

## Our Community Newsletter

# BELMONT



Town Meeting is over and hopefully winter will be soon! Voters at the Town Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row did not approve the Town's operating budget and therefore we are working in a default budget for 2025.

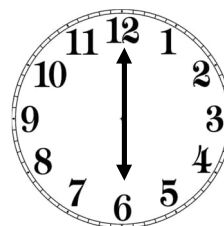
Most warrant articles passed with the exception of a few. One important article that did not pass was the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve. This very important Capital Reserve Fund serves as a savings account for the Town, and it is used so we have the ability to address and maintain necessary work and projects instead of taking out large loans and or bonds at one time. We put funds into savings, a little each year, to reduce the tax impact on our taxpayers. This fund in particular is used to address all Town buildings that need repair and maintenance that is not otherwise covered under insurance. Our buildings are aging, the mechanics/infrastructure are aging, and they need constant repair and/or replacing. If we do not have the funds to address issues as they arise it may lead to the closure of buildings and ending services.

A great deal of time and effort is put into creating a budget that is fiscally responsible. There are multiple checks and balances along the way including a full review by the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and final approval from a group of 12 Budget Committee volunteers, who work on the budget from November until February.

The Board of Selectmen, Administration and Department Heads have worked quickly to rework the entire 2025 budget in just a few short weeks. There

were difficult decisions to be made with cuts to specific line items and functions. Not everyone may like or agree with the cuts that were made, but the Board alone has the authority to make the necessary changes so that we stay within our default budget. Budget and revenues will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis. In the future there may be some line items that could be restored, or additional line items that need to be cut.

After the Town Meeting in March, the Board of Selectmen held their organizational meeting, where they elected this year's Select Board Chair, Ruth Mooney, and Vice Chair Jon Pike. The Selectmen will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Due to the overwhelming support of the petitioned warrant article for the Board to hold evening meetings, they voted to meet in the middle and have their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., and their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mill in the Tioga Meeting Room. This schedule will be in effect for April, May and June while attendance and public participation is evaluated. If there is not enough public attendance to justify evening meetings, the Board may reconsider.



**Meeting  
Time  
Change**

## Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)



### 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](http://www.belmontnh.gov) for the full details on the program and a price list.



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](http://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.



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>

## Adaptive Audio Devices for Meetings

*New!!!*

*Adaptive hearing devices are now available to the public upon request for our meetings in the Tioga Meeting Room. Right now, these devices are for participants to better hear those who are participating via Zoom. We are working on improving the microphones so that those in the room can hear each other better, and so that our recordings will be of better quality. We have also added a speaker in the room for better Zoom audio quality.*

*If you would like to use one of these devices, please arrive 10–15 minutes prior to the meeting start time to allow for setup. You are welcome to bring your own headphones or earbuds with a 3.5mm jack to connect to our system or use ours.*

*Please call (603) 267-8300 xt 124 in advance of the meeting with any questions.*



## Help us Beautify Belmont!

The Belmont Board of Selectmen would like to invite you to participate in a community wide effort to beautify Belmont and celebrate Earth Day, by collecting roadside litter in your neighborhood starting on **April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Collection bags can be picked up at Town Hall or at the Public Works Garage between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Public Works Department will then collect the bags placed by the roadside on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. We urge you to participate in this effort and help us clean up our community.



This is a litter collection effort only, no yard waste, furniture, white goods, tires or scrap metal will be collected.

Please note that applications for Elderly and Disability Exemptions, Veterans Tax Credits or Solar Exemptions must be submitted to Town Hall with all supporting documents no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found at:

<https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50723/assessing>

Please contact Colleen Akerman, Assessing Administrator, at 267-8300 xt. 118 with any questions.

Just a reminder that KRT Appraisals staff will be in the community conducting a field review of residential and commercial property for annual pickups of new sales, new building permits and demo permits. Their staff have identification badges and carry letters from the Town . Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Colleen Akerman, Assessing Administrator, at 267-8300 xt. 118.



# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

## Municipal Impacts Galore in House Budget

The [House Finance Committee](#) voted 14-11 along party lines Thursday to approve [HB 1](#) and [HB 2](#), the state budget for the 2026-27 biennium, which begins July 1. The full House will vote on the plan Thursday, April 10.

House Finance cut \$187 million of general fund spending out of the budget proposed by the governor in February, primarily because House revenue estimates were significantly less than what the governor assumed. Compared to FY 2025, the proposed House budget cuts spending by 8% in 2026 and 9% in 2027.

The bills going to the House floor next week have several provisions affecting cities and towns, including a change to the meals and rooms tax disbursement and cuts to or elimination of some state programs that municipalities rely upon.

**Meals and Rooms Tax:** The House budget plan suspends the 30% municipal share of the meals and rooms tax in FYs 26-27 and replaces it with a flat appropriation of \$137 million per year, which is about \$11 million less over the next two years than what was projected if the 30% share remained in effect. In FY 2024, municipalities received approximately \$136 million from the meals and rooms tax, which was about \$15 million more than estimated in the previous budget.

**Local control:** The local option for municipalities to accept or reject KENO operations in their community is repealed in the budget proposal, meaning the lottery game will be available anywhere a licensed lottery retailer chooses to offer it. The budget also contains language creating a cap on increases in school budgets, which represents a significant loss of local decision-making authority. While no limits are proposed (for now) on municipal and county spending, this would create a concerning precedent for overriding the will of local voters.

**Repeal revenue sharing:** The budget repeals revenue sharing, RSA Chapter 31-A, as opposed to simply suspending it, as had been done since 2010. (Refresher: Revenue sharing was established in 1970, in conjunction with the business profits tax, to offset the removal of certain classes of property from taxation, which would otherwise have the effect of reducing the tax base of cities and towns.) In the future, revisions to RSA 31-A would be possible and could bring much-needed revenue to municipalities to offset property taxes and provide relief at the local level. Without the statute in the law, it will be much more difficult to revisit this issue in future.

**Program funding:** Although housing availability is the number one issue in the state, the House budget contains no new funding for the Housing Champions and InvestNH housing programs, as well as no new funding for the state share of wastewater projects under the State Aid Grant (SAG) program. Additionally, all state funding for regional planning commissions was eliminated. The budget creates a “Partners in Housing” program, an initiative under the Housing Champions Fund to assist municipalities, counties, and developers in building modestly priced housing on municipally or county-owned land that is suitable for development—although no funding for the program was included in the budget.

**Granite Advantage:** Changes to CHIP, Medicaid, and Medicaid Advantage programs in the budget add new out-of-pocket costs for participants. These changes could impact local welfare budgets.

**Diversity, equity and inclusion programs:** The proposed budget includes a statewide ban on diversity, equity and inclusion programs, contracts and activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. The ban includes cities, towns, counties and schools and requires the attorney general’s

# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

office to establish a process by which all political subdivisions review their existing contracts for the presence of DEI-related items. There are big concerns about the time and cost related to contract reviews and potential cancellation or renegotiation of existing agreements.

**Motor vehicle registrations:** A bill eliminating motor vehicle inspections in New Hampshire, HB 649, is currently with the Senate, but House Finance doubled down on the proposal by adding identical language in HB 2. For good measure, the committee also voted to eliminate all the positions in the Division of Motor Vehicles and Department of Safety related to the program. While this may appear to be a state issue on the surface, 12 percent of state motor vehicle fee revenue collected is distributed to municipalities. The Department of Transportation estimates this bill would decrease municipal revenue by \$173,250 in FY 2027 and \$346,500 in FY 2028 and each year thereafter. Additionally, the enforcement of vehicle safety statutes would fall entirely to state and local police.

**Other:** The budget approved by House Finance eliminates the Housing Advisory Board (HAB) and the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) and moves the Right-to-Know Ombudsman into a new Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations along with the Public Employee Labor Relations Board and the Personnel Appeals Board. The salary for the ombudsman was also changed to per diem, which may make the position harder to fill.

Another potential concern for municipalities is the costly changes to NH Retirement System (NHRS) benefits for about 1,500 "Group II" police and fire personnel hired before July 1, 2011, and still working. The benefit changes for this cohort, which makes up slightly more than one-quarter of current police and fire personnel, does nothing for first responders hired on or after July 1, 2011, who make up 64.4% of active Group II members—or any of

the approximately 9,500 active employees and teachers (NHRS Group I) hired before July 1, 2011, who also had their pension benefits changed in 2011.

The governor indicated that part of the anticipated new revenue from legalizing video slot machines will be used by the state to pay for the retirement changes, sparing property taxpayers most of the hit, and a recurring annual appropriation of \$27.5 million per year through 2034 is still in the budget. However, House Finance voted to redirect nearly all the projected slot machine revenue to the education trust fund. If the retirement funding is removed by the Senate this year, or if it is repealed in the next biennium, employer contribution rates to the retirement system would skyrocket.

House Finance also added language to the budget establishing a defined contribution retirement plan for new state employees only. There is concern that, as written, the proposal could increase employer contributions for municipal employers in the long-term by making them responsible for a portion of the state's share of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) associated with NHRS employee members.

The House Finance Committee will hold a budget briefing for House members and other interested parties in **Representatives Hall** on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. The presentation [will be livestreamed](#).

## Town Clerk's Corner

### **We've been waiting a long time for Spring. Hello April!**

Just a reminder that 2024 1<sup>st</sup> issue water/sewer bills are due April 10, 2025. The first issue bill covers the months of December through February. You can make payment in person, send a check in the mail, drop your payment in the drop box located in the front door of Town Hall or pay on the Town's website, [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov). We accept cash, check or card but please keep in mind that there is a 2.79% convenience fee added to the total when using a card.

Dog licenses are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$6.50 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$9.00 for those who are not. If you, the owner, are 65 or older, one dog per household costs \$2.00. As with other payments, you can stop by the office, pay through the mail, in our drop box or on the Town's website.

We will be sending out certified intent to lien notices the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>. These notices notify residents of the intent to lien any unpaid amounts for property taxes, water and sewer from 2024. You will have 30 days to make payment in full to avoid the lien. The lien date is set for May 19, 2025.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of our newly elected officers for the Town of Belmont! We have approximately 5,000 registered voters and a total of 885 voters attended the election, about an 18% turnout. Thank you to the Selectboard, Supervisors of the Checklist, Ballot Clerks, and Moderator for their attendance, dedication, and help in assuring a seamless election.

*"Sweet April showers, do bring May flowers."*

Jenn, Sam, and Devon



# Spring Work

Belmont's Spring Road Ban is expected to be lifted Monday, April 14th.

Once weight restrictions are lifted the race is on for construction in the northeast. Companies of all sizes will be out doing everything from major highway improvement projects to basic maintenance and landscape.

Please be mindful of advanced warning signs and follow the directions of traffic control personnel. Their goal is to get you through a work zone in a timely manner while keeping you and their co-workers safe.



If you are excavating or employing a company to perform services on property in the Town of Belmont please keep a couple of things in mind. The Town of Belmont has ordinances governing work done in public ways and requires a permit prior to the start. The Ordinances are easy to find on the Town website [www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)

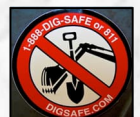


and outline standards and expectations of the Town while working in the right of way. A permit must be submitted and approved prior to the work taking place.

The Town of Belmont requires driveway permits for any new construction or reconstruction of existing driveways that create access to town-maintained roads. Driveway permits can be found along with a list of rules and requirements on the Town website. Your Public Works Department is happy to field questions regarding the permit process at 603-528-2677.



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





## 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](mailto: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

## BURN PERMITS!!

Purchase your Fire Permits Online at:

<https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com>

(Permits are also available at **NO CHARGE**  
at Belmont Fire Department)

### **\*\*\* Friendly Reminders \*\*\***

It's the LAW!



1. You must be 18 years of age or older to obtain a fire permit.
2. You must own the land in which you are burning, or have written permission from the landowner on file at Belmont Fire Department.
3. ONLY the burning of untreated wood, untreated pallets, campfire wood, brush or charcoal is allowed. Wood can be NO GREATER than 5 inches in diameter. Construction or demolition materials shall not be burned.
4. RAIN—Sustained precipitation that is ACTIVELY occurring of sufficient intensity and duration so as to prevent the fire from spreading in woodland fuels.
5. SNOW— The area within an 100' radius from the fire edge is covered with snow or other frozen precipitation to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.
6. You must obtain a fire permit for any portable fireplace.
7. You must attend your fire or have the fire in plain view. You must be capable of extinguishing the fire and be on the same property as your fire.





# Belmont Fire Department

## Meet RIGGS!!!

Riggs is Belmont Fire's new comfort pup, purchased and given to us by Claire Hebert-Dow with the proceeds of her book 'Saving MAMA'. Riggs will arrive on Monday, April 7th and comes to us from Boonefield Labradors in Ringe, NH. Boonefield Labradors has a long history of providing working dogs to communities near and far. Dogginit Training will be donating the training for Riggs certifications. Please join us in welcoming Riggs!

Hello Belmont,  
I can't wait to meet you!





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—Distracted Driving Awareness Month



Join the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the [Put the Phone Away or Pay](#) campaign. This national high-visibility enforcement campaign comes during [April](#), which is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

### General

- Distracted driving comes in many forms, but texting and cell phone use while driving has become the most prevalent type of distracted driving.
- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one that can't wait, pull over and park your car in a safe location before using your device.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature, or put your cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.
- When you get behind the wheel, be an example to your family and friends by putting your phone away. Just because other people do it doesn't mean texting and driving is "normal" behavior.
- If you see someone texting while driving, speak up. If your friends text while driving, tell them to stop.
- Listen to your passengers: If they catch you texting while driving and tell you to put your phone away, put it down.

### Enforcement

- Law enforcement officers nationwide are working together to enforce texting and distracted-driving laws.
- Handheld phone use:
  - In 30 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, handheld phone use is prohibited while driving. This is a primary enforcement law, meaning an officer may cite a driver for using a handheld cellphone without any other traffic offense taking place.
- All cellphone use:
  - No state bans all cellphone use for all drivers, but 36 states and the District of Columbia ban all cellphone use by novice drivers, and 23 states and the District prohibit cellphone use by school bus drivers.
- Text messaging:
  - In 49 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, texting while driving is an illegal, ticketable offense. Drivers could pay a hefty fine and receive points on a driver's license.

*Remember, when you get behind the wheel, Put the Phone Away or Pay.*

For more information, visit [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/distracted-driving/distracted-driving-enforcement-campaign](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/distracted-driving/distracted-driving-enforcement-campaign).



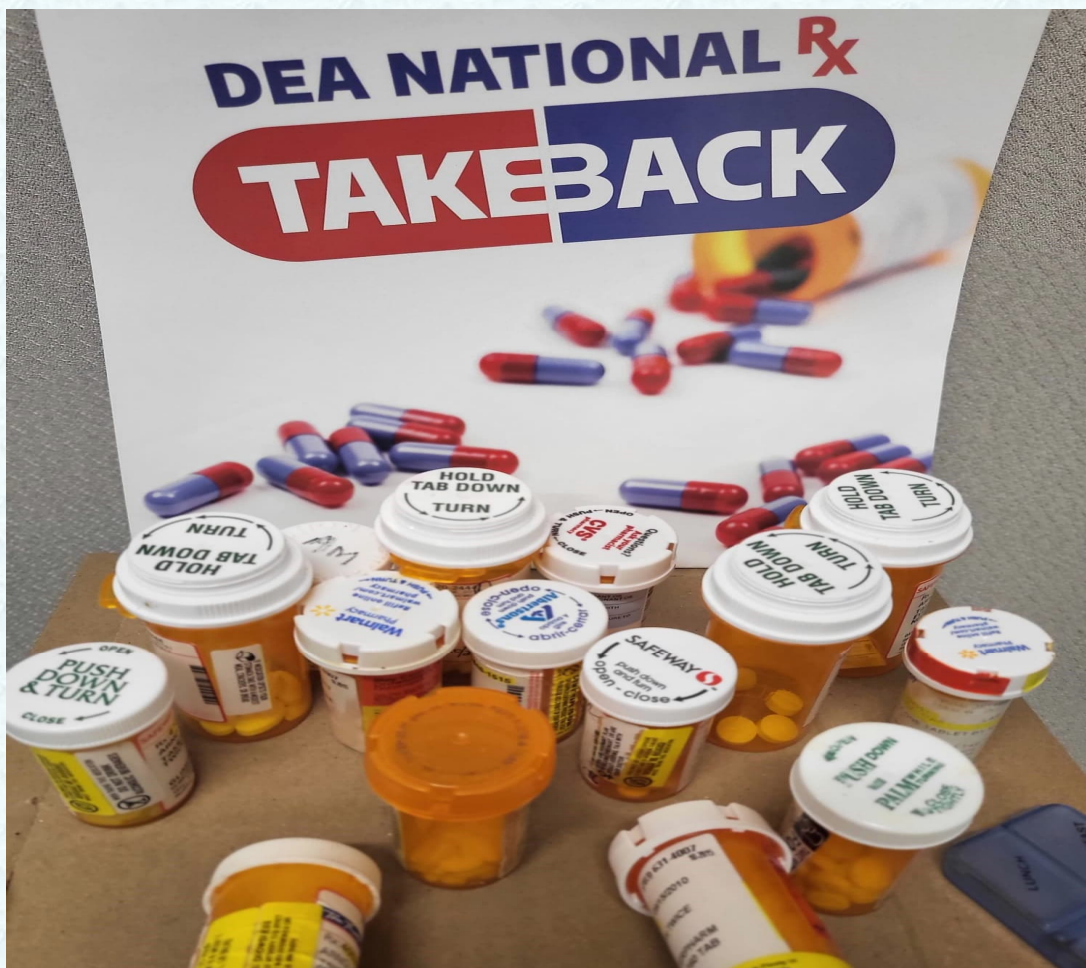
April 2025

## Belmont Police Department—National Drug Take Back Event

### NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

The Belmont Police Department will be participating in the DEA's National Drug Take Back, which will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10am-2pm. This is a time when you can dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. This program helps get prescription drugs out of homes, which in turn reduces the chance of someone misusing them. There are no questions asked when you turn them in and it is a simple and fast process.

The location for the drug take back event will be at the police station in the lobby at 16 Fuller Street.



April 2025

Belmont Parks & Rec—Earth Day

# TOWN OF BELMONT **EARTH DAY** CLEAN UP



**SATURDAY - APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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**

April 2025

Belmont Parks & Rec—Community Yard Sale

# BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAP

Register Here or at  
[Belmontnh.gov](http://Belmontnh.gov)



**SATURDAY, May 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8AM - 2PM**

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

**\$5.00**

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](mailto:recreation@Belmontnh.gov) for more information

**OR**

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

**\$10.00**



# **BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION**

# **EXTENDED**

# **ADVENTURES**

# **DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

COME FINISH OUT YOUR SUMMER WITH US IN OUR NEW EXTENDED ADVENTURES PROGRAM! THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE BELMONT MILL. ENJOY THE END OF SUMMER WITH US AS WE EXPLORE THE PARK, TRAILS, BEACH, LIBRARY & OTHER GREAT ADVENTURES.

**OPEN TO AGES 5-10**

**AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 22**  
**8:00AM - 4:30PM**

**RESIDENTS \$175/WEEK**  
**NON-RESIDENTS \$200/WEEK**

**1 WEEK DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION TO HOLD SPOT**  
**REMAINDER DUE 6/15**

**REGISTER NOW**  
**[TINYURL.COM/EXTENDEDADVENTURES](https://tinyurl.com/extendedadventures)**

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ART & CRAFT, OUTDOOR GAMES, TREASURE HUNT, DANCE & MUSIC AND MUCH MORE

**BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION**  
**603-267-1865**  
**[RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV](mailto:RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV)**

## BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

# SUMMER KICK-OFF



**SATURDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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](mailto:Recreation@Belmontnh.gov) or 603-267-1865**

## Building Department

Town of Belmont, 143 Main Street, P.O. Box 310

Belmont, NH 03220

[buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov](mailto:buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov)

(603) 267-8300 ext. 111



Spring has sprung, and it just might be time to replace those old inefficient windows that have fogged up inside the panes, or perhaps parts of the window frame are starting to show their age (rot), or they just don't open properly like they used to.

Here are some things you should look for before you purchase windows. Ask your contractor or installer what kind of energy efficient features the windows come with.

- Should you purchase vinyl or wood?
- Should they be double-pane, triple-pane or low-E glass?
- What does it mean to have gas-filled panes?
- What is the U-Factor of the windows? (U-Factor generally refers to the energy efficiency of the complete window assembly. The lower the U-Factor, the better the window. Codes in our area require a U-Factor of 0.30 or lower.)
- Be sure to shop around and compare prices.

As always, before starting any building project, please give us a call and we will be happy to help you determine if a building permit is required.

Please contact us at 603-267-8300 ext. 111 or email us at

[buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov](mailto:buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov).

Thank you,

Glenn Caron, Building Inspector

	
ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
U-Factor (U.S./I-P)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.30</b>
ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
Visible Transmittance	Air Leakage (U.S./I-P)
<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<small>Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined for a fixed set of environmental conditions and a specific product size. NFRC does not recommend any product and does not warrant the suitability of any product for any specific use. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information. <a href="http://www.nfrc.org">www.nfrc.org</a></small>	

### What is a U-factor?

The U-factor is the rate at which a window conducts non-solar heat.

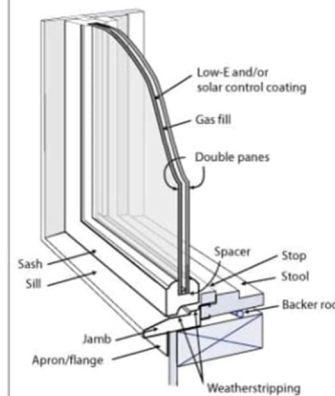
32°F Outdoor Temp.      68°F Indoor Temp.

**Pro tip:** The most energy-efficient windows have the **lowest** U-factors.

Constellation

### Window Technologies

Energy-efficient window technologies are available to produce windows with the U-factor, SHGC, and VT properties needed for any application.





## In this issue >>>

### Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 4/17/2025 (if needed)

Planning Board – 4/28/2025

Zoning Board – 4/23/2025



April  
2025

## 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](http://www.belmontnh.gov)  
Contact  
[luoffice@belmontnh.gov](mailto:luoffice@belmontnh.gov)



### Application Review Committee (March 20, 2025)

Meeting canceled due to lack of applications.

### Planning Board (March 31, 2025)

**Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust:** Request for Site Plan approval extension to construct and operate a self-storage facility. The original approval date was March 22, 2021, an extension was granted on March 27, 2023, and March 25, 2024. Property is located on Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-003-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. PB Case #02-25P.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment (March 26, 2025)

**Abutter's Hearings – Robert Bonsignore:** Continuation of a request to convert the second story of the existing garage to a dwelling unit accessory to residential use. The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to Article 5, Table 1 (Zoning District Table of Permitted Uses). Property is located at 193 Plummer Hill Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 211-027-000-000. ZBA Case # 01-25Z.

continued...



### **Zoning Board of Adjustment ( March 26, 2025) Continued**

**Abutter's Hearing – Sunray Shores:** Applicant is proposing to construct a new pump/storage structure, with associated parking and generator pad for the Sunray Shores Water District and is requesting the following relief:

A variance to Article 5 Table 2 to construct the new pump/storage structure, closer to the front property line (11.4') than is allowed (50' required).

A variance to Article 5 Table 2 to place the generator pad closer to the front property line (5.5') than is allowed. (50' required)

Property is located on Elaine Drive in the RS Zone, Tax Lots 104-044-000-000, 107-116-000- 000, 107-117-000-000, and 107-118-000-000. ZBA Case # 03-25Z

### **2025 Zoning Amendments**

#### **Warrant Article: 2**

#### **AMENDMENT 1—PASSED**

#### **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.

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

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

#### **Warrant Article: 3**

#### **AMENDMENT 2—PASSED**

#### **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.

#### **Warrant Article: 4 (Petitioned)**

#### **AMENDMENT 3—PASSED**

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

## **Looking for Board members!**

Visit the Town's website:

**[www.belmontnh.gov](http://www.belmontnh.gov)**

to submit an application.

#### **Planning Board**

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates

#### **Zoning Board**

- 5 regular members, 5 alternates

- **3 vacancies**

#### **Conservation (3 vacancies)**

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 stu-



# BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION



## Why Have a Conservation Commission?

New Hampshire is known for its beautiful landscape; mountains, meadows, lakes, rivers and streams. This diverse landscape, with abundant natural resources, supports working farms and forests, outdoor recreation, and the local economy. Working to protect our state's natural resources benefits all of our citizens and requires advocates on the local level to be successful. NH's conservation commissions are the local stewards of a town's natural resources and wildlife. Commissions identify critical natural areas and protect land to ensure these places will be available for citizens to enjoy for generations to come. They serve as advisors to their town governments and residents, managing lands for public benefit, including public recreation, forest management, drinking water protection and/or wildlife habitats.

### Established by RSA 36-A

A municipal conservation commission may be established by a New Hampshire municipality *"for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town."* (New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter RSA 36-A). A commission is the only local board specifically charged to protect the natural resources of the municipality. The commission may advise the planning board and other local bodies on conservation matters. It may act more directly to protect natural resources by acquiring, with the approval of the select board or city council, conservation land or conservation easements or water resources.

The commission may manage town land as conservation areas. Towns must manage land for multiple uses including recreation, timber, drinking water source protection, and wildlife habitat. Increased recreational use can often be in conflict with other resources like water quality and wildlife habitat. Commissions must carefully balance multiple uses to ensure these resources will be accessible in the future.

### Conservation Commissions face increasing pressure and more complex challenges.

Emerging contaminants threaten our drinking water and lakes and streams. Climate change is impacting our native species and threatens our biodiversity. Development impacts are putting pressure on wildlife habitats and other natural resources. Conservation commissions can help restore habitat and protect critical habitats in their community to ensure that New Hampshire has the wild places and open spaces that provide NH's citizens with enhanced quality of life, biodiversity, and a healthy environment.

*New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, 54 Portsmouth St, Concord, NH*

### NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 07, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
Tioga Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Belmont Mill, Mill Street, Belmont, NH

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Pauline Tessier, Chair; Denise Naiva, Vice-Chair;  
Jane Jordan; Ed Stephenson; Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

#### ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Thomas Ceniglio

#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Emerson Decato, Mia Kenison



### 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**

### Book Groups

#### NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

**THURSDAY April 4 10:30am**

*Bomber Mafia* by Malcolm Gladwell

#### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

**THURSDAY April 10 4:30pm**

*Poppy Wars* by RF Kuang

#### MYSTERY GROUP

**THURSDAY April 24 at 10am**

*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

#### FRIDAY FICTION BOOK GROUP

**FRIDAY April 25 at 10:30am**

*Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

### 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 April 19 11am**

*Amelia Bedelia Hops To It*

Welcome Miss Allison,  
new children's librarian



School Vacation Week

Activities

April 28-May 2

### Looking Ahead

**New Storywalk - late April**

**Author Talk Claire Hebert-Dow May 6**

**NH Humanities Jeff Warner May 22**

**at the Belmont Mill**

**April 2025**

## BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

146 Main Street

[belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://belmontpubliclibrary.org)

(603) 267-8331

MF 10-5 TWTH 10-6 Sa 9-1

# AUTHOR TALK

## CLAIRE HEBERT-DOW

Raised in a traditional Catholic family in the early 1950's, the author was unprepared for the challenges ahead if she failed to follow in her mother's footsteps.

Absent any support from family or friends, she would take the advice of a stranger and proceed on a path considered ill-matched to her gender or skillset.

If you've had a kitty or a pup who in more ways than one seems to read your mind, this is the book for you!

**SALES OF "SAVING MAMA" ARE  
DIRECTED TO BRINGING COMFORT  
DOGS INTO POLICE OR FIRE  
DEPARTMENTS.**

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**BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT  
IS THE FIRST RECIPIENT AND THE  
FIRST FIREHOUSE IN THE STATE TO  
HAVE A COMFORT DOG FROM THE  
SALES OF SAVING MAMA.**

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
146 MAIN STREET  
BELMONT NH



**MAY 6, 2025  
6:30 PM**





## News from the Heritage Commission

### **THOUSANDS OF DAFFODILS WILL BE BLOOMING SOON IN SPECIAL PLACES IN BELMONT**

*In the Fall, over 2,000 daffodil bulbs were planted to honor and memorialize Linda Frawley's commitment to Belmont's history and heritage. Be on the lookout at these special places to welcome Spring to Belmont through the **Frawley Memorial Daffodil Project**:*

**\*Province Meeting House**

**\*"Welcome to Belmont" signs**

**\*Historical Trough near library**

**\*Hydrangea bed behind library**

**\*Steps at entrance to Bandstand**

**\* Veteran's Memorial next to library**

**\*Left and right entrance to library**

**\*Front and side entrance to the Mill**

**\*Veterans bench near Penstock Park.**

**\* Rhodes & Frawley Memorial Area behind Mill**

***Send a photo of your favorite daffodil  
sighting to the email below.***

#### **Belmont Heritage Commission**

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

***Heritagecommission@belmontnh.gov***





*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@lrscs.org](mailto:trudy.poire@lrscs.org)

Ask questions about becoming a  
SFL Home Provider.



*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*

*Shared Family Living*  
**CAREGIVER CAFE**

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of the month!*

*4:00 - 5:30 pm*

*1/27/25, 2/24/25, 3/24/25, 4/28/25, 5/19/25, 6/23/25*

*The Last Chair Brewery, Plymouth*

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LAKE REGION  
**COMMUNITY**  
SERVICES

*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*



## Community Food Pantry Information

### Save the Date!

#### Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry



**Friday, April 11, 12:00pm-2:00pm**

*First-come, first-served. While supplies last.*

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

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload 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



## Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Rd., Loudon NH 03307-0734

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

Email: [Info@loudonfoodpantry.org](mailto:Info@loudonfoodpantry.org)

Website: [loudonfoodpantry.org](http://loudonfoodpantry.org) Facebook: LoudonFP

### Proudly Supporting

Belmont  
Canterbury  
Chichester  
Loudon

### How we helped our communities

In **February 2025** Loudon Food Pantry **gave out enough food to 259 individuals for them to prepare 6,950 meals.** Of these people, 144 were aged 60 and older (56%), 41 were aged 18 or under (16%), and 74 were between those ages (29%).

### Time Off – April 29, 30 and May 1, 2025

**We will be closed and unavailable on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2025.** This gives our volunteers some time to recharge after the holiday season. **We will reopen on Tuesday May 6, 2025.**



April 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](mailto:rhowe@franklinvna.org)



April 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:*



**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](http://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

## Community Programs



Franklin  
VNA & Hospice

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

April 22nd - May 27th  
Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

*Five FREE small-group sessions provided in a supportive environment to discuss loss and identify coping skills that can aid in the grieving process.*

*You don't have to grieve alone.*

To Register call 603-934-3454  
or email [cmurray@franklinvna.org](mailto:cmurray@franklinvna.org)

## You Are NOT Alone.

**Free & confidential help is available 24/7:**

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

CALL/TEXT 988 OR VISIT [988LIFELINE.ORG](https://988lifeline.org)

(Press/Text 2/AYUDA for Spanish; 3/PRIDE for LGBTQ+ Youth)

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

CALL 988 (PRESS 1) OR TEXT 838255

**NH RAPID RESPONSE ACCESS POINT**

CALL/TEXT 833-710-6477 OR VISIT [NH988.COM](https://nh988.com)

**CRISIS TEXT LINE** – TEXT NAMI TO 741741

**DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE** – 1-800-985-5990

**THE TREVOR PROJECT** – HOTLINE FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH.

CALL 1-866-488-7386 OR TEXT START TO 678-678

**TRANS LIFELINE** – 1-877-565-8860 (not a 24/7 resource)

To connect with NON-crisis resources & support in the Granite State, contact NAMI NH's Info & Resource Line at [info@NAMINH.org](mailto:info@NAMINH.org) or 1-800-242-6264 (press 4).



**New Hampshire**



# Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

## Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, April 12**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot  
9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



### Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	Dehumidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pan	\$ 1
Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)			

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

\*The item will be weighed on site and the price determined.

### Items we CANNOT accept:

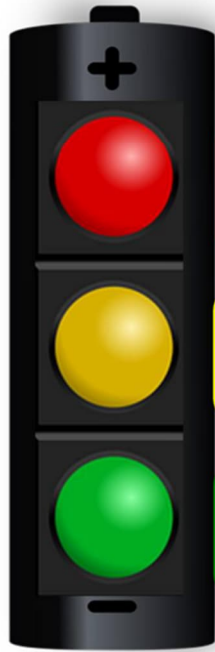
Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

***"Don't Throw It Out, Recycle It!"***

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

## Batteries

# Take *CHARGE* of your Batteries!



### Stop!

Do you have batteries, or items containing batteries, you need to dispose of?



### Caution!

What types of batteries are they?

### Go!

Find out how to dispose of these items properly!

### Stop!



Rechargeable batteries and items containing rechargeable batteries should **NOT** be thrown in the trash or recycle bin.

If terminals touch metal, or another battery, or if the battery becomes damaged, it could cause a FIRE!



### Caution!

#### Know your batteries

Some single-use alkaline (non-rechargeable) batteries can be disposed of in the trash.



→ All types of batteries can still contain a charge so it's best to put tape over both the positive and negative terminals or bag each battery individually.



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**Environmental  
Services**

[www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

### Go!

#### Recycle/Dispose

Dispose of batteries properly!

Rechargeable batteries are recyclable when done properly. Many town transfer stations and retail outlets offer battery recycling. To find a location near you, search Earth 911 or call2recycle. If recycling is not possible at your transfer station, check with hardware, office supply and specialty battery stores.





## Trash & Recycling Calendar 2025


APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Full year 2025 calendars available at  
[https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/  
Index/50738/solid-waste](https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50738/solid-waste)  
or post card calendars  
can be picked up at Town Hall.



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### Belmont Town Office


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

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

**Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023**


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

Please schedule your visits to our offices accordingly.




### 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.*




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




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
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- Recreation Department
- Winni Trail
- Fire
- Police
- Library




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