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Special points of interest:

- Town Hall offices will be closed Monday February 20th in observance of President's Day

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From the Desk of the Town Manager

Timothy Pellerin

We would like to say a special **Thank You** to the Public Works crew (logging 372 hours) and all First Responders (logging over 380 hours) who worked through the ice storm of 2023. At the height of the storm 30 roads were closed and 3,200 customers out of 3,500 were without power. The Public Works crew worked hour after hour, only going home for 3 hours of rest, working to keep the roads plowed and sanded as well as cutting and hauling trees/branches out of the road ways. You all are amazing and we are grateful!

From the Desk of the Assistant Town Manager

Jennifer Janelle

We would like to thank all of the citizens who took the time to respond to the composting survey online, those who took the time to send email responses, and to the Conservation Commission for taking the time to speak to everyone at Home for the Holidays and gathering signatures.

We received a lot of feedback, most in favor with some who are not or had concerns. Although we feel this would be a great asset to the town as having a composting bin for food waste would save the town money on tonnage with the hauling of regular trash, we have decided to hold off on adding these bins to the Transfer Station for now. After further review of where these bins could/would be placed we have decided that there is no safe location to store the composting bins at this time.

A Message from the Town Council

The Town Council wants to extend our thanks to the Public Works Department, Highway Crew, Fire Department, and Police Department for their efforts during the December 2022 and January winter storms. Our town was hit extremely hard by the winter weather, and we thank everyone involved for working long hours under challenging conditions. It takes 2.5 hours to plow every road in town in more reasonable conditions, so think about how tough it was to respond to over 30 blocked roads. These departments responded with excellent efficiency. Did you know every time there was a branch in the way, the sidewalk plow driver got out to move it out of the way? South Berwick has over 13 miles of sidewalks.

Library

Lee Shaw

Valentine's Celebration at the Library!

Event starts at 7 p.m.

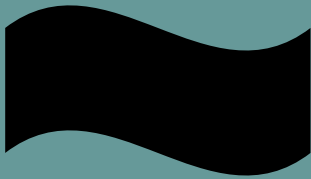
Bring a loved one to hear the Capella stylings of local favorite, Mix-tape, and enjoy refreshments.



FUN FACT

VALENTINE'S DAY

At the end of the 5th Century, Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." It wasn't until the middle ages that the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14th.



Single?

International Quirkyalone Day is the holiday for single people on the same date. The holiday isn't an anti-Valentine's Day event, but rather a moment to celebrate self love and platonic relationships. International Quirkyalone Day has been celebrated globally since 2003.



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Departmental Information

Economic & Community Development

Denise Clavette

Exciting happenings with Economic and Community Development in South Berwick!

The Town Council, at their December 27, 2022 meeting, approved an amendment to the Punkintown TIF District and approved a new Transit-Oriented TIF District along Route 236. Both Districts are at the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development office for the Commissioner's approval.

These TIF Districts will now allow many economic development initiatives to be funded. The funds generated will fund all the economic and community development programs and many salary and capital expenditures including pro-rated salaries for the town manager, finance staff, planning, codes, assessing, fire equipment and much more.

The Town will be conducting a Market Analysis to assist town staff to strategically attract new businesses that would be welcomed and supported by our residents and businesses; and to help existing businesses to thrive and expand here in South Berwick. Stay tuned for our next steps on this project!

Recreation

Nikki Drake



When: Saturday, February 18th, 2023 at 6pm

Where: Cross Insurance Center, Portland, ME 04101

Cost: \$18 per ticket (No additional processing fees!)

Tickets will be emailed to you directly from the Mariners

Enjoy the hockey game and get a post-game picture on the ice!

Seats are near center ice



Scan to get your seats today!



Assessing

Verna Sharpe

South Berwick, Maine GIS Map is now available on our website!

You can visit www.southberwickmaine.org/departments/assessing/gis_mapping.php to view.

Please note:

- The current map is as of April 1, 2022.
- Assessing data contained in the GIS Map is updated annually to correspond with the tax bills as of April 1.
- Other layers are updated periodically.
- All information available on this site should be used for reference only. It is not valid for legal description or conveyance. The Town makes no claims and no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy or validity of the data. Some data is compiled from third party sources.

If the viewer identifies any data problems, they should contact the Assessing Agent, Verna Sharpe at 207-384-3010 or vsharpe@sbmaine.us.