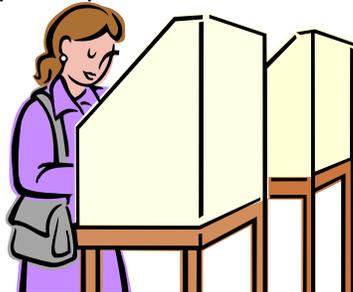


# Our Community Newsletter February 2012

## Town Clerk Tidbits

### **Voter's Take Notice!!!!**

If on January 10<sup>th</sup> you were an undeclared voter when you entered the polls and then voted either Democratic or Republican; **you must** come to Town Hall to fill out a form to return yourself to undeclared voter status if you did not do so that day. If you do not do this then come the next election in September you will automatically be declared as whatever you voted that day in January 2012. So if you picked up a Republican ballot you will be listed as a Republican in September and **ONLY be GIVEN** a Republican ballot. You will not be allowed to change your party affiliation on that day. Once you fill out the form returning yourself to undeclared status you will be free to vote for either party in September.



Picture Provided by: Cynthia DeRoy

The Town Clerk's office is sad to announce the Retirement of Terri Ralls in November 2011. Terri had been with us for 15 years and was a familiar face to many. Her kindness, cheery disposition and always helpful nature will be greatly missed. We hope she has many wonderful adventures in her Retirement!



**"Away in a meadow all covered with snow  
The little old groundhog looks for his  
shadow  
The clouds in the sky determine our fate  
If winter will leave us all early or late."  
- Don Halley**



# Land Use News

## Planning Board:

To continue in our series of proposed zoning amendments, the following two amendments will also be placed on the March 13<sup>th</sup> ballot. The full amendment text is available on our webpage and in the Land Use Office.

- **Clarify that retaining walls higher than 4' are regulated.** Retaining walls in excess of four feet (4') in height as measured from the average finished grade immediately surrounding the wall, require a building permit, but are exempt from the setbacks contained in the Ordinance.
- **Complete revision of the conditions for the granting of a Special Exception.** A special exception is a use of land or buildings that is permitted, subject to specific conditions that are set forth in the ordinance. It is a specific, permitted land use that is allowed when clearly defined criteria and conditions contained in the ordinance are met. Providing for special exceptions makes it possible to allow uses where they are reasonable in a uniform and controlled manner, but to prohibit them where the specified conditions cannot be met. Requirements must be measurable qualifications that are the same at all times and places and can be expressed in specific terms. This amendment would adopt the following conditions:
  1. The proposal is specifically authorized as a special exception by the ordinance.
  2. The proposal satisfies applicable Special Exception criteria set forth in Ordinance Article 13.F.
  3. The proposal is not incompatible to other uses in the area through the creation of noise, fumes, dust, odor, lighting, smoke or other impacts.
  4. The proposed location is of adequate size.
  5. The proposal does not create undue traffic congestion or unduly impair vehicular or pedestrian safety.
  6. The proposal does not overload any existing water, drainage, sewer or other system, nor will there be any significant increase in stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or street.
  7. The proposal does not create excessive demand for municipal services and facilities.
  8. The proposal does not create hazards to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.



## Learn More/Be Safe:

- **Protect Your Water Supply From Outdoor Fuel Tanks:** Falling snow or ice from roofs, thaws, and flooding can damage above-ground fuel storage tanks and the piping connecting the tank to a burner or boiler within the building. Damage to outdoor fuel tanks or piping can release fuel oil, diesel, or other petroleum based products that pose a potential threat to drinking water supplies. To protect groundwater and other sources of drinking water from potential contamination, DES in partnership with home heating oil supply companies has a limited number of galvanized steel protectors for tanks and piping at no cost. [Learn More...](#)

Contact the Land Use Office at [landuse@belmontnh.org](mailto:landuse@belmontnh.org) or 267-8300x19 for additional information.

## Police Department

In our continuing effort to answer those burning questions you may have here are a couple more answered!

### How many donuts on average per day does the typical officer

consume? - That is a myth, police officers don't like or eat donuts more than you do, some don't eat any at all. There are many reasons that this has persisted but some of the more logical reasons that this appears to be the truth is that donut shops, like convenience/gas stations are open very early in the morning, very late at night or are open 24 hours. Since police officers are out on the road 24 hours a day, it makes sense that we stop in and check on them, meet with other officers from around the area that don't have such a place to meet and to get something to drink and of course eat.



Other thoughts are that donuts have a lot of sugar and carbohydrates so that coupled with the caffeine in the coffee, helps give the officer quick energy keeping them alert and awake. They can also be eaten quickly and on the move, as opposed to sitting down and eating a meal.

The last and probably most expected answer is, most everyone likes donuts!

What do I do if I hit and kill/injure an animal while driving? - First of all, make sure that you stop and check to see if it was really an animal that you struck. You may also contact the police department and we will do an accident report for you and document the damage. If it is a wild or even a domestic animal, you are not required by law to stop and report the accident but if you get home or decide to report it later on, we will not usually do an accident report since we didn't investigate the collision.



Now, that said, the law does require that anyone who knowingly strikes a dog, must report it to the dog's owner, custodian or police officer as soon as possible.

Ever wonder where you'd end up if you took your dog for a walk and never once pulled back on the leash?

On January 13, 2012 the Belmont Police Department held its annual meeting and the following awards were given:

**Ofc. Christopher Gustafson** - Chief's Commendation for 10 years of full time law enforcement service to the Belmont Police Department.

**Ofc. Gary Boisvert** - Meritorious Service Award for his part in solving the night time burglaries on the Route 3 area last summer. Ofc. Boisvert volunteered to work with area departments, gathering information and conducting interviews not only while working his regular patrol shifts, but also on his off duty and personal time.

**Ofc. Eliza Gustafson** - Was promoted from a Probationary Patrol Officer to the rank of Patrol Officer. Ofc. Gustafson successfully completed all of her basic training and probationary period.

**Chief Earl M. Sweeney (ret)** - Distinguished Service Medal

In 1975, Chief Earl Sweeney retired from the Belmont Police Department.

Starting his law enforcement career as a Belmont Police Officer on May 1, 1957 he was promoted to the position of Chief of Police in 1961 and served for the next 14 years in that position. Chief Sweeney then went on to become the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Safety, the Director of Police Standards and Training Council and currently serves as the Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Safety for the State of New Hampshire. Chief Sweeney has also served as the Acting Director for the New Hampshire State Police, Assistant Director of Motor Vehicles and Commissioner for the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission.

Chief Sweeney has served on many boards on the local, state, federal and international level and has always been an advocate for police officers in many aspects of law enforcement including; training, technology and traffic safety. Throughout the various jobs and positions that he has held, Chief Sweeney has always maintained a connection with the Belmont Police Department.

After having a personal and professional affiliation with the Belmont Police Department for more than 50 years and serving the Town of Belmont as a full time Police Officer and Police Chief, it was an honor to present him this medal on behalf of the Belmont Police Department and the residents of the Town of Belmont.

We would like to congratulate our members for their accomplishments.

Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life; it's what you inspire others to do.



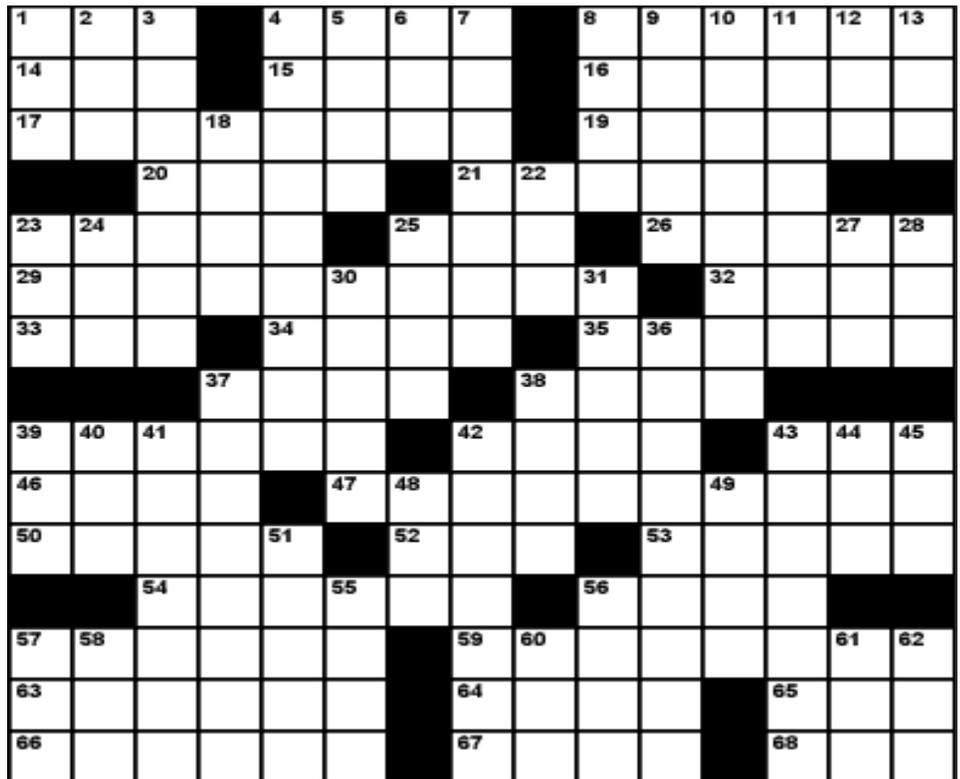
# Crossword Puzzle "Say it again" By: Dave Fisher

## Across

1. With 1 down, chocolate bar
4. Arroyo in Arabia
8. Fishhawk
14. Kerfuffle
15. Verily
16. Light sleeper's complaint
17. Evasive language?
19. Morisette
20. Spotted
21. Henry's Ann
23. Half man, half goat
25. Wapiti
26. Season
29. Betray?
32. Gasoline additive, once
33. Frosted
34. Jeer
35. Sergeant \_\_\_
37. Small birds
38. Sinewy
39. Thrown into ecstasy
42. Nemesis
43. Name on a specimen
46. Yucky stuff
47. Mole?
50. Woodwinds
52. Opposite of fast
53. Flues
54. Some are false
56. Otherwise
57. Comprehension
59. Quick march?
63. Stole a glance
64. Sacred bird of Egypt
65. \_\_\_ Dolorosa
66. Emphasize
67. Ambulance crew
68. URL ending, maybe

## Down

1. See 1 across
2. Ore. neighbor



3. Novelist Leo
4. \_\_\_ Down
5. Start of a famous palindrome
6. Singer Shannon
7. Pattern for Rorschach
8. Roundish
9. Cobbler's inventory
10. Good baseball action?
11. Not as thick
12. Major record label
13. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" group
18. Openers
22. Approves
23. High school subj.
24. A rainbow, for example
25. Son of Aphrodite
27. Overhead item
28. Newspaper VIPs
30. Terra \_\_\_
31. Louis or Paul
36. Bald, in a way
37. Delayed reaction?
38. Desire
39. It could be inflated
40. Hob \_\_\_
41. Early riser
42. \_\_\_ Boys
43. Hoodwink
44. Canadian prov.
45. Aliens, briefly
48. Come down with
49. Sudden blow
51. Japanese wines
55. Cincinatti players
56. Give out
57. 'Brown' company
58. Stroke
60. Co. in Armonk, NY
61. Day or night opening
62. Huguenot's H2O

Did you know that February 4<sup>th</sup> is thank a mailman or mailwoman day?



## January's Crossword Answers

S	C	A	M	S		S	A	L	S	A		A	R	A
E	A	S	E	L		O	S	I	E	R		F	E	Z
E	N	C	R	O	A	C	H	E	R	S		O	C	T
Y	O	O		U	G	L	Y			E	M	O	T	E
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M	I	N		H	O	R	S	T		A	L	K	Y	L
A	C	S		A	L	O	E	S		L	I	S	L	E

## Some Frequently Asked for Phone #'s

You might want to cut out and put near your phone!

Police Department	267-8351
Fire Department	267-8333
General Assistance	267-8313
Post Office	267-7593
Library	267-8331
Town Hall	267-8300
Town Clerk	267-8302
Parks & Rec	524-4350
Public Works	528-2677
Bestway Disposal	524-5881



## 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.

## How to Develop an Emergency Plan for Your Home

Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. A disaster can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home.

### Creating a Disaster Plan:

1. Discuss the hazards (e.g, winter storms, flash floods, fires, etc.) that are most likely to occur in your area, and review what your family should do in each situation.
2. Pick two places for family members to meet: Either near your residence in case of a sudden emergency such as a house or apartment fire, or outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Everyone in your home must know the address and phone number of this location.  
disaster occurs at your location, because it is often easier to make phone contact outside the affected area. Other members of your family impacted by the disaster can call this contact person to let them know your emergency location.
4. Discuss what to do in an evacuation.
5. Plan how to take care of your pets.



### Complete this Checklist:

1. Post emergency telephone numbers next to your telephone.
2. Teach children how and when to call 911.
3. Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
4. Get adequate homeowners or apartment insurance coverage.
5. Teach each family member how to use your fire extinguisher (ABC Type).
6. Install working smoke detectors on each level of your home and replace the batteries every year.
7. Conduct a home hazard search.
8. Stock emergency supplies for 72 hours and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.
9. Take a CPR class.
10. Determine the best escape routes from your home and find two ways outside of each room.
11. Find safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.

### Practice and Maintain Your Plan:

1. Quiz children in your family so they remember what to do.
2. Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
3. Test and recharge (or replace) your home fire extinguisher according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## What's A Home Hazard Search?

During a disaster, ordinary objects in your home can cause injury or damage. Anything that can fall, break or cause a fire is a home hazard. Inspect your home at least once a year and fix potential hazards.

### Evacuation Procedures:

1. Evacuate immediately if told to do so by emergency officials.
2. Take your disaster supplies kit.
3. Lock your home.
4. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
5. Take a battery-powered radio with you.



## Public Library

### What do Librarians do all day?

Inquiring minds want to know...and we have been asked often; what **do** we do when the books are put away and no one is waiting at the desk for help? Folks worry that we might get bored. Envious



patrons imagine us happily reading all the books and magazines that line our shelves. We must be efficient because we make working in a library look so easy!! We love our jobs, but there is a lot going on behind the scenes to keep the Library running smoothly. Ordering, preparing books and other materials for borrowers, organizing, and managing the online catalog and check-out system, updating computers and databases, cleaning and repairing, sending overdue notices (or in some sad cases, bills and certified letters), maintaining our web page so it is up-to-date, and dealing

with emergencies when systems don't work- these are all time consuming parts of our day-to-day work. Keeping informed of laws and library legislation, new technology trends, and special events in the community are part of our work also. Preparing literacy activities (think "Story Time!!") and planning programs are important. We have book discussion groups, a knitting group and two very busy, full Story Times. It takes quite a few hours of planning, organizing and preparing for these activities. We have a Lego Club beginning in February, and we are already scheduling our *fantabulous* Summer Reading Programs with performers, arts and crafts, and of course, lots of reading!! There is a lot to do to get ready - contracts, paperwork, timelines - but it is fun and so worthwhile. The many steps of Inter Library Loans take a lot of time as well. Library staff also must keep track of statistics and budgets for the State and the Town of Belmont. These are just the "Library" part of our jobs. Here are some interesting



"ODD" extra jobs that brave and resourceful librarians in Belmont have had to tackle: Plumbing (mostly unclogging - very unpleasant) and custodial work, thawing out our "open" flag with a cup of boiling water when it freezes solid in the winter, trying to run the all the electrical equipment for Old Home Day from the electrical outlets in the 80+ year old building (without starting a fire!!) , dressing up as the Cat-in-the-Hat ( or other characters) for Halloween or special events, repairing window blinds by standing on a stair railing and hanging on to a book case, pushing large oak book cases around the outside of the building and into the children's room entrance (the stairs were too steep) using a very tippy refrigerator dolly, building bookshelves and carts, transporting Inter Library Loan materials to other libraries ourselves when the Van from the State Library couldn't make it, cleaning up after very messy children (and sometimes other patrons), using glitter and cleaning up glitter -dangerous!!, dealing with pets that escape and decide to hide in the library, helping find parents for children who stray, homework help , disposing of dead rodents found in the furnace room, and offering a warm friendly space for after school kids. There is more, but it's time to get busy - new books and patrons are waiting!



## New Books for February Readers

Be sure to check our web page ([www.belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.belmontpubliclibrary.org)) for a more complete listing of new books, movies and audio books for all ages!!

Down the Darkest Road by Tami Hoag - A perfect family, a perfect life, destroyed by evil. Now someone is going to get revenge!!

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes - acclaimed award winning author asks us to think: are we who we really think we are??? Philosophy and a plot = good reading.

Covert Warriors by WEB Griffin - In Presidential Agent, Book 7, the Chinese and Russians are helping to train special forces in a third world Caribbean country. Why? Our hero will take care of it!

Death of Kings by Bernard Cornwell - Thrilling sixth volume in the acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling Saxon Tales series brings threatening Vikings and total chaos in the ninth century. I know...sounds very contemporary!!

Soft Target by Stephen Hunter - A detailed, fast-moving thriller with politics and terror on every page! Twelve gunmen open fire in the mall - very bad shopping day for everyone!

### Three new biographies:

Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman by Robert K. Massie -This is an amazing tale of a young German princess who went to Russia at fourteen and rose to power as a powerful fearless leader.

Elizabeth the Queen: the Life of a Modern Monarch by Sally Bedell Smith - Glamour and gossip, triumph and tragedy, this biography examines the person who has reigned as Queen of England since 1952.



American Sniper: the Autobiography of the most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History by Chris Kyle with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice - The title says it all...

And for the kids...

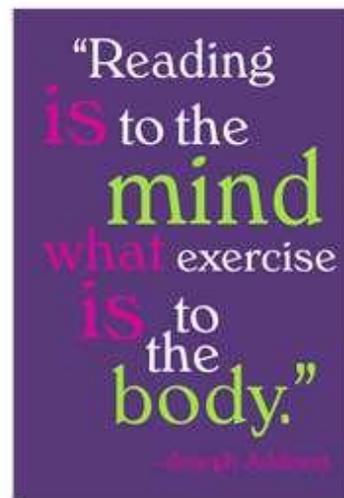
Red Sled by Lita Judge - Picture book of the adventures of a sled!  
Slippery reading...



Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan - Baby Owl finds that the forest is not as quiet as he thought at first.

I Want My Hat Back by Joh Klassen - Some readers may be saying "I want the rabbit back..." when they read this simple picture book with a somewhat unresolved ending...

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February 20<sup>th</sup> is Love your Pet Day!!

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](mailto: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.



Town Administrator's  
Monthly Report

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

This year's Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 10:00 am at the Belmont High School; snow date is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a postponement, notice will run on WMUR and local radio stations.

Following are the Warrant Articles for discussion on Saturday:

**#1.**

- Selectman 3 Years (vote for one)
- Moderator 2 Years (vote for one)
- Budget Committee 3 Years (vote for four)
- Budget Committee 1 Year (vote for one)
- Trustee of Trust Funds 3 Years (vote for 1)
- Library Trustee 3 Years (vote for 1)
- Cemetery Trustee 3 Years (vote for 1)
- Planning Board 3 Years (vote for 2)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment 3 Years (vote for 2)

**#2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

1. Provide that small building components that are placed next to each other to form one structure constitute a "structure" as the term is defined in the zoning ordinance.

**#3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the

Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

2. Regulate outdoor wood-fired boilers, restricting non-EPA Phase II boilers from the Village and Residential Single and Multi-Family Zones.

**#4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

3. Limit the height of building mounted signs to the maximum roof-line height of the structure to which the sign is mounted.



**#5.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

4. Clarify that retaining walls higher than 4' are regulated.

**#6.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

5. Complete revision of the conditions for the granting of a Special Exception.

**#7.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of replacing 5 (five) sewer

pump stations and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon (3/5 ballot vote required). Future bond payments are anticipated to be funded from Sewer User Fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$1,500,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)** Tax Rate Impact 0 – Current Sewer Rate reflects Sewer Pump Station Replacements/Improvements through approval of this bond or annual contributions to a Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. Rate should remain stable as set in August 2011 for four (4) years.

**#8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and twenty two thousand three hundred and seventy seven dollars for the purpose of replacing 3,560 feet of water lines within Belmont Village including engineering costs, acquisition of land or interests in land and all other costs reasonably associated with this project and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The balance of two hundred two thousand three hundred seventy seven dollars (\$202,377) to come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, or from similar grants, with no amount of the balance to be raised by taxes. Future bond payments are anticipated to be funded from Water User

Fees. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required) **(The Budget Committee recommends \$422,377 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)** The Town has received word from NHDES that \$220,000 of this project is eligible for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan with forgiveness in the amount of \$44,000. Our grant application to the Community Development Block Grant program was submitted on Monday, 1/30/2012.



**#9.** Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$97,091 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2012 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$97,091 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town’s General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2012 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

Shift Coverage (Vac., Sick, Personal)	\$33,400
Training Coverage (EMT-I RTP and EMT-P RTP)	\$12,500
Office Expense	\$ 1,000
Telephone Expense	\$ 1,000
Computer	\$ 1,600
Conferences & Dues (EMS related)	\$ 500
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$24,591
Comstar Billing Fees	\$12,500
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$ 5,000
Fuel	\$ 5,000

**#10.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$216,430) for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, to be funded by a grant from the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of Two hundred and Five Thousand Six Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$205,609)(95% of the total cost) and the withdrawal of \$10,821 (5% of the total cost) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund (Comstar) previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, C (Created 1994/Amended 1999). Should the Town not receive the grant from the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$205,609, this appropriation shall be null and void.

**#11.** Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

**#12.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provision of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive to apply to the Village District as defined by the Town of Belmont Zoning Ordinance?

RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive allows the Board of Selectmen the option of granting property owners in the designated village area short-term property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in underutilized structures. Upon receipt of an application for tax abatement, the governing body will hold a public hearing to determine whether the structure is a qualifying structure, whether the proposed rehabilitation qualifies as substantial rehabilitation and whether there is a public

benefit to granting the requested tax relief. This RSA gives the Selectboard another tool to encourage reinvestment in the Village area. The abatement delays the additional tax on the qualifying rehabilitations for a designated period of time.



**#13.** Shall the Town vote to amend the Solar Exemption adopted in accordance with RSA 72:62 for exemption from the assessed value for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. The amount of the exemption is to be equal to the annual assessed value for such system. The original warrant article provided for an exemption in the amount of the cost of the solar energy system and was adopted in 1978.

**#14.** Shall the Town of Belmont vote to discontinue completely, with ownership to revert to the abutters, the easterly portion of Old Ladd Hill Road, so-called, and thereby cease any and all public rights to Old Ladd Hill Road from its end at Mile Hill Road to the westerly end of property owned by the Mirski Irrevocable Family Trust (Map 205 Lot 40) and the Sara Mirski and Peter Spencer Revocable Trust (Map 205 Lot 37). **The passage of this article will, on July 1, 2012, terminate all public right to the public right of way in so far as it fronts on the Mirkis' property.**

**#15.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the membership of the Heritage Commission established in 2004 in

accordance with RSA 673:4-a from 5 members to consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Initial terms for new members shall be (1) for three years, and (1) for two years.



**#16.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 398 relative to the licensing of pawnbrokers?

**#17.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$6,921,955.69 Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Seven Hundred Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Seventy Three cents (\$6,771,730.73) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$6,921,955.69 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$6,943,455.69.)**



**#18.** Shall the Town vote to amend Section VI of the Solid Waste Ordinance adopted March 11, 2005, by adding a new subparagraph (e) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute a “Pay as you Throw” program for the Town of Belmont, which shall include a curb-side recycling program for materials such as glass, aluminum cans, plastics and newspapers?

**#19.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$103,910) for the purpose of curbside recycling? Passage of this article is contingent upon Article #19 passing. Funding for this article is proposed to be offset by revenue from the “Pay as you Throw” program in Article #19. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$0 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$103,910.)** The Board of Selectmen will offer an amendment to this article at the Deliberative Session. Please pick up a copy of the informational handout regarding Pay as you Throw at the meeting.



**#20.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars (\$3,852) to be used to upgrade the Fire and Panic Alarm System at the Belmont Public Library. **(The Budget Committee**

**recommends \$3,852 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**



**#21.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and Ten Cents (\$173,495.10) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$173,495.10 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#22.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$349,683.43) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$349,683.43 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#23.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$262,136.71) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users' fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$262,136.71 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#24.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#25.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$110,200) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$110,200 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$110,200 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#26.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**



**#27.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Water

System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#28.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$50,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**



**#29.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#30.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$600,000 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$625,000.)**

**#31.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund previously

established (2003). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#32.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$2,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#33.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**



**#34.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Heritage Resources Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**#35.** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve funds; said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Emergency Power Supply (Created 2005)  
Homeland Defense (Created 2002)

\$ 7.68  
\$195.43

**#36.** To see if the Towns People of Belmont will vote to keep the TOTAL town budget for the fiscal year of 2012, to include the main budget article, all money warrant articles by the Town and by petition, to match the same Total Town budget for the fiscal year of 2011, which includes all of the same articles above resulting in a 0% increase in spending for the fiscal year 2012. **(This article submitted by petition.) (The Board of Selectmen does not support this article and the Budget Committee does not support this article.)**

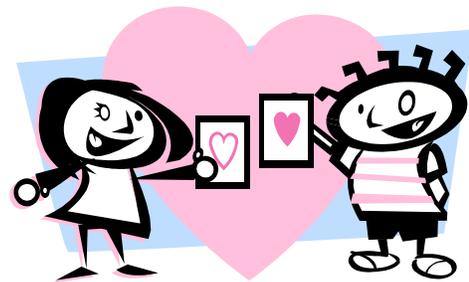
**#37.** To see if the Towns People of Belmont will VOTE to direct the planning board to provide the citizens of Belmont with a comprehensive plan to control the long term growth of Belmont. This long-term plan should stabilize our growth and the projected future tax burden on a year-to-year basis. At the present time we have no long-term plan or any plan at all that will help the tax payers of Belmont anticipate their tax burden rather than react to it at the end of the year. **(This article submitted by petition.)**

**Please plan to attend Saturday's meeting. If you have any questions regarding the proposed meeting warrant, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 267-8300 or email me at [jbeaudin@belmontnh.org](mailto:jbeaudin@belmontnh.org).**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2012 to discuss the Solid Waste Ordinance relative to the definition of multi-family dwellings. The current ordinance was adopted by the voters at the March 2005 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will begin at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

The Board of Selectmen meet typically on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.belmontnh.org).



How about that-February 11<sup>th</sup> is  
make a Friend Day!

# 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 Diane Marden.

Interviewed by: Tracey Russo



Picture provided by: Tracey Russo  
Diane standing next to the Safety Committee Board she created many years ago that hangs in Town Hall.

Born, raised and lived her entire life in Belmont, Diane Marden has deep roots that go back several generations. Diane's great grandfather Howard Reed was the first (unpaid) Fire Chief in Town, followed by Chief Bordeau who was the first paid Fire Chief. Howard was a "tinkerer" and actually invented some early Fire Trucks for the Town. His wife Mabel would sound the siren in Town if there was a fire reported she was also a watcher at the Belknap Fire Tower.

As if that wasn't enough her grandfather Harold Reed "Skip" as he was known to most was the Town Road Agent for many years. Skip was implemental in creating a lot of roads in Town, Horne Road being just one of them. During Skip's time as the Road Agent there were not a lot of ways to communicate bad roads and so the townspeople devised a way of letting the plow operators know if a particular road needed to be plowed. They would leave a light on at certain homes; the drivers would then stop in to get their thermos filled and take care of road concerns. Kind of a rudimentary way of taking care of things but I guess it worked for them at the time!

Diane's dad James Marden continued the family tradition of working for the Town working for the Public Works Department and in fact has the longest tenure of any Town employee. Her dad still lives in Belmont and I would guess he has some great stories to tell!

Diane graduated in 1985 from Belmont High School and from 1985-1987 she worked for the State of NH at Health & Human Services Division of Child Care Licensing and Standards. In 1987 her first child, a son, Raymond Brake Jr. was born with Cerebral Palsy. Well Raymond turned out to be a very

popular kid in his high school and many of his friends still fill Diane's home daily with their visits. Raymond has also given Diane her first grandchild a little boy named Joshua. Diane just lit up when talking about Joshua it is very clear he is the light of her life and she is thoroughly enjoying being a Grandma!

From 1987-1989 Diane worked for the NH Municipal Association now known as Local Government Center, filing in the Insurance Claims Department and working in Accounts Receivable. In 1989 her second son was born, Christopher, he having many artistic talents, and a heart of gold. With two young children to care for she took up selling Tupperware saying some weeks she could make up to \$1,500. She soon became manager and even had a company vehicle to drive around. She soon decided it was time to go to college and in 1994 she graduated from NHTC with a degree in Business Management. No small accomplishment with two kids and a car accident in 1991 that left her with a broken neck.

Not one to be outdone by her family Diane secured a job working for the Town of Belmont from 1995-2001. She held many jobs while employed for the Town, serving as secretary to the Budget Committee, the Conservation Commission, and the Recycling Committee. While here she also served as the Selectman's Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Her last job while employed for the Town was as the Administrative Assistant at the Fire Department. She was instrumental in the data entry for the change over when the Town implemented the Emergency 911 system. She has also worked on the Safety Committee and as the Union Secretary. Her son's declining health was the reason she had to give up this job. Diane says she would have stayed forever otherwise.

She moved on from there to the City of Franklin for several months as the Planning and Zoning Secretary but after her mother had a heart attack the traveling back and forth was just too much. Around this same time Diane started the website [www.belmontnh.net](http://www.belmontnh.net) a website chronicling the history of Belmont. Along, with the assistance of Sharon Ciampi of Belmont, this website has all the births, deaths, and marriages dating back to the 1800's as far back as we have records for she said. Obituaries are now being added to the site which will serve as a helpful link for those doing genealogy research. Diane said it also serves as a link to other community organizations that can't afford their own website. All cemetery information can be found there as well.

From 2006-2009 she served as the Budget Committee secretary for the Town of Bristol, and also has served as the transcriptionist for the Shaker Regional School District for the School board meetings in previous years.

Diane is a big believer in volunteering saying she has learned probably more by volunteering than she did in college. From the way the government works to learning that of the 33 Cemeteries located in the Town, many of the deceased are founding fathers. Men who gave of their own land, time, blood, sweat & tears to make this Town into what it is today. Her list of volunteering spans many years and quite a few things. She is the Chairwoman of the Save our Gale School Committee since 2006 calling it one of our most valuable historical buildings in Town. She would love to see the school moved to its own

plot of land, but understands the hurdles that would have to be maneuvered before that can happen. She feels it could bring a lot of value to the Town. Everyone she says has a story about the school, whether it's from going to school there or telling a haunted tale! She has served as a Director of the Historical Society since 2001, as well as serving on the Heritage Commission in the earlier years. . She has been a Cemetery trustee since 2006, and she and Sharon Ciampi was in fact instrumental in compiling a book that details all information about each cemetery; from where it's located to a description of the property and who is buried in each plot. She has served on the Old Home Day Committee and was part of the Historic Trolley tours that took place several years ago. These were tours that would take you to each historical building in Town. In case you were wondering that is what the signs you sometimes see around Town that say [www.belmontnh.net](http://www.belmontnh.net) are for, they are in front of Historical buildings. In 2006 Diane compiled a book of postcards, with editing assistance from Wallace Rhodes, Town Historian to which she then added the Belmont Historical Society name to so they would receive all the proceeds from the sale of the book. That's just the kind of person she is! One of her current projects is a history of Belmont Public Library; she is seeking donations of BHS yearbooks for the library. All personal writing will be covered and a note stating who donated the book placed inside. She would also like it made known that there is a fund set up at Franklin Savings Bank for the Save the Gale School fund, any money in the account will go towards the organization that is instrumental in moving the building and refurbishing it. You will also find Diane at the polls for every election whether it's at the schools or for the Town she has served as a ballot clerk for many years.

When asked if she is proud of the Town she told me she is and she is quite pleased with the direction Selectman Ron Cormier is taking the Revitalization Committee in. She would encourage anyone who has a complaint about anything in the Town to get involved join something be a part of the solution. People are what will be instrumental in changing the face of Belmont.

In her free time-of which there is not much Diane enjoys reading, mostly historical books she says. She is also a huge collector of Belmont memorabilia saying she has a whole closet dedicated to Belmont because as she puts it she just loves the Town! She also enjoys antiquing and in fact has a booth at the Laconia Antique Center in downtown Laconia (perhaps you may find some excess Belmont memorabilia of your very own)! A lot of time is spent with Joshua because as Diane says grandkids are way more fun than raising your own kids something I would bet a lot of grandparents might agree with!! Diane can be reached by e-mail at [dmarden@belmontnh.net](mailto:dmarden@belmontnh.net)



Ordinary candy,  
Perhaps—but  
Boxed in a Ruby  
Heart, it grows  
Exotic, mysterious;  
Not to mention  
The red cellophane  
Wrapper, which  
Looked through  
Shows a marvelous  
Scarlet world.

# Monthly Recipe

## Buffalo-Style Chicken Chili Dip Recipe

[www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

- Prep: 30 min. Cook: 30 min.
- Yield: 44 Servings

### Ingredients

- 3 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 pounds ground chicken
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) white kidney or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/4 cup Louisiana-style hot sauce
- 3 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 bay leaf
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Crumbled blue cheese and tortilla chips
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Just in time for the Super Bowl!!! Enjoy!



### Directions

In a Dutch oven, saute the celery, onion, carrot and garlic in butter until tender. Remove and set aside.

In the same pan, cook chicken in oil until no longer pink; drain.

Stir in the broth, beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, hot sauce, paprika, bay leaf, salt, pepper and vegetable mixture. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 12-15 minutes or until slightly thickened. Discard bay leaf.

Serve desired amount of dip; sprinkle with cheese and serve with chips. Cool remaining dip; transfer to freezer containers. Cover and freeze for up to 3 months.

**To use frozen dip:** Thaw in the refrigerator. Place in a saucepan; heat through. Sprinkle with cheese and serve with chips. **Yield:** 11 cups.

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1. Cons Com 6:00 @ CMH BEST Mtg. 6-8 @BES Li- brary Boot Camp @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Men's Basketball @ BMS 8:30-10:30 Preschool Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	<p>2. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Zumba @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Knitting Class 6:00 @ Li- brary</p>	<p>3. BEST Family Night 6-8 Sing-a-long Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	4.
<p>5. American Legion Meeting 2:00 @Belmont Senior Center Happy Tails @ CMH 11-4</p>	<p>6. BOS 5:00 @ CMH Planning @ CMH 7:00 Boot Camp @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15</p>	<p>7. Bogie Busters 7:00 @ CMH Zumba @ Old Winni Fire Station 4:00-4:45 Yoga @ old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>8. SRSD Budget Hearing 6-8 @ BMS Boot Camp @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Men's Basketball @ BMS 8:30-10:30 Preschool Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	<p>9. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 SRSD Budget hearings/ School Board Mtg 6-9 @ BMS Zumba @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Knitting Class 6:00 @ Li- brary</p>	<p>10. BHS Mr. Belmont Con- test 6-9 Sing-a-long Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	<p>11. Lego Club 10:30 @ Li- brary</p>
12.	<p>13. Boot Camp @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15</p>	<p>14. Zumba @ Old Winni Fire Station 4:00-4:45 Yoga @ old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:30 Library Trustees Mtg 6:30 @ Library</p>	<p>15. Boot Camp @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Men's Basketball @ BMS 8:30-10:30 Preschool Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	<p>16. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Zumba @ Old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:15 Knitting Class 6:00 @ Li- brary</p>	<p>17. Sing-a-long Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	18.
19.	<p>20. President's Day Town Offices Closed No School Library Closed</p>	<p>21. Yoga @ old Winni Fire Station 6:30-7:30 Book Discussion 7:00 @ Library (Little Bee)</p>	<p>22. Zoning Board 7:00 @ CMH Men's Basketball @ BMS 8:30-10:30 Preschool Story Time 10:30 @ Library Revitalization Public Meeting 6:30 @CMH</p>	<p>23. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 SRSD Board Mtg. 6-8 @ CES Knitting Class 6:00 @ Li- brary Book Discussion 2:00 @ Library (Little Bee)</p>	<p>24. BHS Candidates Night 6-8 Sing-a-long Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	25.
26.	<p>27. Planning Board 7:00 @ CMH BOS 5:00 @ CMH No School-Vacation</p>	<p>28. No School-Vacation</p>	<p>29. No School-Vacation Men's Basketball @ BMS 8:30-10:30 Preschool Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	<p>No School-Vacation Knitting Class 6:00 @ Li- brary</p>	<p>No School-Vacation Sing-a-long Story Time 10:30 @ Library</p>	