

Our Community Newsletter April 2012

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."



www.happytailsdogparknh.org

mail@happytailsdogparknh.org

Pet CPR / First Aid Class



Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region is hosting a pet CPR/First Aid class. April Begosh of Healthy Pets NH will teach you critical life-saving CPR and first aid techniques. This two part class is has limited space available, so register now. *Important note: classes can be taken individually, but **both** classes must be taken to get official CPR/First Aid certificate. Cost of each class includes materials. Refreshments will be provided.

Class # 1: CPR and Emergency Techniques – Cost: \$35.00

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012 Time: 9am-12pm

Where: Belmont Corner Meeting House, Belmont NH

Class # 2: Pet First Aid – Cost \$35.00

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012 Time: 9am-11pm

Where: Belmont Corner Meeting House, Belmont NH

To register or for more information, contact April Begosh of Healthy Pets NH at 674-1176 or e-mail: april@healthypetsnh.com. A portion of each class registration will go towards building Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region.

Please don't forget that it is time to register your dogs!!!

Pups 0-7 Months \$6.50

Dogs 8 Months & up (spayed & neutered) \$6.50

Adult Dog (non-spayed-non-neutered) \$9.00

Elderly Owner Fee (65 years+) \$2.00



Police Department

Over the past few years, pawn shops and second hand stores have become very popular in part due to the couple of hit television shows. Unfortunately, they have also become quite popular for people who commit burglaries and thefts.

Because of these trends, we routinely go to area pawn shops and have even traveled to Maine to recover the property of our victims. We have found guns that were stolen from Belmont, linked to crimes in the Boston area and these have all been recovered because people have either recorded the information of their property or through area police departments who have found property that were sold to these dealers. In the recent past, there have also been some pawn store/second hand dealers that have been arrested for helping these burglars and thieves get rid of their victim's property. It is for these reasons that the police department has proposed this public safety ordinance.



Most pawn shops and second hand dealers are very reputable and work very well with local law enforcement. Unfortunately, when we take back the stolen property, these hard working dealers and store owners also now become victims and take a loss for the money that they paid for the property.

At the last town meeting, the Town voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 398, Relative to the licensing of Pawn Brokers. The ordinance was proposed to the Board of Selectmen as a way to help protect not only the residents of Belmont, but the dealers that do business in Town as well.

This ordinance will require sellers to present a positive identification in the form of an approved government photo ID and it will require the dealers to complete a form with information such as serial & model numbers of items, detailed descriptions of jewelry, etc. Customers who come into the store and purchase items are not required by this ordinance to present any form of identification or give the police department any information.

If you have any questions about the ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 267-8361.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012 starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Corner Meetinghouse.

The purpose of this Community Newsletter is to keep all of you informed about Community events taking place in Belmont or surrounding Towns. If you know of an event or have some news to share please let us know so we can include the information in our upcoming newsletters. You can reach us by e-mail at trusso@belmontnh.org or by phone at 267-8300. If you would like to be added to our electronic mailing list please let us know. We would love to hear from you! Please be sure to post the community calendar on your refrigerator so you don't miss anything! All news will be subject to approval by the Town Administrator.



"April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go."

Fire Department

The Members of the Belmont Fire Department want to remind all residents and business of the importance of clearly displaying the 911 approved addresses on your residence or business. During an emergency response being able to quickly identify and locate the correct address can mean the difference between a positive and a negative outcome. The Town of Belmont 911 addressing ordinance states the following;

New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers, or approved building identification placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

All street numbers displayed on primary buildings or property shall be at least three (3) inches in height. The size of numbers placed on mailboxes shall be in accordance with U.S. Postal Service requirements. All street numbers displayed on primary buildings on property shall be of a contrasting color to the means of support

Correctly displaying your building address will help your Fire and Police personnel when they are responding to your request for assistance. If you are unsure of the requirements please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with nine manufacturers and distributors, has announced a voluntary recall of all pourable gel fuel made or sold by these companies. Gel fuel is used with firepots, personal fireplaces, and patio torches. For more information go to

www.cpsc.gov.

April 20th is Volunteer Recognition Day-So a hearty thanks to all our volunteers for all you do. You are most appreciated!!

SAFETY RECALL

- Due to the serious risk of flash fire and burns when consumers add pourable gel to an already burning fire pot, NFPA and CPSC are warning consumers to immediately stop using the pourable gel fuel.
- Gel fuel and gel fuel pots should be considered an open flame and pose a serious danger.
- The fuel can ignite unexpectedly and splatter onto people and objects nearby when it is poured in a firepot that is still burning.
- Pouring gel fuel in a device that is not completely cool may result in a fire or injury.
- These devices will be hot during and after burning.
- The burning gel fuel sticks to skin and is difficult to extinguish.
- It is not easy to see the gel fuel flame, especially in daylight.
- All pourable gel fuel, regardless of manufacture poses a fire hazard.

FACTS

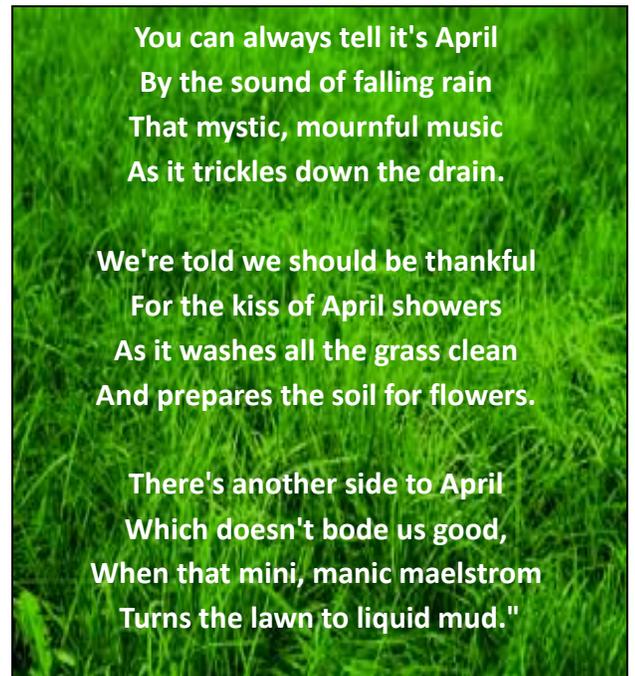
- Stop, drop and roll may not put out clothing that catches fire involving splattered or spilled gel fuel.
- A dry chemical extinguisher or baking soda can be used to extinguish the fire. • Several deaths and multiple victims with second and third degree burns have been reported.

ACT NOW!

Consumers should contact the gel fuel manufacturer for information on refunds and product return.

March Crossword Answers

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Belmont Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp June 25—August 3, 2012

Belmont Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp 6 week program is available June 25th to August 3rd this summer. Youth who are entering the 1st-8th grade in the fall are eligible to attend. Youth entering 8th-10th grade in the fall may apply to be full time Counselors in Training and if accepted will attend the camp at a discounted rate. The part time camper program will only be offered for 3 or 4 days per week minimum with a limited number of spots. Campers must be registered as full or part time and will risk losing their place in the program if they request any changes to their schedule.

The camp will be held at the Belmont Middle School, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Early drop off starting at 7:30 AM and pick up until 4:30 PM is available at no extra charge. Three field trips are planned per week; two days will be spent at the Belmont Town Beach and one day at a local attraction. Field Trip admission and transportation is included in the weekly registration fee.

Registration forms will not be accepted prior to April 4, 2012. Completed applications will be processed in order of receipt with priority given to campers reserving the majority of the six weeks. Belmont residents will be given preference and need to show a copy of a utility or tax bill with their home address for proof of residency. A limited number of scholarships are available please call the Parks & Recreation Office for more information.

Summer Camp 2012 Registration Fees are as follows:

\$95.00 per week full time camper or \$22.00 per day for part time campers—Belmont Residents

\$140.00 per week full time camper or \$32.00 per day for part time campers—Non-Resident

Sibling Discount: \$20.00 per week or \$4.00 per day part time for the 2nd and 3rd child attending camp the same week

IMPORTANT: Our payment schedule is as follows:

Weeks #1-3 registration fees are due no later than Monday, May 21, 2012

Weeks #4-6 registration fees are due no later than Monday, June 11, 2012

Late payments will result in the camper losing his/her space for any unpaid week(s). Once payment has been received there will be no refund except in the case of a family emergency or a medical reason with supporting documentation.

Registration Date:

April 4, 2012—Wednesday

5:30PM—6:30PM

Winnisquam Fire Station, Function Room, 17 Sunset Drive, Belmont, NH

Questions or additional information:

Janet Breton, Recreation Director

Phone: 524-4350

e-mail: recreation@belmontnh.org

www.belmontnh.org



Land Use News

Planning Board:

- Approval granted to AE Mitchell for a two-lot merger on Laconia Road.

Other:

- The following Land Use members were awarded Certificates of Civic Duty recognizing their (many years of combined service) on Land Use and other community Boards and Commissions.



BELMONT PLANNING BOARD

Peter Harris (34), Claude Patten (21), Douglas Sanborn (2), William Rollins (3), Missing: Ward Peterson (54), Jon Pike (17), Christine Long (6), Parker Caldrain (1)



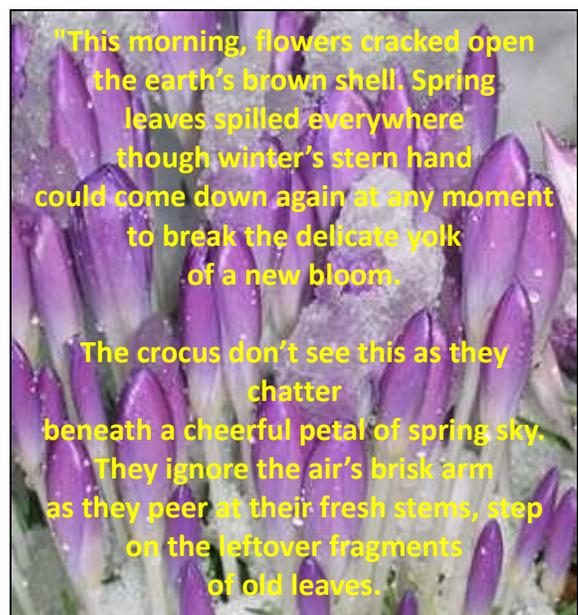
BELMONT ZONING BOARD

Marshall Ford (4), Mark Mastenbrook (2), John Froumy (4), Pleasant Oberhausen (19), Edward Hawkins (12), Front: Norma Patten (53), Peter Harris (34), and Linda Couture (7)



BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Morse (32), Kenneth Knowlton (37), Denise Naiva (11), Keith Bennett (3), and Laurel Day (2) **MISSING:** Scott Rolfe (7), Carol Fairfield (3), Nicholas Coates (2)



Conservation Commission

NH Dept. of Environmental Services Recommends Private Well Testing

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the Dartmouth Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program (DTMSRP) are urging homeowners in New Hampshire to test their well water to ensure their drinking water is clean and safe for consumption. Nearly 40 percent of New Hampshire residents get their drinking water from domestic (private) wells, which are not subject to the same water quality testing regulations as public water systems.

Safe drinking water is important to health, and testing well water at a certified lab is the only way to know whether water from a private well is safe. Both human-caused and naturally occurring contaminants are often found in private wells. Nitrates and bacteria, which can lead to immediate and serious health conditions, may be found in well water as a result of a poorly performing septic system or a nearby agricultural source. Across the northeastern U.S., two naturally occurring elements, arsenic and radon, are also commonly found in well water. Scientific studies associate their long-term exposure with cancer and other health effects.

In New Hampshire, one in five private wells exceeds the federal health-based drinking water standard for arsenic, 10 parts per billion. This is alarming because research conducted by the DTMSRP and other institutions over the past two decades reveals that arsenic is highly toxic in some of its chemical forms. Research shows that arsenic causes cancers of the bladder, skin, kidney, liver, and lung. Developing fetuses, infants and children are particularly vulnerable. Studies also link arsenic to infant mortality and low birth weight. Other findings suggest that exposure to arsenic in early life (including pregnancy and early childhood) may increase susceptibility to cancer in adulthood.



According to Dr. Bruce Stanton, Director of the DTMSRP, “Our research shows that long-term health effects will occur from prolonged exposure to arsenic, even at low doses. NHDES has worked hard to inform homeowners about the importance of well testing and we join with them to urge all well owners to test their wells and learn about the options available to remove arsenic from their drinking water. The number of untested wells in New Hampshire remains high so we must continue to be vigilant in order to safeguard public health.”

NHDES and the research teams at Dartmouth are working together to raise awareness among health care providers, town officials and private well owners in New Hampshire about the importance of testing private wells to reduce exposure to harmful contaminants.

Testing the quality of well water is simple and relatively inexpensive. NHDES recommends testing private well water annually for nitrates and bacteria, while other contaminants should be tested for every three to five years. Testing when moving or buying property is also a good idea.

NH DES offers a [private well testing brochure](#) that includes a list of recommended water quality tests and a testing schedule.

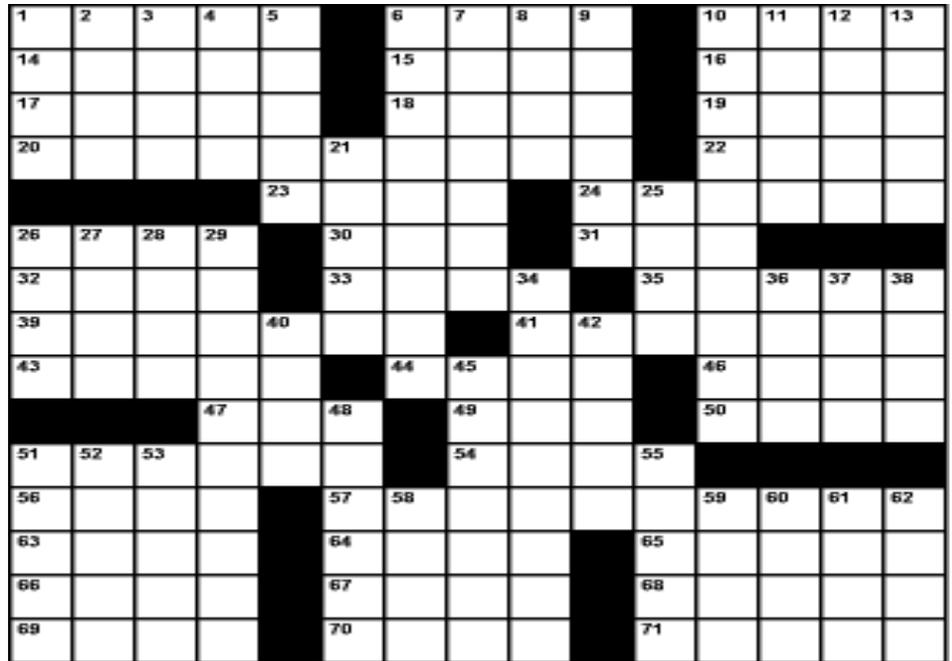
Water testing containers are also available from DES
For additional information about wells, read [DES fact sheets](#) . Click underlined words to link to the DES website.

Unthemed Crossword Puzzle #01 by Dave Fisher

Across

- 1 __runner
 6 Dutch cheese
 10 Young women coming out
 14 Adores
 15 Lima-November connector
 16 Symbol
 17 Double-reed instruments
 18 Eager
 19 Skid
 20 Deign
 22 Shopping event
 23 Bete-__
 24 Hang around
 26 Religious order
 30 Jet __
 31 Shade tree

- 32 Farmer's unit
 33 Thing
 35 Yugoslavian money
 39 It can go off
 41 Subjugate
 43 Blue stuff for Elvis
 44 Hamlet, e.g.
 46 Over
 47 Period
 49 __ Headroom
 50 Spats
 51 Famous hunter
 54 Chills and fever
 56 Like some exams
 57 Is possible to prove
 63 Annul
 64 Standard partner
 65 Takes on
 66 Not in favor
 67 Singer Amos
 68 Light bulbs in comic books



- 69 Neat-o
 70 Certain infection
 71 Affirmative reply

Down

- 1 Alliance of countries
 2 Wolf south of the border
 3 Will's river
 4 Action
 5 Industrial center of the Ruhr
 6 Thin
 7 Draw apart
 8 Alike
 9 Intrude
 10 Not 8 down
 11 Enthusiastic approval
 12 Ball in France
 13 Look of contempt
 21 Three-dimensional
 25 Cutlass maker
 26 Droops

- 27 Very light brown
 28 Algonquian
 29 Pricey meat cut
 34 A collection
 36 Western alliance
 37 Swear
 38 Business guys. for short
 40 Dynamic opening
 42 Connected series
 45 Romantic
 48 Gets used to
 51 Actress, Kim
 52 Goodnight __ (Leadbelly song)
 53 Gaucho's tea
 55 Value system
 58 Blow
 59 Famous opera
 60 WWII submachine gun
 61 A detective wants one
 62 Exxon, formerly

Good Heavens!!! Finally a day
 we can ALL rejoice about!!!
 April 7th NO HOUSEWORK
 DAY!!! WOO HOO!!!



Join us **SATURDAY - MAY 19, 2012** 9am – 3pm



& Green Living - Family Fun Expo

The entire Summit Health NH campus & 10,000 sq ft of indoors will be dedicated to learning about green living and your family's health.

**~ Live Bands ~ Farmers Market ~ 5k Family Fun Run
~ Prizes!!! ~ Sports Challenges ~ Free Gifts**

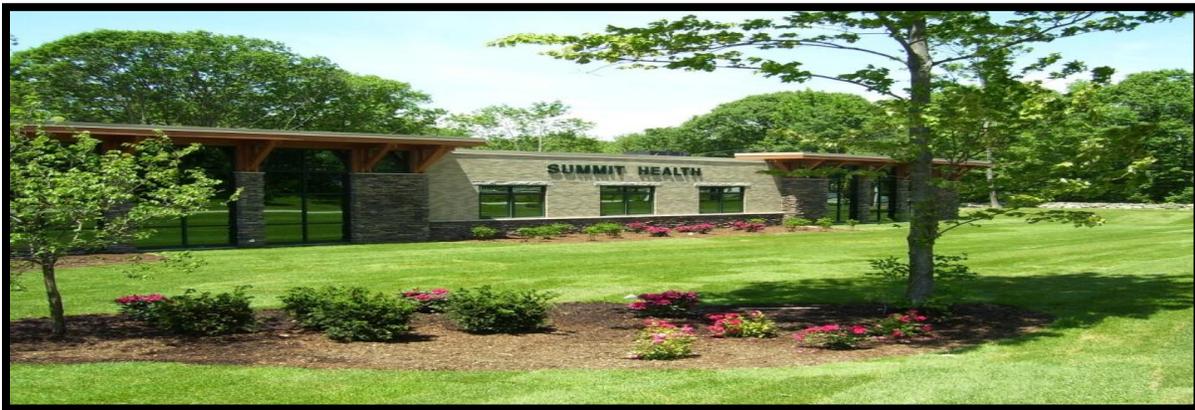
A terrific family focused event highlighting local talents, free lectures and vendors in health, music, dance, farming, natural foods, fitness, cooking, gardening, solar energy, organics and more!!

NO ADMISSION FEE ~ Vendor & Sponsorship Opportunities

Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center-All proceeds benefit our local Child Advocacy Center, where abused children and their supportive caregivers receive intervention, justice and begin healing.

SUMMIT HEALTH NH CAMPUS 8 Corporate Drive BELMONT, NH

A Healthy Life™ & Green Living Family Fun Expo MAY 19, 2012 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM



- ~ 5 K Run & Family Fun Walk at Midday! ~ 10,000 square foot facility ~ 2 acre campus
- ~ Ample parking ~ Music! ~ Live Bands!! ~ Dance & Martial Arts Demos!!
- ~ Educational Lectures Scheduled All Day ~ 35 Indoor and 20 Outdoor booths
- ~ Food and Fun ALL DAY!! ~ Farmers Market onsite during event!
- ~ Fire Trucks ~ Police Cars ~ Animals!! ~ Sports Agility Demos and more!

For more information, call Meghan Noyes @ 524-5497



"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."
- Mark Twain

Belmont Old Home Day 2012



The Belmont Old Home Day Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with our annual Old Home Day event. The all day event is Saturday, **August 11, 2012**, with events in downtown Belmont, and culminating with the outstanding fireworks display at Bryant Field in the evening.

We have a number of opportunities for groups and individuals to provide assistance to this wonderful community event:

- Advertising: promoting the event, signage, and photo opportunities
- Games: children's games
- Parade: soliciting participation, line up, and awards
- Program Booklet: layout, and distribution
- Vendors: soliciting applicants, processing applications, set up
- Clean up: Downtown and Bryant Field

Please join the committee at a planning meeting:

April 10, 2012, Tuesday, 6:00PM, the Corner Meeting House (downstairs). For a meeting reminder or for questions, contact Janet Breton, Town of Belmont Recreation Director, 524-4350, recreation@belmontnh.org.

Highlighting the Helpers-Belmont's Volunteers

In an attempt to bring our community together I thought it would be nice to put the spotlight on some of our selfless volunteers. This month we will learn about Ginger Wells-Kay.



Picture courtesy of Ginger Wells-Kay
Garden Artisans, LLC

Ginger Wells-Kay is a transplant to Belmont, brought here by her husband Robert who at the time took the director's position at the Laconia Mental Health Center. She was raised in Collins, NY, moved to Washington, DC where she lived for 13 years, married and moved to Maine, and finally landed in Belmont with her family in 1985. Although you may not know her you have surely enjoyed some of her work. Ginger owns Garden Artisans LLC and designed and helped plant the garden at Penstock Park in Belmont. But let's not get ahead of ourselves!

Ginger holds several degrees: a Masters in Art Therapy from George Washington U., a Masters in Clinical Social Work from Catholic U. and a Bachelor of Fine Arts also from George Washington U. She moved to Maine when she married; there she had a private practice for four years in Family Therapy. Shortly after she and her husband moved to New Hampshire, where she worked at Huggins Hospital as a clinical social worker. She soon had a son and daughter. When the children came along she eventually decided to stay home and focus more on them. So falling back on her art degree, she began painting murals along with faux finishes for private residences and offices. She enjoyed doing that for about 10 years.

In 1999 she became a Master Gardener and still is today. It involves classes at a university; in this case it was UNH, where they run a program as a land grant university. It's a three month training course with tests following the classes. It is also one of the largest volunteer programs to help universities and counties since the Works Progress Administration otherwise known as WPA in the 1930's. They help out at county extension offices by teaching classes, showing power point presentations, and helping with community gardens. Ginger has always had an interest in gardening stemming from both her dad and granddad. She spent a lot of time

with her grandfather who used to grow vegetables as well as flowers. He lived very close to an Indian reservation and was friendly with some of the Indians who used to bring him onto the reservation and show him where the native plants were to transplant to his own property. Probably not encouraged or allowed nowadays but back then it was ok.

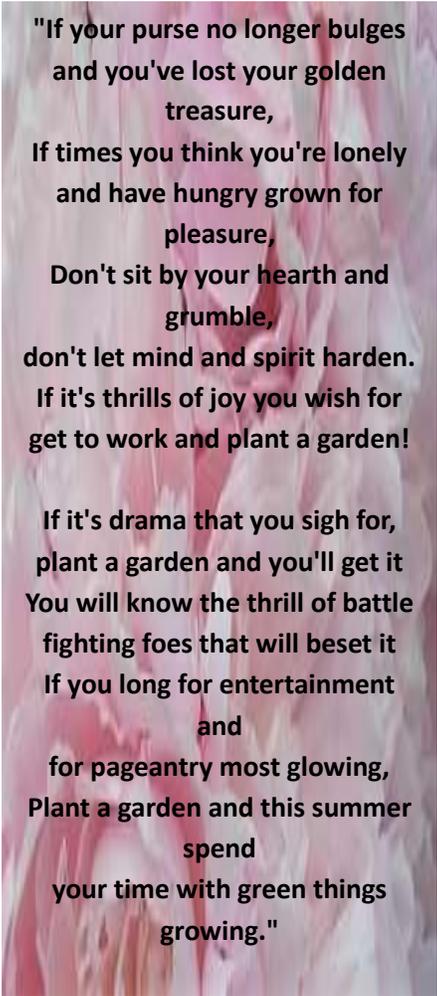
Ginger's business Garden Artisans was started in 2000. Ginger's business rises and falls with the economy, she has differing numbers of clients and employees each year. Currently, customers are more interested in vegetable gardening than in the past. In the "off season" she attends workshops, classes, does garden designing and of course attends some flower shows! The business is the only fully organic, sustainable landscape gardening business in this area, accredited by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) through the UConn. She has been an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional since 2004. Ginger served on the Belmont Conservation Commission from 2004 to 2009 and was instrumental in beginning the The Belmont Conservation Commission Award in Memory of Jeff Marden.

Let's look back at Penstock Park. This garden was designed ecologically, mimicking nature, with first succession plants being used. Native plants require less watering, fertilizing, and other energy inputs. She used layers of plants such as trees, shrubs, vines, perennials and grasses, which will completely fill in the whole area. She will soon be working with American Legion Post Commander Bob Stevens on some plantings that will better incorporate the granite bench donated by the Legion into the park. Many of the plantings were donated by her business along with growing materials, and labor. Sure to draw birds, butterflies and the attention of many with its colorful flowers it is sure to be appreciated by all.

Ginger loves to give back to her community by donating time and knowledge. In recent years she has donated plantings for the Belmont Mill and daffodils on make a Difference Day, efforts that began in 2008. Daffodils can be seen popping up at many locations throughout the town such as the Province Road Meeting House, Sargent Park, the Library and many other locations. The bright sunny faced daffodils are always a welcome addition to spring. She also helps with Deck the Village each year.

In her spare time you might find Ginger kayaking, walking or reading all favorite pastimes. She also likes to take photographs of nature simply for the pleasure of it. She tends a small vegetable garden at home which leads to her love of cooking, using up some of the bounty. Ginger currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hands Across the Table. A free meal for anyone that comes in every Tuesday at the St. James Episcopal Church in Laconia, where she says Belmont families are represented more than any other town except Laconia.

It doesn't matter whether you are a gardener or not most everyone appreciates the beauty that plants and flowers bring into our life and we certainly thank her for that! If you happen to see someone digging in the dirt around town it might just very well be Ginger, stop to say hello and thank her for the lovely job she does for all of us.



**"If your purse no longer bulges
and you've lost your golden
treasure,
If times you think you're lonely
and have hungry grown for
pleasure,
Don't sit by your hearth and
grumble,
don't let mind and spirit harden.
If it's thrills of joy you wish for
get to work and plant a garden!

If it's drama that you sigh for,
plant a garden and you'll get it
You will know the thrill of battle
fighting foes that will beset it
If you long for entertainment
and
for pageantry most glowing,
Plant a garden and this summer
spend
your time with green things
growing."**

Belmont Baseball Organization Looking for Banner Sponsors

Belmont Baseball Organization is looking for local businesses interested in participating in its banner sponsorship program. Funds raised through the banner sponsorship program will be used for uniforms, equipment, operating expenses, and field improvements, including the installation of safety dugouts on Field 5 where Minors and Majors games and district tournaments are held. Sponsor banners will be displayed on the outfield fence of Field 5 on Bryant Field for the duration of the 2012 baseball season. By participating in the banner program, businesses will receive recognition as an active supporter of Belmont Baseball Organization, and receive exposure to the many parents and community leaders who attend games and other events at Bryant Field. Programs like this help provide recreational opportunities for children in Belmont and Canterbury, while promoting good sportsmanship and community pride.



New sponsorship opportunities for the 2012 season are available for \$240. This includes a 3x6 foot, 3-color vinyl banner which will be displayed at Bryant Field for the 2012 season. At the end of the season, BBO will remove the banner from the fence and store it for the winter with the option of renewing for the next season.

(The cost is \$150 for sponsors who supply their own banner and for returning sponsors.)

For more information, please contact Chuck Taylor at ctaylor1024@yahoo.com or 393-4063 or Mike Kelly at 630-3584.

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL ROBOT TEAM

WANTED: The BHS Robot Team needs a laptop to use for programming. If you are retiring a WINXP or WIN7 laptop, please consider donating it to the team.

Contact Madeleine Lowe (mlope@lowetemp.com) (783-9201) if you can help.



Public Library

Ladybugs at the Library

The Ladybug Picture Book Award gives recognition of the best new children's picture books. A committee of children's librarians from around the state selects 10 picture book titles early in the year. In the fall, New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade choose the award winner by voting in public and school libraries. The winning picture book is announced at the end of the year.



The 2012 nominees are:

- *Blackout* by John Rocco – a family finds a fun way to cope with an electrical outage.
- *Calvin Can't Fly: The Story of a Bookworm Birdie* by Jennifer Berne & Keith Bendis - While other birds are learning to fly, Calvin is busy reading about pirates, dinosaurs, and other fascinating things.
- *Cloudette* by Tom Lichtenheld – an early and engaging story about weather and precipitation!
- *Me Jane* by Patrick McDonnell – this biography of the amazing Jane Goodall provides a great look at how she began her life work.
- *Neville* by Norton Juster & G. Brian Karas - an inspired twist on the age-old challenge of making new friends
- *Perfect Square* by Michael Hall - This square is not square at all, but off on an adventure!
- *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin & James Dean – This dancing, rapping cat has shoes that change color – dig that, dudes!!
- *Stars* by Mary Lyn Ray & Marla Frazee – a beautiful look at all the star shapes around us.
- *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature* by Joyce Sidman & Beth Krommes – Another look at shapes around us with terrific illustrations
- *Three Hens and a Peacock* by Lester Laminack & Henry Cole What -Three gussied-up hens spend the day prancing and parading and showing off. A peacock tries to figure out how to lay an egg – fun on the farm!!



Come to our Children's Room and enjoy reading these great books and looking at the terrific illustrations and be sure to vote for your favorite!

"Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?"



Town Administrator's
Monthly Report
April 2012

The Revitalization Committee will be holding its' 3rd public meeting on plans for the downtown on Wednesday, April 11th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House. We urge the public to attend.

The Town of Belmont is a member of the Lakes Region Cable Television Consortium which has been meeting since early summer 2011 relative to our Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Metrocast which is due to expire in December 2013. We have been meeting monthly and Consortium minutes are available on the Town's website, www.belmontnh.org. As more information becomes available it will be posted to the site. Please send any comments regarding the renewal process to jbeaudin@belmontnh.org.



We would like to remind residents/taxpayers that recycling bins are available at Town Hall so if you haven't picked up your bins (2 per household), please stop by and see Tracey Russo.



The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 2, 2012 beginning at 5:45 p.m. on the adoption of the Second Hand Dealer/Pawnbroker Ordinance.

We continue to work on the projects which were approved for funding at Town Meeting, including the Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project and plans for revitalization of the Village, which includes a waterline replacement component. We will keep you posted as these projects move forward.

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance on Monday, April 16th beginning at 6:00 p.m.; following is the existing ordinance with highlighted proposed changes:

TOWN OF BELMONT, NH
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Adopted: March 11, 2005

Whereas, the Town of Belmont has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens to provide for the disposal of solid waste through a centralized solid waste, refuse-to-energy facility (Waste Plant); and

Whereas, the Town in 1989 entered into an Agreement for Formation of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative (Co-op) for the purpose of jointly exercising with the other Co-op members their power and authority for the disposal of solid waste; and

Whereas, pursuant to the terms of the Service Contract with the Co-op, the Co-op is required to deliver minimum quantities of Acceptable Waste (as defined herein) to the Waste Plant; and

Whereas, it is desirable and in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town for the Town to exercise its authority to control the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste generated within its borders to ensure the delivery of minimum quantities of Acceptable Waste to the Waste Plant, and to empower the Board of Selectmen to adopt rules, regulations and fees in furtherance thereof.

Now therefore, the Town adopts the following ordinance, to be known as the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

SECTION I - DEFINITIONS

ACCEPTABLE WASTE means (a) household garbage, trash, rubbish and refuse, originating within the boundaries of the Town, normally collected or disposed of, as a result of residential pickups or deliveries; and (b) such types of agricultural, commercial and light industrial waste originating within the boundaries of the Town as are normally collected or disposed of, but excluding Hazardous Waste, Unacceptable Waste, and Other Waste.

COMMERCIAL means commercial entities doing business in the Town of Belmont, including but not limited to, contractors, manufactured housing parks of more than three (3) housing units, lots of record containing more than 3 dwelling units in any configuration, and commercial establishments of any size such as, residential

boarding and lodging homes, convalescent and nursing homes, churches, daycares, schools, ski areas, motels, inns, restaurants, lounges, retail sales, service businesses, professional offices, manufacturing, or automotive related businesses.

FACILITY means the waste plant or other sites or areas designated by the Board of Selectmen within or outside the borders of the Town for the delivery or disposal of solid waste collected within the borders of the Town pursuant to this ordinance.

HAZARDOUS WASTE means (a) waste containing explosive, toxic or pathological substances; (b) waste defined or classified as hazardous waste at any time under federal, state or local law, or any regulation there under or waste defined by any applicable federal, state or local law as low level or high level radioactive waste; (c) waste prohibited for incineration by any local, state or federal agency with jurisdiction over the Waste Plant or Facility because of its toxic nature; (d) waste (other than Acceptable Waste of the character referred to in clause (a) of the definition of "Acceptable Waste") the processing of which would result in Hazardous Waste under (a), (b) or (c) of this definition, or (e) containers which hold or which previously have held waste described under (a), (b) or (c) above. If any governmental entity having jurisdiction shall determine that any substances which are not, as of the date of this Ordinance, considered harmful or of a toxic nature or dangerous, are harmful, toxic or dangerous, such substances shall thereafter be deemed Hazardous Waste.

OTHER SOLID WASTE means residential white metal goods, household appliances, tires, street sweepings, tree stumps and residential demolition debris.

PERSON means any natural person, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

RESIDENTIAL means all lots of record containing 3 or fewer dwelling units in any configuration.

SOLID WASTE shall have the meaning prescribed by the Division of Solid Waste Management of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services as set forth in NH Code of Administrative. Rules, Env.-SW 104.36.

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE means waste that is unacceptable at the Waste Plant such as (a) pathological and biological waste, oil sludge, cesspool or other human waste, human remains, street sweepings, large items of machinery and equipment such as automobile and vehicular parts, tires, trailers, agricultural equipment, marine vessels, or similar items, farm and other large machinery, wire and cable from industrial sources, plastics from industrial sources in excess in total of five (5) percent of the Town's Waste Plant waste load, foundry sands, tree stumps, liquid wastes and slurries, explosives (including ammunition and firearms) radioactive materials; (b) any item of waste exceeding six feet six inches in any one of its dimensions or being in whole or in part a solid mass, the solid portion of which has dimensions such that a sphere with a diameter of eight (8) inches could be contained within such solid portion; (c) animal remains, dirt, concrete and other non-burnable construction material and demolition debris; and chemicals from industrial and commercial sources such as cleaning fluids, petroleum products, paints, acids, caustics, pesticides, insecticides,

poisons, drugs or other materials the processing of which would pose a threat to health or safety or the processing of which may cause damage to the Waste Plant; (d) any waste which if processed, would violate or cause the violation of any judicial decision, order or action of any federal, state, or local government or any agency thereof or applicable law; and (e) Hazardous Waste.

WASTE PLANT means the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative (Co-op).

SECTION II - REGULATED ACTIVITY

- a. All Acceptable Waste originating or collected within the municipal boundaries of the Town shall be delivered to and deposited for disposal at the Waste Plant or the Facility as designated by the Board of Selectmen.
- b. No Person shall deliver or cause the delivery of any Solid Waste originating outside the municipal boundaries of the Town to the Waste Plant without the prior written consent of the Board of Selectmen. No Person shall deliver or cause the delivery of any Unacceptable Waste or Hazardous Waste to the Waste Plant. No Person shall deliver or cause the delivery of any Unacceptable Waste (excluding Other Solid Waste) or Hazardous Waste to the Facility. No Person shall cause or allow Solid Waste originating outside the Town which is delivered to the Waste Plant by such Person to be credited against the quantity of Acceptable Waste received or accepted at the Waste Plant for the account of the Town. Any person

licensed by the Town of Belmont to deliver Acceptable Solid Waste to the Waste Plant or Facility shall haul only Acceptable Solid Waste resulting from within the Town borders. No Person shall deliver or cause the delivery of Acceptable Waste to the Waste Plant in any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of less than 27,500 pounds.

- c. All items defined, as Unacceptable Waste, Hazardous Waste and Other Solid Waste shall be the responsibility of the owner or waste generator and shall be disposed at the owner's or waste generator's expense.
- d. The Town shall not bear the cost for pickup, transportation, or **tipping fee** of any Acceptable Solid Waste generated in the Town of Belmont by a Commercial property.

SECTION III – LICENSING

- a. No Person shall collect, transport or deliver Solid Waste originating within the Town without obtaining a license from the Board of Selectmen.
- b. Any Person required by this Ordinance to obtain a license shall make application to the Board of Selectmen, providing the information required. Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00.
- c. The application shall contain all information required by the Board of Selectmen, including but not limited to a description of the activities engaged in, e.g. collection, transportation or delivery of

Acceptable Waste; list of commercial customers and size and location of containers, pick up route, designated day and time of pick up, type and amount of waste handled; certificate of insurance with limits of coverage as determined by the Board of Selectmen; a description of the facilities operated and used; and an equipment inventory, including a description of the make, model and year of each vehicle used for the collection or transportation of Solid Waste.

- d. Licenses shall be renewed annually and all information provided in the initial application shall be revised upon application for license renewal. If the Board of Selectmen shall determine the application is incomplete, they shall notify the applicant in writing of the specific information necessary to complete it. The Board of Selectmen shall be informed immediately in writing of any changes in or additions to the information required on the application.
- e. Licenses issued hereunder shall not be transferable.
- f. All licenses shall expire one year from the date of issue unless otherwise stated on the license or revoked or suspended sooner in accordance with the provision of this Ordinance.
- g. The annual license fee shall be \$100 for each applicant licensed. In the event the Board of Selectmen denies a license application, they shall notify the applicant in writing and shall state

the reasons for the denial. Upon such notice, the applicant may request a hearing in accordance with the procedures in Section VI.

SECTION IV - SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

- a. Any license issued under this Ordinance may be suspended or revoked by order of the Board of Selectmen after the Board of Selectmen shall have notified the licensee in writing of the intent to suspend or revoke including the reasons therefore, the licensee will have an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the procedures in Section V.
- b. A license may be suspended or revoked for the following causes: (i) violation of this Ordinance; (ii) violation of any provision of any state or local law, or regulation relating to this Ordinance, including but not limited to NH RSA 149-M or any environmental law; (iii) violation of any license condition or (iv) falsehoods, misrepresentations or omissions in the license application.

SECTION V - HEARINGS

- a. Any Person denied a license or whose license is proposed to be suspended or revoked pursuant to Section IV shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Selectmen, if such request is made in writing within 15 days of the licensee's receipt of the notice of denial or proposed suspension or revocation.

- b. A hearing authorized by this Ordinance shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the Board of Selectmen of the written request for a hearing.
- c. The licensee or applicant shall be notified in writing as to the time and place of the hearing at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. The applicant or licensee has the right to be represented by counsel, to offer evidence and to cross-examine witnesses.
- d. A determination shall be made by the Board of Selectmen within 20 days after the conclusion of the hearing and a notice of the decision shall be served upon the applicant or licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- e. A final determination relative to the denial, suspension or revocation of a license and the period of suspension or revocation shall take effect as provided in the notice but no later than 10 days after the date notice of such final determination has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to the licensee or applicant. Such final determination shall be conclusive. Notice of the final determination shall set forth the reasons for the denial, suspension or revocation and the effective dates thereof, together with a statement that such decision may be appealed as provided in the Ordinance.
- f. Any claim arising out of or relating to a final determination shall be reviewed as provided by the laws of the State of

New Hampshire.

SECTION VI - ADMINISTRATION

This ordinance shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen whose powers and duties are as follows:

- a. To adopt reasonable rules, regulations, fees and fines as needed to enforce this Ordinance including without limitation, rules and regulations governing the delivery of Acceptable Waste to the Waste Plant and Other Solid Waste to the Facility;
- b. To consider all license applications and to grant or deny each application within 15 days after receipt of a completed application at the Town Offices or within such other time as the Board of Selectmen deems reasonable in light of the surrounding circumstances;
- c. To review any alleged violations of this Ordinance, and to impose appropriate penalties therefore after notice and hearing as required by this Ordinance; and
- d. To institute necessary proceedings either legal or equitable to enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION VII - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- a. Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation for each such violation.
- b. Any Person who violates this

Ordinance shall be subject to a fine, payable to the Town, of not more than \$1,000.00 for each such violation.

SECTION VIII - CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY

- a. The provisions of the Ordinance shall supersede all other local laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations contrary hereto or in conflict herewith.
- b. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any phrase, clause or sentence or provision or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION IX - AMENDMENT

This Ordinance may be amended by the Board of Selectmen subsequent to a Public Hearing, subject to the Town's continuing obligations under the Co-op Agreement and the Co-op's obligations under the Service Contract, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by Town Meeting, March 11, 2005 and may be amended in accordance with Section IX above. This document supersedes any other document or ordinance regarding Solid Waste management in Belmont, NH.

Monthly Recipe

Easter Bunny Bread Recipe

Recipe courtesy of www.tasteofhome.com

With its toothy grin, lovely golden crust and tummy that's perfect for serving dip, this charming rabbit is sure to bring a smile to guests young and old. I have personally made this bunny several times and can attest to the fact it is very easy and adorable!

Prep: 20 min. + rising Bake: 25 min. + cooling Yield: 24 Servings

Ingredients

- 2 loaves (1 pound each) frozen bread dough, thawed
- 2 raisins
- 2 sliced almonds
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Lettuce leaves
- Dip of your choice

Directions

- Cut a fourth off of one loaf of dough; shape into a pear to form head. For body, flatten remaining portion into a 7-in. x 6-in. oval; place on a greased baking sheet. Place head above body. Make narrow cuts, about 3/4 in. deep, on each side of head for whiskers.
- Cut second loaf into four equal portions. For ears, shape two portions into 16-in. ropes; fold ropes in half. Arrange ears with open ends touching head. Cut a third portion of dough in half; shape each into a 3-1/2-in. oval for back paws. Cut two 1-in. slits on top edge for toes. Position on each side of body.
- Divide the fourth portion of dough into three pieces. Shape two pieces into 2-1/2-in. balls for front paws; shape the remaining piece into two 1-in. balls for cheeks and one 1/2-in. ball for nose. Place paws on each side of body; cut two 1-in. slits for toes. Place cheeks and nose on face. Add raisins for eyes and almonds for teeth.
- Brush dough with egg. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30-45 minutes. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool.
- Place bread on a lettuce-lined 16-in. x 13-in. serving tray. Cut a 5-in. x 4-in. oval in center of body. Hollow out bread, leaving a 1/2-in. shell (discard removed bread or save for another use). Line with lettuce and fill with dip. **Yield:** 1 loaf.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. BOS @ CMH 5:00	3. LR Girls Softball @ CMH 6:30 Yoga 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	4. Cons Com @ CMH 6:00 Pre School Story Time @ Public Library 10:30 Summer Camp Registration 5:30 Old Winni Fire Station LR Girls Softball 6:30 @ CMH	5. Explorers @ CMH 6:00 BMS drama Performance 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Public Library 6:00	6. BMS drama Performance 6:00	7. BMS drama Performance 6:00
8. Happy Easter!	9. Boot Camp 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	10.	11. Pre School Story Time @ Public Library 10:30 Boot Camp 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station Revitalization Public Mtg 6:00 @ CMH	12. Explorers @ CMH 6:00 SRSD Mtg 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Public Library 6:00 Playgroup for Preschoolers 10:00 @ old Winni Fire Station	13. BEST Family Fun Night 6:00	14. Happy Tails @ CMH 8:00 Lego Club @ Public Library 10:30
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22.	23. Planning @ CMH 7:00 No School	24. No School Indoor Soccer 9:00 3-4 yr olds 10:00 5-7 yr olds	25. Zoning @ CMH 7:00 No School Pre School Story Time @ Public Library 10:30	26. Explorers @ CMH 6:00 No School Book Discussion 2:00 Public Library Knitting Group @ Public Library 6:00 SRSD Mtg 6:00	27. No School	28.
29.	30. Boot Camp 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station					