



Our Community Newsletter December 2011



Great Brook Village

Well another trick and treat night has come and gone; GBV had over 65 little and big monsters, princesses etc. It is such a joy to see the little ones, and I must say the big ones were quite creative with their costumes. We all agreed how polite all the trick a treaters were.

The last two weeks on our Wednesday morning coffee we had three special visitors that came and joined us for coffee and treats. It was very entertaining to hear some of the stories that were told and bought a lot of laughter. It is always so nice to see new faces that feel comfortable coming to see us "young folks" at the Village. The old saying laughter is the best medicine and we certainly have lots of that here.

We are trying to find some energized people to put a small float in the "Deck the Village" Parade that is being held on December 4, 2011 to help escort Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause who will be attending all the great programs that will be going on at the Historic Mill and Corner Meeting House Sweet Shop.

Our village here at GBV was reassessed and I think when most of our residents got their tax bill, they were very happy, of course those who are trying to sell their home were probably a different story.

That all folks



1st Anniversary

Well this will mark the 1st Anniversary of the Community Newsletter. A Great big thank-you to all who contribute and make it the success it has been. I hope everyone is enjoying and finding helpful the information contained here. Have a Joyous Holiday Season!



Did you know that December 16th is National Chocolate Covered ANYTHING day????? Woohoo!!! You can thank me later just enjoy now!

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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.

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.



BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

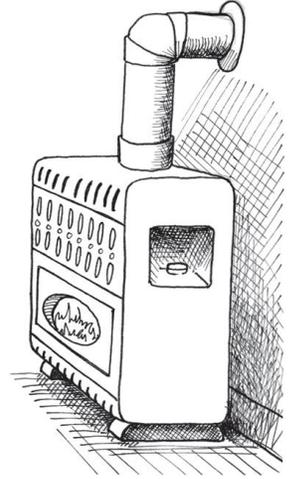
Heating

Equipment

Smarts!

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



- **Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- **Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department and Gas Company.

Fire Chief David Parenti

Land Use

Planning Board:

- Approval of an excavation permit for Blue Sky Enterprises for an existing excavation site at 224 Hurricane Road.
- Approval for Neil McGreevy for the sale of used cars and trucks at 26 Laconia Road.

Zoning Board:

- Approval to Bob and Ginger Wells-Kay to construct a residential garage at 66 Cotton Hill Road.
- Approval to Calvin & Pam Vibert to add a second story to a preexisting nonconforming residence at 51 Coons Point Road.

Other:

- A [Public Hearing](#) has been scheduled for November 28th at 7pm at the Corner Meeting House to review zoning ordinance amendments under consideration by the Board for addition to the 2012 Town Ballot. They include:
 - Regulating as a structure, small building components that are placed abutting each other to form a structure.
 - Regulating outdoor wood-fired boilers by prohibiting the use of boilers that do not meet EPA Phase II emission limits in the Village, Residential Single-family and Residential Multi-family zones.
 - Limiting the height of building mounted signs so they do not protrude above the adjacent roofline.
 - Exempt municipal, state and federal flags from all setbacks, but limit height to 45'. Exempt municipal, state and federal signs from the requirements of the Ordinance.
 - Clarifying that retaining walls higher than 4' require a building permit but are exempt from setback requirements.

- [Learn More/Be Safe:](#)

"Don't let germs ruin your holiday activities by not taking proper precautions against food borne disease," said Dr. José Montero, Director of Public Health at DHHS. "There are simple tips for safe food preparation that we should all be following every day, not just at holidays, but large gatherings and people cooking outside their comfort zone can present an opportunity for bacteria to be introduced into our food." [Learn More...](#)

Winter reminders from the Highway Department

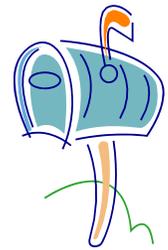


Now that plow season is here there are a few things to remember.

1: Please make sure your mailbox and post are in good shape. Try to keep it visible to the plow driver at all times. If we can't see it we can't avoid it.

2: We **DO NOT** replace mailboxes.

3: Please do not place garbage cans or trash bags on or in roadway. They belong at the entrance of your driveway.



4: While cleaning your driveway **DO NOT** push, snow blow or shovel snow into the roadway. Please do not clean your car off in the roadway after it has been cleared. If you have your driveway plowed by a contractor and he plows across the road, you will still be held responsible for those actions.



5: No roadside parking in the Town from November 15th to April 15th. Your car will be towed at your expense.

It is the department's goal to keep the roads passable at all times during a snowstorm. There are seven different plow routes in town and it takes approximately 3 ½ hours for one round trip. If your road has not been plowed, we are on our way.

We start treating the roads as soon as the first flake hits and continue well after the storm has finished. This may mean the plow has made many trips by your house, please a wave and a smile is always nice.

We ask for patience, cooperation and assistance to make this winter as safe and enjoyable as possible.

*Happy Holidays,
Your Highway Crew*

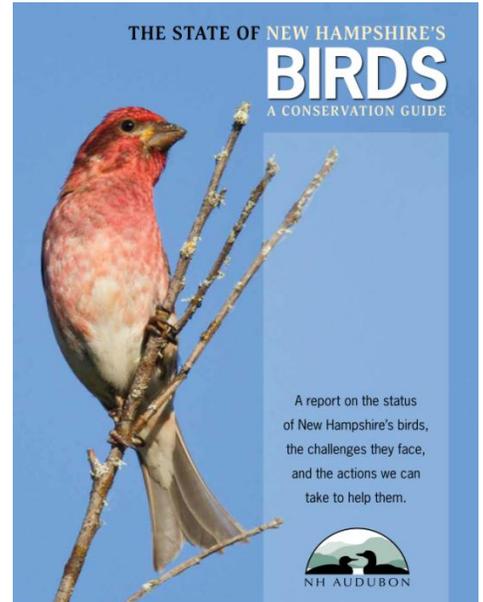
*Jim Fortin Craig Clairmont Tom Munsey Rick Patten
Aaron Fleury Chris Clairmont Walter Joslyn Travis Wardwell
Steve Drouin Allen Daisey*

[Click picture to view Guide](#)

Conservation Commission

The NH Audubon Society has recently published, "*The State of New Hampshire's Birds - A Conservation Guide*" (SOTB-CG), an action guide for assessing the overall health of the bird population in the state. The SOTB-CG is an easy to read follow-up to a technical report, "*The State of New Hampshire's Birds*" produced but NH Dept. of Fish and Game describing the 187 bird species known to breed in the State.

There are basically three types of birds that reside in New Hampshire; the *Residents* - those birds that live here throughout the year, most owls and woodpeckers, crows, turkey, Northern Cardinals and Black-capped chickadees; *Short-distance migrants* - those birds that winter in the southern US like Eastern Phoebe, Chirping Sparrow and Hermit Thrush; and *Long-distance migrants* those that winter south of the USA in Central America, South America and the Caribbean, such as the Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager and Baltimore Oriole.



The guide reviews the ten habitats that are found in NH and what is happening to the representative species found in each, what are the population trends, the primary threats, the conservation actions, and what the data needs are for better understanding. In pre-colonial times, New Hampshire's landscape was predominantly forested. As European settled and agriculture became established, the state became mostly open fields. With the decline of agriculture, the state has become mostly forested again. As the landscape has changed so has the bird population.



Laurel Day

The Guide then talks about non-habitat threats which include Predation (Did you know that domestic "outdoor" cats may be one of the largest threats to songbirds that there is!), Disease, Acid Rain, Toxins Climate Change and Structures.

The Guide describes many ways that we as individuals and as a community can assist in conserving New Hampshire's wild bird populations.





Public Library

Belmont Public Library Celebrates the Holidays!!

Learn to knit your own Christmas stocking, or make a pair of warm mittens and a scarf and hat for a gift! There are books that have directions for these items and more. Sit in with Loraine and the Thursday Knitters for help and friendly encouragement. They meet at 6 p.m. at the Library, and welcome new knitters. The Library has many cookbooks to give you ideas for special meals and seasonal treats!! The Children's Room has a great selection of Holiday stories including classics like "A Visit from Saint Nicolas" and "The Polar Express" as well as many new titles. Story time, held at 10:30 on Wednesdays, will feature seasonal stories and crafts with Miss Tasha, and Fridays at 10:30, there are "Sing-a-longs" to enjoy. On Sunday, December 4th, the Library will participate with "Deck the Village" offering a special story time and card making. We will be accepting donations for the local Food Pantries at this time.

The Library will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 26th for Christmas

Jackie, Loraine, Tasha, Jill, Annie, and Jane wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!!!!

Holiday Books

The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck - A lesson about materialism

Snow Day by Billy Coffey - How an adult learns that there is a Santa Claus and hope will overcome worry

Lawman's Christmas by Linda Lael Miller - In a McKettricks of Texas Novel, a cowboy and a Christmas wish collide.

Christmas at Harrington's by Melody Carlson - So who IS Mrs. Santa Claus? Really...

Wishin' & Hopin' by Wally Lamb - 1960s Small town Christmas dreams. Oh...the memories...

The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook - Traditional recipes from modern kosher kitchens with special essays.

Christmas Baking: Traditional Recipes Made Easy by Christian Teubner - Meringue tree ornaments, Stollen, Macaroon bars, Iced stars - Yum! Yum!

Knit Christmas Stockings! 19 Patterns - Perfect to hang up for Santa to fill!!

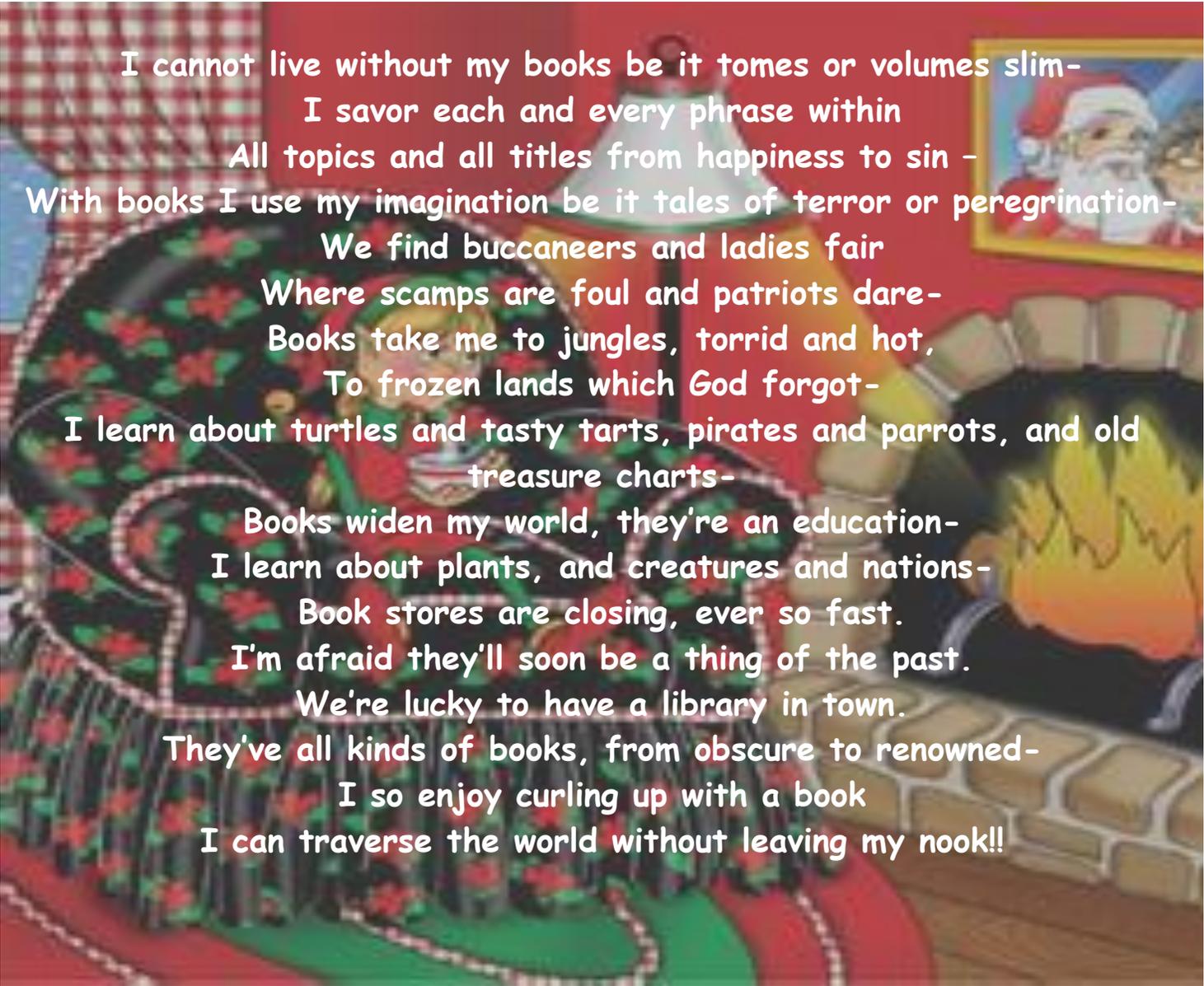
And Other NEW STUFF:

Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich, V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton, 11/22/63 by Stephen King
Full listings of new materials can be found on our website: www.belmontpubliclibrary.org.



Books

By G. H. Foote (one of our own Library Patrons)



I cannot live without my books be it tomes or volumes slim -
I savor each and every phrase within
All topics and all titles from happiness to sin -
With books I use my imagination be it tales of terror or peregrination -
We find buccaneers and ladies fair
Where scamps are foul and patriots dare -
Books take me to jungles, torrid and hot,
To frozen lands which God forgot -
I learn about turtles and tasty tarts, pirates and parrots, and old
treasure charts -
Books widen my world, they're an education -
I learn about plants, and creatures and nations -
Book stores are closing, ever so fast.
I'm afraid they'll soon be a thing of the past.
We're lucky to have a library in town.
They've all kinds of books, from obscure to renowned -
I so enjoy curling up with a book
I can traverse the world without leaving my nook!!

*As I am sure most of you know
December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day.
Please take a moment to remember all
the men and women who lost their
lives on that day and the changes
brought about in our country.*



Christmas Crossword Puzzle

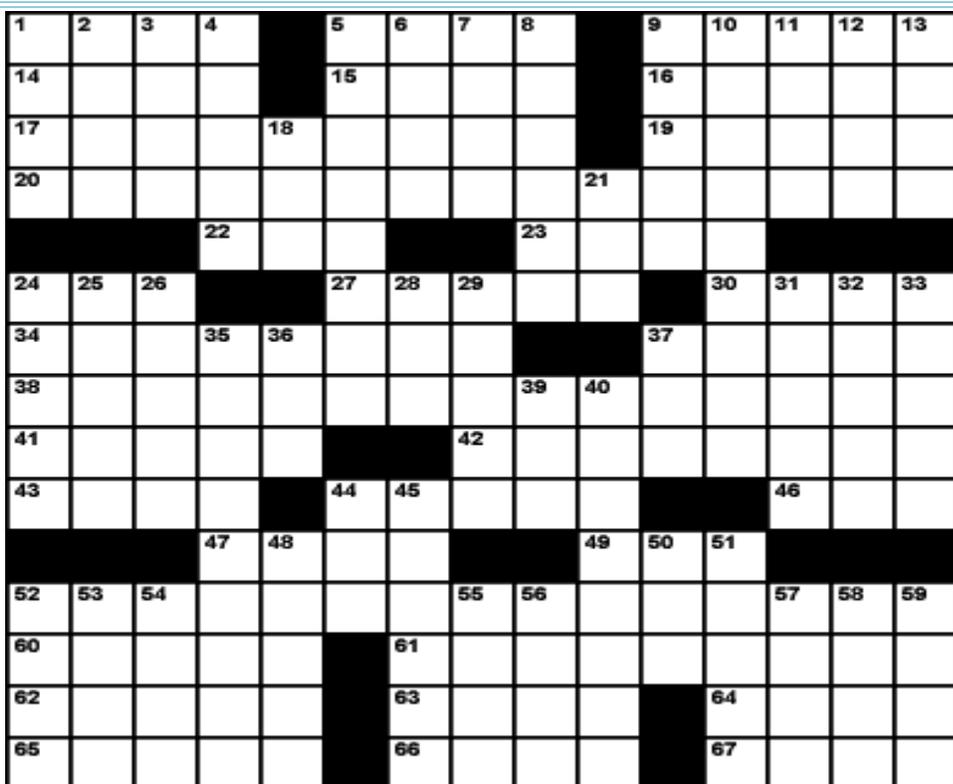
Across

1. Nods off
5. Al-Jazeera viewer, probably
9. Crockett's last stand
14. Border on
15. Tree trunk
16. 1998 Pulitzer winner Paula
17. Hammered designs
19. Garlic sauce
20. Santa... town
22. Catch some rays
23. Powder source
24. Ret. plan
27. Word on a Yankee dollar
30. French sailor and writer, Pierre

34. Marie Edmé Patrice de __, French president 1873-79
37. Red dye used in cosmetics
38. I'm dreaming of...
41. Gaggle contents
42. Hardy breed from Scotland
43. At a previous time
44. Fall bloomer
46. Felix or Garfield, e.g.
47. Name-serial number connector
49. Part of the Treasury Dept.
52. It's...a lot like Christmas
60. Beelike
61. Suspensions of ongoing activities
62. Beautiful in Bologna
63. e.e.cummings, e.g.
64. __-Mall
65. Beer maker?
66. The largest of the Inner Hebrides
67. Ultimatum word

Down

1. 'Keep off the grass!' sayer, perhaps



2. Cain's victim
3. Cocoon occupant
4. Rex of mystery
5. Wormwood
6. Seamstress Betsy
7. Smart __ (wise guy)
8. Gets drunk
9. Take or use
10. Tarzan's cover
11. Highly excited
12. Thaw
13. Mixture
18. Can.'s neighbor
21. It's often at the door
24. GIF or JPEG, e.g.
25. Less refined
26. Throbs
28. Letters Taiwan can't use
29. Knock off a bowler
31. Containing the heaviest known metal
32. Princesses headwear

33. Map feature
35. Hung-jury results
36. Stopped fasting
37. Tee preceder
39. Canadian whisky
40. Bother
44. __ Arbor, Mich.
45. Supplies sparingly
48. Certain stipend
50. It makes a cavity
51. Hillside
52. Nursery dweller
53. Pointless weapon
54. __ monster (lizard)
55. Cranny's partner
56. Color for Lee's army
57. Not written
58. Squirts a squeak
59. Chard relative

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*"We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"*

Police Department

It is now the season that the snow removal and the overnight parking ordinance is in effect. Many people are not aware of the ordinances about snow removal on the Town and State roads or the winter parking restrictions on the roadways within the Town of Belmont.

Article II of the Town's Snow Removal Ordinance says that no person shall put, place, or store or cause to be put, placed or stored snow or ice which has been removed from private property onto any public road, sidewalk or parking area. This also means that you are responsible for the person who is plowing your driveway.

Our ordinance mirrors the state law that says which means that if you live on a state highway, you would be in violation of state law instead of the town ordinance.

It is not illegal to plow snow across the road, if you or your plow person needs to push snow across the road or the sidewalk to help get rid of the snow; that is not a problem. It is not legal though, to plow snow into the road and leave it there or plow it across the street into the snow bank and then let it fall into the road or restrict the roadway. When those little tracks of snow freeze, they become road hazards to the traveling public as well as snow plows themselves. So if you plow across the road, please clean up the road when you are done.

Section III of the Town of Belmont's Traffic Ordinance says that there shall be no overnight parking of vehicles along any roadway between November 15 and April 30.

People can be fined and vehicles can be towed if they are in violation.

Thank you for your help and making snow removal for Department of Public Works a little easier.

Please check out the ordinance,

Section III A

<http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/ords&apps/TrafficOrdinance.pdf>

Section II

<http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/ords&apps/Snow%20Ordinance.pdf>

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"Every year at just this
time,
In cold and dark
December,
Families around the
world
All gather to remember,
With presents and with
parties,
With feasting and with
fun,
Customs and traditions
for people old and
young."

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.

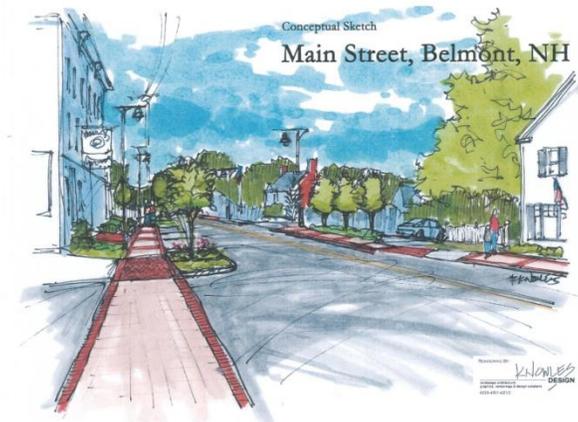
Events in and Around Our Community

| <i>What</i> | <i>When</i> | <i>Where</i> |
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| Gift of Lights-Fundraiser proceeds to benefit Speedway Children's Charities also a collection site for Salvation Army. | The entire month of December Monday-Thursday 5:30-9:00 PM Friday-Sunday 5:30-10:00 PM | At New Hampshire Motor Speedway For more info on prices www.newhampshiregiftoflights.com or call 1-888-926-7403 |
| Christmas Village in Laconia | Dec. 1 and 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Dec. 3 and 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 3, there will be a special showing for senior citizens only from 10 a.m. to noon while, during that same time on Sunday, Dec. 4, the village will be open exclusively to disabled persons. | Laconia Community Center, Union Ave |
| Children's Auction Rockin' Holiday Bash | December 2, 2011 Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Lake Opechee Inn and Conference Center Lakeport, NH Contact information www.meadowbrook.net www.childrensauction.com |
| GRAMMY Award-winning Guitarist Ed Gerhard's 20th Annual Holiday Concert | Saturday, December 3, 2011, 7:30 - 10 PM | The Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St E Laconia, NH (603) 664-7200 info@virtuerecords.com |
| Deck the Village | December 4 th 12-5 PM | Downtown Belmont to encompass the Mill, The lighting of the Christmas tree, a visit from Santa (including pictures), & Santa's Sweet Shoppe at the Corner Meeting House. |
| Mill Falls Marketplace Holiday Open House | December 4, 2011 Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Mill Falls Marketplace, Meredith for more info please e-mail info@millfalls.com |
| Laconia Winter Marketplace | Thursday, December 8, 2011, 3 - 6 PM | The Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St E Laconia, NH For more info contact Amy Dix 603-630-0086 |
| The Nutcracker | Saturday, December 10, 2011, 2 - 9 PM | Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH for more info call (603) 569-5410 |



Town Administrator's Monthly Report

The Revitalization Committee has been meeting regularly and is very excited to announce that the first public meeting to discuss plans and options for revitalization of the downtown will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Corner Meeting House**. Notice of the meeting will be posted on the Town's website as well as Town Hall, Post Office and local businesses. We encourage your participation and attendance at our first meeting.



It is once again the budget season and the Town of Belmont's Department Heads, Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee are in full swing preparing for the 2012 Deliberative Session, which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 10:00 am at the Belmont High School. Ballot voting will follow on the Town's budget, Elected Officials and other

matters on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 beginning at 7:00 am at the Belmont High School. Voter's guides will be available following the Deliberative Session.

The Budget Committee continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at the Corner Meeting House; their meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and we encourage your attendance.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Bond Hearing on the proposed bond for replacement of 5 sewer pump stations on Monday, January 9, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House. The Budget Committee's Public Hearing on the 2012 Proposed Budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

The Board of Selectmen meet typically on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 p.m., and your attendance is encouraged. Agendas are posted at Town Hall, the Post Office and on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org.

"Each Christmas I remember
The ones of long ago;
I see our mantelpiece adorned
With stockings in a row.
Each Christmas finds me dreaming
Of days that used to be,
When we hid presents here and
there,
For all the family.
Each Christmas I remember
The fragrance in the air,
Of roasting turkey and mince pies
And cookies everywhere.
Each Christmas finds me longing
For Christmases now past,
And I am back in childhood
As long as memories last."



BESTWAY



Materials Recycling Facility Disposal Rates
 43 Industrial Drive, Belmont, NH 03220 603-524-5881
 Hours: 7:30a - 4:00pm (M-F) and 8:00a - 1pm (Saturday)

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|---|--------------------|
| HOUSEHOLD ITEMS | |
| Air Conditioners | \$20.00 |
| Chairs | \$10.00 |
| Couches | \$15.00 |
| Mattresses or Box springs | \$10.00 |
| Microwaves | \$5.00 |
| Propane Tanks (20 Gallon Max) | \$8.00 |
| Refrigerators | \$20.00 |
| Televisions (up to 13") | \$10.00 |
| Televisions (up to 21") | \$15.00 |
| Televisions (over 21-40") | \$25.00 |
| Televisions over 40" | \$50.00 |
| Batteries, Wet (Vehicles) | \$4.00 |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | |
| CPU's | \$10.00 |
| Keyboards | \$5.00 |
| Laptops | \$10.00 |
| Monitors | \$15.00 |
| Printers/Copiers/Scanners | \$5.00 |
| DEMOLITION DEBRIS | |
| Bulk Waste | \$0.07 per lb. |
| Construction Material | \$0.07 per lb. |
| Roofing Material | \$0.07 per lb. |
| RECYCLABLES | |
| -Cans, Bottles, Plastic Containers, Newspapers | FREE (no min. fee) |
| -Corrugated Cardboard, Magazines | FREE (no min. fee) |
| TIRES | |
| Small w/o Rim | \$5.00 |
| Small with rim | \$10.00 |
| Light Truck w/o rim | \$10.00 |
| Light Truck with Rim | \$20.00 |
| Heavy Truck/Equipment-Variable | \$25.00 Min. |
| METAL | |
| White Goods/Appliances, Scrap Iron, Aluminum Brass, Copper, Radiators | Free (No min. fee) |



TRANSFER OF CURRENT PLATES TO ANOTHER VEHICLE:

In order to transfer plates you will need the following documents:

- ☐ The current registration for the plates you want to transfer
(REMEMBER- The name of the person on the current registration must match *exactly* with the name on all title documentation from either the NH Dealer or the NH Bank/Credit Union which is a blue paper that has "Town Clerk's Copy" at the bottom).



Should you not have the current registration you can purchase a certified copy, for a fee, so that an original copy can be returned to the DMV with the processed registration. This original copy is required to transfer plates.

Bill of Sale which should include the Year, Make, Model, Vin #, Date of Sale and signatures of both Seller(s) and Buyer(s).

- ☐ FOR A TITLED VEHICLE: (1997 vehicle if registering in 2011 and 1998 if registering in 2012)
The Seller should write on the back top segment of the title the Buyer(s) name, the Buyer(s) physical address, Mileage of the vehicle at the time of sale, and the date of Sale.
Seller(s) and Buyer(s) should sign and print their names in the designated areas.
- ☐ FOR AN EXEMPT VEHICLE: (1996 vehicle if registering in 2011 and 1997 if registering in 2012)
You should have a Bill of Sale and a Copy of the Seller(s) last Registration or Title.
If you only have a Bill of Sale, a Blue Verification of VIN Form (obtained from the Town Clerk's Office) must be filled out by a Police Officer or an authorized Inspection Station. The Police or Inspection Station will need to verify the VIN number off the vehicle and see all documentation of ownership to complete this form.

"Frosty days and ice-still nights,
Fir trees trimmed with tiny lights,
Sound of sleigh bells in the snow,
That was Christmas long ago.
Tykes on sleds and shouts of glee,
Icy-window filigree,
Sugarplums and candle glow,
Part of Christmas long ago.
Footsteps stealthy on the stair,
Sweet-voiced carols in the air,
Stocking hanging in a row,
Tell of Christmas long ago.
Starry nights so still and blue,
Good friends calling out to you,
Life, so fact, will always slow...
For dreams of Christmas long ago."



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 Glenda Hill.

Interviewed By: Tracey Russo



Picture Provided by: Tracey Russo

Glenda Hill a resident of Belmont since 2002 is a spunky, charming and funny lady! Many may not know her but read on and learn a little about this resident who brings her charm everywhere she goes.

Raised in Woodsville, NH she graduated in 1958. Shortly thereafter Glenda thought she would try her hand at hairdressing, at the time that involved going to Concord and from Woodsville well that was quite a trek, so that didn't last. Soon after she met her husband Stanley, he was working at a gas station and she thought he was cute, on a dare from a friend she asked him to wash her windshield (oh the good old days!) and within days they were dating. They lived in Woodsville for about two years while Stanley worked for the Holbrook Grocery Company.

They then moved to Concord to work at the State Hospital, him as a cook and she as a receptionist. For the first year they rented a room at the Hospital reserved for married couples for \$24.00 a week a grand price for the time. Glenda said it was great they had a nice room with maid service to clean it for them along with a common living room and kitchen; the living room even had a TV! Life was pretty good for the young married couple and about to get better. They moved to Boscawen where they had an agreement to purchase a house and several years went by before in quick succession Glenda and Stanley had four small children running around. Glenda who had worked at the State Hospital for six years, no longer worked-although anyone with four kids will tell you that is work! Glenda took in babysitting and performed other odd jobs while raising the kids. They eventually moved to a larger house with more land in Boscawen, and had all manner of dogs and cats while the kids were growing up.

She and Stanley started the Snow Beepers Club, a snowmobiling club in the early 1970's of which she was the Secretary of for five years. Boy she says we loved to snowmobile; Saturday nights was the grown-up

night and Sunday's was family day when we took the kids out and they loved it! For 20 years that was our life, that and camping. Stanley had a big truck that he and a friend built a homemade camper in the bed of and they would go camping in all seasons. Chuckling she says we used to go in the winter up to the Twin Mountains with only a small electric heater but it sure was fun! While she lived in Boscawen Glenda also took over the Old Home Day preparations in the 80's (no small task as many will tell you), she organized a beauty contest and talent show. She was also in charge of the parade which she claims was a really great parade and gives credit to the committee she was working with.

They have had a few bumps in the road of life over the years, Glenda had heart surgery about 15 years ago and Stanley suffered a bout with Cancer. They both came through with flying colors and it didn't slow them down much that's for sure.

Always one to get involved Glenda became the secretary of Great Brook Village where she and Stanley settled when they moved here. She lasted for three years as Secretary before moving on to President. Saying the village members are a close knit group Glenda was instrumental in gathering some Town officials to speak to the members about Budgets and various other topics they had questions on. At one point Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin mentioned there was an opening on the Budget Committee and Glenda jumped at it. She has served on the Budget Committee for four years now and seems to really enjoy it. She brings a bit of levity to every meeting. Along with that she has also volunteered at the Classic Car Show held downtown last June and Deck the Village, helping out in the Mill with arts & crafts. You may have also seen her planting bulbs at Make a Difference Day.

In her spare time she loves to cook (lucky Stanley), enjoys the computer, playing cards and scrapbooking. In fact she keeps a scrapbook of Great Brook Village with pages dedicated to commemorating the lives of much loved and lost members. Her children never moved too far away and blessed with four grandsons they all get together when they can.

Glenda is never at a loss for words or a smile; I think you would find her fellow villagers would agree. So if you are around Town and see this warm, witty lady give a wave and a smile and let her warm you with one of hers.

Merry Christmas!!!



Monthly Recipe

Seriously one of my most loved recipes requested by friends every Christmas and very easy to make. I hope you enjoy it as much as we do!! www.tastofhome.com

Double-Nut English Toffee Recipe



Ingredients

- 1-1/2 teaspoons plus 2 cups butter, softened, divided
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup chopped almonds, toasted
- 1 package (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips, divided
- 2 cups ground walnuts or pecans, divided

Directions

- Butter a 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. pan with 1-1/2 teaspoons butter; set aside. In a heavy saucepan, combine sugar and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until a candy thermometer reads 290° (soft-crack stage). Remove from the heat; stir in almonds. Immediately pour into prepared pan.
- Sprinkle with 1 cup chocolate chips; let stand until chips become glossy. Spread evenly over top. Sprinkle with 1 cup walnuts. Cover and refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.
- In a microwave, melt remaining chips; stir until smooth. Spread over toffee. Sprinkle with remaining walnuts. Cover and refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Break into 2-in. pieces. Store in an airtight container. **Yield:** 3-1/2 pounds.

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| | | | | 1. Explorers 6:00 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 | 2. Pre-School Playgroup Old Winni Fire Station 10:00 Toddler Sing-a-Long 10:30 @ Library CES Holiday Fair 4:00 | 3. Set-up for Deck the Village |
| 4. Deck the Village 12-4 American Legion Meeting @ Belmont Senior Center 2:00 | 5. Deck the Village clean-up BOS @ CMH 5:00 H.E.A.T. Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 BHS Booster Club 6:30 | 6. LR Girls Softball @ CMH 6:30 Budget @ CMH 6:30 | 7. Cons Comm @ CMH 6:00 Strength Training Class Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 Pre-School Story time @ Library 10:30 BEST Meeting 6:00 BHS Financial Aid Night 6:00 Men's Basketball 8:30 @ BMS | 8. Explorers 6:00 Seminar on Grief & The Holidays @ CMH 6:30 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 SRSD School Board Mtg. @ CES 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 | 9. Pre-School Playgroup Old Winni Fire Station 10:00 Toddler Sing-a-Long 10:30 @ Library | 10. |
| 11. | 12. Explorers @ CMH H.E.A.T. Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 | 13. Bogie Busters @ CMH 7:00 Explorers @ CMH Library Trustees Mtg. 6:30 @ Library | 14. Explorers @ CMH Strength Training Class Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 Pre-School Story time @ Library 10:30 BHS Holiday Concert 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30 @ BMS | 15. Explorers 6:00 Explorers @ CMH Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Book Discussion 2:00 @ Library CES Holiday Concert 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Revitalization Meeting 6:30 @ CMH | 16. Explorers @ CMH Pre-School Playgroup Old Winni Fire Station 10:00 Toddler Sing-a-Long 10:30 @ Library | 17. |
| 18. | 19. Planning Board @ CMH 7:00 BOS @ CMH 5:00 H.E.A.T. Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 | 20. Book Discussion 7:00 @ Library | 21. Strength Training Class Old Winni Fire Station 6:30 Pre-School Story time @ Library 10:30 BMS Holiday Concert 7:00 | 22. Explorers 6:00 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 SRSD School Board Mtg. @ CES 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 | 23. Toddler Sing-a-Long 10:30 @ Library | 24. Library Closed |
| 25. Merry Christmas!!!! | 26. Town Offices Closed Beginning of School Vacation | 27. School Vacation | 28. Zoning @ CMH 7:00 Pre-School Story time @ Library 10:30 School Vacation | 29. Explorers 6:00 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 School Vacation | 30. Toddler Sing-a-Long 10:30 @ Library School Vacation | 31. |