and downrigger cables. They can survive in water contained in bait buckets, live wells, bilge areas, ballast tanks and other water-containing devices. Adults and eggs, which may be hidden in mud and debris, can stick to anchors and ropes, as well as scuba, fishing, and hunting gear. Females can produce eggs which resist drying and freezing. Therefore, transfer of a single female could start a new population.

What can you do to stop the spread? We are responsible for keeping our boat, trailer, and other recreational gear clean of aquatic invasive species. Dry watercraft, boats, trailers and gear for at least five days between waterbodies and wipe down materials between uses. Clean your craft with high pressure (2500 psi) and hot water (140F). Soak your fishing and boating gear with hot water including: fishing line, lures, nets, hardware, bait buckets, anchor lines and all other line or rope.

A spiny water flea disrupts a lake's food web by aggressively preying on native zooplankton, which are a vital food source for small fish, leading to a decline in fish populations and potential algal blooms due to the lack of zooplankton to control algae growth; this disruption occurs because the spiny water flea's barbed spines make it difficult for smaller fish to consume them, allowing the invasive species to dominate the food chain.

Spiny water fleas are a significant threat to New Hampshire's lakes. Without controlling this species, we need urgent action to stop its spread. Through collaborative efforts, we can work towards preserving our lakes for generations.

You can find more information about Spiny Water Flea at the following:

- <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/bb-68.pdf>
- <https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/new-new-hampshire-invasive-spiny-water-flea-confirmed-lake-winnepesaukee>
- <https://nhlakes.org/invasion-of-the-spiny-water-fleas/>

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 05, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Tioga Room, 4th Floor, Belmont Mill, Mill Street, Belmont, NH

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

Property Fraud ALERT !!

- It is recommended that property owners help protect themselves against property fraud (also known as “land scams”).
- It has become a more frequent problem where scammers with no ownership connect with a real estate agent to sell a property quickly. They may have **received information about the property from publicly available records.**
- The Property Fraud Alert system is connected directly to the Belknap County **Registry of Deeds, where all property/real estate ownership transactions are registered.**
- **If you are signed up for alerts, any property transaction with your name will be reported to you in an effort to prevent you from being scammed.**
- This is a FREE service!



A promotional graphic for the Property Fraud Alert system. On the left is a large image of a green house with a white door and a sign in the yard that reads "This home powered by PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT". The right side contains several text boxes and icons. At the top right is the "PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT" logo. Below it, a green box explains that property fraud occurs when someone records a fraudulent document in the county land records office, making it look like they own your home or property, accompanied by a photo of a family. Next to this is an image of a smartphone displaying the alert app. Below that, another green box states that the alert is a notification service that alerts subscribers against the possibilities of fraudulent activity being committed against their property. Further down, a green box provides instructions on how to sign up for free: by visiting PropertyFraudAlert.com, scanning the QR code with a phone camera, or calling the Property Fraud Alert Hotline at 800-728-3858. To the right of this text is a QR code. Below the QR code are three icons for notification methods: TEXT, CALL, and EMAIL. At the bottom, it says "Choose how you want to be notified!" and "Register in English or Spanish / Regístrate en inglés o español". The final line of text says "For further details, contact your county's Land Records Office".

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Creative Conversations

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

ART FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ADULTS

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

WEDNESDAY March 5, 19 2pm

Book Groups

TEA & TALES BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY March 13 4:30pm

Heartburn by Nora Ephron

FRIDAY FICTION BOOK GROUP

FRIDAY March 21 at 10:30am

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

MYSTERY GROUP

THURSDAY March 27 at 10am

The Busy Body by Kemper Donovan

Family Activities

STORY TIME

Storytime and activities for all under school age.

WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

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

SATURDAY March 15 11am

My Weird School Special: Leprechaun is Finally Gone

FRIDAY FILMS

Celebrate the end of the school week with a G or PG movie.

FRIDAYS at 3pm

SEED SHARE

Share full or partial packets that are no more than a couple years old.

Pick up no more than three packets per household or make an even swap.

Let us know how they grow (Pictures welcome!)

**Belmont
Public
Library**

NAMI 101

March 20 6:30pm

NAMI New Hampshire is a grassroots organization working to improve the quality of life for all by providing support, education and advocacy for people affected by mental illness and suicide.

March 2025

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Belmont Public Library

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Thursday March 20, 2025

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2025 Community Evenings

January 23 Local History Conversation

May TBD NH Humanities

July 17 Giant Games Night

Sept 18 Local Crafter Demonstration

Nov 20 NaMoWriMo Poetry Night

Programs begin at 6:30pm. Check with the library for changes or specific details.



News from the Heritage Commission

Belmont Heritage Commission and Students Warm Seniors Hearts

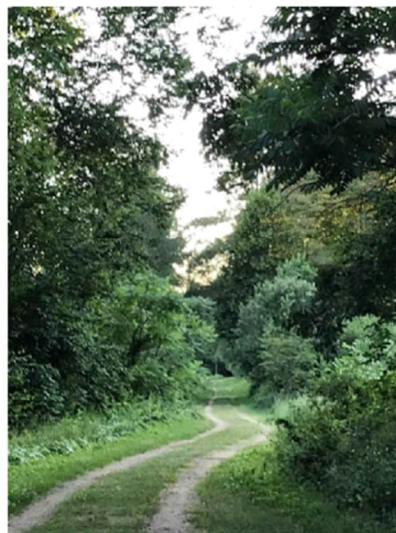
The Belmont Heritage Commission took the month of February to concentrate on Belmont's Senior Citizens. With the help of Belmont Elementary students, it was a lot easier. One of the commission's goals every year is to connect the youth of Belmont to the town's senior citizens. Belmont Elementary School held a week-long Soup and Crackers Food Drive organized by the 3rd and 4th grade Student Council members. Their advisor Mrs. King facilitated the collection and also helped to collect handmade Valentine's Day cards for the seniors. In its fourth year the Heritage Commission calls this the "We Love Our Senior Citizens" project. According to Commission Chair Vicki Donovan, the project started in 2021 and began as a way to help senior citizens with high grocery costs. The project also brings smiles to the residents at Belmont Elderly Housing as they look forward to the students' handmade Valentine's Day cards. Again, this year many thank yous and appreciative comments were heard by the residents when they were given a decorated white grocery bag with a Valentine's Day card inside to use to shop with. Besides the soup and crackers collected by Belmont Elementary the Heritage Commission made items available such as; pasta, sauce, canned vegetables, tuna, oatmeal, juice, hot chocolate and the biggest item of all, eggs!

The Heritage members went one step further and dropped off pre-packed bags of groceries to housebound elderly. Another group of seniors who meet twice a week also received a bag to share during their get togethers. The basic premise of the Heritage is to let seniors, elderly and housebound citizens know that we are thinking of them. The Heritage Commission is happy to help during times when food costs are high and when it's tough to get out due to ice and snow.



The Belmont Heritage Commission would like to thank Belmont Elementary School, Hannaford Supermarket and Market Basket for their contributions.

Railroad Station then – used to be where the Rail Trail is now



If you have any old photos you would like to share, please send to this email: Heritagecommission@belmontnh.gov and we will gladly add into future newsletters.

Thank you for your support,

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Members: Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Chris Mooney (Alternate) and Travis O'Hara (Selectman Representative).

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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WINTER USE
PROCEED AT YOUR
OWN RISK**

Cemetery Trustees

Welcome to Weymouth Cemetery

Weymouth Cemetery is in a wooded area off Brown Hill Road here in Belmont. It is one of 24 historical cemeteries owned by our small town. It sits in a small square space surrounded by beautiful old field stones with older granite upright posts hidden in the trees to mark the entrance. It is classified as a burial ground and is map/lot 229-040-001-000 on the town tax maps, and labeled as cemetery # 11 on the Cemetery Map of Belmont, NH (dated 2006). The last time this cemetery was maintained was in the 1960's. There are 6 unmarked graves and 2 uninscribed field markers.

There is a story that when caretaker Orrin Page was mowing, he noticed a stone missing. He asked a small boy sitting on the wall about it. The little boy said, "oh yes, my father used them in the foundation of the house." So presumably the other stones were also used, since there are none currently within the wall. The Trustees have done their best to substantiate these rumors. However, the home that was on the property was demolished and disposed of by dumpster around 2022.

Cushing and Sanborn have common ancestors at this site from several generations ago that are rumored to be buried here.

Currently this site is unmarked and inaccessible due to new construction and how far into the woods the site is located. The goal for 2025 is to establish access to the site as well as getting a sign to mark it. After access is established, we will seek individuals to help with the cleanup efforts. Clean up will include rock wall repair, dead tree removal, debris removal, and taking the ground back down to fresh dirt. We will search for any broken stones within the walls and clean debris within the 25-foot setback. A project like this is exactly what we use our Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) for. The funding for this CRF account is obtained each year through the town voting process. This project is one of our priorities going forward due to the NH RSA Statute.

RSA 289:4 Maintenance – Every municipality shall raise and appropriate sufficient funds, by taxation or otherwise, to provide for the suitable care and maintenance of the municipal public cemeteries within its boundaries which are not otherwise provided for by an alternative funding source. Every municipality may raise and appropriate annually a sufficient sum to provide for the suitable care and maintenance of deserted burial grounds and cemeteries which have been declared abandoned in accordance with RSA 289:19-21.

Sincerely,

Belmont Cemetery Trustees

Sharon Ciampi

Hillary Horn

Fred Wells

March 2025

Cemetery Trustees

Weymouth Cemetery Photos



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Gale School Update

1894 Gale School deeded to Lakes Region Community Developers

The Save Our Gale School Committee (SOGS) passed title on the Gale School to Lakes Region Community Developers in December. LRCD just announced this in their newsletter. We would like to pass the news along to everyone in Belmont to keep them informed about what is happening with the Gale School.

There has been a lot of unanticipated delay as we all struggled to complete the financing for this project. COVID and then all of the inflation that has occurred really set things back. The costs for renovation and restoration of the Gale School almost doubled, far exceeding the funding we had in place 4 years ago. LRCD could not award contracts for the work until they had enough funding in place, but they have been diligently seeking additional funds and felt they were close enough to take title to the property. That is a firm commitment to get this project done. They do plan to begin construction this year, hopefully in the Spring or early Summer.

This has been a long, arduous process, but will soon pay off by providing a much needed child care and community services facility right in downtown Belmont! It has been a classic NH initiative - and particularly reflective of the way we do things here in Belmont - in that many people and organizations all worked together to overcome a seemingly insurmountable challenge in moving and saving the historic Gale School to once again serve as a productive community asset - at no cost to Belmont taxpayers.

It has been worth the effort!

Regards,

Woody Fogg,

Save Our Gale School
Committee Member



Gale School Update Continued

Just before Christmas, the Save Our Gale School Committee (SOGS) signed the deed for the Gale School property in Belmont over to LRCD. LRCD continues working to try to close on all the financing and begin construction this year. LRCD plans to restore the 1894 Gale School according to state and federal historic preservation standards. When renovations are complete, the Boys & Girls Club of Central and Northern New Hampshire will operate a childcare center on the first floor and Lakes Region Community Services will have a new program center on the second floor where they will offer classes and programming for all ages.



Pictured from left to right: Brenda Paquette (Treasurer of SOGS), Mark Padula (SOGS member who donated the site work at the new location), Bob Lord (SOGS member who donated the land), Sal Steven-Hubbard (Senior Real Estate Developer for Lakes Region Community Developers), Ken Knowlton (President of SOGS), Carmen Lorentz (Executive Director of Lakes Region Community Developers) and Woody Fogg (SOGS member).

Partnership for Public Health

Partnership for Public Health is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners and here is an upcoming FREE event they are hosting:

The poster features a dark background with vibrant, glowing neon lines in yellow, green, and blue. At the top left is the 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH' logo, and at the top right is the 'Laconia Youth Alliance' logo. The main title 'LET'S GLOW SKATING' is prominently displayed in the center within a glowing yellow rectangular border. Below the title, the text 'Admission, Skate Rentals, Food, Activities:' is written in orange, followed by 'ALL FREE' in large, bold, blue letters. The date '8 March 2025' is centered below that. The time '4:30pm-6:00pm' is enclosed in a glowing purple rectangular box. The location 'Merrill Fay Ice Arena, Laconia NH' is listed at the bottom in white. A red disclaimer at the very bottom states 'ALL KIDS 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT'.

**PARTNERSHIP
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Laconia
Youth
Alliance**

**LET'S GLOW
SKATING**

Admission, Skate Rentals, Food, Activities:

ALL FREE

8 March 2025

4:30pm-6:00pm

Merrill Fay Ice Arena, Laconia NH

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Shared Family Living
CAREGIVER CAFE

*Join us the 3rd Wednesday
of the month!*

9:30-11:00 am

1/15/25, 2/19/25, 3/19/25, 4/16/25, 5/21/25, 6/18/25

Tilly Market Café, Belmont

*Caregivers In All Arenas Invited,
Including Family, Paid and Contracted,
Kinship and Any Others*

Questions?

603.581.1553 or
trudy.poire@lrccs.org

Ask questions about becoming a
SFL Home Provider.



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Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Rd., Loudon NH 03307-0734

Phone: (603) 724-9731 Tax ID: 80-0203180

Email: Info@loudonfoodpantry.org

Website: loudonfoodpantry.org Facebook: LoudonFP

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We have FREE food for those that qualify, and we want to share!

Check off the boxes to see if you qualify...

Do you currently live in:

☐ **Belmont NH** ☐ **Canterbury NH** ☐ **Chichester NH** ☐ **Loudon NH**

If you are not in one of the above towns and need help, go to FoodPantries.org to find a food pantry in your area.

If you checked a box, then continue.

Do you currently participate in ONE or more of the following programs?

- ☐ Fuel Assistance
- ☐ Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD)
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ SNAP (Food Stamps)
- ☐ Medicaid (State Welfare)
- ☐ Aid to the Needy Blind
- ☐ Old Age Assistance
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Subsidized Housing (Rental Subsidy)
- ☐ County, City or Town Welfare

If you checked any of the above programs, you qualify. If not, please continue to the next section.

Community Program—Loudon Food Pantry Pg 2

Is your total household income at or below the following (we use the take-home amount)?

Household	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	\$36,144	\$3,012	\$ 695
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	\$49,056	\$4,088	\$ 943
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	\$61,968	\$5,164	\$1,192
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	\$74,880	\$6,240	\$1,440
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	\$87,792	\$7,316	\$1,688
Additional members	\$12,912	\$1,076	\$ 248

If your total household income is equal to or below the amounts above, you should qualify.

What Do You Do Next?

Call us at (603) 724-9731. **Calling is the only way to receive your first appointment and know what documents to bring with you.**



2025



NEW HAMPSHIRE FOOD BANK MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - CONCORD

12:00pm – 2:00pm (while supplies last)

NHTI - Lots A&B, 31 College Dr.

Please note: Food distributions take place on a **first-come, first-served** basis and are **while supplies last**.



FOR A CURRENT SCHEDULE, VISIT:
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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, March 18, 2025
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.

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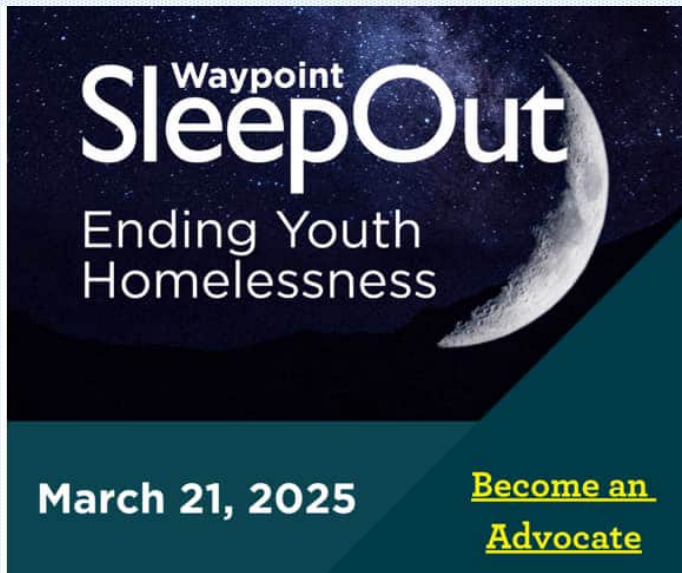
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WayPoint SleepOut

WayPoint is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners and here is an upcoming fundraiser they are hosting:



SleepOut is a night spent outside to raise awareness and funds to address critical needs and transform lives in New Hampshire. Proceeds from the event support New Hampshire's only low-barrier emergency youth shelter and safe space located in Manchester, youth drop-in centers in Manchester and Rochester, and a range of support services that lead to long-term stability.

SleepOut 2025 will look a little different than past editions. Rather than sleeping collectively in a public place, Advocates sleep outside remotely at a location of their choice. This change is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2024 ruling in *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, which allows municipalities to criminalize sleeping in public spaces.

We will still come together as a community! Join us on Friday, March 21, at 6:30 pm at Bronstein Park in Manchester (Beech and Hanover Streets) for an in-person gathering before Advocates across the state sleep out remotely to show their support for youth experiencing homelessness.

[Visit our website](#) to join SleepOut today and become an Advocate! To learn how to help support youth and young adults experiencing homelessness through SleepOut 2025, please contact Laura Zorawowicz at 603-518-4195 or zorawowiczl@waypointnh.org.

Thank you for joining us in our mission to end youth homelessness in NH!

March 2025

Franklin VNA & Hospice

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



FRANKLIN VNA AND HOSPICE 5K RUN/WALK



Paul Smith Elementary School
41 Daniel Webster Dr.
Franklin, NH

APRIL 26, 2025

9:00am START
10:15am AWARDS



Registration
\$35.00 Adult
\$25.00 Child



Sign up at:

<https://franklinvna.org/fundraisers/>

Or Contact Ryan Howe (603)934-3454 / rhowe@franklinvna.org

March 2025

New Beginnings Charity Golf Tournament

New Beginnings is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners and here is an upcoming fundraiser they are hosting:

The poster features a purple background with a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing. At the top, the 'new beginnings' logo is displayed with a leaf icon and the tagline 'without violence and abuse'. The main title 'THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY Golf Tournament' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, a statement about the purpose of the event is written. The registration information, including the date, times, and location, is provided at the bottom, accompanied by calendar and location icons.

new beginnings
without violence and abuse

THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY Golf Tournament

Proceeds support our work to
end domestic and sexual
violence across Belknap County.

To register, visit:
www.newbeginningsnh.org/golf

 Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Registration: 8:00AM
Modified Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

 Lochmere Country Club
360 Laconia Rd Suite 1,
Tilton, NH 03276

Lakes Region Children's Auction

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

Earns Platinum Seal of Transparency with Nonprofit Watchdog Candid



LACONIA—The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently announced it has earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid, a nonprofit watchdog that provides comprehensive data and insights about the social sector.

Each year, Candid researches millions of nonprofits that spend trillions of dollars around the world to learn where that money comes from, where it goes and why it matters.

Its platinum seal indicates that the auction and its umbrella foundation share clear and important information with the public about goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements and progress indicators that highlight the difference the auction makes in the community.

Candid was formed in 2019 when GuideStar and Foundation Center merged. Candid combined GuideStar's tools on nonprofits and Foundation Center's tools on foundations, enhancing them with additional resources to offer more comprehensive, real-time information about the social sector.

To learn more, visit Candid's page on the auction at app.candid.org/profile/9490830

The Children's Auction was also recently evaluated by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest charity evaluator, and earned a four-star rating, the highest possible assessment.

"We are very proud of this recognition because we, as an organization, work diligently to ensure proper use of the funds we raise and to communicate our mission and our efforts to support over 60 nonprofits around the region," said Jennifer Kelley, the auction's executive director. "I am thankful for our volunteers, our board members and those in the community who support our work."

For more information auction or to donate or volunteer, visit childreणाuction.org or call 603-527-0999.

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

Numerous fundraising events in the Lakes Region throughout the year support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, including our four-day signature event every December. In the past four decades we have distributed more than \$8.6 million to over 80 nonprofits that serve low-income families and children in the Lakes Region, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Auction falls under the umbrella of the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps 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

383 South Main St., Laconia NH 03246

Federal Tax ID # 47-3815882

Other Community Offerings

Belnap County Natural Resources Assessment Local Work Group Meeting

Public Welcome - FREE OF CHARGE - Light refreshments will be served

**March 6th from 6-8 PM
Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH**

To Register visit website:

<https://www.belnapccd.org/naturalresourcesassessment>
or email: belnapconservation@gmail.com or call 603-527-5880

Meeting Objective: Participate with organizations, agencies, and citizens in sharing input on the issues impacting Belnap's environment, wildlife, agriculture, and forestry.

Attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the programs and assistance offered by the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service and meet with staff from various agencies.

Meredith Rotary Club to host Styrofoam recycling day

MEREDITH — The Meredith Rotary Club, with the cooperation of the Meredith Department of Public Works, will hold a Styrofoam collection day on Saturday, March 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Meredith Solid Waste Facility at 17 Jenness Hill Road.

Polystyrene, more commonly known as Styrofoam, is made from petroleum products with additional harmful chemicals added. It degrades very slowly, and if disposed of improperly

poses the threat of poisoning water sources and harming wildlife that may consume its remnants. Additionally, because it doesn't degrade, Styrofoam takes up much needed space in landfills and cannot be incinerated with other trash, as burning it releases toxic fumes into the environment.

Polystyrene #6 recycle symbol is the only accepted material on the collection date. This Styrofoam is generally used for foam coolers and as packing material around furniture,

appliances, and electronics. Pipe insulation, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, squishy foam, dirty foam food containers, egg crate foam layers, craft foam, and foam board insulation will not be accepted, as they do not carry the #6 symbol.

All collected material will be transported by Rotarians from Meredith to the Gilford Solid Waste Center, where it will be professionally recycled.

For additional information, visit meredithrotary.org.

Full year 2025 calendars available at
<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50738/solid-waste>
 or post card calendars
 can be picked up at Town Hall.

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Do you know someone new to Town, or someone in Town who would love to **see our Newsletter and receive important notices by email from the Town of Belmont?**

Please visit our homepage at belmontnh.gov and **click the button on the right-hand side to “Sign Up for Notifications”.**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire. At the top, there is a dark red 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" in the center. A dark blue navigation bar contains 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. Below this is a section for "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: 10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, and 12/25. In the center, there is a large image of a building at sunset. To the right of the image, there is a section titled "Connect on Facebook with..." listing various town departments: Board of Selectmen, Recreation Department, Winni Trail, Fire, Police, and Library. Below this list, a red circle highlights a button with a bell icon and the text "Sign up for Notifications". A large red arrow points from the "Sign up for Notifications" button in the banner at the top of the page to this button on the website. Below the Facebook section, there are several more buttons for services like "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data". At the bottom left, there is a "Complete calendar of upcoming meetings and events..." section with a calendar icon. At the bottom center, there is a "Current News and Notices" section with a note about mobile device usage.

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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,
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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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