

# Our Community Newsletter November 2011



## WHAT YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOUR CAR:

WE ONLY ACCEPT CHECKS OR CASH - We are not set up to accept debit or credit cards

WHEN DOING A PLATE CHANGE OR REQUESTING A VANITY PLATE THE CLERK WILL NEED TO KNOW PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROCESS.

## RENEWAL:

Per NH State RSA you must present a registration for the vehicle which is due for renewal.

It can be the current registration, a copy of or any prior registration with same VIN # and/or plate number, or a NH Title, or the latest inspection report, or any legal document showing VIN # and Current Owner's name.

If you can't find the current registration, a copy of the current registration, any old registration or any legal documents, a certified copy of the current registration can be printed, for a fee, so that you may register your vehicle. In order to do this the Owner of the registration will need to be present and bring in the plate number and driver's license in order for us to process this certified copy. No one can do this process for the owner because the owner's signature is required on the state's authorization form to print the certified copy of this registration.

If you are not able to come to our office to renew during our regular business hours you have two choices:

1. The Owner may have someone on their behalf come in and present the current registration or a copy of the Owner's registration to renew and that person will be required to provide their current NH Driver's License.
2. You may renew your registration on line, up to one month early, by visiting the town's website at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) and click on the E-Reg button. Follow the directions as the website walks you through the process. You will need to have the plate number(s) and also have your checking account's routing number available to complete the registration(s) process. We will receive an email advising us that you have completed an on-line registration and we will then process and mail you the renewal registration and new stickers. If you are registering closer to the end of the month of renewal, please be sure to give yourself mailing time, which includes holiday's and weekends, to receive the registration.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT RENEWING ON-LINE DOES NOT REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE. YOU COULD BE DETAINED BY POLICE AND TICKETED FOR NON-REGISTRATION UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE ACTUAL REGISTRATION AND STICKERS IN THE MAIL.

## Fire Department

With heating season upon us the members of the Belmont Fire Department would like to remind everyone of some important safety precautions;

### Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

### Safely Burn Fuels

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.

## Protect the Outside of Your Home

- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

## Protect the Inside of Your Home

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.
- Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.
- Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

# Police Department

## Several ways to minimize home Burglaries

If you have read a news paper or watched the news lately, you will agree home burglaries are a real concern. In fact, one source indicated there is a burglary every 15 seconds in the United States. Although, local police have put a vast amount of recourses in preventing and solving these unfortunate events, but they still occur. This article will provide some practical tips for making your home much less susceptible to burglaries without breaking your bank.

For starters, take your name off your mailbox. This will make it difficult for burglars to obtain your phone number. Thus, it will make it more difficult to determine whether you have left the house. By simply calling your residence and getting no answer, burglars may get the green light to strike.

Lock your doors and windows when you leave the house. Be sure you lock up every time you leave even if it's for a short period of time. Most burglars case the residence and wait until the house is empty before entering. The last thing one would like to encounter is an intruder in their home.

Do not hide a spare key. It will not take long for a criminal to locate your key in spite your best efforts to choose an effective hiding spot.

Do not leave notes on the door. This is a direct invitation for the bad guy to enter your home and help themselves to your special treasures.

Install exterior motion detectors and install light timers for inside your home.

Keep your shrubs cut low and away from entrance doors to minimize hiding capabilities.

Remember, Burglars keep a close eye on your patterns and lifestyle. Try to change your patterns and routines as frequently as possible to keep them guessing.

Don't post you schedule or events you plan to attend on Facebook or other social networking sites.

In conclusion, take action by implementing the above mentioned tips and keep yourself and home a safe place to dwell.

## 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 Ken Knowlton

Interviewed by: Tracey Russo



Picture provided by: Rick Ball

Ken Knowlton has lived in Belmont since 1976. Ken an only child, son of Harold & Virginia Knowlton of Laconia lived just over the border of Belmont and as a child played in Belmont. Harold Knowlton was the Chief of Police in Laconia as well as Colonel of N.H. State Police, his mother Virginia worked for years as a Public Health Nurse. After high school Ken studied Forestry at UNH graduating with a degree that he decided not to use at that time anyway. He thought carpentry would be a better field to apply his talents in. After the economy took a nosedive and suffering lay-offs, Ken decided to look into something that he had studied for. Ahh the degree would come in handy after all. He was able to secure a position in 1973 for the NH DOT Survey Section. The Survey Section surveyed many of the bypasses that were developed in the 1970's. One in particular was the highway through the Franconia Notch area. Ken found the work to be quite interesting however 13 years at that profession was long enough.

Ken moved on, not one to let grass grow under his feet he started working for the Bureau of Environment- Regulation of Junk Yards. He said this came about from Lady Bird Johnson's Highway Beautification Act in the 1960's. The idea was that our highways be something nice to look at when driving over them and not be cluttered with billboards and junkyards. It was quite successful as evidenced by the highways in our own beautiful state.

Through this time he met his lifelong partner Barbara Garneau and continues to share a life with her today. Sharing that life with a horse names Aztec who is 40 years old! Over the years they have shared their home with a succession of Afghan hounds, a cat, and a rescue horse that Barbara who was in the Equine Rescue League brought home. He and Barbara enjoy traveling, and as Barbara will tell you Ken is a "git 'er done" kind of guy, he is also a voracious reader, of fiction and history. Roots run deep in Belmont however. His great-great grandfather Billings pedaled his way from Canandaigua, New York to Belmont where he bought a house and land next to the Robert's family. He then sent for his family and settled into life in Belmont. Ken can trace his roots to several families in Belmont including the Bryant and French families. In his spare time along with the reading he enjoys time on his boat, although he will tell you there's not been much of that lately.

Sometime in the 1980's fed up with the high tax rates Ken joined the other outraged taxpayers to form the Belmont Taxpayers Association. That association eventually disbanded after several "eventful" years. Before it did they met with the Belmont Budget Committee to discuss lowering property taxes; and one Budget Committee member (Skip Clairmont) commented to Ken that if he was so concerned why not join the Budget Committee. Well that's just what he did and for 20+ years enjoyed quite a successful run. He wanted to help the taxpayers by keeping property taxes down; to try to lower the Town's portion of the total tax rate. He has since parted ways with the Budget committee citing irreparable differences in how the Town government is perceived by taxpayers and the lack of interest held by many elected officials to correct this perception.

Currently Ken serves as the Chairman of the Conservation Commission of which he has been a member since 1999. He feels that most people don't really understand how important open space and farmland is to Belmont and the benefits derived by the preservation of these lands. Saying it actually helps to relieve the taxpayer's burden by retaining that land, he also feels very strongly about keeping the rural character of Belmont as well as maintaining the farms that continue to exist here. As a Commission they are looking into possible tax breaks, co-ops being formed, ideas to alleviate expenses and hassles associated with farming.

Ken was recently awarded the Volunteer Leadership award for his work in Penstock Park by the Heritage Commission. Citing Linda Frawley "His enthusiasm and interest - aided by all-aged community volunteers, from Main Street residents to Belmont High School students - vividly demonstrates the difference collaboration, leadership and sweat equity can make in Belmont. " Ken's wish is to see the successful Revitalization of the Village area, part of the reason he is an active member of the Revitalization Committee as well.

Most recently you will find Ken not only hard at work in Penstock Park putting in a new fence, but he is also working for the Municipal Resources Inc., troubleshooting for towns trying to regulate and license junkyards. It is an honor to have a volunteer of Ken's caliber working so hard to make our Town a better place to live. I hope you will laud his efforts. If you run into him offer to help, any small way can mean a lot to so many. If you care to reach Ken he can be reached at [kallyn1@netzero.net](mailto:kallyn1@netzero.net)

## News from the Conservation Commission

# THE SHORELAND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

6PM, Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Corner Meeting House, 16 Sargent Street

In order to preserve one of New Hampshire's most precious natural resources, clean, pure freshwater, the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA, formerly the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act) was originally enacted into law in 1991. The act established minimum standards for the subdivision, use and development of shorelands adjacent to the state's public water bodies. In 2008, the law was significantly changed to provide for permitting of shoreland projects, limiting impervious surfaces and establishing vegetation criteria within the protected shoreland.

The New Hampshire Legislature again enacted significant changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B, which became effective July 1, 2011. Most construction, excavation and filling activities within 250 feet of protected waters require a shoreland permit from the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Jay Aube, Shoreland Specialist from the DES Shoreland Program, will be providing a presentation on the changes to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:00PM at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont, NH. The presentation will provide a thorough overview of the changes to the SWQPA including

what does and what does not need a permit, impervious surface limitations and vegetation maintenance.

For more information regarding this event, please contact:

Rick Ball, Land Use Tech

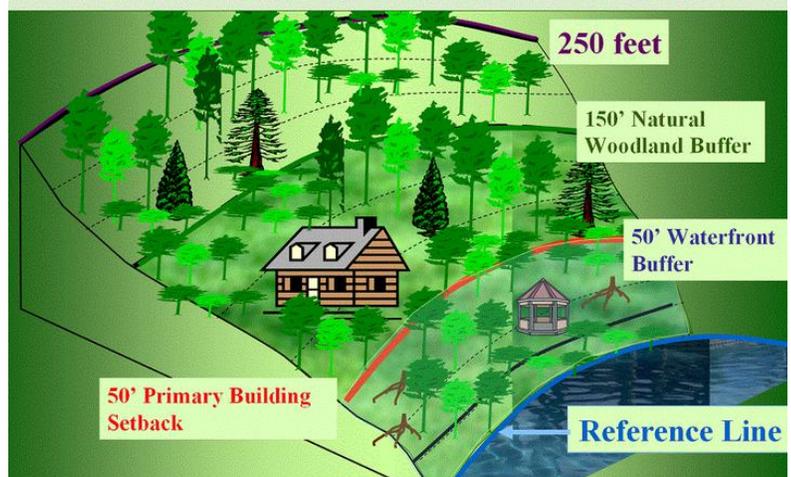
Belmont Land Use Office, Belmont Town Hall  
143 Main St, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220

603 267-8300 [rball@belmontnh.org](mailto:rball@belmontnh.org)

Jay Aube, Shoreland Protection Outreach Specialist  
Shoreland Program, DES Wetlands Bureau

603 271-8176 [shorelands@des.nh.gov](mailto:shorelands@des.nh.gov)

### The Protected Shoreland



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**Environmental  
Services**

HOSTED BY THE BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

# Land Use News

## Planning Board:

- The Board held a public hearing and subsequently approved the 2012-2017 [Capital Improvement Program](#).
- Approval of a one-year extension to Mountain Lake Village LLC for an 18-lot open space subdivision located on Mile Hill Road.
- The Board co-hosted a Business Forum for the purpose of providing exposure for Belmont Businesses to regional business support providers. A new Belmont Business Resources web-page is under development to provide a portal for businesses to easily access such providers.
- The Board has begun its review of possible Zoning Amendments to be proposed for the 2012 Town Meeting.
- The Board provided comment to the Selectmen regarding their current cable franchise renewal consideration. The Board suggested two areas of the community for service expansion; Gilmanton/Hackett Road and Laconia Road south.

## Zoning Board:

- Approval granted to Janice Sheen & Judith Brown for the reconstruction of a preexisting nonconforming garage improving the front setback at 51 Sunset Drive.
- Approval granted to Ann Marie Legg to expand a preexisting nonconforming structure with a partial second story at 82 Mallards Landing Road.

## Other:

- The Planning and Zoning Boards have developed *Application Meeting and Review Process* handouts providing basic guidance for applicants and others attending application meetings. The intent is to assist parties in understanding how applications are reviewed and what to expect when attending meetings and enhancing opportunity for participation. [Learn More...](#)
- The Town welcomes the reopening of the village store as ART Convenience.
- Construction has begun on the new Agway store on Daniel Webster Highway.
- During October structures constructed during the last tax year were located by GPS so they can be added to the Town's property assessment maps for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Happy Thanksgiving!!!



"A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air."

# Lakes Region Community College

(603) 524-3207 • (800) 357-2992 • [www.lrcc.edu](http://www.lrcc.edu)  
379 Belmont Road • Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

## Brighten Your Future... Today!

### Visit LRCC's Open House

## Saturday • Nov. 5 • 9:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

#### Associate Degree Programs

Accounting	Fire Protection
Automotive Service Education Program	Fire Science
Automotive Technology	General Studies
Business Management	Graphic Design
Computer Technologies	Human Services
Culinary Arts	Liberal Arts
Early Childhood Education	Marine Technology
Electrical Power and Control Technologies	Media Arts and Technology
Electrical Systems Installation and Maintenance	Nursing
Energy Services and Technology	Office Technology Management
Fine Arts	Restaurant Management
	Teacher Preparation

#### Certificate Programs

Accounting	Graphic Design
Administrative Office Assistant	Human Services
Application Developer	Industrial Construction Wiring
Associate Teacher (Early Childhood Ed.)	Institutional Food Service
Baking and Pastry	Integrated Arts
Business Management	Lead Teacher (Early Childhood Ed.)
Career and Technical Education	Liberal Arts
Commercial Construction Wiring	Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA)
Database Administrator	Marine Technology
Early Childhood Education Advanced	Medical Office Assistant
Electrical Power and Control Technologies	National Electrical Code Interpretation
Electrical Systems Installation and Maintenance	Network Administrator
Energy Services and Technology	Personal Computer Systems Manager
Fire Protection	Residential Construction Wiring
Fire Science	Restaurant Management
Gaming and Animation Developer	Technologies for Education
Gerontology	Website Developer

Learn about Admissions/Your Options/Financial Aid/Meet our Faculty

## Spotlight on New Businesses in Town

### Something Old & New Bargain Barn



Have you heard about the Bargain Barn? This wonderful little shop opened underneath Brookside Pizza this past summer. With the economy being what it is more and more people are turning to second-hand shops for everyday items. Proprietor Marilyn Thibeadeau said business has been very good. The shop sells a little of everything from quality home furnishings, to clothing, to collectibles and jewelry. If you're looking for it you just might want to check here first. Our inventory changes daily and if we don't have what you're looking for just ask! The store hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9am-6pm and we can be reached at 527-8928

### Belmont Village Store



You may have noticed the Belmont Village Store has re-opened. Ramzi Al-Shawafi and his wife Angela opened the store several weeks ago. To the relief of many who greatly missed the downtown convenience store. Mr. Al-Shawafi says he was told of the historical (to some) store closing by a friend. When the same friend told him what a great town Belmont is and how friendly the people are he was quite interested. Currently the store is providing its guests with all the normal small town grocery store convenience items including the coldest beverages in town! Mr. Al-Shawafi is currently sampling deli meats and plans to expand into offering deli items such as soups and sandwiches. He would like his clientele to know that this is a family friendly store and he is encouraging feedback and suggestions from all who enter. Currently the store hours are Monday-Thursday 6am-9pm, Friday 6am-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm & Sunday 7am-8pm. Mr. Al-Shawafi can be found in his store during those hours. Please stop in to welcome him to Belmont and check out his store! Belmont Village Store can also be found on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



Town Administrator's  
Monthly Report

**Belmont Business Forum**

The Town of Belmont in conjunction with the Belknap County Economic Development Council and the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce would like to thank those members of the Belmont Business Community who were able to attend the Business Forum held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding many of the agencies who presented at the Forum is available on the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org).



**Budget Committee**

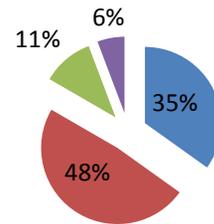
Our 2012 Budget process has begun and the first meeting of the Belmont Budget Committee will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings throughout the budget process, agendas are posted on the Town's website, Town Hall and the Post Office. Please visit the Town's website at [www.belmonnh.org](http://www.belmonnh.org) to view a copy of the Power Point Presentation relative to the 2012 proposed budget.

**Agenda - November 1, 2011**

- 6:30 - Appoint New Member
  - Election of Officers
- 7:00 - Power Point Presentation 2012 Proposed Budget - Town Administrator
- 7:15 - Public Works, Street Lights, Highway Block Grant, Water and Sewer
- 8:00 - Fire Department, Emergency Management

**Belmont 2011 Tax Rate**

■ Town ■ Local School ■ State School ■ County



<b>Town Portion</b>	\$7.52 .02	↑
<b>Local Education Portion</b>	\$10.45 .59	↑
<b>State Education Portion</b>	\$2.35 .09	↑
<b>County Portion</b>	\$1.24 .11	↓
<b>Total Tax Rate:</b>	\$21.56 .59	↑

Impact on a \$100,000 home in Belmont is an increase of \$59.00 for tax year 2011.

**Pay as you Throw Presentation**

The Board of Selectmen, during its regular meeting on Monday, November 7, 2011, beginning at 5:00 p.m. will be hearing a presentation on Pay as you throw and curbside recycling as an option to reduce the cost of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. Please plan to attend.



*"Autumn is marching on: even the scarecrows are wearing dead leaves."*



### Recycling Bins

Just a reminder that recycling bins are still available through Town Hall, please see Tracey and get your bin today!! Recycling is good for the environment and good for the Town of Belmont.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tracey Russo, our Town Hall Receptionist for the exceptional job she has done on our monthly newsletter. Appreciation is also extended to everyone who contributes.

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).

### Comments from our readers

Dear Ms. Russo:

I love the newsletter. Thank you for posting interesting articles. I have lived in Belmont for almost 10 years and did not know a thing about Leslie Roberts (thought he was a she). I would like to see articles on the various businesses in town. Loved the recipe! I hope the newsletter will continue on and not fade away.....

Thank-you,  
Lynne Tensel

**T** hanks for time to be together,  
turkey, talk, and tangy weather.  
**H** for harvest stored away, home, and  
hearth, and holiday.  
**A** for autumn's frosty art, and  
abundance in the heart.  
**N** for neighbors, and November, nice  
things, new things to remember.  
**K** for kitchen, kettles' croon, kith and  
kin expected soon.  
**S** for sizzles, sights, and sounds, and  
something special that about.

That spells THANKS for joy in  
living and a jolly good Thanksgiving.



A great big Thank-you to The Home Beautiful for donation of the "Red Carpet" for the Belmont Middle School's Academy Awards night. It was a rousing success and the kids really enjoyed the pomp and circumstance of walking the "red carpet"



# Belmont Police Explorers Santa's Lil' Helpers

For many years the Belmont Police Explorers have attempted to help our less fortunate residents enjoy their holiday season. Our program relies solely on your donations from citizens and businesses. This year more than ever, we are in desperate need for donations. We anticipate that this Christmas, we will have an overwhelming response from families in need of gifts for their children.

Donations can come in the form of cash, new toys and new clothing. Our attempt is to balance the disbursement of gifts with items children want and those they need. Although toys are an important part of a child's life, jackets, gloves and hats are critical for the winter months ahead.



Applications for families in need of assistance may be retrieved at the Belmont Police Department beginning on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. We will stop taking applications on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the end of the business day.

If you are interested in assisting us with this worthwhile cause, please send your donations or drop them off at:

Santa's Lil' Helpers  
C/O Belmont Police Explorers  
P.O. Box 320  
16 Fuller St  
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220  
603-267-8351

## Thanksgiving Trivia

Congress passed an official proclamation in 1941 and declared that now onwards Thanksgiving will be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

**"November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.**

**With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.**

**The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring."**

# Deck the Village: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Festival

Last year brought more than 300 all-aged believers to a brightly-decorated Town center full of activities at each of the Village's major historic buildings.



Smiles, generosity and spirit will again be on display this year on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, according to volunteer organizers of this family and free event. Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is set up day - preparing for Sunday's event - and fresh green boughs, bright red ribbon and other signs of the season will be used to decorate the Corner Meeting House, Mill, Library and Bandstand. And Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> all gets underway at 12:30 p.m. Schedule highlights include:

Santa's Work Shops at the Mill and Senior Center, Santa's Sweet Shop at the Corner Meeting House, an opening performance by the Belmont Elementary School Vocal Ensemble - directed by Jen Shaw - on the Village Common, special Library activities and photo opportunities with a most special visitor from the North Pole will all be featured.

In the spirit of the season, all are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for St. Joseph's Food Pantry, to brighten another's Christmastime.

Volunteers and Community Sponsors are welcome and needed for decorating duty on Saturday and site help Sunday from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Organizers will meet again on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. At the Great Brook Village Club House for final planning. Please call Glenda at 267-8710 or Linda at 528-5667 if you can lend a hand on either day, or have additional ideas.

All of the hard-working organizers and sponsors producing this popular event will be recognized in publicity and program information later in November. As this newsletter goes to press, committee, sponsors and volunteers include: Belmont Fire Department, Public Works, Recreation departments and Senior Center, Wilbur Bickford, Selectman Ron Cormier, Rob Court, Cynthia DeRoy, Shayne Duggan, BJ Eckardt, Linda Frawley, Karen Gilbert, Angela Hanson, Susan Harris, Timothy Hayes Landscaping, Jackie Heath, Glenda & Stanley Hill, Lakes Region Community College - Food for Thought Café, Brian Loanes, Margaret Normandin, Wallace Rhodes, Jen Shaw, Holly Smith and Ginger Wells-Kay.

**Please call Glenda at 267-8710 or Linda at 528-5667 if you can lend a hand on either day.**

Submitted by the Belmont Heritage Commission

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## First *Community Heritage Awards* Presented:

Five Honored on October 17<sup>th</sup> by Belmont Heritage Commission with  
Selectmen

The inaugural New Hampshire History Week was ceremonially noted in Belmont, with accolades for volunteerism and excellence. As Ronald Cormier, Vice Chairman of Selectmen and representative to the Heritage Commission said, "The people and projects recognized represent hundreds of hours, care and visibility for our heritage. These awards are well-deserved and overdue.

Recipients, all in attendance at the Selectmen's meeting included:

**Holly Smith - Youth Leadership Award**

**The Ferguson Family - Renovation Excellence - Private Residence**

**Garden Artisans - Business Leadership - Municipal Beautification**

**Ken Knowlton - Volunteer Leadership - Penstock Park**

**Lakes Region Community College Food for Thought Café - Community Partners & Special Events**

Full text of citations detailing the diverse and distinctive contributions that have made a difference in preserving and promoting Belmont will be featured on [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) Heritage Commission page and are attached as a PDF file.

News accounts about the awards were published this week in the Citizen, Laconia Daily Sun and Winnisquam Echo. [www.citizen.com](http://www.citizen.com) [www.laconiadailysun.com](http://www.laconiadailysun.com) [www.salmonpress.com](http://www.salmonpress.com)

Selectmen-appointed members of the Heritage Commission, founded by citizens at the 2004 Town Meeting are Wallace Rhodes, chairman; Linda Frawley, vice chairman; Margaret Normandin, secretary; Shayne Duggan, member; and Ron Cormier, representing Selectmen.

## Annual Holiday Fair at Belmont High School

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR AT BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!

Members of the Belmont High School (BHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have been busy at work preparing for the fifth annual Holiday Fair, to be held at BHS on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. The fair will be the largest yet at BHS with 90-100 vendors expected to fill the gym and cafeteria, offering a wide variety of handmade and holiday crafts and gifts. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be offered throughout the day by the FBLA, the French Club, and the Booster Club, including bagels, soups, chowders, chili, quiches, pork pie, desserts and more! A raffle including hand-crafted items and donations and gift certificates from local businesses will also be held throughout the day. Please come join the fun as the members of FBLA prepare for an exciting holiday season!

For additional information or to get involved with the Holiday Fair, please contact Ben Hill at Belmont High School ([bhill@sau80.org](mailto:bhill@sau80.org) or 267-6525 x211). Anyone wishing to donate food items or raffle items can contact Mr. Hill, and they will be recognized at the entrance to the fair for their generous support of the students and the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vendor sampling:

- Holiday Gifts and Items
- Hand quilted and embroidered items
- Clothing
- Holiday cards and ornaments
- Ceramics
- Fused and stained glass
- Homemade food items
- Woodcrafts
- Handbags
- Candles
- Soaps and lotions
- Baby items and toys
- Pet treats
- Art and photos
- Vendors including Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, At Home America, Thirty-One Gifts and more



## Events In and Around Our Community

What	When	Where
Pumpkin & Pine Fair	Saturday, November 5, 2011, 9am – 2pm	Congregational Church of North Barnstead 504 North Barnstead Rd Ctr Barnstead 03225
Lakes Region Community College Open House	Saturday, November 5, 2011, 9am – 12pm	Lakes Region Community College 379 Belmont Road Laconia NH for more info contact Marsha Bourdon 524-3207 x 6786
Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair	Saturday, November 5, 2011, 9am – 2pm	Russell Elementary School 195 School Street Rumney, NH for more info contact Erin Druckenmiller <a href="mailto:edruckenmiller@res.sau48.org">edruckenmiller@res.sau48.org</a>
Belmont High School Annual Holiday Fair	Saturday, November 12, 2011, 9am – 3pm	Belmont High School 255 Seavey Rd. Belmont, NH for more info contact Ben Hill <a href="mailto:bhill@sau80.org">bhill@sau80.org</a> or call 267-6525 x 211
Laconia Winter Marketplace	Thursday, November 17, 2011, 3 – 6pm	Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St East Laconia NH 03246

		for more info contact Amy Dix 603-630-0086
Laconia Holiday Parade	November 26 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm	The parade will begin at Wyatt Park, continue down Main Street, and end at the historic train station in Veteran's Square with the lighting of the Christmas Tree. For more info <a href="http://www.lakesregionchamber.org">http://www.lakesregionchamber.org</a>

## News from Great Brook Village

WEDDING BELLS WERE RINGING ON SUNDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup>

Two of GBV resident, Betty Ann Moore and Richard Kincaid exchanged their wedding vows at the First United Methodist Church in Gilford. The bride wore a golden floor length skirt with a jacket and the groom was in a suit. I was told that the bride looked lovely and had a big smile on her face. Richard looks pretty snappy and happy too!! After the ceremony the guest were treated to a buffet lunch in the Fire Side Room of the church.

The past month has been extra pretty here in the village with all the different colored trees and some real nice weather to go with it.

Our coffee on Wednesday mornings are having a larger crowd and the men table is almost bigger than the women's table. (Here the men and women set at separate tables) Pretty soon the Snow Birds will be leaving so the crowd will get smaller again.

Our Pot Luck Supper is still going strong and the food is always excellent and we here at GBV are proud to say we have some real good cooks who still cook the old fashion way from scratch..

Our Social Committee have been working on plans for the Holidays that are coming up which includes our annual Christmas Party with a Yankee Swap and our New Year Eve Party. I really can't believe that it is that time already, where did the year go!!!!

See you next month

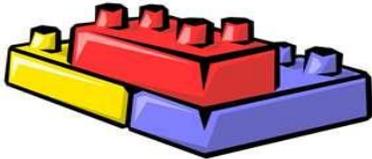
## Taxes

Please be aware Tax Bills will be mailed out October 28, 2011 and Due on December 5, 2011. The Tax Collector's Office will have an express window set up on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Strictly for Tax payments ONLY!!

# Public Library

## Looking for Lego Donations

Do you have any legos that need a new home? The Belmont Public Library would like to start a lego club that would meet monthly in the Children's room, and we would be happy to accept donations of clean and moderately loved legos. From the larger Duplo blocks to Bionicles, games or themed kits, your donation will help launch our upcoming Lego Club.



Stay tuned for upcoming Lego Club info...

## Save the Vans!

The New Hampshire State Library's Inter-Library Loan program is one of the most widely used and valuable programs available in libraries throughout New Hampshire, including Belmont. Thanks to this program, materials can be shared between libraries and transported with the use of vans all through New Hampshire. The State Legislature is "reviewing" funding of the inter-library loan vans and is considering taking all but 1 van off the road. This would be catastrophic to the Library users and communities. It would not save money, but re-direct it to areas where it is probably not as needed.

To show support of the current Inter-Library Loan van system and continue funding, we encourage all citizens and taxpayers to come to the Library where you can read a more detailed explanation of this service and its impact on our community. **Your signature on our petition to continue this service would be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you for your support!**

"A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air."



## New Books!!!

As the days grow shorter and cold weather comes creeping around the corner, it's the perfect time to settle in with a good book!! Here are some of the new books (and audio-books!) the Library has to offer:

- The Night Strangers by Chris Bohjalian - Spooky, scary dark tale with witches, ghosts and a twisted ending!! One of our staff favorites!!
- The Feast of Fools by James Lee Burke - Beautiful descriptions and nasty bad guys abound in this fast-paced western adventure.
- The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman - A look at myth and miracle, religion and tradition as a small group of Judeans, in the early 70's, AD, at Masada, try to resist slaughter at the hands of the Romans. Strong characters, heartbreaking story...
- The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh - first novel for a new writer and it's a beauty!!! A troubled young woman finds healing through her knowledge and love of flowers.
- 1225 Christmas Tree Lane by Debbie Macomber - 12<sup>th</sup> and final book in the much loved Cedar Cove series. Who says there are no happy endings anymore?
- Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson - Hot new biography of the icon of inventiveness. Revealing and candid look at a genius of our time.

And coming late in November, Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich, V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton, Zero Day by David Baldacci, and Prince of Ravenscar by Catherine Coulter!!

Stay warm and keep reading!!

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.



# Monthly Recipe

## Pretty Pumpkin Cinnamon Buns Recipe

24 Servings Prep: 45 min. + rising Bake: 25 min.

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup warm milk (110° to 115°)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1/3 cup instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 7 to 8 cups all-purpose flour

#### FILLING:

- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

#### Directions

- In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add the eggs, shortening, pumpkin, milk, sugars, pudding mixes, salt and 6 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky).
- Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.
- Punch dough down; divide in half. Roll each portion into a 12-in. x 8-in. rectangle; brush with butter. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over dough to within 1/2 in. of edges.
- Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side; pinch seams to seal. Cut each into 12 slices. Place cut side down in two greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pans. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes.
- Bake at 350° for 22-28 minutes or until golden brown. In a small bowl, combine the water, butter and cinnamon. Add confectioners' sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth. Spread over buns. Serve warm. **Yield:** 2 dozen.



#### ICING:

- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

# November 2011

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. LR Girls Softball 6:30 @ CMH Budget Comm 6:30 @ CMH Zumbatomics 5:30-6:15 @ Old Winni Fire Station	2. Conservation Comm 6:00 @ CMH BEST Mtg. 6:00 @ BES Pre-School Story time 10:30 @ Library Strength Training 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	3. Explorers 6:30 @ CMH Archery 5:00 @ Old Winni Fire Station Knitting Group 6:00 @ Library Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8	4. BES Family Night 6:00	5.
6.	7. BOS 5:00 @ CMH	8. Budget Comm 6:30 @ CMH Bogie Busters 7:00 @ CMH Zumbatomics 5:30-6:15 @ Old Winni Fire Station Library Trustees Mtg. 6:30 @ Library	9. BHS Athletic Awards 6:00 Pre-School Story time 10:30 @ Library Strength Training 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	10. Explorers 6:30 @ CMH No School SRSD 6:00 @ BES Archery 5:00 @ Old Winni Fire Station Knitting Group 6:00 @ Library	11. Town Offices Closed Veteran's Day No School Library Closed Indoor Soccer 3-5yr olds @ Old Winni Fire Station	12. FBLA Holiday Fair 7:00 AM @ BHS
13.	14. Planning Board 7:00 @ CMH	15. Budget Comm. 6:30 @ CMH Zumbatomics 5:30-6:15 @ Old Winni Fire Station Book Discussion Group 7 @ Library	16. Zoning Mtg 7:00 @ CMH Pre-School Story time 10:30 @ Library Strength Training 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	17. Explorers 6:30 @ CMH BHS Drama 7:00 @ BHS Archery 5:00 @ Old Winni Fire Station Knitting Group 6:00 @ Library Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Book Discussion Group 2pm @ Library Revitalization Mtg. 4:30	18. BHS Drama 7:00 @ BHS BES Family Night 6:00 Indoor Soccer 3-5yr olds @ Old Winni Fire Station	19. BHS Drama 7:00 @ BHS
20.	21. BOS 5:00 @ CMH H.E.A.T. Class 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	22. Zumbatomics 5:30-6:15 @ Old Winni Fire Station	23. No School Pre-School Story time 10:30 @ Library	24. Town Offices Closed No School Library Closed	25. Town Offices Closed No School	26.
27.	28. Planning Board 7:00 @ CMH H.E.A.T. Class 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station	29. Planning Board 7:00 @ CMH Budget Comm 6:30 @ CMH Zumbatomics 5:30-6:15 @ Old Winni Fire Station	30. Pre-School Story time 10:30 @ Library Strength Training 6:30 @ Old Winni Fire Station			