

# Our Community Newsletter October 2012



## Some News from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office

Please note: Voting will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 7pm at Belmont High School Please make sure you have a picture ID with you.

We are still waiting for the State to set our TAX rate, we hope by end of October we will have it so bills will be out by end of October and Due date first of December 2012.

We would like to wish Susan Harris good luck in her new full time position, Sue will be missed by everyone at Town Hall and the citizens of Belmont.

### September Crossword Answers

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October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Name your car day! Anyone remember Herbie the Love Bug????

# Conservation Commission

A hearty "Thank You" and "Congratulations" goes out to Kurt Oberhausen and his Boy Scout volunteers for placing a granite bench and interpretive signs in the Jeff Marden Town Forest (JMTF) as the culmination of his Eagle project. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank possible to achieve in the BSA. It requires completion of a service project that benefits the community, and religious or educational institution. This project continues the success collaboration between the Conservation Commission and the Boy Scouts.



Kurt and the Bench Crew

Previously, Kurtis Bartlett built the kiosk at the entrance to the JMTF and Alvin Nix built bluebird and wood duck boxes for BCC managed properties.

Demonstration of proper shovel technique

The granite bench was placed on a part of the JMTF property that has seen a



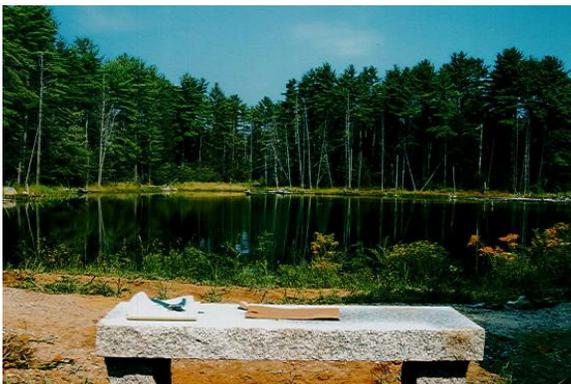
Setting an Interpretive Sign

number of projects over the last few years. First, there was a universally accessible trail built from the parking area on Wildlife Blvd. Built with the aid of a Trails' grant from the NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development. Next, a Beaver Barrier was installed with a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Grant from the US Natural Resources Conservation Service to help maintain the pond level and prevent trail washouts that have happened in the past. Most recently, a bridge built by the Building Construction Program at the Huot Technical Center was added over the beaver

outlet spillway which effectively doubles the length of accessible trail.

Kurt's Eagle project required that he fund-raise, purchase the materials, organize the work parties and generally, make sure that the project came off as planned.

It surely did! Thank you, Kurt!



Remember the Scout Slogan: Do a good turn daily.



Town Administrator's  
Monthly Report  
October 2012

Village Revitalization project is off and running, temporary waterline has been laid in the village and installation of the new line is ongoing. Liz Ziegler of Hoyle Tanner is the onsite construction manager and you will see her about the Village giving updates on construction as it moves along. Any problems or concerns can be brought to her attention, or please feel free to contact the Town Administrator's office at 267-8300. We will also post updates on the Belmont Village Revitalization web page which can be accessed from the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org). Your patience during construction is appreciated and our contractor and the Town will work to minimize any inconveniences.

The Sewer Pump Station project has been awarded to PRB Construction of Gilford, New Hampshire and construction began on September 4, 2012. This project will include the replacement of five (5) pump stations, many of which have been in existence for 25+ years. Funding for this project is through the Wastewater State Revolving Fund at a very favorable interest rate of 2.91% for 15 Years.

The Board of Selectmen has awarded the contract for repairs to the Church Street Bridge to Busby Construction. We expect that once the project receives final approval from DES; construction should take about 3-weeks weather permitting. We are still hoping to have the bridge reopened by Thanksgiving.

We anticipate that the 2012 tax rate will be set in mid-October and tax bills should be mailed by mid-month. Based on preliminary figures, we anticipate a reduction in the Town's portion of the tax rate. As soon as we have final utility values from the Department of Revenue Administration we will be able to give a final estimate.

The 2013 budget process has begun and the Board of Selectmen will begin reviewing department budgets in September. We would anticipate the Budget Committee to begin meeting in late October. Meetings are typically on Tuesday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

The Town of Belmont is a member of the Lakes Region Cable Television Consortium which has been meeting since early summer 2011 relative to our Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Metrocast which is due to expire in December 2013. We have been meeting monthly and Consortium minutes are available on the Town's website, [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org). As more information becomes available it will be posted to the site. Please send any comments regarding the renewal process to [jbeaudin@belmontnh.org](mailto:jbeaudin@belmontnh.org).



We would like to remind residents/taxpayers that recycling bins are available at Town Hall so if you haven't picked up your bins (2 per household), please stop by and see Cary Lagace.



# Public Library

## Thanks for Summer Memories and Falling Into Fall!

Belmont Public Library enjoyed another wonderful summer filled with events and activities. Ninety-eight children signed up to read through the summer. Many of them read more than 5 books. The total number of books recorded as being read was 390!!!! Performances, including Lindsay and her Puppet Pals (pictured on the right) were well attended and everyone had a great time. The Library staff and Trustees thank those whose generosity made the summer special: **Subway** of Belmont, **Sawyers Dairy Bar**, **Pirates Cove Adventure Mini Golf**, and **Funspot** donated prizes for eager readers. **The Burke family** provided beverages and refreshments. **Rocky the Reading Dog** and **Miss Carol** came to encourage and inspire, reading with kids on the Library lawn. We are grateful to these wonderful supporters!!!



September was Library Card Sign Up Month and we had a record number of new patrons. Many new residents came in with children to get Library Cards and begin to enjoy the many services we offer. Please check the calendar or visit our website, [www.belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.belmontpubliclibrary.org) to find out what is new at the Library!

## New Books

Here are some of our new favorites...

### Children's Room:

Olivia and the Fairy Princess by Ian Falconer - Never mind that Olivia is a little pig, she is royalty.  
Penny and Her Doll & Penny and Her Song by Kevin Henkes - wonderful little easy reader about Penny the mouse and how she copes with change.

Mossy by Jan Brett - beautifully illustrated tale of a turtle with a garden on her shell!

Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney - Another picturebook in the great series about a naughty little llama. Yes, I know, lots of animals are featured in our new books!!!!

### Elsewhere in the Library...

Creole Belle by James Lee Burke - In both audio and print, this is another exciting mystery with Dave Robichaud and his friend Cleve in New Orleans.

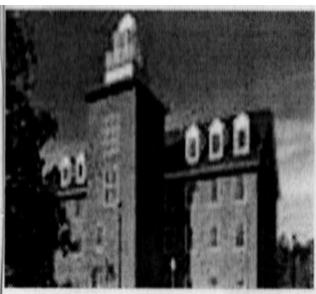
Wards of Fairy by Terry Brooks - "When the world was young, and its name was Faerie"...How can you go wrong with a first line like this if you love fantasy??

The Dog Stars by Peter Heller - What would you do if you were suddenly all alone in the world?

The Winter of the World by Ken Follett - In book 2 of the Century Trilogy, Follet writes over 900 pages to tell the story of three tumultuous decades! A lot happens!!!!

A Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny - another perplexing murder mystery north of the border, in Montreal. Great characters.

A more complete listing of all our new books can be found on the Library web page. Or come for a visit!



# Belmont Senior Center

October 2012

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*Serving Communities of:*

*Belmont*  
*Canterbury*  
*Gilford*  
*Gilmanton*

*Loudon*

*Hours:*

*Mondays 10:00-2:00*

*Tuesday-Friday*

*8:00-2:00*

*Community Dining*

*M-W-Th*

*12:00*

*Breakfast—Friday*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Door-To-Door*

*Transportation*

*Wed. & Thur.*

*8:30—1:30*

*Service Link Resource*

*Center*

*1-866-634-9412*

*528-6945*

*Stay Tuned for*  
*Updates on Winter*  
*Activities*

## Mark Your Calendar

### 9 October 2012

• **Art Show & Sale 9:00-1:00**  
**Come see all of the wonderful art work done by seniors and perhaps pick up a unique gift.**

- **Flu Clinic by the VNA 11:00am**
- **Foot Clinic 1:00--done**
- **Lunch @ Café Food for Thought 11:00am**

**Please call to make your reservation for any of these events. 267-9867**

Bingo—11 October. Call for your lunch & Bingo Reservation. Lunch is @ 12:00 serving Meatloaf w/Gravy, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and an Oatmeal Cookie

Diner's Club—Tuesday 16 October  
Lyon's Den @ 12:00

## Special Events:

### **23 October @ Noon.**

**Senior Luncheon sponsored by the Laconia PD. Sargent Rich Mann—Host**

**Seating is Limited, please call 267-9867 for Reservations. This event is for Belmont Seniors!!!**

## Join us for Breakfast

**Friday's @ 10:00 am. We cook on site:**

**5<sup>th</sup>—Corned Beef Hash, Scrambled Eggs  
Fruit & Corn Muffin**

**12<sup>th</sup>—Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, apple  
crisp**

**19<sup>th</sup>—Cheese Omelet, sausage, stewed  
tomatoes, croissant**

**26<sup>th</sup>—Oatmeal W/ brown sugar, raisins &  
walnuts, Kielbasa, WW Toast & Cider**

**Call For Reservations.**

27 November @ 11:00 Taylor Community Chorus will be here to entertain us with their newest selections for 2012. This is a wonderful Day. Please join us!!!

10<sup>th</sup>—Bill York will be here for a presentation on Alzheimer's. His program will follow our noon luncheon @ 12:30.

17<sup>th</sup>—Jessalyn will be here from Health South. The program is How to make the most of your Doctor's appointments. For tips on how to talk to your Doctor, join us for lunch @ noon and the program following lunch.

31<sup>st</sup>---It's Halloween. We will have lunch and a Halloween Party. There will be treats and prizes for the best costume or dress-up.

We look forward to seeing you. Please call ahead for Lunch reservations. 267-9867

# Land Use

## Planning Board:

Held a work session on September 10<sup>th</sup> for the proposed Capital Improvements Plan, reviewing requests from and meeting with Department Heads. On September 24<sup>th</sup> they held a public hearing and subsequently adopted the 2013-2018 Plan which will be provided to the Selectmen and Budget Committee for use when developing the 2013 budget to submit to the Voters in March. Information available at [www.belmontnh.org/data\\_cip.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/data_cip.asp). Major changes to the CIP included:

increases to the Property Revaluation account and bond payments for Sewer Pump Station Upgrades and Water Service/Equipment Maintenance & Upgrades

reduction in the Highway Block Grant Fund and bond payments for the Silver Lake Sewer Line Project  
elimination of the Tioga River Trail and Police Cruiser Replacement accounts

creation of Mill Lighting Upgrade (2), Fire Boat Replacement, Village Water Lines and Sidewalk Plow accounts

Approved the proposed LU Budget resulting in a .05% decrease over the 2012 appropriation

Beginning their review of proposed zoning amendments

Granted a 1-year extension to Gistis Belmont Realty approval for open-space subdivision on Middle Route, Province & Hoadley Rds

Granted a 1-year extension to Terra Firma Real Estate approval for open-space subdivision on Upper Parish Settlement Dr

Approved a Boundary Line Adjustment for Marcoux/Kenyon on South Rd

## Zoning Board:

Approved a Special Exception for Pensco Holding LLC for a commercial addition at 8 Church St

Very regretfully accepted the resignation of Pleasant Oberhausen tendered for health reasons.

Alternate Member John Froumy has been appointed by the Board to serve in this seat until the next election

Approved 2 Variances and 3 Special Exceptions to Janice & Arnold Childs to replace an existing RV and deck at 17 Second St

Approved 3 Variances to Steven & Koleen Smith to replace a manufactured home destroyed by storm damage at 19 Moonshine Dr

## Land Use Staff Quick Notes:

Lakes Region Casino discussions regarding additional motocross and concert activities

Village Plaza completed screening of dumpsters at 930 Laconia Rd

Asphaltics completed required Site Plan improvements on Old State Rd

Welcome to Steven Paquin, Code Enforcement Officer, and Thank You to Bill & Faith Tobin, Waterloom Home Inspections, for providing interim Building Inspections services

Annual Aquifer contacts, inspections & reports continuing

Be sure to take the Granite State Future Survey at the Belmont Library

Welcome to new commercial tenants

LTD Auto at 114 Hurricane Rd

Milko Auto at 11 Laconia Rd

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

# Monthly Recipe

## Streusel Squash Dessert Recipe

### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- **STREUSEL TOPPING:**
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons cold butter
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- **FILLING:**
- 1 medium butternut squash (4 pounds), peeled, seeded and cubed
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cans (12 ounces *each*) evaporated milk
- 4 eggs
- Whipped cream and additional cinnamon, optional



### Directions

- In a bowl, combine flour and sugars; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes or until edges begin to brown.
- In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, flour and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in pecans; set aside.
- Place squash in a large saucepan and cover with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Transfer to a blender or food processor; cover and process until smooth.
- In a large bowl, combine the sugars, cornstarch and seasonings. Gradually beat in 4 cups squash, milk and eggs until smooth (save any remaining squash for another use). Pour over crust. Sprinkle with topping.
- Bake at 350° for 55-65 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Garnish with whipped cream and additional cinnamon if desired. **Yield:** 15-18 servings.

# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1.	2. LR Girls Softball 6:30 @ CMH	3. Cons Com 6:00 @ CMH Story Time 10:30 @ Library	4. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH BHS Open House 6:00 Knitting 6-7 @ Library	5.	6. Lego Club 10:30 @ Library
7.	8. No School Town Offices Closed Library Closed	9. Bogie Busters 7:00 @ CMH Library Trustee Meeting 6:30 @ Library	10. Story Time 10:30 @ Library	11. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Knitting 6-7 @ Library	12.	13.
14.	15. BOS 5:00 @ CMH	16. Book Discussion @ Library 7:00	17. Story Time 10:30 @ Library	18. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Knitting 6-7 @ Library	19.	20.
21.	22. Planning 7:00 @ CMH	23.	24. Zoning 7:00 @ CMH Harvest Concert BMS 7:00 Story Time 10:30 @ Library	25. Explorers 6:00 @ CMH Knitting 6-7 @ Library	26.	27. BES Fall Family Festival 10:00
28.	29. BOS 5:00 @ CMH	30.	31. Story Time 10:30 @ Library			