Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT

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 18th thru April 20th, 2026.** 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 20th.** We urge you to participate in this effort and help us clean up our community.



This is a roadside 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 15th. Information can be found at belmontnh.gov > Departments > Assessing

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

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Important Upcoming Dates

(Check our CALENDAR at belmontnh.gov)

- 04/18/2026—Belmont Rabies & Microchip Clinic
- 04/18/2026 thru 04/20/2026 —Beautify Belmont Cleanup
- 04/15/2026—Board of Selectmen's Meeting 6 pm
- 04/16/2026—ARC Meeting 8 am
- 04/22/2026—Zoning Board Meeting
- 04/27/2026—Planning Board Meeting

Thank you from the Town Administrator

The successful passage of the 2026 Town budget is something that I am deeply grateful to our community for supporting. For the past two years, our town has faced the difficult reality of operating under a default budget. Anyone who has worked through that process understands the challenges it creates, not only for the Town's operations but also for the people working every day to serve our residents.

Over these past two years, our staff, board members, budget committee, and many others have spent countless hours carefully preparing budgets that reflect the real needs of our town while being mindful of the responsibility we have to taxpayers. There have been many long meetings, difficult conversations, and more than a few sleepless nights along the way. Operating under a default budget brought both headaches and, at times, real heartache as we tried to maintain services with limited flexibility.

That is why the voters' decision to pass the 2026 budget means so much. It represents trust in the work being done and a shared commitment to the future of our community. I am truly grateful to everyone who took the time to learn about the budget, participate in the process, and make their voice heard at the ballot box. Even if the win was by a few votes, a win is a win.

Passing this budget allows us to move forward together and focus on continuing to serve the residents of this Town to the very best of our abilities.

I am also pleased to share that the voters have approved the warrant article authorizing the purchase of a new fire truck for our Fire Department, supported by $500,000 in state grant funding. This is an important investment in the safety of our community and a strong example of how outside funding can help reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

For residents, this means improved emergency response capabilities for years to come, with a lower local cost than would otherwise be required. The new fire truck will improve our department's ability to respond quickly and effectively to fires, medical emergencies, and other incidents across the community.

We would like to thank the voters for their support and the many individuals who worked to secure this grant funding and bring this proposal forward. Your commitment helps ensure that our town continues to invest wisely in the services that protect our community.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank the voters for their support and for believing in the work we are doing for our community.

Alicia Jipson

Town Administrator

Town Administrator's Office

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 115 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.



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.

Please join our **"Beautify Belmont"** efforts in the month of April!



Lakes Region Public Access
community empowered by media

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

Town Administrator's Office

Please Scoop the Poop: Help Keep Belmont Clean!



It pains us to have to issue this reminder, but our downtown area is experiencing problems with pet owners who do not clean up after their pets. After this year's snow melt an abundance of poop was found in front of the bench behind the library, which is frequently used by residents, students, and Town staff. **Cleaning up after your pet is required.**

To support this effort, FREE dog waste bags are available at various locations throughout public areas. These stations are provided to make it easy to be a responsible pet owner and to help keep Belmont's shared spaces clean and welcoming for everyone.

Know the Rules

In accordance with the Town of Belmont's regulations governing use of Town properties (see Sections IV-A, IV-B, and IV-E, as well as Section V-B), dog owners are required to promptly remove and properly dispose of their pet's waste.

This applies to all Town-owned properties, including parks, trails, sidewalks, and downtown areas. Leaving dog waste behind—regardless of location—is a violation of Town ordinance.

Enforcement and Penalties

The **Belmont Police Department is authorized to enforce these regulations** and may issue a summons requiring payment of a fine as follows:

- $25 for a first offense
- $100 for a second offense
- $250 for each subsequent offense

Failure to pay the fine within 72 hours may result in the offender being summoned to court for prosecution.

Why It Matters

Cleaning up after your dog is a simple action that makes a big difference.

Town Administrator's Office (Cont'd.)

Benefits of Cleaning Up

- Protects public health by reducing exposure to harmful bacteria and parasites
- Keeps parks, sidewalks, and trails clean for everyone to enjoy
- **Prevents pollution** of local waterways through stormwater runoff
- Reduces odors and pests in shared spaces
- Promotes community pride and responsible pet ownership

Consequences of Not Cleaning Up

- Health risks for people and other animals
- Environmental damage, including impacts to lakes and streams
- **Negative experiences** for residents and visitors
- Fines and legal consequences under Town ordinance
- Increased maintenance costs for the community

Do Your Part

When visiting Town property with your dog:

- Bring a waste bag—or use the FREE bags provided
- Pick up waste immediately
- Dispose of it properly in a trash receptacle



Please remember: bagging waste and leaving it **behind is still considered littering.** Carry it out and dispose of it properly.

A Shared Responsibility

Belmont's public spaces belong to everyone. By cleaning up after your pet, you help ensure these areas remain clean, safe, and enjoyable for all.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Belmont a community we can all be proud of!

Message from the Board of Selectmen

Office of Board of Selectmen
143 Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220-0310
Telephone: (603) 267-8300 Fax: (603) 267-8327

March 18, 2026

The Belmont Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone for a successful 2026 Town Meeting. We are grateful to the voters of the Town of Belmont who came out on Election Day, asked thoughtful questions, and engaged directly with their officials. It was a strong turnout, and wonderful to see so many community members participate.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our Town Administrator; the Town Hall staff; the Building & Grounds crew; Department Heads; elected and appointed officials; and all Town employees for their extensive work in preparing the budget and the ballot, and their work for Election Day. We value everyone's contributions and their commitment to working cohesively for the best interests of the Town.

Our Town Clerk, her Assistants, our Moderator, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and the ballot clerks all put in a long day to ensure a smooth voting experience for everyone.

We appreciate everyone who has served our community and extend a warm welcome to all newly elected officials and board members.

Lastly, we congratulate Sonny Patten on his "retirement" from the Board of Selectmen. Sonny served on the Town's Planning Board as an alternate from 1991 to 1994, a full member from 1994 to 2018, and then as a Selectman from 2018–2026. His dedication and service to the Town of Belmont have not gone unrecognized. Please thank him if you see him out and about!

Thank you, Belmont Board of Selectmen

Ruth P. Mooney

Sharon Ciampi

Jon Pike

Mark Lewandoski

Travis O'Hara

Community Food Pantry Information



The NH Food Bank's mobile food pantry travels to many different areas of need across New Hampshire.

What to know before you go:

- Our mobile food pantries are a drive-thru format.
- Food distributions take place on a first-come, first-served basis and are while supplies last.
- Each household receives an assortment of produce and shelf-stable foods.
- We welcome anyone in need of food assistance to join us – no identification or requirements needed.

Below is a list of upcoming mobile food pantries:

For more information see: ***https://nhfoodbank.org/find****-food/mobile-food-pantry-schedule/*

⇒ *04/08/2026 — Gorham*	12 pm to 1:30 pm
⇒ *04/24/2026—Nashua*	12 pm to 2:00 pm
⇒ *05/06/2026—Colebrook*	12:00 to 1:30 pm
⇒ *05/15/2026—Laconia*	12:00 to 2:00 pm

Food pantries located in Belmont include:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

6 High Street

Belmont, NH 03220

(603) 267-8171

First Baptist Church Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen

45 Church Street

Belmont, NH 03220

(603) 267-8185

Community Food Pantry Information

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

Proudly Supporting

Belmont
Canterbury
Chichester
Loudon

How we helped our communities

In February 2026 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 271 individuals for them to prepare 10,324 meals. Of these people, 123 were aged 60 and older (45%), 57 were aged 18 or under (21%), and 91 were between those ages (34%).

Here is a list of the items we need:

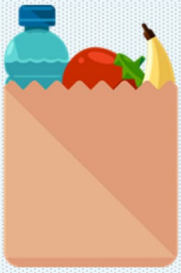
- Hearty Cream Style Soups
- Hot Beverages
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Tuna

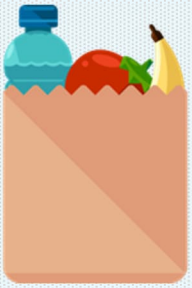


Time O**ff** – April 28, 29, 30th

We will be closed and unavailable on April 28, 29 and 30th. This gives our volunteers some time to recharge after the holiday season. We will reopen on Tuesday May 5, 2026.

Do you need food? Call Meghan at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!





Belmont Town Hall Food Drive

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

As the cold winter months continue, we will keep our food donation bin available. Thanks to your generosity, we've already dropped off three hearty donations.

HOW TO HELP

Every can, box, and donation makes a difference.
Let's keep our community fed and strong through this crisis.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula, & diapers
- Peanut butter & canned protein (chicken, tuna, salmon)
- Cooking oil & spices



QUESTIONS?

603-267-8300 x2

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Belmont Town Hall
143 Main St
7:30am-4:00pm

Town Clerk's Corner

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the Town of Belmont! We have approximately 5,000 registered voters and just shy of 1,000 voters attended the election, about an 20% turnout. It's always a pleasure to see so many familiar faces.

Thank you to the Selectboard, Supervisors of the Checklist, ballot clerks, and Moderator for their attendance, dedication, and help in assuring a seamless election.

Elections rely on the efforts of many individuals who work behind the scenes to ensure the process runs smoothly, fairly, and efficiently. From preparing voter lists and overseeing procedures to assisting voters throughout the day, your service helps uphold the integrity of our local democratic process.

We are grateful for your willingness to serve our community and for the many hours you contribute to making our town election successful.

RECOUNT RESULTS

The final numbers from the recent recount of Article #4 have been completed and certified with 480 yes and 474 no votes.

I also want to thank everyone in the community for their engagement in this process. Residents have the right to request a recount, and in this case that right was exercised. We followed all required procedures and carried out the recount carefully, transparently, and in full accordance with the law.

We understand that these moments matter to people, and we take that responsibility seriously. The process was conducted as it should be, and the results reflect that. At the end of the day, the outcome is the outcome, and we appreciate the community's continued commitment to a fair and respectful civic process.

This was a true example of **every vote matters**.



Town Clerk's Corner

Just a reminder that 2026 1st issue water/sewer bills and any past due utilities are due April 14, 2026. 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. 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.

We will be sending out certified intent to lien notices the week of April 20th. These notices notify residents of the intent to lien any unpaid amounts for property taxes, water and sewer from 2025. Please call the office for an updated interest amount. You will have 30 days to make payment in full to avoid the lien. The lien date is set for May 28, 2026.

LAST CALL FOR DOG LICENSING

There are still a few spots left for our first-ever Rabies & Microchip Clinic! **Only $15 per pet!** New Hampshire Humane Society will be onsite at the Belmont Fire Department on Saturday, April 18th from 10am-12pm.

Clinic Registration Details

- Pre-register at: www.nhhumane.org/bestfriend
  → Click SCHEDULE NOW!
  → Select Rabies Clinic BELMONT 4/18 10a–12p
- Appointment times are scheduled in 5-minute increments
- No prepayment required
- Walk-ins accepted if space allows

The Clerk's Office will also be available during the clinic to process dog licenses. Dogs who have been spayed/neutered are $6.50 while unaltered dog licenses cost $9.00. If you are over the age of 65 you get one dog license per household for $2.00. Payments can be made by cash or check. Licensing must be done by April 30th. Be sure to add your email to your pup's account to be entered into our Dog of the Month/Year drawings.

Take advantage of this convenient opportunity, we look forward to seeing you and your furry friend!

Samantha, Devon, & Jenn

Belmont Rabies & Microchip Clinic



my best friend
COMMUNITY PET CARE

RABIES & MICROCHIP CLINIC

April 18th, 2026
10 AM - 12 PM

Belmont Fire Department
14 Gilmanton Road
Belmont, NH 03220



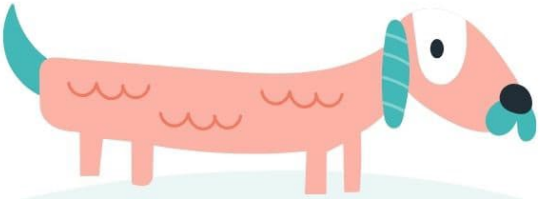
REGISTER NOW!

NHHUMANE.ORG/BestFriend
(click on the link for BELMONT)
$15 per pet

Cats must be in carrier.
Dogs must be on leash.

If your pet has had a rabies vaccine in the past, they are eligible for a 3-year vaccine. You MUST have the rabies vaccine certificate showing the expiration date. Tags do not suffice as proof. Otherwise, all rabies vaccines will expire in 1 year.

Sponsorship Opportunities



CALLING ALL DOG LOVERS & LOCAL BUSINESSES

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



STARTING IN 2026, BELMONT WILL BE HOSTING ITS 1ST ANNUAL TOP DOG CONTEST



A FUN-FILLED COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS! EXPECT WAGGING TAILS, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND PAWSITIVE VIBES! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GIVES SPONSORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS
REQUESTED PRIZE CONTRIBUTIONS : GIFT CARDS, PET SUPPLIES, SERVICES, ETC

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT DEVON AT TCTC2@BELMONTNH.GOV
OR 603-267-8300 X131

Dog of the Year Contest

DOG OF THE YEAR CONTEST!

YOUR FURRY FRIEND MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 30TH TO QUALIFY!

Here's how it works (no treats required):

- Starting in May, one lucky pup will be chosen each month using a computer-generated randomizer based on license numbers. It's fair, it's fun, and yes—your dog's charm still totally counts.
- If your dog's number comes up, we'll send you an email (participation in the spotlight is optional). When you stop by to register, we'll ask if you'd like an email on file just in case your pup becomes a star.
- Each month's top dog will be celebrated in the newsletter with a playful Doggy Bio Spotlight, and their moment of fame will also be posted in Town Hall for all to admire.



After 12 fabulous pups have had their time to shine (May 2027), our Dog of the Month winners will go head-to-head—or tail-to-tail—for the grand title of Dog of the Year!



PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED!
Get those tails wagging—we can't wait to celebrate our community's canine companions!

603-267-8300 x2
tctc3@belmontnh.gov

Job Opening—Police Department



We are seeking a full-time certified or non-certified Police Officer to join our team.

- **Salary $29.72 -$40.44/hr**
- Flexible and family friendly 10 hour shifts on a rotating schedule.
- Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Family Leave
- Retirement Plan
- Employee Assistance Program
- Overtime
- Detail Rate **$75/hr**

APPLY TODAY!

Submit your resume & cover letter to:

Eboulanger@Belmontnh.gov

For More Info Please Call Captain Boulanger:
(603)267-8351

Job Opening - Fire Department

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!!!

FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER / AEMT

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Town of Belmont Fire Department is seeking four (4) qualified candidates to fill immediate openings. The individuals will perform responsible firefighting operations, emergency medical care, and other related duties.

SALARY RANGE: $26.83 — $38.19 (per hour)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED (Associate's Degree Preferred)
- Certification as a Firefighter II and Nationally Registered AEMT
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, valid NH CDL-B driver's license with tank endorsement within the 1st year of employment.
- Eligible under State of NH Administration rules, 701.01, 701.02, 702.01. 702.2, or a lateral transfer that meets rule 703.01
- Valid Driver's License and successful criminal and driving background check
- Ability to pass an NFPA 1582 pre-employment physical

WORK SCHEDULE:

- Based on a rotating 42-Hour work week
- Rotation: 1-2-1-4 Rotation

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Address to: Firefighter/ALS Provider Hiring Process

Attn: Chief Donald Pickowicz

PO Box 837, Belmont, NH 03220

bfd@belmontnh.gov

This is a Union position.

The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

OPEN UNTIL FILLED!!

Department of Public Works

Litter Pickup



April's warmer temperatures and melting snow reveal roadside litter that has accumulated over the winter months. The Public Works Department will begin cleanup efforts as time permits, but residents are encouraged to help out in their neighborhoods, especially for our Beautify Belmont program in April.

Special blue trash bags for roadside cleanup are available through the Public Works Department or at Town Hall and can be provided to volunteers upon request.

Please contact Public Works at 528-2677 to coordinate pickup of supplies and to arrange collection of filled bags after your cleanup.

Spring Roadwork

As seasonal weight restrictions are lifted across the Northeast, construction activity will increase significantly. Companies of all sizes will be working on projects ranging from major highway improvements to routine maintenance and landscaping.

Please stay alert for advanced warning signs and follow the directions of traffic control personnel. Their priority is to guide you safely and efficiently through work zones while protecting both the public and their crews.

Once Belmont's spring road ban is lifted, the information will be posted on our website at belmontnh.gov.

Permits & Regulations Reminder

If you are planning excavation work—or hiring a contractor to perform work within the Town of Belmont, please keep the following in mind:

- The Town has ordinances governing work within public rights-of-way
- A permit is required before any work begins

All permits must be submitted and approved prior to starting work. Our Town ordinances are available at belmontnh.gov and outline expectations and standards for projects conducted in these areas.

Driveway Permits

Driveway permits are required for:

- New driveway construction
- Paving/reconstruction of existing driveways or private roads connecting to Town-maintained roads
- All logging operations
- Change of Use of the property

Information on requirements and applications is available at belmontnh.gov.

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1-888-DIG-SAFE or 811 DIGSAFE.COM

Department of Public Works Contd.

2026 Water System Overview and Planned Summer Projects

System Overview

The Belmont Water Department sources its water from gravel-packed wells located at the Shaker Road facility. Contrary to what some believe, this water does not come from Pout Pond. Currently, we have two wells that are in operation:

- Well #1 – the oldest well, with a maximum yield of 120 gallons per minute (gpm)
- Well #3 – the newest well, with a maximum yield of 450 gpm

These wells operate together to meet system demand. Water is pumped from the wells into the wellhouse, where it is treated before being transferred to a 1,000,000-gallon storage tank located on Route 140. From there, water is distributed throughout the Town via gravity feed.

2026 Source Improvement Plan

The Belmont Water Department will undertake a three-step improvement plan in 2026 to enhance water quality and system performance:

New Well Installation

The Department will replace the aging, low-production Well #1 with a new gravel-packed well, designated Well #4, funded through ARPA resources.

Well #4 will have sufficient capacity to meet the full demand of the system independently.

Well #3 Rehabilitation

Once Well #4 is operational:

- Well #3 will be taken offline for cleaning and redevelopment
- This process, expected to take several weeks, will remove accumulated iron and manganese deposits

After rehabilitation, Well #3 will return to service alongside Well #4.

Storage Tank Cleaning

The final step involves cleaning the interior of the 1,000,000-gallon storage tank to remove excess iron buildup and improve overall water quality.

System Maintenance: Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will be conducted twice during the year. This routine maintenance:

- Uses high-velocity water flow to scour pipes
- Removes iron deposits from cast iron and ductile iron mains

Helps maintain water clarity and system efficiency. Flushing notices will be posted in the newspaper and on our website at belmontnh.gov

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Public Works

Summary

This three-step improvement plan, combined with routine maintenance, will:

- Enhance water quality at the source
- Improve system reliability and capacity
- Reduce iron and manganese buildup throughout the system

In addition to this multi-step cleaning project, we must also be prepared to replace some of our aging infostructure. Delivering drinking water through pipes that are close to 100 years old can still result in occasional discoloration of the water.

These efforts reflect the Belmont Water Department's ongoing commitment to providing safe, clean, and reliable drinking water to the community.

Department of Public Works Contact Information

Phone: 603-528-2677
Email: publicworks@belmontnh.gov

The Public Works Department is happy to assist Belmont residents!



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April 2026 Issue

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.

April 2026 Issue

Belmont Police Department

On April 1st, the Belmont Police Department was proud to welcome Chris Pappas for a visit to our station, where he met with Chief Stephen Akerstrom and Captain Evan Boulanger.



Congressman Pappas has recently advocated on behalf of the Belmont Police Department in support of funding for equipment closely tied to our ongoing accreditation efforts. Chief Akerstrom has set a clear mandate for the department to achieve accreditation within the next two years. As part of that effort, the department has been actively exploring creative funding opportunities to support necessary equipment upgrades, needs that this grant would directly address.

During his visit, Congressman Pappas participated in a productive roundtable discussion with department leadership and staff, focusing on the importance of accreditation, modernization, and continued service to the Belmont community. The visit also included a tour of the facility and an opportunity to meet with officers, detectives, and civilian personnel.



The Belmont Police Department is grateful for Congressman Pappas' support and interest in our mission. His visit highlighted not only the importance of partnerships at the federal, state, and local levels, but also the dedication of our personnel who work each day to serve and protect our community.

Thank you

The Belmont Police Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Belmont community for your overwhelming support in voting in favor of our union contract.

Your support plays a critical role in helping us retain the dedicated officers we recruit, train, and equip. Policing requires a significant investment of time and resources, and your vote helps ensure that those efforts remain here in Belmont, serving the very community that made that investment possible. We are excited to continue growing our department and to build lasting careers rooted right here in our Town.

We would also like to thank the community for supporting the Town's operating budget. Every department in Belmont relies on that funding to function effectively, and its passage ensures we can continue to properly equip our officers with essential, life-saving gear such as body armor. These are not just tools of

the job, they are critical to keeping our officers safe while they serve you.

We recognize and deeply respect how hard the residents of Belmont work to support this community. Your trust and investment in us are not taken lightly. We remain fully committed to providing the highest level of service, professionalism, and dedication that you deserve.

Thank you for your continued support.



Upcoming Graduation

The Belmont Police Department is proud to recognize Officer Matthew Hurley as he approaches graduation from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

Officer Hurley has been attending the police academy for nearly 14 weeks and is entering the final phase of his training. His anticipated graduation date is April 24, marking a significant milestone in his journey to becoming a full-time police officer.

Following graduation, Officer Hurley will return to Belmont to begin his Field Training Program, where he will work alongside experienced officers to apply the skills and knowledge he has developed at the academy in real-world situations.

We look forward to welcoming Officer Hurley back to the department and continuing to support his development as he prepares for solo patrol. His commitment and hard work reflect the values we strive to uphold at the Belmont Police Department.

Town Property and Animal Waste

As we head into the warmer months, the Belmont Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors who enjoy walking their dogs in our downtown and park areas to please clean up after them.

Our shared green spaces are an important part of what makes Belmont such a great place to live and visit. Unfortunately, dog waste that is not picked up can create health concerns, unpleasant odors, and an overall negative experience for others trying to enjoy these areas. It can also impact maintenance efforts and detract from the appearance of spaces that belong to everyone in the community.

We would also like to remind dog owners that town ordinance requires pets to be cleaned up after while in public areas. This simple act goes a long way in keeping Belmont clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

With a busy season of community events and activities on the horizon, we look forward to seeing our downtown and green spaces used and enjoyed by many. With everyone doing their part, we can ensure these areas remain something we can all take pride in.

Belmont Police Department

Emergencies: 911 or 267-8350 *Non-Emergencies: 267-8351*

Fraud/Scam News

This scam alert is brought to you by Camden National Bank:

Three Common Scams in 2026

By staying informed, we can work together to protect our finances. Below are three common scams we're seeing more often.

1. "This Is Your Bank Calling"

Fraudsters may call pretending to be your bank, sometimes spoofing the bank's phone number or using AI generated voices, and ask for online banking Login ID, password, or secure access codes.

What You Can Do

- Never share your secure access code or password.

If you're unsure, hang up and call your bank using a trusted number.

2. Phish-y Emails & Texts

Scammers send fake messages that look like they're from your bank, or other trusted companies, often asking you to click a link or share personal information. Some now use AI to make messages sound more convincing.

What You Can Do

- Don't click links or share personal information from unexpected emails or texts.
- Never download Remote Access Applications for someone you don't know.

Pause if a message feels urgent or off.

3. "Accidentally" Sent You Money

In this peer-to-peer (P2P) payment scam, someone sends you money and asks you to send it back. The original payment was likely made using stolen funds.

What You Can Do

- Don't return money to someone you don't know.
- If it seems suspicious, call your bank first.



Belmont Fire Department



Fire permits are available **FREE** of charge at the Belmont Fire Department

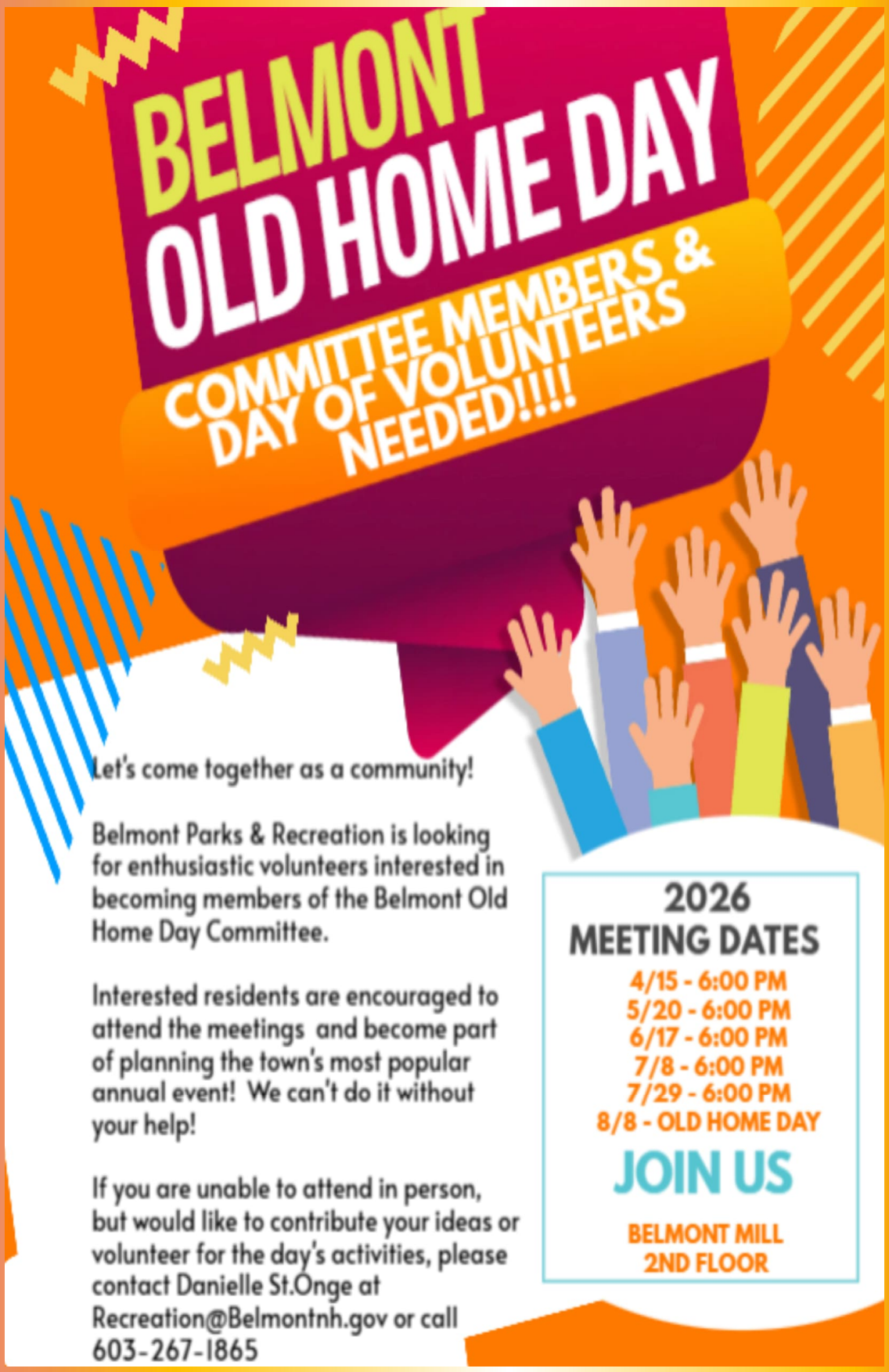
or you may purchase your Fire Permits Online at:

https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/

Friendly Reminders

1. **You must be 18 years of age or older to obtain a fire permit.**
2. **You must own the land in which your 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 sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.**
6. **You must obtain a fire permit for portable fireplaces.**
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.**

Parks & Rec


BELMONT
OLD HOME DAY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS & DAY OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!
Let's come together as a community!
Belmont Parks & Recreation is looking for enthusiastic volunteers interested in becoming members of the Belmont Old Home Day Committee.
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
2026
MEETING DATES
4/15 - 6:00 PM
5/20 - 6:00 PM
6/17 - 6:00 PM
7/8 - 6:00 PM
7/29 - 6:00 PM
8/8 - OLD HOME DAY
JOIN US
BELMONT MILL
2ND FLOOR

Call to schedule an interview today!

HELP WANTED

Belmont Parks & Recreation

SEASONAL JOB POSITIONS:

ASSISTANT SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR
SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS
SWIM CLASS INSTRUCTOR
LIFEGUARDS

(ask about our lifeguard certification reimbursement program)

YEAR ROUND PART-TIME POSITIONS

PARK & PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Belmont Parks & Recreation is seeking qualified candidates to fill job openings. Job descriptions and applications are available online at BelmontNH.gov

Danielle St.Onge
Recreation Director
Town of Belmont
PO Box 310
Belmont, NH 03220
(603) 267-1865




BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION
SUMMER
KICK-OFF
LIVE MUSIC FROM THE
ENDLESS SKIES BAND
COMMUNITY YARD SALE -
ARTS + CRAFTS - GAMES - FOOD +
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.
SAT • MAY 30
11A-1P
BELMONT MILL + TIOGA PAVILION
MILL STREET - BELMONT, NH

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAP

Register Here or at Belmontnh.gov

SATURDAY, May 30TH

9AM - 1PM

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

$5.00

OR

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

$10.00

Register Online Before 5/22 to be added to online map.
Yard Sale maps will be available at Town Hall 5/26
Email recreation@Belmontnh.gov for more information

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

STRETCH & STRENGTH

WITH MICHELLE TSIMTSOS ROSENBLATT

TUESDAYS

4/14-5/19
4:30PM-5:30PM
BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR
$60 FOR 6 WEEKS



Stretch & Strength exercises will vary from week to week. Please bring your own mat, a small towel and water. Advance registration is require. Minimum participation is required for the program to take place. Refunds will be issued only in the situation that a class does not fill to minimum capacity.

REGISTER NOW AT BELMONTNH.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION

MEET OUR INSTRUCTOR

Michelle moved to the Belmont community 2 years ago and is excited to bring her over 34 years of experience and love for health and fitness to our community. Along with a BA in psychology and a BS in exercise science, Michelle is a certified lifestyle and weight management coach, personal trainer, XPT breathing coach, falls prevention specialist and yoga & group exercise instructor. She is an avid hiker, fitness enthusiast and music lover.

SCHOOL GROUPS • SPORT TEAMS • LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS • BUSINESSES • COMMUNITY MEMBERS

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH - 10:00AM

MEETING LOCATION: LESLIE E.ROBERTS BEACH BATH HOUSE

COME JOIN US AS WE CLEAN UP OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACH, TRAILS & PARKING AREA!

WHILE WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY, WE WELCOME THOSE WITH RAKES, GARDEN TOOLS , GLOVES, LOPPERS & LEAF BLOWERS. GARBAGE BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED!

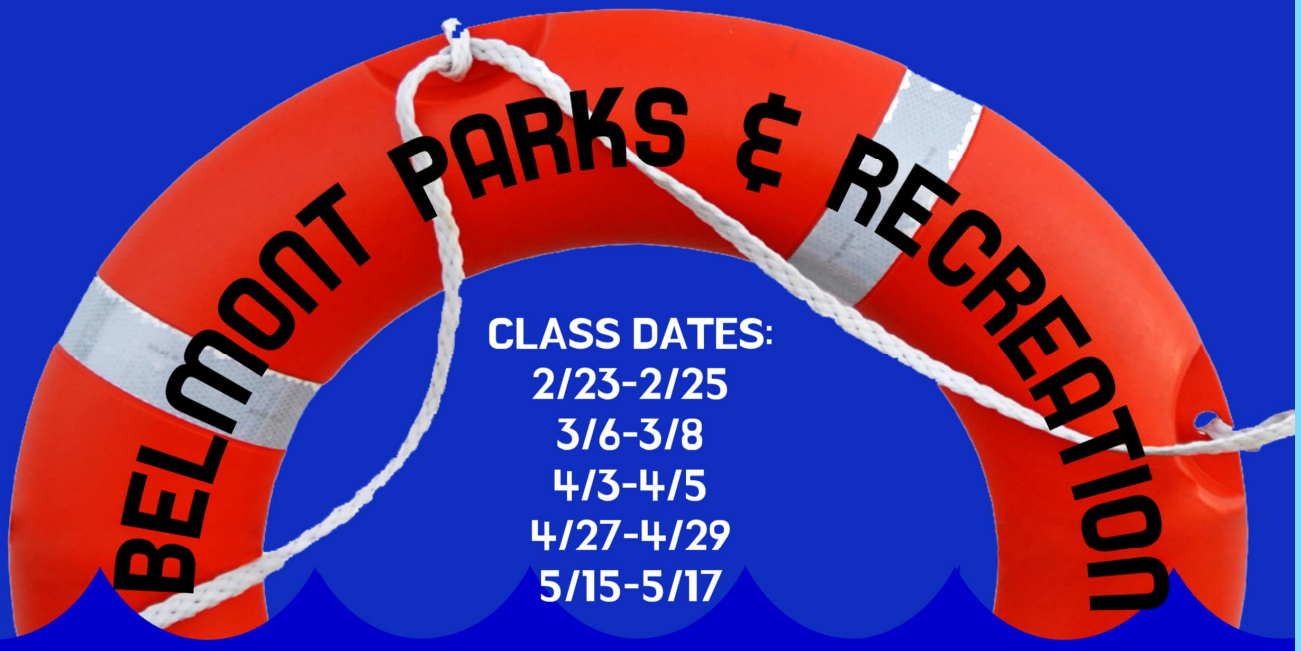
RAIN DATE - SUNDAY - APRIL 20,2025



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES

Winter is just getting started but SUMMER will be here before you know it! Belmont Parks & Recreation will be hiring lifeguards 16+ for the summer of 2026! Get certified now!



CLASS DATES:
2/23-2/25
3/6-3/8
4/3-4/5
4/27-4/29
5/15-5/17

Great work environment - Flexible Schedule - Learn important life skills - Excellent source of summer income - Great resume' builder!

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES VISIT:

SWIMNH.com

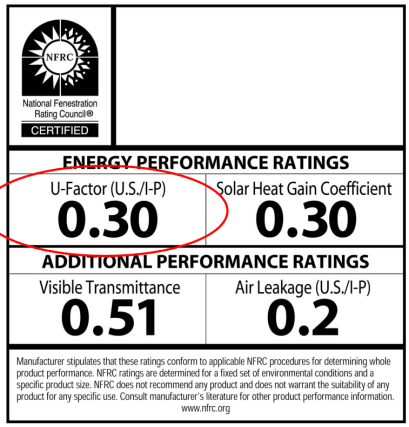
ALL CLASSES ARE HELD IN CONCORD NH

Building Department

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.



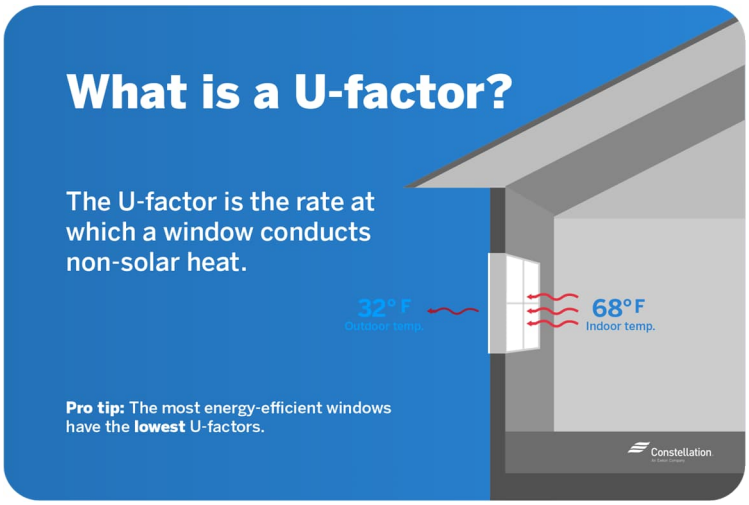
As always, before starting any building project, please give us a call and we will be happy to help you determine if a building permit is required.

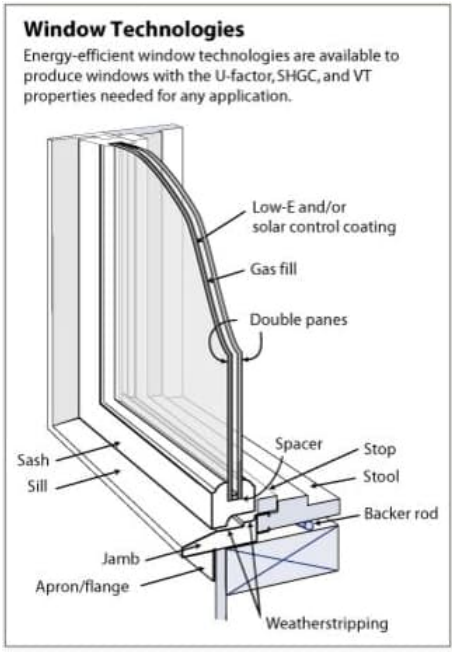
Please contact us at 603-267-8300 ext. 111 or email us at

buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov.

Thank you,

Glenn Caron, Building Inspector





Land Use

April 2026

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 4/16/2026(if needed)
Planning Board – 4/27/2026
Zoning Board – 4/22/2026



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

Land Use { ARC · Planning · Zoning }



November Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Karen Stuyniski
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 (March 19, 2026)

REM Central, LLC Review of a proposed Subdivision & Site Plan to subdivide the parcel into two lots, and add 12 new parking spaces to the Dunkin parcel. Property is located at 223 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot ***101-028***-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. ARC Case # 06-26R.

Planning Board (March 23, 2026)

2nd Public Hearing – Amendments to the Town of Belmont's Zoning Ordinance.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing- Site Plan Review - Susan Condodemetraky Revocable Trust: (Continued from February 23, 2026) Approved—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 # 01-26P.

Five Year Compliance Hearing – Pike Industries, Inc.: Withdrawn—Applicant is requesting a Five-year compliance hearing for earth excavation permit conditions. Property is located at 308 Depot Street, Tax Lots 235-058-000-000, 232-031-000-000, 236-014-000-000, 236-011-000-000 & 231-014-000-000. PB Case # 03-26P.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Rt. 106 Realty Trust – Site Plan Review Extension: Approved—Fequest 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 in March 27, 2023, March 25, 2024 & March 24, 2025. Property is located on Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-003-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. PB Case #04-26P.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Rt. 106 Realty Trust - Site Plan Review Extension: Approved—Request for Site Plan approval extension to add a commercial 16 bay storage building with office and a Conditional Use Permit for a subordinate dwelling unit. The original approval date was March 22, 2024. Property is located at 457 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-108-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. PB Case# 05-26P

continued...

Land Use

Planning Board (February 23, 2026)

Plan Submission and Public Hearing- Rt. 106 Realty Trust- Site Plan Review: Approved—Request for Site Plan approval for Contractor's Yard, commercial building (motor vehicle & trailer service, professional offices, light manufacturing, retail stores and service business), and Conditional Use Permit for a subordinate dwelling unit. Property is located at 346 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. Planning Board Case 06-26P

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Harold and Lynn Lassonde - Proposed Subdivision: (Continued to April)Applicant is seeking Subdivision Approval to create two lots. Property is located at 255 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lot 105-021--000-000, in the Rural Zone. Planning Board Case # 07-26P.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Kipco Properties, LLC – Site Plan Review: Approved—Request for Site Plan approval for a Contractor's Yard, a 26-foot-tall commercial building for storage and maintenance of excavation equipment, and a proposed paved driveway and gravel lot. Property located on Field Lane, Tax Lot 241-002-000-000, in the Industrial Zone. Planning Board Case #08-26P

Zoning Board (March 25,2026) :

Abutter's Hearing - Larry and Beth Dubin: Approved—Request for a Variance from Article 5 Table 2 to build a single-family home with garage closer to the front setback (17.7 feet where 50' is required) than allowed. Property is located at 156 Gardners Grove, Tax Lot 120-017-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #03-26Z.

Abutter's Hearing – Edward Trethewey: Approved—Applicant is proposing to remove existing 8'x 36' travel trailer with a 11'x36' park model trailer and is requesting the following relief:
A Variance from Article 4 of the Wetland Ordinance to place the park model trailer closer (20.8' where 50' is required) to public waters than allowed.

A Variance from Article 8 Section B.F of the Zoning Ordinance to place the park model trailer closer (11.6' where 15 feet is required) to an unrelated structure than allowed.

A Variance from Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to place the park model trailer closer (11.9' where 12.5' is required) to the rear lot line.

Property is located at 21 Dolphin Drive, Tax Lot 117-015-000-113, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA cases 04-26Z, 05-26Z, & 06-26Z

Abutter's Hearing – Brian and Kristen Walker: Approved —Applicant is proposing to remove and replace the existing single-family home with a single-family home with attached garage and is requesting the following relief:

Three Variances from Article 4 of the Wetland Ordinance (Setback from Public Waters) : Garage: 19.9' where 50' is required; Northside: 23.9' where 50' is required; Westside: 40.7' where 50' is required

One Variance from Article 5 Table 2 (Setbacks from Side Lot Line): Southside: 9.5' where 12.5' is required. Property is located at 116 Tucker Shore Road, Tax Lot 107-024-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Cases # 07-26Z, 08-26Z, 09-26Z & 10-26Z.

Abutter's Hearing – Michael and Jennifer Grant: Approved —Applicant is proposing to construct a two-story addition (garage with laundry and bathroom) and is requesting the following relief:
A variance from Article 5 Table 2 to construct the addition closer (11.0' where 12.5' is required) to the side lot line than allowed.
A variance from Article 5 Table 2 to construct the addition closer (14.4' where 50' is required) to the front lot line than is allowed.
Property is located at 30 Bayview Drive, Tax Lot 115-009-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Cases #11-26Z & 12-26Z

Abutter's Hearing – Forest Stone, LLC: Denied—Applicant is requesting a Variance from Article 5 Table 2 - in the Rural Zone in compliance with the Residential Single-Family Zone dimensional requirements, Property is located at 114 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lot 206-008-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ZBA Case #13-26Z.

Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town's website:
www.belmontnh.gov

Planning Board

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

Zoning Board

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

Conservation Commission

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

April 2026 Issue

Conservation Commission

Belmont Conservation Commission

How to build a Pollinator Garden



A pollinator garden attracts pollinator species such as bees, moths, and hummingbirds with plants that provide pollen and nectar. Pollination plays an essential role in maintaining our ecosystem. Without pollinators, our world would look remarkably different. Pollinating species are necessary for wild plant reproductive success and fitness. More than 80% of the world's flowering plants need a pollinator to survive.

Pollinators are a key part of the food web as they form complex pollination webs. One plant can receive many pollinators from different animal species and one pollinator can visit many plants of different species. This web provides redundancy and allows for greater plant genetic diversity, which can buffer against abiotic and biotic stress, anthropological disturbance, or the incursion of invasive species.

Planning Your Garden

Careful planning is essential to creating a successful pollinator garden. Follow these easy steps to make sure you have everything covered before you make your investment.

Choosing Your Location

While flowering plants can grow in both shady and sunny locations, consider your audience. Butterflies and other pollinators like to bask in the sun and some of their favorite wildflowers grow best in full or partial sun with some protection from the wind.

Identifying Soil Type and Sunlight

Take a look at your soil - is it sandy and well-drained or more clay-like and wet? You can turn over a test patch or check out the soil mapper for your county to learn more. Your soil type and the amount of sunlight it gets will help determine the kinds of plants you can grow.

Choosing Your Plants

Research which varieties of milkweed and wildflowers are native to your area and do well in your soil and sunlight conditions. Native plants are the ideal choice, because they require less maintenance and tend to be heartier. Find a nursery that specializes in native plants near you - they'll be familiar with plants that are meant to thrive in your part of the country. It's essential to choose plants that have not been treated with pesticides, insecticides or neonicotinoids. You'll also want to focus on selecting perennials to ensure your plants come back each year and don't require a lot of maintenance.

Remember to think about more than just the summer growing season. Pollinators need nectar early in the spring, throughout the summer and even into the fall. Choosing plants that bloom at different times will help you create a bright and colorful garden that both you and pollinators will love for months!

Conservation Commission

Seeds vs. Plants

Once you've identified your plant species, you'll need to decide whether to use seeds or start with small plants. While both are good options, your choice will depend on your timeline and budget. Seeds are more economical, especially for larger gardens, but will require more time. If you're using seeds, plan on dispersing them the fall or late winter ahead of your summer growing season. This gives the seeds time to germinate. Nursery-started plants cost more, but will generally give you a quick return on your investment and bring pollinators into your yard during the same growing season.

Planting your garden

When you're ready to start planting, you'll need your seeds or plants along with essentials like gardening tools to break the soil as well as extra soil or compost and mulch.

Prepping Your Garden

If you're converting an existing lawn, you'll need to remove grass and current plant cover and turn your soil to loosen it up. If you're planning on using raised beds or containers, there are a lot of pre-made options available, as well as simple designs to build your own. No matter where you decide to plant your garden, you'll want to add nutrient-rich compost or soil to improve the success of your garden.



Planting Your Seeds or Flowers

When you're using seeds, keep in mind that they will need time to germinate, so fall and late winter are ideal times to get started. In the fall, disperse seeds and cover with soil. In the late winter, scatter seeds over the snow. The sun will heat up the seeds and help anchor them into the snow. The melted snow provides moisture that will help the seeds germinate.

If you're starting with small plants, make sure you follow frost guidance to avoid putting your plants in too early. Dig holes just big enough for the root system, then cover and reinforce the roots with soil or compost. Add mulch to reduce weed growth.

Wait, Watch, Water and Weed

It may take some time, but you will eventually see butterflies and other pollinators enjoying your garden. Make sure to weed and water your garden to keep it healthy. Keep in mind that it may take a couple seasons for milkweed to start producing flowers.

Next Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Conservation Commission Members

Pauline Tessier, Chair; Ed Stephenson; Jane Jordan; Tyson Morrill; Tabatha Lord; Mark Lewandoski, Ex-Officio; 1 Vacancy

Alternate Members

3 Vacancies

Student Members

Molly O'Connell; Cora Takantjas

Conservation Commission



The Belmont Conservation Commission is looking for Belmont Citizens who are interested in environmental issues that affect our community. The Belmont Conservation Commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Tioga Room on the 4th floor of the Belmont Mill. Meetings usually last between one to two hours.

The Commission consists of seven members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Commission encourages anyone interested in conservation to consider applying for vacancies on the board. Two student memberships are open to Belmont High School students with an interest in conservation.

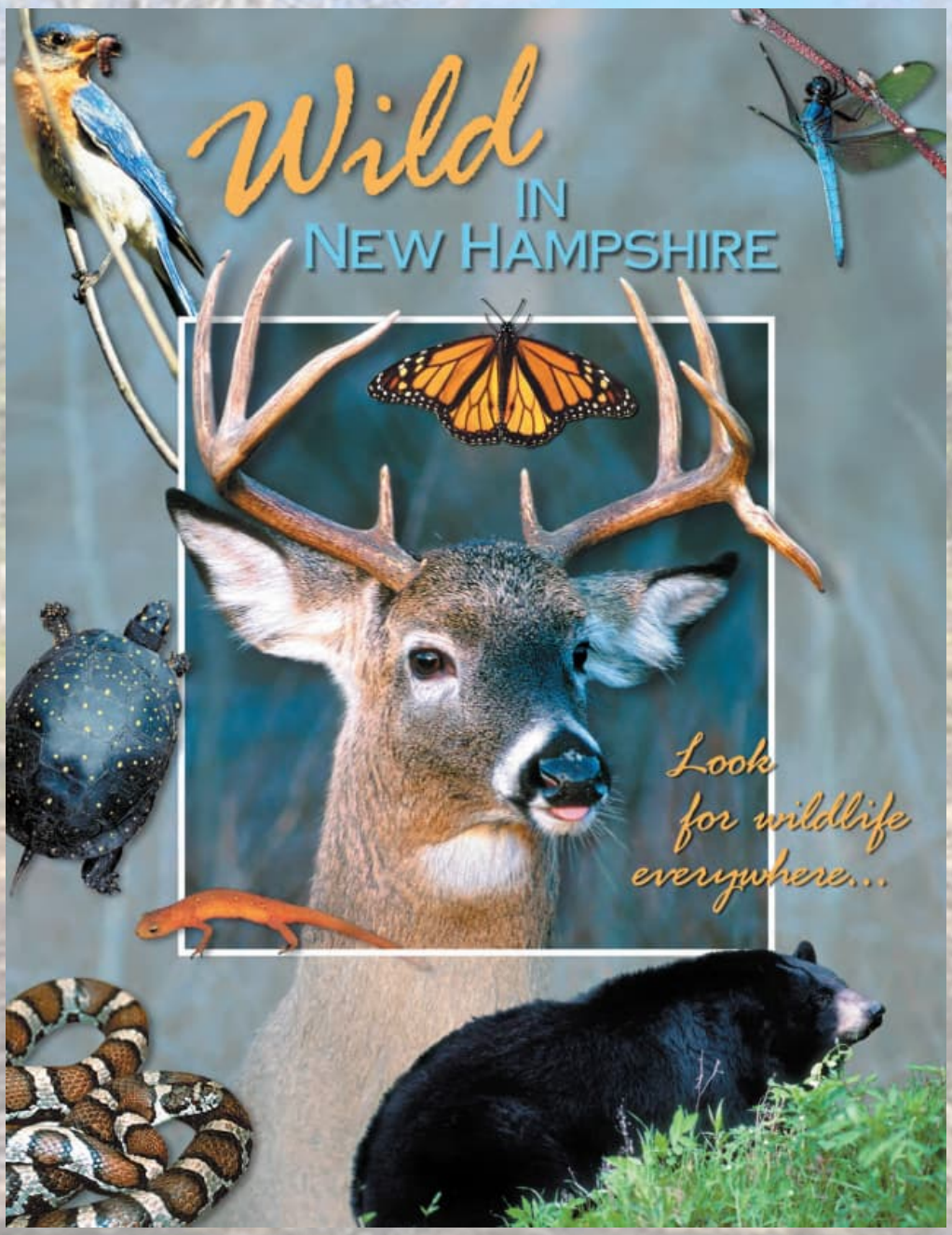
CURRENT VACANCIES: 1 MEMBER, 3 ALTERNATES, 2 STUDENTS

For more information, please contact Rod Cameron, Belmont Land Use Technician, at lutech@belmontnh.gov.

Conservation Commission

New Hampshire Fish & Game offers a brochure with information about our wildlife and programs and education centers in the State. Other resources for residents are available at wildnh.com

Brochure: https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt746/files/documents/wild-in-nh-pamphlet.pdf



Library News

April 2026

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

Copies available at the library or through Libby

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP
FRIDAY April 3 at 10:30am
Northeaster: A Story of Courage and Survival in the Blizzard of 1952 by Cathie Pelletier

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP
THURSDAY April 9 at 4:30pm
The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP
THURSDAY April 16 at 10am
The Chain by Adrian McKinty

FRIDAY FICTION BOOK GROUP
FRIDAY April 17 at 10:30am
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Children and Teen Activities

STORY TIME
Storytime and activities for all under school age.
WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Scythe by Neal Shusterman
All ages welcome
THURSDAY April 23 4pm

PEEP AND EGG DIAMOND ART MAGNETS
Recommended for ages 10 and up
Drop in while supplies last
TUESDAY April 28 3-5pm

FAMILY FILM FRIDAY
Come enjoy popcorn and a family film
FRIDAY MAY 1 at 3pm

Storywalk returns late April

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
146 Main Street
belmontpubliclibrary.org
(603) 267-8331
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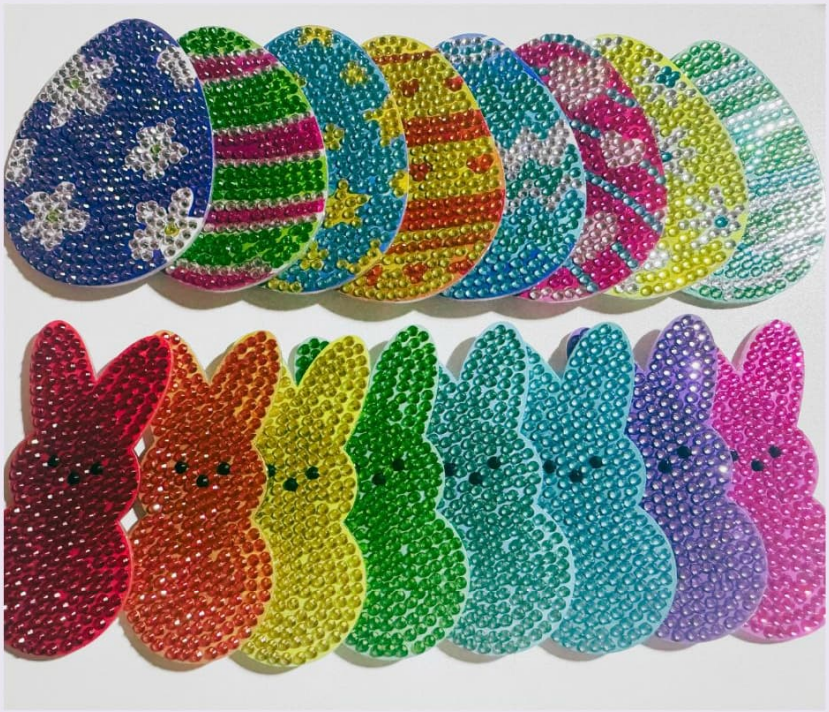
PEEP AND EGG DIAMOND ART MAGNETS

LIMITED SUPPLIES



RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 10 AND UP

APRIL 28 3-5PM

Belmont Public Library
146 Main Street
belmontpubliclibrary.org

Library News

TEEN BOOK CLUB

at Belmont Public Library

Thrilling pages; teen-friendly picks

ALL AGES WELCOME





Thursday, Apr. 23
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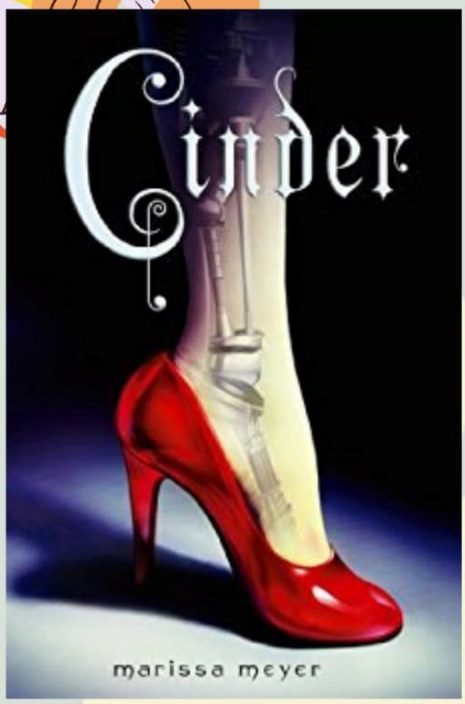

Thursday, May 21
4 PM
NEXT MONTH

Shaker School District Budget Survey

Dear Residents of Belmont,

As part of the Shaker Regional School District's Strategic Plan and our ongoing efforts to improve how we share budget information with our community prior to voting day, we'd appreciate your insight into the budget communication process. Below is a link to a short survey that should take less than two minutes to complete.

https://shaker.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6rP2rwtnVuqgdy6

Thank you in advance for your time and for your participation in this year's budget process.

Michael J. Tursi

Superintendent of Schools

Shaker Regional School District

Trash & Recycling Schedule

There will be NO delays to the trash and recycling schedule for April 2026.

All collection days remain the same!



Solid Waste Collection Calendars

Collection calendars are available in hard copy format at Town Hall. Calendars are also available on our website: https://belmontnh.gov/departments/solid-waste-recycling/



American Legion Post 58

Charles Kilborn American Legion Post 58 here in Belmont wishes to express our sincere thanks to the taxpayers of our Town for your support in approving the increases in the tax exemptions for veterans and 100% service-connected disabled veterans at the recent Town Meeting voting.

We are very appreciative of the relationship we have with the citizens of our Town and with its government. The level of cooperation, involvement and encouragement we enjoy with you all are a reflection of what a special town we live in. Your voting sent us a message which encourages us to continue what we do to serve our community.

Post 58 is actively involved in community projects, such as clearing brush in Town parks and maintaining local trails, making generous donations to local nonprofits, veterans services and Town events and we are looking for new members who want to serve with us. We encourage any honorably discharged veteran to come join in. Our Post does not have a building of our own, nor do we operate a canteen. Our focus is entirely on service and support to veterans and military causes and to our community and its charities.

We meet on the second floor of the Belmont Mill, 14 Mill St., at 7PM/1900 on the fourth Thursday of every month except July and August (although activities do continue). We meet on the third Thursday in November and December. Please do attend a meeting, see for yourself the camaraderie we share and what we do. You will be welcomed.

For further information, contact our Adjutant, Tom Ceniglio, at (603)800-9275, or Woody Fogg at (603) 524-8268.

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GOT LUNCH! Belmont & Friends



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2026 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

WWW.GOTLUNCHBELMONTANDFRIENDS.COM

GOT LUNCH! Belmont & Friends

Enrollment will be open April 1st- May 31st, 2026

How It Works:

- **You fill out the request form for assistance**
- **Volunteers pack bags of food weekly on Mondays**
- **Drivers deliver those bags right to your door**
- **Deliveries occur over the 10 weeks of summer**

WHO WE ARE:

Got Lunch! Belmont and Friends mission is to eradicate childhood hunger and address food insecurities in our community. We are dedicated to ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry and that every family has access to nutritious meals. Through collaborative efforts and compassionate outreach, we strive to create a hunger-free enviornment where children can thrive physically, emotionally, and academically. Our commitment is to empower families, engage the community, and build sustainable solutions that foster a brigter and healtier future for every child we serve.

Gale School Update

JH Spain has made good progress this winter. Renovations are about 70% complete. Windows are installed, insulation is done, and drywall is just about done. The addition at the back of the building for the stairwell and elevator is looking great. Lakes Region Community Developers is hopeful that the project will be done by June.

Lakes Region Community Developers

www.lrcommunitydevelopers.org











Child Care Aware of New Hampshire

About Us:

Community Action Partnership Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, Child Care Aware of NH is a Statewide Child Care Resource & Referral program helping families find child care.

Our Services:

Child Care Aware of New Hampshire offers ***FREE Child Care Referrals*** tailored to fit each families' individual needs. We also offer resources to help families in selecting a quality child care program.

Call us at:
1 (855) 393-1731 Ext. 2531

Access New Hampshire Child Care Search

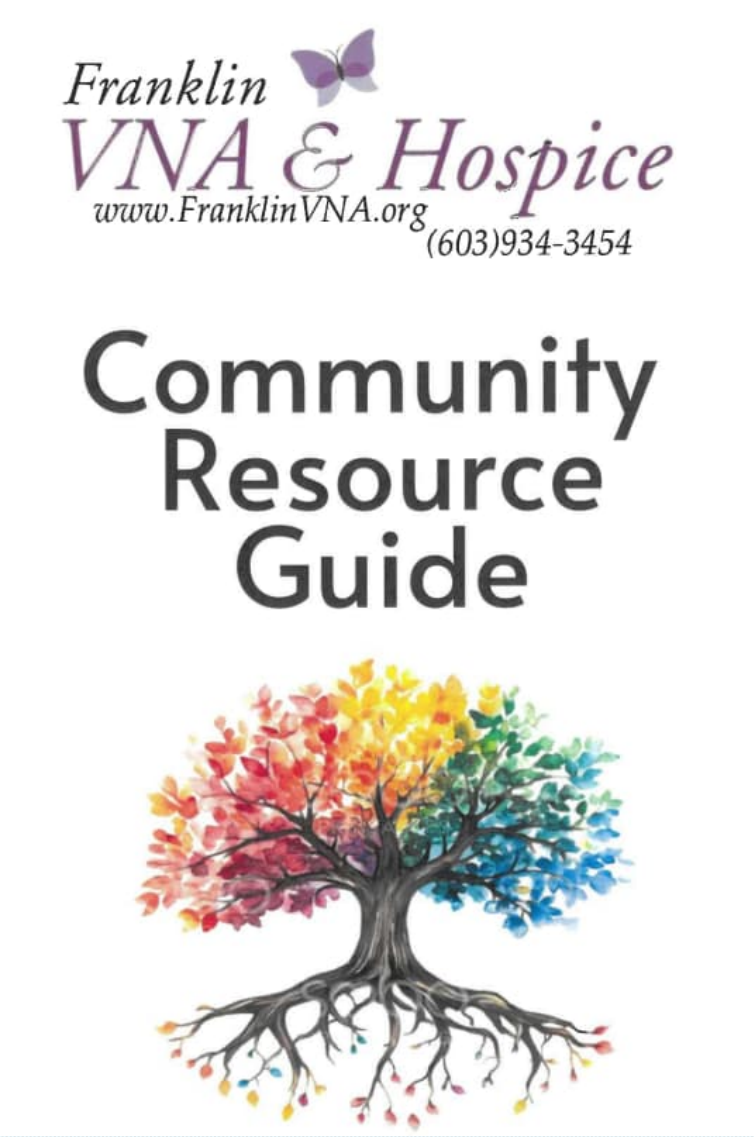
Like us on Facebook at:
Child Care Aware of NH

Child Care Aware of NH is a statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Program of Community Action Partnership Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties. The preparation of this document was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Community Resources—Franklin VNA & Hospice

Franklin VNA & Hospice is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners. Their Community Resource Guide offers contact information about Food Pantries, Fuel Assistance, Senior Centers, Aging & Disability, Legal Assistance, Medical Equipment, Transportation and more.

https://franklinvna.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-FVNA-Community-Resource-Guide.pdf



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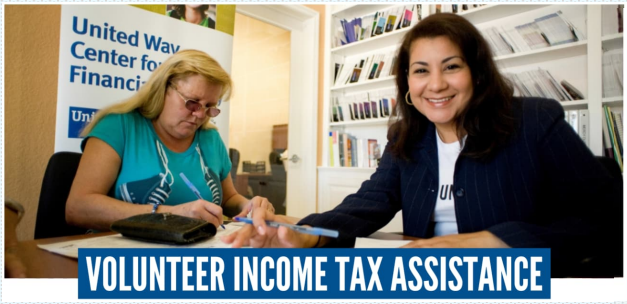
Income Tax Preparation Assistance



GRANITE UNITED WAY

Granite United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
offers free tax preparation to low to moderate income households.

Many people pay commercial tax preparers $200-$300 for a simple tax return when they don't need to. VITA is a free tax preparation program available to individuals and families with household incomes up to $69,000 annually. Taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who assist low-to-moderate-income residents to access the greatest amount of refunds.

Last year, more than $5.5 Million was returned in federal tax refunds through this program, including $861,635 through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to families and individuals struggling throughout our community. The EITC, coupled with the Child Tax Credit, has lifted over 1,200 NH residents out of poverty, including over 1686 people over 60, each year on average. According to the IRS, about 1-in-5 eligible New Hampshire residents fail to file for the EITC, leaving an estimated $31 million unclaimed.

VITA strives to serve people who are underserved, such as those with disabilities, limited English language proficiency, grandparents raising their grandchildren, and people experiencing homelessness who are working, but not bringing in enough to put a roof over their heads. Our VITA volunteers are trained on all of the latest tax preparation changes and they help thousands of individuals and families throughout New Hampshire and Windsor County, Vermont.

**The IRS will no longer provide paper checks for returns. You will need to be prepared with an alternate method to receive your refund.*

Two ways to **fi**le for free:

1. Visit nhtaxhelp.org or call 211 to schedule a virtual appointment with an IRS-certified tax preparer.

2. Visit MyFreeTaxes.com to prepare your own return, for free online, with guidance from a toll-free helpline.

Belmont Blood Drive

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive
Belmont Community
St. Joseph Church

In the Basement
96 Main Street
Belmont, NH 03220

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

12:30 to 5:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BELMONT to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Blood drives are being held in other local communities

throughout the month of April.

See redcrossblood.org **for more information**

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

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Community Food Insecurity Resource



Reducing food insecurity in and around the Belknap County area

Food Assistance, Food & Clothing
For anyone, no matter where you live

Open Daily, 7am - 7pm

Contact us today for more information or to help support our mission.

603-998-2084
restorationacresfarm.org

Restoration Acres Farm is a 501c3. Donations are tax deductible.

Community Resource—Free Recycling for Electronics & More

RECYCLE EVERY DAY

Free recycling for tech and more at your local Staples® store.

TECH

Adapters & cables
Battery backup devices
Cable/satellite receivers
Calculators
CD/DVD/Blu-ray discs & players
Coffee brewers (less than 40 lb.)
Computers
Computer speakers
Connected home devices
Digital & video cameras
Digital projectors
Fax machines
Flash drives
Gaming consoles & controllers
GPS devices
Hard drives
Headphones & earbuds
Keyboards & mice
Label makers
Laminators
Laptops
MP3 players
Monitors (CRT, LED / LCD, plasma)
Phones
Printers & multifunction devices
Routers & modems

TECH (CONT.)

Scanners
Shredders
Small servers
Stereo receivers
Stylus pens
Tablets & eReaders
Video streaming devices
Webcams

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Ink cartridges
Toner cartridges

BATTERIES

Single-use alkaline **NEW**
Non-rechargeable lithium **NEW**
Rechargeable
- Nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Lithium ion (Li-Ion)
- Small sealed lead acid (SSLA/Pb)
- Nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH)
- Nickel zinc (Ni-ZN)

WRITING TOOLS

Pens & markers **NEW**
Mechanical pencils **NEW**

EVEN MORE

Phone cases **NEW**
Tablet cases **NEW**
Shredding (cost per pound)
SodaStream® CO2 cylinders



Scan to get the app and see recycling rewards and more.

WHAT CAN'T BE RECYCLED IN STORE

Air conditioners, appliances, floor-model printers & copiers, kitchen appliances, lamps or bulbs, large servers, large speakers, medical devices, records & record players, smoke detectors, TVs, vaporizers.

Store management has the right to refuse to accept items that may pose a health or safety risk. When you recycle your eligible electronic device at Staples, you relinquish all ownership rights in the device when you give it to Staples to be recycled. Additionally, Staples is not responsible for any data left on the device turned in for recycling. You are solely responsible for removing data from your device, and you acknowledge that submission of a device for recycling is at your sole risk. When you give your device to Staples for recycling, you further represent that you either: (1) are the sole owner of the electronic device and of any data that was on the electronic device before you deleted all such data prior to recycling; or (2) have permission to proceed with recycling from all other owners of the electronic device or of any data that was on the electronic device before you deleted all such data prior to recycling.



Franklin VNA 5K Fundraiser

Franklin VNA is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners.



LRMHC 5K Fundraiser

Lakes Region Mental Health is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners.

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Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health

Run ✦ Walk ✦ Roll

May 31st, 2026

Race: 8:30am

Kids Fun Run: 8:00am

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www.lrmhc.org

to register or sponsor

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, proceeds will benefit Lakes Region Mental Health Center





Pet Food Pantries



The Pantry at the NH Humane Society in Meredith was created to provide pet food and supplies to those who need a hand caring for their family's canine or feline pets.

(603) 524-3252

https://www.nhhumane.org

Other pet pantries in New Hampshire:

- Lakes Region Humane Society—Ossipee (603) 539-1077
- Pope Memorial SPCA—Concord (603) 856-8756
- Animal Rescue League of NH—Bedford (603) 472-3647
- AWARE of NH—**Hooksett** info@awarenh.org



Community Program—Granite VNA

Granite VNA is one of Belmont's Health Agency Partners.

In-Person Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group

Tilly Market Cafe at the Belknap Marketplace

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

Third Wednesday of each month

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.
(May 21, June 18, July 16, no group in August, September 17)

No registration required. For more information, please call **(603) 224-4093, ext. 85664**

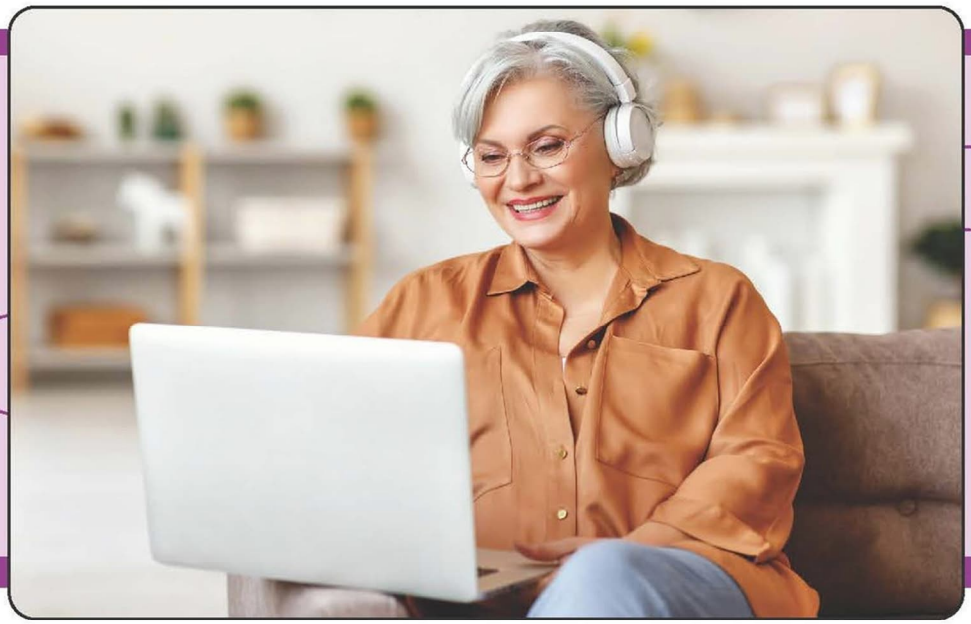
Granite VNA

Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro • (603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620 • **www.granitevna.org**

Granite VNA complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate in services and access to treatment, appropriate care or employment in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex (pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, religion, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, source of payment, or the absence of advance directives.

Community Programs for Online Caregiver Support

ONLINE Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group

Fourth Thursday of each month
10 - 11 a.m.

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our staff professionals. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges.

To register, call **(603) 224-4093, ext. 85664** or visit **www.granitevna.org/onlineprograms.**

Registration is required.
Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program.
Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.

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Franklin VNA Dementia Caregiver Support



Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group will provide support, education, and an opportunity to exchange ideas among caregivers of those suffering with dementia. A caregiver is anyone who provides regular care for a relative, a partner, or a friend. For many it is a labor of love, but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. It is important to keep a balance between caring for another individual while caring for oneself.

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin
2nd Tuesday of each month
1:30-3:30pm
Registration is not required, but stronly encouraged.
For more information or to register call (603) 934-3454

Franklin VNA & Hospice
www.FranklinVNA.org (603)934-3454

Sign up for Notifications

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 email assessing@belmontnh.gov

