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Special points of interest:

- Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From the Desk of the Town Manager

Timothy Pellerin

I would like to wish all of the citizens of South Berwick a very Happy New Year. I hope this new year brings you lots of joy, happiness, and good health.



A Message from the Town Council

"The beginning is the most important part of the work." -Plato

Are you setting a 2023 resolution? How about you resolve to participate in your community? Many Town boards and committees have open positions for you to contribute your time and talent.

Are you limited in time? Resolve to gain knowledge of your local government. You're reading this newsletter; you're on your way already!

Consider attending a Town Council meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Recordings are posted to the Town's YouTube station. Attend public hearings. Read past minutes. Set a bookmark to the Town's website.

In 2023, we'll be taking the next steps regarding the traffic study (likely in February), vision setting as part of the Comprehensive Plan (in the spring), and updates to our economic development (through the year). How we face our future depends on our collective attitude and understanding that we're in it together at the end of the day.

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Police Department

Chief David Ruger

It is winter and I hope the entire community had a safe and joyous holiday season. I wanted to send a huge THANK YOU to Bridget Pote for her phenomenal job with the Christmas Gift Baskets and the Giving Tree this year. The Giving Tree's ornaments were hung from the tree and with the assistance of the South Berwick Community, every ornament was picked up within 48 hours. The recipients of the gift baskets and gifts were smiling and full of holiday cheer and the Town of South Berwick cannot say thank you enough to Bridget!

The South Berwick Police Department arrived at the Eliot Police Department for the Wreaths Across America stop to Washington DC. We showed our support to all involved. It truly was incredible to see Maine's law enforcement, corrections, and many more participants enduring on the drive to Washington DC with the Wreaths Across America tractor trailers and staff.

We currently are about a month away from being accredited by the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program thanks largely to Lt. Jeff Upton and Wendy Morrison for gathering all the necessary data needed to obtain the accreditation for the South Berwick Police Department.

I want to personally thank all the command staff, officers and civilian staff that have made 2022 a great year to be a part of the South Berwick Community. I also want to thank the residents of South Berwick for all the support and assistance you all have given in 2022. I cannot thank the residents enough! Lastly, I want to thank our Town Manager Tim Pellerin and Assistant Town Manager Jennifer Janelle for all their support throughout 2022 and the many years to come!

BRAIN TEASERS

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have nobody, but come alive with wind. What am I?
2. First you eat me, then you get eaten. What am I?
3. What did the triangle say to the circle?
4. Forrest left home running. He ran a ways and then turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?
5. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?



**1 Kid asked me
What is Stress??**

**I Locked him in a Room
with High Speed Internet
and 1% Battery.**



Brain teaser answers

1. An echo
2. A fishhook
3. You're pointless
4. The catcher and the umbrella
5. An hourglass

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Departmental Information

Library
Lee Shaw

Book Discussions

The South Berwick Public Library book group meets the first Wednesday of every month and alternates between fiction and nonfiction selections.

Copies of this month's selection are available at the library for anyone who wants to join us.

Transfer Station
Dan Lancaster

Please remember to clean out all of your recyclables.



Assessor
Verna Sharpe



If you have a solar energy system, you should file an exemption form with the Assessor by 4/1/2023.

Contact Verna Sharpe:
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Community Center
Nikki Drake

Healthy You In The New Year

Check out our NEW ADULT CLASSES!!!



Yoga, Zumba, and Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction.



Nikki Drake

Nikki started her career for the Town of South Berwick as a volunteer on the Recreation Committee. She was heavily influenced by her Dad, who was always very involved in their community when she was growing up in Vermont, and his sense of responsibility in giving back to the community. Nikki has volunteered through the schools, church, library, youth sports, and with the Powderhouse Hill crew over the years. These acts have helped her find a sense of community here in South Berwick.

Nikki was working as a Systems Analyst when she started researching online registration systems for the Recreation

Employee Highlight of the Month

Department. She ended up implementing a system and this led her to accepting the Youth Programming position in 2014. In mid-2022 she was promoted to Recreation Director and has been doing a fantastic job bringing in new activities for all ages.

The citizens of South Berwick may be surprised by all the different hats she wears on a regular basis as she works with a small staff. The workdays are always changing and challenging in keeping up with the various programs and events that are offered, visits from people with questions and ideas and Powderhouse Hill.

Nikki enjoys spending time with her family. She has been married to her husband, Jere-

my for 18 years. They have 15-year-old daughter, Olivia and a 13-year-old son, Noah. Their family also includes Ginger, their dog and Waffles, a guinea pig. As a family they enjoy hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, and traveling. You may also find Nikki running and doing road and trail races with her friends through the year.

