

# Our Community Newsletter

April 2014



## Town Administrator's Monthly Report

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 expired on December 31, 2013. The Town will be holding a public hearing on Monday, April 21, 2014 beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House to accept the renewal agreement. To summarize the new agreement; the renewal will be for a period of 10 -years, includes a provision for PEG Access Support grants equal to an annual payment of \$0.75 per Subscriber, plus reimbursement of up to \$2,500 for capital costs for equipment or facilities used for local access; the payments will not be passed through to subscribers. Anyone wishing to view the proposed agreement may do so at Town Hall, Monday – Friday from 7:30 – 4:00 p.m.



The Town-wide Water Meter Replacement project was funded at Town Meeting and we expect the project to begin in late spring. The project will be going out to bid and once a contractor is chosen to work with the Town, we will post notice of who was chosen and contact information.

The Ladd Hill Phase I project is currently out to bid and bids are due to be opened on April 24, 2014. Work will include Diane Drive, Gove Drive and depending upon bids received, Marilyn Drive. Phase II will be engineered this summer and would be completed next year.

The 2014 Property Revaluation is nearing completion; data collection and data entry is winding down and soon Commerford Nieder Perkins will begin the sales analysis process which will establish new values for the Town of Belmont. In early summer, taxpayers will receive notice of their new values as well as being notified of the hearing process. The new values will be used to establish the 2014 tax rate and will be reflected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue bill. The bill you receive in May 2014 will reflect the 2013 value and current tax rate. Any questions regarding the Revaluation process should be directed to the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 18 or to [assessing@belmontnh.org](mailto:assessing@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 Town Hall.



The Town of Belmont is looking for a few volunteer “green thumbs” to assist us in maintaining the plantings and small gardens in the Belmont Village; these include the small gardens at the entrance to Mill Street, the Veteran's Memorial plantings next to the Belmont Library, plantings near the entrances to the Belmont Mill and the numerous pocket parks along Main Street, not included would be Penstock Park as we presently have volunteers who have donated their efforts in this park for a number of years and they wish to continue. The Town of Belmont has funds available for mulch, fertilizer, and annual plantings. IF interested please contact the Town Administrator's office at 267-8300, Ext. 24, or by email at [townadministrator@belmontnh.org](mailto:townadministrator@belmontnh.org).

# Town Administrator News (cont.)

Spring is here and snow melt is just around the corner, please help us get ready for it!!



Just a reminder that the parking spaces across from Town Hall on Nelson Court are designated as Town Business only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II (c))

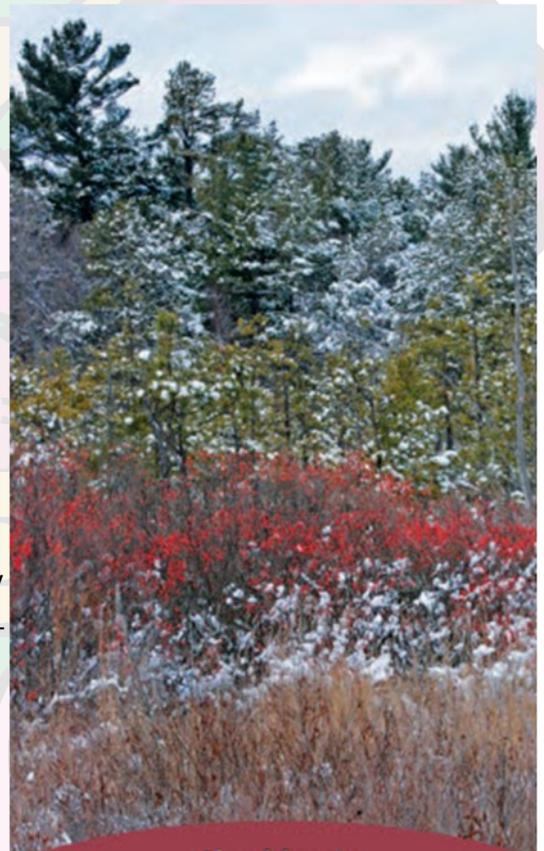
We would like to remind all Dog Owners of the importance of picking up your dog's waste from property not your own. The town installed at two different locations, dog waste stations where you can obtain a plastic bag to pick up the waste and deposit it in the numerous garbage cans located in the Village.



## Conservation Commission News

### Shrublands Habitats

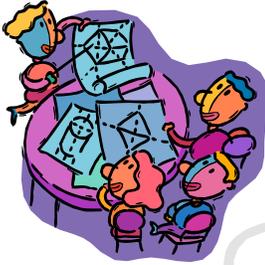
Shrubland habitats are shrub-dominated areas with scattered forbs and grasses. These habitats are typically the result of some disturbance and include dry shrublands, utility rights-of-way, old agriculture fields, and reverting gravel pits. Shrublands and other woody early-successional habitats are declining in New Hampshire and throughout the Northeast as are the associated wildlife species. Patch size is a key component of shrublands as wildlife habitats. For example, Golden-winged warblers occupy patches that are at least 10 hectares, whereas state endangered New England cottontails occupy patches in southeastern New Hampshire ranging from 0.2 to 15 hectares. Vegetation structure is also very important to shrubland habitat as some species require thick understory such as the New England cottontail and other species require dense canopy cover in addition to the shrub cover like the American woodcock. Some of the other species that can be found in shrublands include ruffed grouse, smooth green snake, wood turtle and the state threatened black racer. If left alone, many shrublands will naturally succeed into forests and therefore, natural disturbances or specific management practices should be allowed to occur to sustain this habitat. Additionally, habitat fragmentation and habitat loss due to development threatens shrubland habitats. Some conservation strategies for shrublands include habitat restoration and management.



Shrublands  
Habitat Stewardship Series  
NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

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# Planning & Zoning News



## Planning Board:

- Subdivision approval granted to Cocktails, LLC to subdivide one lot into two lots on Leavitt & Plummer Hill Roads.
- Site Plan approval granted to Winnisquam Boats, LLC to construct a 4,200sf boat showroom/sales building at 12 Sunset Drive.
- Site Plan approval granted to Frederick and Tina Fleming for Agricultural Educational Programs and events at 138 Bean Hill Road.

## Planning Board Application Review Committee:

Review, discussion and assistance provided regarding the following proposals:

- Winnisquam Boats, LLC to construct a 4,200sf boat showroom/sales building at 12 Sunset Drive.
- East Coast Militia for Enduro-cross, hare scramble and timed events at 1265 Laconia Road.
- Frederick and Tina Fleming for Agricultural Educational Programs and events at 138 Bean Hill Road.
- ART Convenience commercial renovations and residential expansion at 139 Main Street.
- Wolcott Construction for a contractor's yard at 170 Depot Street.
- LED Construction, LLC for subdivision approval extension on Sand Circle.
- Mark & Kristine Roberts for site plan and special exception approval extensions at 87 Hackett Road.

## Amendments:

The following Zoning and Zoning Map Amendments were adopted by the March 11<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting:



- **Amend the Purposes section of the Open Space Development Ordinance to include reducing impacts and strains on public and emergency services.**
- **Rezone three lots located on Corriveau Way (formerly Fred Friend Road) from Commercial to Rural.**

The Planning Board appreciates the support of voters on these proposals. These amendments are now in effect. The Zoning Map will be updated with the tax maps in the spring and the revised zoning ordinance is available at [www.belmontnh.org/docs/ords&apps/ZoningBelmontNH.pdf](http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/ords&apps/ZoningBelmontNH.pdf).

## Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Two Special Exceptions granted to Winnisquam Boats, LLC to construct a 4,200sf boat showroom/sales building at 12 Sunset Drive.



## Other Land Use News:

The Planning and Zoning Boards remind residents that Alternate Member seats are available. Contact the Land Use office at [landuse@belmontnh.org](mailto:landuse@belmontnh.org) or 267-8300x19 for assistance or information on any land use matter.

## Parks & Recreation News



**Boston Duck Tour**  
**Lunch at Cheers**  
**Faneuil Hall Shopping**  
**June 18, 2014-Wednesday**  
**\$83 per person**

Our Boston Duck Tour Trip will depart from the Belmont Park and Ride on Route 106 at 8:15AM. The motor coach is equipped with restroom facilities, DVD player and ample storage for your purchases. Our first stop will be the Museum of Science where we will board our Duck for an 80 minute narrated land and water tour of the city's unique neighborhoods and historic places. We'll splash into the Charles River for an awesome view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines. PLEASE NOTE: Duck Boat Tours can be conducted rain or shine. Boston Duck Tours has the right to cancel the water portion of the tour due to river and weather conditions. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch at Cheers Restaurant in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The restaurant is an exact replica of the "Cheers" TV show's Hollywood set! Lunch is a choice of three entrées and is included in the trip price. After lunch you'll have time to browse the shops at Faneuil Hall on your own before departing for Belmont at 4:00PM.

We will be travelling with the patrons of Moultonborough Park & Recreation; there will be a pickup in Moultonborough prior to our stop in Belmont. Seats are limited. Reservations must be accompanied by a registration form and payment. No refund will be granted for cancelled reservations unless the seats can be resold.

**Reservations or additional information contact:**

**Belmont Parks & Recreation:**  
 (603) 267-1865  
[recreation@belmonthnh.org](mailto:recreation@belmonthnh.org)  
[www.belmonthnh.org](http://www.belmonthnh.org)





### BELMONT POLICE BICYCLE RODEO

The Belmont Police Department is excited to announce the upcoming bicycle rodeo this May 17th

Belmont Police bicycle officers will be running a kids obstacle course as well as several other fun activities.

## BIKE SMART



**WEAR A HELMET**

As warmer weather approaches, The Belmont Police Department would like to remind drivers to be mindful of bicycles on the road.

We would also like to encourage bicycle riders to always wear a helmet, regardless of age. Riders must stay to the right hand side of the road, and use proper hand signals when making a turn.

If riding after dark it is encouraged to wear bright or reflective clothing. New Hampshire law states that when riding at night, that a bicycle must have a headlight on the front and a reflector on the back.

Be safe and happy riding!

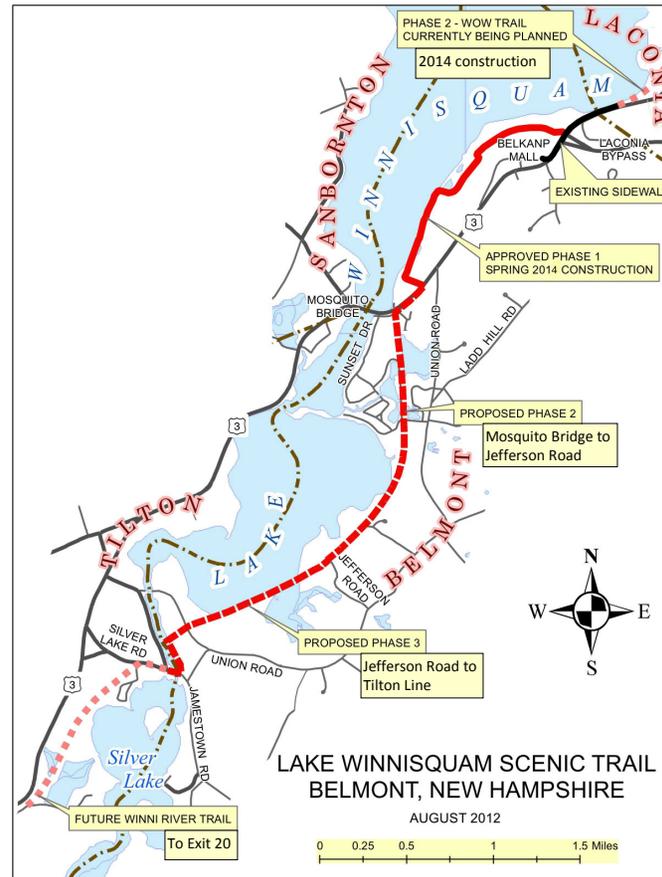


# LAKE WINNISQUAM SCENIC TRAIL



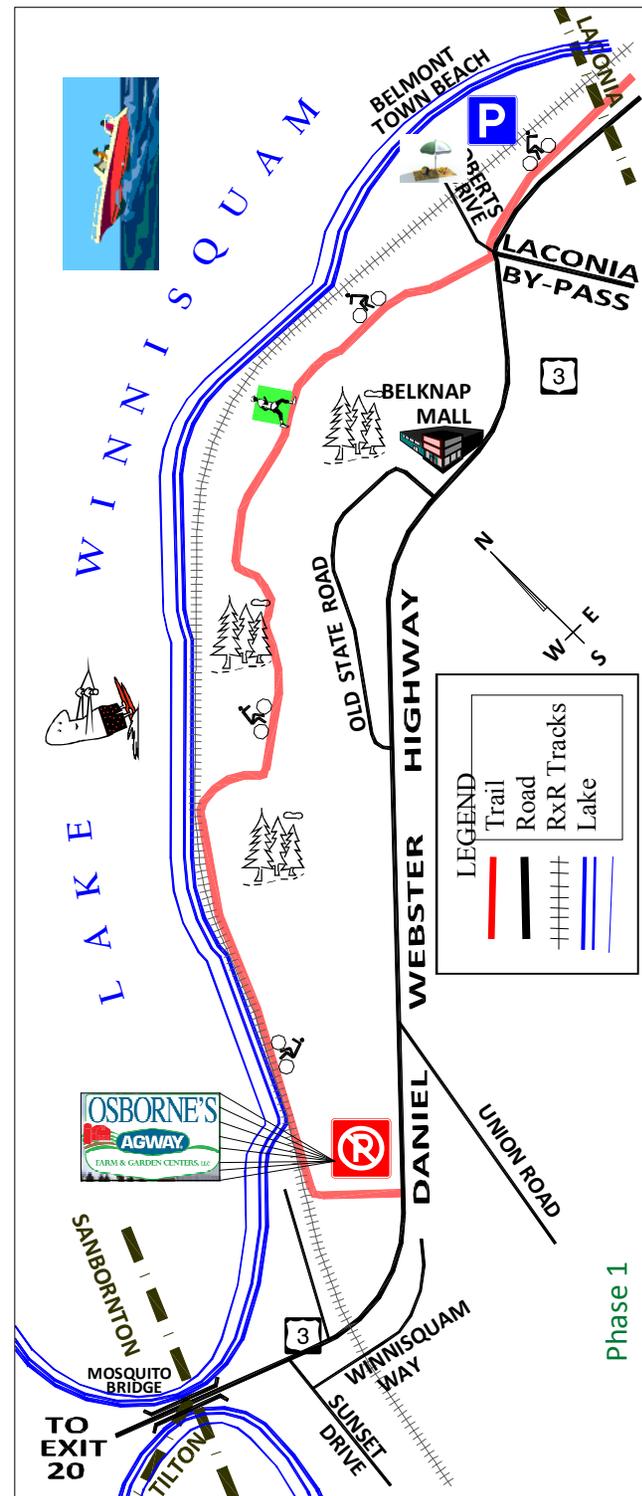
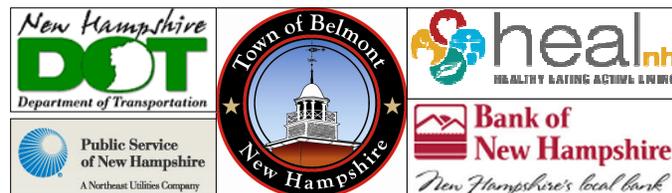
Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail along the shore of beautiful Lake Winnisquam

**BRATT**  
Belmont Recreation &  
Alternative Transportation Team



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TO EXIT 20

### Phase 1

For many years, Belmont, working through BRATT, has been working to establish a trail system through town in or near the State's railroad right-of-way along Lake Winnisquam. In 2005, Belmont was awarded a Transportation Enhancement grant to build the first phase of the project from the Laconia city line to Mosquito Bridge. Since then, work has been diligently pursued to fund the project, as well as deal with numerous design constraints that developed as the project has progressed.

Construction is now planned to occur in the spring and summer of 2014 with its opening immediately following.

Phase 1 begins at the Laconia city line and travels over an existing sidewalk turning on to Leslie E. Roberts Drive. It then quickly turns onto Horse Point Road and onto NH DOT land traversing through the woods on land that at one time was slated to be the extension to Franklin of the Laconia By-Pass, but now held as conservation land. Continuing, the trail turns down to the former B&M Railroad (now NH

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DOT) railroad tracks, across a trail easement donated by Sun Lake Village, and runs along Lake Winnisquam in the rail corridor. Finally, the trail turns onto an easement at Osborne's Agway to its end at the Daniel Webster Highway. The trail is 1.7 miles long with a maximum grade of 8%.

### Phase 2 & 3

The next two phases to be built at some time in the future will connect to a future phase of the Winnepesaukee River Trail at Jamestown Road at the Tilton town line. We anticipate that with successful completion of Phase 1 that momentum will build to fund and construct the remainder of the trail to make a truly, regional trail system. One day, imagine riding from Meredith to Lebanon or Concord - all on a dedicated bikeway!



Typical proposed locations for the Winni Trail.



These are the types of traffic conflicts and trespasses that the Winni Trail will remedy.



# THE BELMONT BOOKMARK

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Newsletter of the Belmont Public Library

April 2014

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www.belmontpubliclibrary.org  
bpl@belmontnh.org

Hours: Mon. 12 pm – 6 pm  
Tues. 12 pm – 7 pm  
Wed. 10 am – 4 pm  
Thurs. 12 pm – 7 pm  
Fri. 10 am – 4 pm  
Sat. 9 am – 1 pm

## Fax Service Now Available

Our fax machine is now plugged in, working, and available for you to use. The fee is \$1.00 per page. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

## Children's Author's Tea

Jenny will be representing the library at the Children's Author's Tea on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Belknap Mill.

This is a free event! Invite a friend and their children to join you!

- Meet Special Guests and NH Authors!
- Learn more about your local library!
- Every child will receive a free book!
- Enjoy light snacks and tea!
- Listen to some storytelling!

This event is organized by the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire.

## New Teen Advisory Group

Our new teen advisory group, Tag Team, is underway! Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join! We look forward to your new ideas! Meetings times this month will be April 8 and 22 at 4 pm. Group members will be deciding what exactly they want to do but likely activities include participating in planning programs, doing crafts, discussing books, and finding ways to improve library service to teens. Snacks will be provided.

## New DVD Policy

The DVD check out limit has been increased to three per person!

## Come in for Coffee

We have a Keurig coffee maker available for patron use upstairs. We have a selection of coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate. The suggested donation is \$1.00 or your choice.

## Storytime Themes for April

- April 2: The Letter Z
- April 9: Culminating Event for Alphabet Adventures
- April 16: National Library Week
- April 23: Earth Day
- April 30: Spring Peepers & Frogs

## Lego Club

The Belmont Public Library's next Lego club meeting will be held on Saturday April 5, from 10:30 to noon. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme: "Flowers and Leaves." The Library will provide all children with Legos to build, and finished pieces will be put on display in the Children's room. Sign up is not required and late arrivals are always welcome.

## Book Group

Book group will be meeting Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 pm. Meeting time is flexible so come whenever you can – don't worry about being late! We will be reading *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Stone, which won Amazon.com Best Book of the Year. *The New York Times Book Review* describes this book as "Part love letter to books, part technological meditation, part thrilling adventure, part requiem... Eminently enjoyable, full of warmth and intelligence."

## New Items

### Audio Books

- 2nd Chance* – Patterson, James
- 3rd Degree* – Patterson, James
- Beach Road* – Patterson, James
- Beyond Reach* – Karin Slaughter
- Final Jeopardy* – Fairstein, Linda
- Some Enchanted Evening* – Christina Dodd
- Summer Light* – Rice, Luanne
- Women's Murder Club Box Set, Vol. 2* – Patterson, James

# Library News

## Movies

*The Book Thief*  
*Catching Fire* (DVD + Blu-ray)  
*Dallas Buyers Club*  
*Foyle's War, Set 7*  
*Gravity*  
*Hairspray*  
*Last Tango in Halifax*  
*Moonlight Serenade*  
*Red Skelton*  
*Saving Mr. Banks*  
*Shallow Hal*  
*Stolen*  
*The Twilight Saga: Eclipse*  
*The Twilight Saga: New Moon*  
*Under Suspicion*  
*V: The Original Miniseries*  
*12 Years a Slave*  
*The Wolf of Wall Street*

## Fiction

*A Tale for the Time Being* – Ozeki, Ruth  
*Benediction* – Haruf, Kent  
*Blackberry Pie Murder* – Fluke, Joanne  
*Dolled Up to Die* – McCourtney, Lorena  
*Exes and Obs* – Kendrick, Beth  
*Hardball* – Sara Paretsky  
*Heaven is for Real* – Burpo, Todd  
*Killing Cupid* – Levine, Laura  
*Lake People* – Maxwell, Abi  
*Love in Bloom* – Roberts, Sheila  
*Love is a Four-Legged Word* – Shepherd, Kandy  
*Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* – Sloan, Robin  
*Out of the Rain* – Macomber, Debbie  
*Private L. A.* – Patterson, James and Mark Sullivan  
*Still Life with Bread Crumbs* – Quindlen, Ann  
*The Double Wedding Ring* – O'Donohue, Clare  
*The Goldfinch* – Tartt, Donna  
*The Luminaries* – Catton, Eleanor  
*The Supreme Macaroni Company* – Trigiani, Adriana  
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*The Swan Gondola* – Schaffer, Timothy  
*The Universe Versus Alex Woods* – Extence, Gavin  
*TransAtlantic* – McCain, Colum  
*Truth in Advertising* – Kenney, John  
*Wake* – Hope, Anna  
*Careful What You Wish For* – Archer, Jeffrey (Large Print)

## Nonfiction

*A Nation in Pain: Healing Our Biggest Health Problem*  
 – Foreman, Judy  
*A New Leaf: The End of Cannabis Prohibition* – Martin, Alyson, and Rashidan, Nushin  
*Biking Across America* – Stutzman, Paul  
*Guinness World Records 2014*  
*Life* – Richards, Keith  
*Mud Season* – Stimson, Ellen  
*Not Without Peril: 150 Years of Misadventure on the Presidential Range of New Hampshire* – Howe, Nicholas  
*Over America In High Definition* (Blu-ray)  
*Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions* – Higginbotham, Joyce & River  
*Soaring Over America* (Blu-ray)  
*The Discovery of Middle Earth: Mapping the Lost World of the Celts* – Robb, Graham  
*The Four Agreements* – Ruiz, Don Miguel  
*The Old Farmer's Almanac 2014*  
*The World Almanac 2014*  
*Woodcraft: A Guide to Camping and Survival* – Kreps, E. H.

## Children's

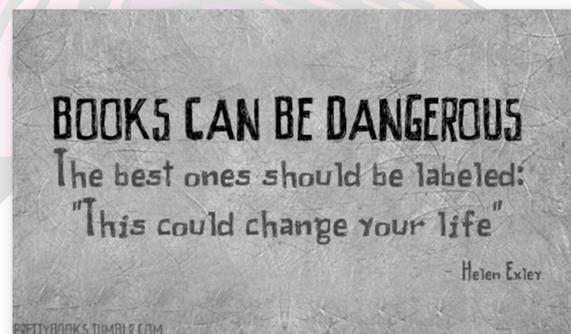
*Flora & Ulysses* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Journey* – Aaron Becker

## Children's Movies

*Balto & Balto II: Wolf Quest*  
*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*  
*Lego Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles*  
*The Spiderwick Chronicles*

## Arts & Crafts Group

We are expanding our Thursday night Knitting and Crocheting Group to include other crafters. Bring your own project and enjoy the company of other crafters - and perhaps tea and snacks! - Thursday, April 10, at 6 pm.



# Bye Bye Bob & Renee'



On February 12, 2014 Lieutenant Bob Laraway donned his Belmont Fire Department Uniform for the last time as he prepared to head into retirement after almost 13 years of full-time service.

On February 28, 2014 Administrative Assistant Renee' Jesseman retired from the BFD with almost 13 years of full-time service and 14 years on the call dept.. We wish Bob and Renee' success with their future endeavors and will miss them both!

Belmont Fire Department 2014 Alarms by type	
Descript	Count
BLS ALPHA OR BRAVO	59
ALS CHARLIE	13
ALS DELTA	7
ALS ECHO	4
MVA ALPHA/BRAVO	3
MVA CHARLIE LEVEL	2
MVA DELTA LEVEL	2
MVA With EXTRICATION	1
ALS Transport	17
Fire Response	20
Hazardous Materials Response	6
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	6
Mutual Aid Response	33
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	4
Rescue Response	1
Service Call	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>

## Fire Department News (cont.)



### *Coffee Break Training* - Fire Prevention and Public Education

The most effective risk-reduction strategies are those that employ a broad-based integrated approach utilizing a combination of prevention interventions. President Harry S. Truman's 1947 conference on fire prevention coined the original Three E's — education, enforcement and engineering. In 2000, the National Fire Academy added economic incentive and emergency response because of their importance to community risk reduction. The goal of using multiple interventions in parallel is twofold: Prevent incidents from occurring, and when prevention fails, reduce or mitigate the impact of the incident. Each of the E's can contribute to the development of realistic, comprehensive and effective solutions. Together the E's produce a synergistic effect and are more effective than when used individually.

**Education:** Education intervention influences behavior by raising awareness, providing information and knowledge to produce the desired behavior. Education is only effective if people do what they are supposed to do, i.e., firefighters wearing seatbelts.

**Enforcement:** Enforcement interventions include passing, strengthening and enforcing laws as well as issuing and enforcing regulations.

**Engineering:** Engineering involves changes in the physical environment: the design, development and manufacture of safety products. Changes are the result of advances in technology; some examples are fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, helmets and airbags.

**Economic incentive:** These incentives are measures used to influence behavior either positively or negatively. Positive economic incentives reward people monetarily for behaving in a certain manner or making certain choices. Negative economic incentives punish people monetarily for behaving in a certain manner or making certain choices. Tickets, fines and citations are used to discourage people from choosing unsafe behaviors. Economic incentives can be used to persuade people to do business (sales, coupons, discounts, etc.). Government also uses economic incentives. Montgomery County, Maryland, offers a one-time 50 percent reduction in property taxes for retrofitting a home with a fire sprinkler system.

**Emergency response:** Emergency response interventions are used by emergency responders (fire/Emergency Medical Services/law) to mitigate risk. The emergency response capability of the community must be considered during the risk-assessment process. Some risks can only be mitigated by adding new emergency response capability or enhancing current emergency response capability. Emergency service personnel are trained and equipped to handle many emergencies; however, there are occasions when emergency services can be overwhelmed by demands. This is when a well-organized, well-managed Community Emergency Response Team can make a world of difference.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. "Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction"

### Recent incident Action Shots





Happy April folks!!

Hopefully we will be seeing those spring flowers soon...



As a reminder, Water and Sewer payments are due April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Also, dog registrations are due by the last day of April. So come on down and register your pooch or go to our town website, [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org), as long as your dog's rabies certificate is current, you can renew the registration online, and we'll mail you the tags.

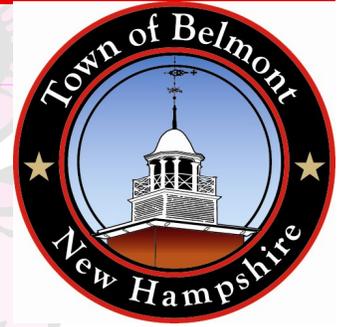


Recently, we sent out notices to residents who owe a small balance on their accounts from 2013. These notices were sent to make you aware that you owe a small amount and give residents the opportunity to clean up accounts to avoid being liened. We are trying something new this year as far as the lien process is concerned. We have decided to postpone the lien date for 2014 (which covers amounts owed in 2013) until the beginning of May to give residents a little extra time to get taxes, water and sewer charges paid off. So far, we are finding this to be beneficial to the taxpayers we serve.

Enjoy the April showers!! Hopefully they get rid of the lingering snow we are all so tired of!!



# April 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LRGS 6pm @ CMH	2 Conservation Comm 6:30 @ CMH Belmont Baseball 5:00pm @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	3	4	5 Lego Club 10:30am - Noon @ Library
6	7 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH World Health Day 	8 Bogie Busters 7pm @ CMH Teen Advisory Group 4 pm @ Library	9 Belmont Baseball 6:30pm @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	10 Arts & Crafts 6pm @ Library	11	12
13	14	15 Tax Day 	16 Storytime 10:30am @ Library	17 ARC Mtg 8am @ CMH	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter 	21 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH	22 Teen Advisory Group 4 pm @ Library Earth Day 	23 Zoning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	24	25 Arbor Day 	26
27	28 Planning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH	29	30 Special Family Storytime 10:30am @ Library			