

Our Community Newsletter September 2011

Shaker Regional School District Five Year Strategic Plan 2007 - 2012 Update/Invitation



Our school district has made outstanding progress over the past several years in developing a quality educational experience for our students K-12. The district has garnered many student, faculty, staff, and program awards and has received well-deserved recognition throughout the state. While we are proud of our accomplishments, we recognize the importance of continuously improving the educational opportunities we offer our children and communities. To that end, the district has been guided by its second strategic plan covering the years 2007 - 2012. This plan represents the careful work and input of more than a hundred participants including parents, students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community members. As we have completed the fourth year of the district's five year strategic plan, I am pleased to report that of the 85 Action Plan items in the six Focus Areas, 39 items (46%) have been completed, 29 items (34%) are making progress, and 17 items (20%) have not started. For complete details on our progress with the strategic plan, please visit our website at www.shaker.k12.nh.us and click on "About our District."

For information on how you can become involved on the district strategic plan, please contact the Shaker Regional School District Office at 267-9223 or email Superintendent Mark Blount at mblount@sau80.org by Friday, September 30, 2011.

The purpose of this Community Newsletter is to keep all of you informed about Community events taking place in Belmont or surrounding Towns. If you know of an event or have some news to share please let us know so we can include the information in our upcoming newsletters. You can reach us by e-mail at trusso@belmontnh.org or by phone at 267-8300. If you would like to be added to our electronic mailing list please let us know. We would love to hear from you! Please be sure to post the community calendar on your refrigerator so you don't miss anything! All news will be subject to approval by the Town Administrator.

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September

School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your
best
Each hour of
the day,
Making new
friends,
Being good as
you can
Exciting
discoveries,
Readng books
with a friend."

Fire Department

Permits Issued:

Fire Marshal Activities	QTY
INSPECTION- Sprinkler System Rough	1
INSPECTION- Fire Alarm	1
INSPECTION-Place of Assembly Permit<100	1
INSPECTION-Residential Life Safety	1
CONSULTATION-Fire Alarm	4
CONSULTATION - Hazardous Operation	1
PUBLIC EDUCATION	1
PLAN REVIEW-Building < 10,000 sf	1
PLAN REVIEW-Sprinkler System	1
PLAN REVIEW-Fire Alarm	1
Replace/Add Key box Keys	1
INSPECTION- Seasonal Burn Permit Site Inspection	43
TOTAL	57

DESCRIPTION	QTY
Burning Permit	190
Total	190



JULY 2011 TOTAL REQUEST FOR SERVICE:

Assist Public Non Incident

This includes but is not limited to station tours, people stopping by the station for directions, general fire prevention questions, outside burning questions, general information on where to find restaurants or auto repair information etc.

Permits	190
Fire Marshal Activities	57
Public Service/Assist/Meet with the Public	5
Request for information - Phone	43
Request for information-Walk in	8
Fire Safety Education Program	7
Station/Apparatus Tour	4
Investigation/ Follow-up	8
Car Seat Inspections	2
TOTAL Non-emergency request	324

Total Request for service by the Fire Department in July 2011

Total Calls for Service, - 423

Emergency - 99

Non-Emergency -324

Total Request for service Year to date (January - July) - 2934

Seriously!!!! Did you know September 16th is Working Parents Day?? As a parent myself I think we work every day!!!! But a little recognition never hurt anyone!

News from the Conservation Commission

5 Invasive Weeds Common to Belmont



[Purple Loosestrife](#) Click to follow link

One of the reasons that invasive species are able to succeed is that they often leave their predators and competitors behind in their native ecosystems. Without these natural checks and balances they are able to reproduce rapidly and out-compete native species.

Invasive species are plants, animals and pathogens that are "out of place." A species is regarded as invasive if it has been introduced by human action to a location, area, or region where it did not previously occur naturally (i.e., is not native), becomes capable of establishing a breeding population in the new location without further intervention by humans, and spreads widely throughout the new location.



[Common Reed](#) Click to follow link

Invasive species can alter ecological relationships among native species and can affect ecosystem function, economic value of ecosystems, and human health.



[Japanese Knotweed](#) Click to follow link

Hunters, hikers and birdwatchers are finding that they can no longer walk in their favorite natural areas. Thorny multiflora rose, dense stands of buckthorn and other invaders fill in the understory of our once open forests and grasslands. As the habitat is modified by such invasive plant species, the wildlife that depends on it disappears as well.



[Variable Milfoil](#) Click to follow link

In the United States, expenses associated with ecological damage and control of invasive species is estimated at \$137 billion per year and increasing.



[Glossy Buckthorn](#) Click to follow link

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

[New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species](#)

Click to follow link to more information on ID'ing Invasives and Their Control

Events In And Around Our Community

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
Tanger Outlets Labor Day Weekend Sale	Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5, 2011	Tanger Outlets 120 Laconia Road Tilton, NH 03276 More info at www.tangeroutlet.com
22nd Annual Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair at the Bay	Saturday, September 3, 10pm - Sunday, September 4, 2011, 5am	164 NH-Route 11, Alton, NH More info at www.castleberryfairs.com
Exit 20 Farmer's Market at Tanger Outlets	Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 3 - 6pm	Tanger Outlets 120 Laconia Road Tilton, NH 03276 More info at www.tangeroutlet.com
1st Annual 9/11 Tribute Softball Tournament	Saturday, September 10 - Sunday, September 11, 2011	Wakefield NH Parks & Recreation Ball-Fields 1488 Wakefield Road (Rt.153) Next to the State and Town garages) Wakefield NH 03872 Please contact robyngudaitis@yahoo.com for more info
Tanger Outlets Car Seat Safety Inspections	Saturday, September 10, 2011, 10am - 2pm	Tanger Outlets 120 Laconia Road Tilton, NH 03276 More info at www.tangeroutlet.com
Lyme Disease Awareness Program	Monday, September 12, 2011, 6 - 8pm	Winnisquam Regional High School, Cafetorium West Main Street, Tilton, NH For more info contact CoRoy@wrsdsau59.org
WOW Fest '11	Saturday, September 17, 2011, 7am - 2pm	Laconia Athletic & Swim Club 827 North Main Street, Laconia, NH For more info contact jmlines@metrocast.net
SYLVANIA 300	Sunday, September 25, 2011 2:00pm	NH Motor Speedway more info at www.nhms.com



Schools in Session Drive Safely
Town Administrator's
Monthly Report

Belmont Business Forum

Please watch your mail for information on the upcoming business forum which 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 12th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am at The Lodge in Belmont. Letters will be sent September 1, 2011, please RSVP to Tracey at 267-8300 by September 28, 2011.

Our 2012 Budget process has begun and the Board of Selectmen will be meeting jointly with the Budget Committee on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to establish goals for this coming year's budget.

New sewer rates were approved by the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting and will be effective for the 3rd quarter bill. The new fixed rate for O&M is \$57.25/quarter per unit.

Cable Franchise Renewal Process

This fall the Town of Belmont's Board of Selectmen will be conducting at least one Public Hearing on the future cable-related needs and interests of the residents, businesses and schools in the Town of Belmont. 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 1st

public hearing and written submissions are also welcome.



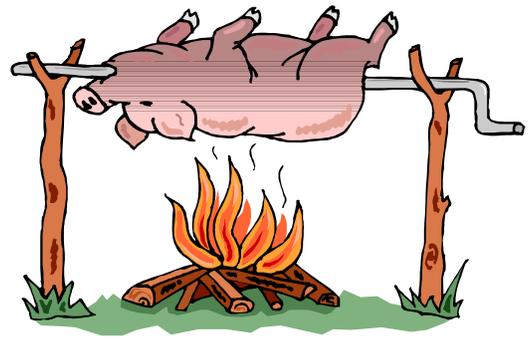
The Town of Belmont's Revitalization Committee has chosen Hoyle Tanner and Associates of Manchester, New Hampshire to develop a plan for consideration by the community for the revitalization of the Belmont Village. Please watch the Town's website and public notices for information on upcoming meetings that will be scheduled to seek input from the community. Anyone wishing to submit comments at this time can forward them to trusso@belmontnh.org. The subject line should reference **Downtown Revitalization Comments/Questions**.



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

**"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."**

Second Baptist Church's Annual benefit PIG ROAST featuring Sid's Special Southern Sauce to be held on Saturday September 17, 2011 at the church 322 Upper Bay Road Sanbornton NH Two seating's 5:00 and 6:30pm Adults \$10.00 Children 10 \$5.00 pay at the door proceeds to benefit the Amazing Grace Farm a prisoner rehabilitation ministry. Contact Tracey Lewis 527-8823



Belmont Public Library

Library Reflections on Summer Past

The end of summer is a "down" time here at the Library. The Children's Room is empty and lonely when the kids go back to school. The weekly performances and programs with singing, magic, puppets and stories are now memories, and the Treasure Chest for ambitious young readers is back in storage. Summer residents begin to migrate back to winter homes and we will miss them until spring comes again. Teens and young adults who hover over computers daily in the summer, and seek all those "reading list" books with so much dedication, are reduced to scrambling in for a short visit after school only. Sometimes a Library is just TOO quiet... But wait!!! All is not lost!!!! The Preschool Story time will be resuming on Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 with stories and snacks and simple crafts for little fingers. On Thursday afternoons, the Library will offer a second Story Time, with tales and projects. Plans are being made for a Lego Club and a Scrabble evening. Knitting is still held on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m... Anyone interested in learning to knit (simple projects) or who has a project underway and likes to knit in the company of others, is encouraged to attend. Tuesday and Thursday Book Discussion Groups will be meeting again. We also invite everyone to stop by, read the morning papers and get a nice cup of coffee (from our new coffee maker!!!) Visit for a bit...The Library is a great place to be!!

Pictured are Barbara DeAngelis, Jackie Heath, Tracie Grant

And Many, Many Thanks ...

...To everyone who helped make the summer such a special time at the Library. In particular: Altrusa International/Laconia Chapter -- donation of \$500.00 (paid for Steve Blunt's performance - & more!) Marjorie Warner ----donation (paid for most of Simon Brooks, Storyteller - performance) Edee Takantjas ---donation of time & skill as presenter/performer Parents and families who shared snacks, beverages and their welcome attendance!!! See you next year!!!



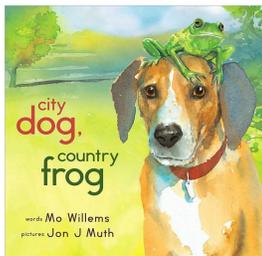
Bookworm Visits the Library by Barbara DeAngelis and donated by Altrusa.

Belmont Public Library and the Ladybug Picture Book Award



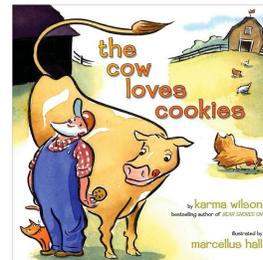
The Ladybug Picture Book Award is designed to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books. A committee of children's librarians from around the state selects 10 picture book titles early in the year. Then, during November, New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade choose the award winner. The winning picture book is announced at the end of the year. The author and illustrator of the winning book will receive a [crystal award](#) created by Pepi Herrmann Crystal.

The nominations for 2011 are:



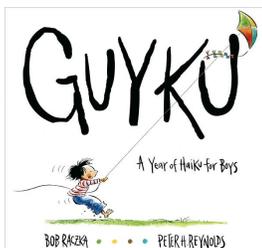
City Dog, Country Frog, by Mo Willems,
illustrated by Jon J. Muth

Two animals, a city dog and a country frog, share an unlikely friendship throughout the seasons of the year and the cycles of life.



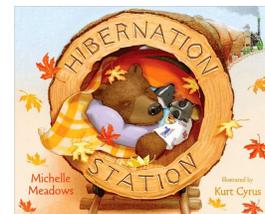
The Cow Loves Cookies: by Karma Wilson,
illustrated by Marcellus Hall

With rhyming text and fun ink and watercolor illustrations, readers get to accompany the farmer as he makes his rounds and learn why the cow loves cookies.



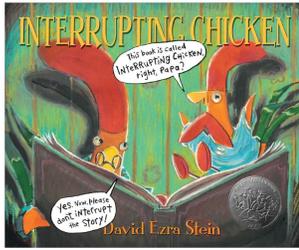
Guyku: by Bob Raczka,
illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

A book of haiku poems that capture playful moments of being outdoors throughout the year.



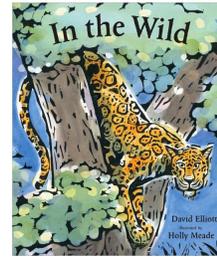
Hibernation Station: by Michelle Meadows,
illustrated by Kurt Cyrus

The hibernation train made of hollow logs and travels on sticks, pick up all the animals that hibernate for the winter and take them to hibernation station.



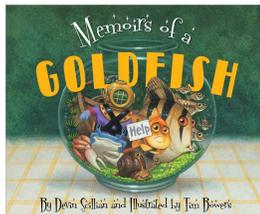
Interrupting Chicken: by David Ezra Stein

While Papa tries to read his daughter a bedtime story, while she tries to help out her storybook characters.



In the Wild: by David Elliot,
illustrated by Holly Meade

An assortment of mammals introduced in short, reflective poem.



Memoirs of a Goldfish: by David Scillian,
illustrated by Tim Bowers

A diary of a solitary goldfish and how intruders such as a crabby crab, slime-eating snail, guppies and others change his life.



One, by Kathryn Otoshi

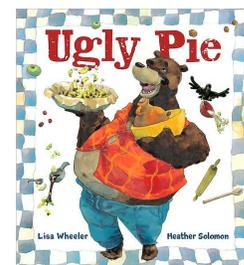
A color and counting book that turns into a lesson on bullying.



Rubia and the Three Osos: by Susan
Middleton Elya,

illustrated by Melissa Sweet

A Spanish twist on Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Ugly Pie: by Lisa Wheeler,

illustrated by Heather Solomon

Ol' Bear has a hankering for some Ugly Pie, no perfect and pretty pie for him. Join Ol' Bear as he visits family and friends in search of some Ugly Pie, and ends up making his own.

Police Department

Back to School

The school year has again arrived, summer is winding down and fall is fast approaching. We may not know where our summer went, but we now know where our kids are going.

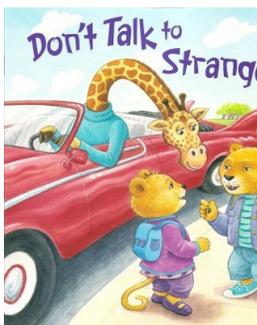
As the school year starts, we would ask people to be aware of our kids as they walk, ride their bikes and skateboard to and from school. We need to pay extra attention to the speed limits in and around the 3 schools as the law states that the speed zone changes in a posted school zone. From 45 minutes prior to each school opening until each school opening and from each school closing until 45 minutes after each school closing, the speed limit in those zones are reduced by 10 miles per hour below the usual posted limit.

Also please watch for school buses slowing, stopping and picking up or discharging students. When the warning lights on the bus flash, the bus is getting ready to stop, when they flash red, kids are either getting on or off the bus. Once the kids get off the bus, where they are supposed to go and where they may run to, may be two entirely different places and they could run right into the road without looking. Please stop for the bus and wait until the bus shuts off their lights and starts to move before you do.

Finally, talk to your kids about some basic safety. Walk on the sidewalk, or if no sidewalk, not in the road and walk facing traffic. If your child walks home or comes home by themselves, please remind them not to talk to or accept rides from strangers; don't let them take rides with people unless you know about it. Don't let them allow people into your homes without you knowing about it.

Have a great Labor Day weekend. Enjoy the holiday, your friends and families. Please buckle up, pay attention to your surroundings and don't drink and drive.

"The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel-
Ripe fruit, old
footballs,
Burning brush,
New books,
erasers,
Chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
And Mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed
clean
With suds, the
days
Are polished with
A morning haze."



Monthly Recipe

This is an untested (by me) recipe that looked delicious! I got it as I do most of my recipes from www.tasteofhome.com if you are unfamiliar with that website I strongly urge you to visit; it's a wonderful website with lots of fantastic recipes and tips. I hope all you gardener's are enjoying a bountiful harvest!

Zucchini Cupcakes Recipe

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1-1/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1-1/2 cups shredded zucchini
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- **CARAMEL FROSTING:**
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 to 2 cups confectioners' sugar



Directions

- In a large bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil, orange juice and extract. Combine dry ingredients; gradually add to egg mixture and mix well. Stir in zucchini.
- Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.
- For frosting, combine the brown sugar, butter and milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla. Cool to lukewarm.
- Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar until frosting reaches spreading consistency. Frost cupcakes. **Yield:** 1-1/2 to 2 dozen.

September 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1. Explorers 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Story Time @ Library 3:00	2. No School	3.	
4.	5. Labor Day Town Offices Closed/ No School No Trash Pick-up	6. LR Girls Softball 6:30 @ CMH BMS Open House @ 5:30	7. Conservation Commission 7:00 @ CMH Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library	8. Explorers 6:00 SRSD Meeting @ BHS 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Story Time @ Library 3:00	9.	10.
11.	12. BOS 5:00 @ CMH Planning Board 7:00 @ CMH	13. Bogie Busters @ CMH 7:00	14. BES Open House 6:00 K-AM Grades 1 & 3 Preschool Story time 10:30 @ Library	15. Explorers 6:00 CES Open House 5:00 BES Open House 6:00 K-PM Readiness Grades 2 & 4 Boy Scout Mtg. @ BMS 6:30-8 Knitting Group @ Library 6:00 Story Time @ Library 3:00	16. Historical Society 6:00 @ CMH	17.
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