

# Our Community Newsletter October 2011

## Taxes

There is sometimes great confusion over taxes! When do we pay? What times of the year are we paying for? Does my mortgage company get a copy of my bill? How can I know if my mortgage company paid my taxes if I am in escrow? Well the following information from the Tax Collector will answer some of your questions!

The property tax year is April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> and all property taxes shall be assessed on the inventory taken by April 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. What that means is if something is on your property on April 1<sup>st</sup> you will be taxed on it. Say for example a shed. If you have taken down a shed without pulling a permit to remove the shed we have no way of knowing it has been removed. So when someone comes in, in July and says I took down that shed three years ago why am I still being taxed on it? Now you know! We aren't mind readers. If you are removing something from your property that you are taxed on unless you pull a permit we have no way of knowing you removed it. The 1<sup>st</sup> half property tax bill which is usually due the first part of July, is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the previous year's tax bill, in which you are paying for April, May, June, July, August and September. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half property tax bill is the final actual, in which you are paying for October, November, December, January, February and March. At times the December property tax bill will go out later, due to the Department of Revenue Administration setting the tax rate. To establish the tax rate for the town, budget reports from the town, school district, and county must be in. After receiving the rate, property taxes bills will go out and you will have 30 days to pay. **If your taxes are in escrow we do not send your mortgage company a copy of your bill. That is the owner's responsibility. Make a copy of your bill and MAIL it to them!** Some mortgage companies have servicing companies that pay numerous taxes at the same time which is usually at the end of the month right before the deadline. So if you call here to find out if your taxes have been paid and are told no, well that could be the reason why. Don't **PANIC** call back in a few days! We do now offer online payments for your taxes. We do not accept credit cards pay by check only online. Check out our website [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) you can also register your car, license your dog, and pay your water and sewer bills. As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at 267-8302



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Happy Halloween!!!

# Fire Department

## HURRICANE IRENE



## WERE WE READY?

While most people were enjoying the last few weeks of summer members of the Town of Belmont Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were closely monitoring the track of Hurricane Irene. On Thursday, August 25, things kicked into high gear and the Emergency Management Director (EMD) began participating in daily conference calls with the State EOC and EMD's from across the State. By Friday afternoon there was no question as to whether or not the storm was going to hit us; it was now a matter of are we prepared for it when it does. On Saturday morning, August 26 at 10:00 am a meeting was held at the Belmont Fire Department for all members of the EOC staff. This included representatives from the town hall, police department, public works, fire department, school district, Bus Company, and the Board of Selectmen. The EMD requested that the BOS declare a Local State of Emergency for the Town of Belmont and at 10:10 a State of Emergency was declared. By taking this action the BOS allowed the EMD to fully enact the Local All Hazards Emergency Plan. All members present were given a briefing by the EMD as to the current location and expected impact the Hurricane was anticipated to have on the town. Each department reported in on their current state of readiness, proposed staffing levels and identified areas of concern. A decision was made to fully staff the local Emergency Operations Center at a level 3 starting at 10:00am Sunday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

By 08:00 am Sunday all departments had increased their on-duty staffing in anticipation of the storms arrival and members of the EOC had arrived at the Fire Station to prepare for operations. At 10:00 the EOC was formally opened by the EMD. At that time operations of the fire department were turned over to Deputy Chief McCarty as the Fire Chief/EMD was operating the EOC. Members present at the EOC were; Police Chief Baiocchetti, Public Works Director Fortin, Code Enforcement Officer/Health Officer Dalton, and EMD Parenti. As the main body of the storm approached the EOC

was in constant communications with the state EOC via Web-EOC. Web-EOC is an on-line program which allows local EOC's to communicate directly to the State EOC. It allows local EOC's to maintain situational awareness, post and monitor street closings, request special needs, and monitor available shelter operations, as well as many other capabilities. As the storm came through the town members of the DPW patrolled roads and ensured that all catch basins were kept clear of debris to help reduce the possibility of local flooding. Police department personnel patrolled the roads looking for downed trees and power lines while keeping an eye out for the safety of all residents and businesses. Fire department personnel responded to reports of wires and trees down, local flooding, and various other types of calls. All response activities were coordinated through the EOC. When a police unit discovered a power line down the EOC was notified and fire units were sent. If trees were involved and roads were blocked DPW personnel were also sent to the scene to assist with clearing the road. All power outages and downed lines were reported to the EOC and then forwarded to the appropriate agencies.

By 17:00 hrs the number of storm related calls had slowed down considerably and the members of the EOC discussed reducing the on-duty personnel and scaling the EOC activation back to a level 2. By 18:30 all closed roads had been re-opened by local crews and all power line issues in the roads were handled. At 19:00 the EOC began operating at level 2 and the demobilization of extra on-duty personnel began. By 23:00 hrs all extra personnel had been released and operations for all town departments were returned to normal. The EMD continued to monitor Web-EOC to maintain situational awareness and to be prepared to bring staffing levels back up to emergency levels should the need arise.

Throughout the event a list of actions items was maintained. These are items that were identified by responders as having the potential for some improvement before the next event. A post incident action report is in the process of being developed and a meeting will be held to discuss how we can do things better next time.

So to answer the question "Were we ready?" The answer is yes! Members of all Town departments performed at a very high level, for in excess of 12 hours, to provide the citizens and business of the Town of Belmont with the level of service which they deserve. Interdepartmental cooperation was extremely high and the resulting successful response was indicative of this cooperation.

*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.*

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

# 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 Suzanne Roberts.

Interviewed by: Tracey Russo



Picture provided by: Brenda Paquette

Suzanne Roberts has lived in Belmont since 1950. At the time she and her husband Leslie E. Roberts were looking for some farmland for their herd of cows. Well they found that land on Hackett Road in the form of a 200 +/- acre farm. At the time Hackett Road was "The" road between Belmont and Gilmanton four corners. Well they settled in and Suzanne and Leslie began their life together, they had five children, three boys and two girls. As time went on it became apparent that they did not have enough land to sustain the size herd needed to maintain a growing family. Leslie had been involved with the Armored Tank Division in WWII and took great interest in the large machinery. He was the proud owner of the first Caterpillar Dozer to be brought into New Hampshire. So farming gave way to the construction business. Meanwhile Suzanne was at home raising the kids. As a young woman she was very shy something her family likes to laugh about now and call the "good old days"! Some friends and neighbors encouraged her to join the School Board. In fact she never ran for a position, not at first anyway, they basically nominated her for it! Her husband encouraged her as he worked long hours; and his family had always been involved in their community of Alton, he hoped it would help her get over some of her shyness. She proceeded to serve on the School Board for three 3 year terms. Well around this time one of her children had a mind to go to the Tilton Prep School for a specialized course they offered. Suzanne thought it was a grand idea but how would they pay for it? Well an offer came from the new principal of the High School Lanny Reinholtz to teach for  $\frac{1}{2}$  days at Belmont High School. You see Suzanne had previously taught after college at UNH for Farmington High School. She taught math & science, something not many women taught at that time. Well obviously the school liked her well enough they offered her a contract the following year. Unsure if she should take it Leslie commented "well you're down there all the time anyway". She continued with the school becoming an Assistant Principal in addition to her duties of teaching 5-6 classes. Eventually the duties of Assistant Principal overtook the teaching. She retired from the school system in 1993.

Suzanne currently resides in a home on Brown Hill Road with her rescued Labrador retriever Max on land she and her husband bought back in 1950. You see the parcel on Hackett Road stretched between the two roads. She had set aside two parcels for her daughters, however like most women they had ideas of their own and no longer live around here. Her sons have remained in Town. When the family was young Suzanne got involved in 4-H beginning as a parent helping out with projects. That evolved into her becoming the treasurer for the Belknap County 4-H Fair Association. She was recently honored for 50+ years of service to the fair. At any given time she has been involved in several organizations, whatever has seemed important for the family at the time. She served as the Supervisor of the Checklist for 17 or 18 years. Currently she is elected to the Trustee of Trust Funds. She said involvement is good for the spirit, and that most people want to help. It only takes someone to ask for help, she claims no one has turned her down when asked. Suzanne encourages all of us to get to know your neighbors one of the greatest things about Belmont is the wonderful people. It was true when she and Leslie settled here in 1950, when the population was around 2,200 and it has remained true to this day. Even though our population has increased dramatically over the years to approximately 7,800 today. Suzanne and her family are strong supporters of Belmont Old Home Day and are involved in the planning of the 10 mile road race every year, along with the famous chicken BBQ. She feels we have the right safeguards in place for the future development of our open space in Belmont. The members of the Planning and Zoning boards have the right ideas on how to preserve that space, as well as what the stresses and benefits in Town are. Some of her hobbies include reading, and playing the piano. I hope you have enjoyed learning just a little bit about Suzanne. If you happen to run into Suzanne around Town don't hesitate to introduce yourself, careful though you just might end up volunteering for something!!

### News from Great Brook Village

We held an ice cream social on a Sunday night and had a great turnout. The residents not only enjoyed the ice cream but the chance to sit and visit with their friend and neighbors. On September 5, we held our annual Labor Day Back Yard Pot Luck. The Wright and Sumner family host this event every year. Thank god they set up tents because just as we were about to eat, the ole rain started to fall. Of course this did not stop us from eating all that good food, and there was plenty of it, and we all managed to stay dry. We had an excellent turn out with 54 "Village People" coming to enjoy the Labor Day Weekend, and another chance to visit with our friends and neighbors. One thing you can say about GBV we love to eat and visit. I want to mention that whoever planted all the flowers and put up the benches at the new Penstock Park did an excellent job and it sure helps with improving the looks of Main Street.



Public Works would like everyone to know the roadwork and new sidewalks are completed on Church St. going to the High School. Please encourage your kids to use the sidewalks-their safety is very important to us!!!

# News from the Conservation Commission

## The NEW & IMPROVED Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act

Formerly known as the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA)

As rain water falls and runs across the land, it picks up sediment, nutrients and other pollutants that adversely affect our lakes and streams. This non-point source pollution is the cumulative result of many small, seemingly inconsequential acts. In 1991, the CSPA became law in order to address the impacts that shoreland development has on water quality. After languishing for many years mainly due to lack of staffing at the Department of Environmental Services (DES), the law was rewritten in 2007 setting very specific criteria and requiring permits for development within 250' of the shoreline of many lakes and some rivers.

This year, the CSPA was renamed the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) to better identify its purpose, the protection of one of New Hampshire's most valued natural resources – its clean lakes and streams. The SWQPA institutes changes to streamline permitting for instances of minor development concern, allows for a greater amount of impervious cover when appropriately designed, changes the scoring system for vegetative cover in the waterfront buffer, and changes the consideration of non-conforming lots and structures.



A major change in the permitting process is the institution of a Permit by Notification for minimum impact projects that involve:

- 🌊 Less than 1500 square feet of impact and add no more than 900 square feet of impervious surface
- 🌊 Stormwater Management improvements
- 🌊 Maintenance of public utilities, roads and public access
- 🌊 Others permitted DES rules

DES will now have five days after receipt to either, 1) Accept the application as complete and thereby allow the project to proceed without notification to the applicant, or 2) Reject the application with notice to the applicant. This should greatly streamline the process for these minor projects.

The significant changes in scoring system for vegetation in the 50' Waterfront Buffer gives greater value to larger trees than previously and allow for more consideration for shrubs and low groundcovers.

Here are some links to the NH DES Shoreland Program website to read more on these important changes to water quality protection:

[Shoreland Program Home Page](#)

[Summary of the Minimum Standards](#)

[A Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management](#)

[SWQPA Frequently Asked Questions](#)

# Land Use News

## Planning Board:

- Approval granted to Mark A. Mooney/Province Kiln-Dried Firewood for the expansion of the wood processing business located on Province Road. The expansion includes additional commercial structures, a second wood-fired boiler, truck scale and on-site residential manager's unit.
- Approval of a one-year extension to Gistis Belmont Realty LLC for a 43-lot open space subdivision located on Province & Hoadley Roads and Middle Route.
- Approval granted to Paul Osborne for the construction of an Agway Store, green-house and Country Store at 304 Daniel Webster Highway. Groundwork has commenced on this project.
- The Board is conducting the annual [Capital Improvement Program](#) review.

## Zoning Board:

- Approval granted to Erich & Lisa Coroa-Bockley for the addition of a second story on a preexisting nonconforming single-family residence at 53 Dutile Shore Road.

## Learn More/Be Safe:

- Outdoor wood-fired boilers (OWBs), also known as outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters, are freestanding wood-burning devices that heat water, which is then pumped to one or more structures to provide heat. Permits are required for their installation. They resemble a small shed with a smokestack on top. OWBs may be used to heat homes and buildings, produce domestic hot water, heat swimming pools or hot tubs, and provide heat to agricultural operations such as greenhouses and dairies. [Learn More...](#)

## Academy Awards

*On October 7<sup>th</sup> the Belmont Middle School will be hosting the Academy Awards! The seventh graders are making trailers on their summer reading books and they will be presented in the gymnasium at 6:00. The students will dress up and walk the red carpet; after which awards will be presented to the students with exemplary trailers. Refreshments will be served following the awards. All are welcome!! This promises to be a fun filled evening one you surely won't want to miss!!*



"When all the cows were sleeping  
And the sun had gone to bed,  
Up jumped the pumpkin,  
And this is what he said:

I'm a dingle dangle pumpkin  
With a floppy floppy hat.  
I can shake my stem like this,  
And shake my vine like that."

## Events In and Around Our Community

What	When	Where
13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Craft Festival	October 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:00 -5:00	Mill Falls Marketplace, Meredith NH for more info <a href="http://www.castleberryfairs.com">www.castleberryfairs.com</a>
Tanger Outlet Columbus Day Weekend Sale	Friday, October 7 - Monday, October 10, 2011	Tanger Outlets Tilton, NH More info @ <a href="http://www.tangeroutlet.com">www.tangeroutlet.com</a>
Road Rally/Foliage Ride	Sunday, October 9, 2011, 11am - 6pm	Starts in Wicwas Lake Grange and tours the Lakes Region. More info @ <a href="http://www.dancingbrooklodge.org">www.dancingbrooklodge.org</a>
Concert at NH Jazz Center, Laconia	Thursday, October 13, 2011, 8pm	NH Jazz Center @ Pitman's Freight Room 94 New Salem St Laconia, NH More info @ <a href="http://www.nhjazz.com">www.nhjazz.com</a>
Run for Youth 5K	Sunday, October 23, 2011, 8:30am	Pleasant Street School, 350 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH contact <a href="mailto:rtheberge@laconia.k12.nh.us">rtheberge@laconia.k12.nh.us</a> for more info
RVYSEF Sports Card Show	Sunday, October 23, 2011, 9am - 2pm	Leavitt Park House Elm Street Laconia, NH 03246 for more info <a href="http://www.rvysef.com">www.rvysef.com</a>
Tanger Outlets Trick or Treat	Friday, October 28, 2011, 6 - 8pm	Tanger Outlets 120 Laconia Road Tilton, NH 03276 More info @ <a href="http://www.tangeroutlet.com">www.tangeroutlet.com</a>
Indoor Yard Sale to Support Belmont Boys Varsity Soccer	Saturday October 1, 2011	General Admittance 9am- 11am please call 524-2782 for more information
Belmont High School Homecoming	Saturday October 1, 2011	Booths and tables will be set up selling food items. Athletic games will be played at various times during the day. Check the school website or call 267-6525 for more info <a href="http://highschool.shaker.k12.nh.us/index.html">http://highschool.shaker.k12.nh.us/index.html</a>
Belmont Middle School Academy Awards	Friday October 7, 2011	Come see the Academy Awards right here in Belmont! The 7 <sup>th</sup> graders are presenting Trailers they made for awards and all are invited. 6:00-8:00 in the BMS Gym refreshments served afterwards. For more info call 267-9220
Fall Family Festival	Saturday October 22, 2011	Belmont Elementary School 10-2 Come join the fun! For more info call 267-6568

# Police Department

October 31<sup>st</sup>, a favorite for most children, is Halloween. The Police Department is suggesting the Trick-or-Treat times are from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

While trick-or-treating can be a lot of fun, there are some of safety tips that should be instilled in to your children before you let them go out with siblings and friends. It is easy for them to get excited and look more at hanging out with their friends and getting treats.

First, young children should always go out trick-or-treating with an adult. You know your child best, will they follow your rules, will they be safe and most importantly, will you be comfortable with them out and around?

Don't let your kids trick or treat alone, there is always safety in numbers.

Have your kids plan their route with you. While they may want to go where they can get more goodies, have them sit down with you and plan their route so you will know what area they are in. If they can get access to a cell phone, you can always have contact with them.



Check their candy before they eat it. I know it is next to impossible but maybe giving your child some "safe" candy ahead of time to munch on until they get home will work.

Tell your kids not to go into anyone's house. When they trick or treat, accept treats outside only and only go to people that you know.

Stay out of the road if possible. If there are sidewalks, stay on them. If there are no sidewalks, walk against traffic and stay to the side of the road.

Please wear costumes that are reflective AND carry a flashlight. While costumes are a time for you to be scary or funny, safety is something that needs to be practiced all the time.

Trick-or-treaters, watch out for traffic. Traffic, watch out for trick or treaters!

Vehicles, please reduce your speed and expect the unexpected such as kids running out into the road. Kids, look both ways before **WALKING**, not running out into the road. Use flashlights to let traffic know that you are there and please wear bright and/or reflective clothing.

Safe trick or treating is basic safety practices and common sense. Enjoy yourselves, help your kids be safe but most importantly; have fun!



# Public Library

## Fall for the Library!!!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. We encourage everyone in Belmont who doesn't have a Library card to come in and fill out a registration. Belmont Public Library, though small, offers a wealth of wonderful treasures!!! Parents of children under 14 years of age are reminded that you are required to sign a registration card for your child to get a library card all applicants must bring a picture ID and some other item that identifies you as a resident of Belmont, such as a piece of mail, car registration, rent receipt or tax bill. The Library has books, movies, audio books, access to e-books and downloadable audio books, reference data-bases, passes, and internet terminals to use. Children under 10 are welcome but need to be accompanied by an adult. Kids who wish to use the internet must have a parent sign them up by coming in to the library and reviewing the Internet Policy together. We welcome preschoolers and their parent/caregiver to attend our Wednesday morning story time. Our online catalog, schedule and calendar of events can be found on our website at [www.belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.belmontpubliclibrary.org).

The richest person in the world - in fact all the riches in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library. ~Malcolm Forbes

### Some New Stuff & Staff Favorites

- Cutting for Stone (audio book) by Abraham Verghese - exciting novel of twin brothers studying medicine in Ethiopia in the midst of revolution and family upheaval.
- Against all Enemies (audio book and book) by Tom Clancy - Another thriller by Clancy that goes from the war scarred Middle East to chaotic U.S./Mexico border
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (YA book) by Ransom Riggs - Spooky tale of a remarkable adventure with time travel and ...stuff....
- Flash and Bones (book) by Kathy Reichs - Fast-paced investigation of a murder and cold case at a race track. Yes, fast-paced...
- Bless this Mouse (J book) by Lois Lowry - Wonderful book by Newberry award winning writer about a cute mouse family.
- The Night Circus (book) by Erin Morgenstern - First book by this young artist/writer, interesting and playful novel of an unusual circus and its performers.
- The Dead of Winter (book) by Jane Adams - A light mystery that takes place in a snowed in mansion, murder galore.
- Otis and the Tornado (picture book) by Loren Long - Little Otis the tractor saves his animal friends. Warm friendly story for preschool aged listeners.
- The Man in the Moon (picture book) by William Joyce - Beautiful bright colored illustrations grace this lengthy rambling story for kids 5 and up.
- The Return of Nanny McPhee (DVD) - She's baaaack!!!

**Come in and check them out!!**

## Food for Thought Café

The Food for Thought Café is back open again!!! Serving lunch on the following days, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11:30-1:00. They are now also open on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 serving dinner. The Café is located in the Belmont Mill, featuring up and coming chefs', delectable food and reasonable prices. Please call 267-1155 to make a reservation.



### LRCC's Food for Thought Café Menu - Fall 2011

#### Starters

Soup du jour or Our Daily Chowder Creation--Your Server will describe what is cooking today

#### Caesar Salad

Crisp Romaine Lettuce, Fresh Croutons and Parmesan tossed with our Homemade Caesar dressing.

Fresh Garden Salad--Field Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Cukes, and Sprouts, Served with your choice of our Homemade Dressings

#### Entrees

Chicken Marsala--Tender Chicken Breast sautéed with Onions, Mushrooms and Garlic and finished with sweet Marsala Wine. A Real Crowd Pleaser!

Chicken Cordon Bleu--A True Classic! Ham and Swiss Cheese wrapped with all white meat Chicken and baked until Golden, Brown & Delicious. Topped with Mornay Sauce

Southwestern Pork Tenderloin--Dry Rubbed and Grilled to Perfection. Served with Black Bean Salsa

Fish Du Jour--Your Server will inform you of what the Culinary Students are preparing for your enjoyment and their education.

Oven Roasted Veggie Pasta--A seasonal selection of oven roasted vegetables tossed with the student's sauce and pasta of the day. Ask your Server for the delicious details.

#### Desserts

Make sure to leave room for a slice of the daily creations of our aspiring Baking and Pastry Students. Always Fresh and Delicious!

3 Courses - \$9.00 (includes tax and beverage)

## Parks and Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Department has a trip to Boston for shopping and sightseeing with your choice of holiday show on December 3rd. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Radio City Rockettes is returning to the Wang Center in Boston with an all new show this holiday season. Boston Ballet's the Nutcracker is a must-see holiday event for the whole family. The trip includes stops at Copley Square, Downtown Crossing and Faneuil Hall Marketplace for shopping, sightseeing and dining, with door to door service to each of the performances. Our deluxe motor coach departs the Belmont Park & Ride on Route 106 at 8:00AM, with stops at Copley Square, Downtown Crossing and Faneuil Hall Marketplace for dinner on your own before returning to Belmont at 8:00PM. Ticket prices vary depending on your choice of show and seating, patrons can also join us for shopping at the various locations and sightseeing on their own. Space is limited and the trip is booking up quickly.

We have a trip to see the Boston Celtics take on the Minnesota Timberwolves on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Our deluxe motor coach departs Belmont at 4:30PM. Our tickets are located in section #310, Rows 14 & 15. We arrive in time for you to have dinner on your own and visit the pro-shop.

In November we have a 4 week Archery Program, at the Old Winnisquam Fire Station from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Archery target fun is for the entire family, children, parents, grandparents from age 7-107 are encouraged to participate and try it out. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

Our Belmont Parks and Recreation indoor soccer teams are forming to play at Fieldhouse Sports in Bow. The fall session begins on October 21, 2011 and runs for 12 weeks for U8-U19, and 8 weeks for U6 teams. Players must be 5 years old and not older than 18 by August 1, 2011. Last day to register is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Try Zumbatomic a fun new exercise and dance class for children 4-12 years of age for FREE on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM at the Old Winnisquam Fire Station. Trish Tryon from the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club will be teaching a 6 week class starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, advanced registration is required for the free class as well as the 6 week program. Space for this program is limited.

Winter is just around the corner which means our Gunstock Ski and Snow Board Outreach programs on Sunday is now taking registrations. The program is 5 weeks long starting on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The program is open to all school age children from kindergarten to seniors in high school. We provide chaperones from 12:00PM-4:00PM with a 1 hour lesson included in the price. Ski and snow board rentals are available through Gunstock and Piche's. Deadline to register for the program is November 4, 2011.

Flyers and registration forms for all our programs and trips are located on our website at [www.belmontnh.org/depts\\_recreation.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/depts_recreation.asp). We also have an e-mail list that we send all our program flyers too if you would like to be added to this list please send us an e-mail at [recreation@belmontnh.org](mailto:recreation@belmontnh.org). Be the first one to know about any of our programs, LIKE us on the Belmont Parks & Recreation Facebook page and receive our program information as soon as it is open for registration.



### 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 will be holding for local businesses on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 9:30 am at The Lodge in Belmont. If you have not already signed up to attend, there is still time, please call Tracey at 267-8300 by Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there.



#### 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.

The Budget Committee has a vacancy; please submit your letter of interest to Budget Committee Chairman Ron Mitchell, c/o Town Hall, PO Box 310, Belmont NH 03220.

The 2011 Fall Tax Bill will be coming out soon. We recently received our apportioned share of the Belknap County appropriation and we are pleased to note that it has been reduced from prior years. We anticipate a very slight increase approximately .02 cents in the Town's portion of the rate this year.

### Cable Franchise Renewal Process

The Town of Belmont's Board of Selectmen will be conducting the first of at least two Public Hearings on the future cable-related needs and interests of the residents, businesses and schools in the Town of Belmont at the Corner Meeting House on Monday, October 3, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. It is helpful to have as broad a spectrum of public participation in this process as possible. The record will remain open until future notice following the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing and written submissions are also welcome. You are encouraged to participate in this community wide process.



#### Recycling Bins

Just a reminder that recycling bins are still available through Town Hall, please see Tracey and get your bin today!! The Town is currently reviewing our Solid Waste costs and looking at options for reducing them as well as ways to encourage recycling. Recycling is good for the environment and good for the Town of Belmont.

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).



#### Good News!!!!

Waste Management will have NO DELAYS for the rest of the year!!! All trash will be picked up on schedule EVEN IF THERE IS A HOLIDAY!!!!!!

# Revitalization

## Belmont Village Revitalization

The community envisions the future of Belmont Village as an economically viable and attractive downtown area that attracts current/future residents, businesses and travelers and encourages individuals of all ages to live, work and shop. That vision includes the potential for a New Community Center in Sargent Park, a New Pavilion and Pavilion Park, Sargent Park Reconstruction, the River Overlook and Footbridge, a Community Center Entrance from Main Street, & Penstock Park. Soon, that vision will start to become a reality.

These community enhancements will be made accessible, attractive and functional via improvements to the streets, sidewalks, utilities, landscape/streetscape and lighting as part of the Belmont Village Revitalization Project.

The Town has selected Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire to help realize this vision. Hoyle, Tanner has extensive experience working with public officials and municipalities have completed numerous revitalization projects for New Hampshire communities since their inception in 1973. Others assisting Hoyle, Tanner in the project include Michael Castagna who assisted the Town with the original design charrette and Randy Knowles for landscape/streetscape design.

Christopher Mulleavey, P.E., Hoyle, Tanner's project manager noted " *for the Belmont Village Revitalization Project to be truly successful, the design approach must be integral with and driven by the public participation process. At the outset, we will work with Town Officials, members of the Selectboard, Heritage Commission, Village Revitalization Committee, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, and other members as required, to develop a process that maximizes participation in an exciting, interactive but orderly and manageable way. There are many means of organizing the Public Process but the challenge is attracting and informing as many participants as possible. Our team looks forward to seeing you in the near future!*



"Just before the  
death of flowers,  
And before they are  
buried in snow,  
There comes a  
festival season  
When nature is all  
aglow."

# Monthly Recipe

## Apple Strudel Cheesecake Recipe

Another great recipe from [www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

- 12-14 Servings
- Prep: 30 min. + chilling Bake: 1 hour + chilling

### Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup cold butter
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
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### Filling

- 4 cups sliced peeled tart apples
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese (softened or cubed)
- 3/4 cup sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts



### Directions

- In a bowl, combine flour and sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. In a small bowl, combine egg yolk and vanilla; stir into flour mixture. Press onto the bottom of an ungreased 9-in. springform pan. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 10-12 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack. Reduce heat to 350°.
- Place apples in an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until tender; drain and cool.
- Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla until smooth. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour over crust. Toss baked apples with cinnamon and remaining sugar. Arrange apples over cream cheese layer; drizzle with any remaining cinnamon mixture. Sprinkle with nuts. Return pan to baking sheet.
- Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around the edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight. Remove sides of pan. Use a sharp knife to cut. Refrigerate leftovers. **Yield:** 12-14 servings.

# October 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1. BHS Homecoming Activities	
2. American Legion Mtg. 2:00 @ Belmont Senior Center	3. BHS Booster Club 6:30-8 Public Ascertainment Hearing 6:00 @ CMH Strength Training @ Old Winni FD 7:00 BOS 5:00 @ CMH	4. LR Girls Softball @ CMH 6:30	5. Conservation Commission @ CMH 6:00 Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library Zumba @ Old Winni FD 7:00	6. BHS Open House 6-8 Explorers @CMH 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00	7. BMS Academy Awards 6-8 Playgroup for Preschoolers @ Old Winni FD 10-11	8.
9.	10. Columbus Day No School/Town Offices Closed Strength Training @ Old Winni FD 7:00 Library Closed	11. Bogie Busters @ CMH 7:00 Library Trustee Meeting 6:30 @ Library	12. Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library Zumba @ Old Winni FD 7:00	13. SRSD Mtg 6-7 @ CES Explorers @CMH 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00	14. Playgroup for Preschoolers @ Old Winni FD 10-11	15.
16. Happy Tails @ CMH 1-4	17. Planning Board @ CMH 7:00 BOS 5:00 @ CMH	18. Book Discussion 7:00 At Library	19. Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library	20. Child Find Clinic @ CES 12:30-3 Explorers @CMH 6:00 Councilor Burton @ CMH 7:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00	21. Indoor Soccer in Bow Playgroup for Preschoolers @ Old Winni FD 10-11	22. Fall Family Festival 12-3 @ BES
23. <div style="text-align: right;">30.</div>	24. Planning Board @ CMH 7:00 <div style="text-align: right;">31.</div> Trick or Treat 4-8	25.	26. BHS/BMS Harvest Concert @ BHS 7-8 Zoning Board @ CMH 7:00 Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library	27. SRSD Mtg. @ CES 6:00 Explorers @CMH 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Book Discussion 2:00 At Library	28. Playgroup for Preschoolers @ Old Winni FD 10-11 Indoor Soccer in Bow	29.