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Special points of interest:

- The business offices will be closed Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas Day.
- The business offices will be closed Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.
- The Transfer Station will be closed Sunday December 25th & January 1st.
- Please welcome the new Transfer Station attendant Jeff Mowry!

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From the Desk of the Town Manager

Tim Pellerin



Hello Friends and Citizens of South Berwick~

The cold weather has arrived and the holiday season is upon us.

The holidays are a cherished time to celebrate with our family, friends, and loved ones while reflecting upon our blessings. As we share memories of the past, we should pause to remember the brave men and women who serve to defend our liberty and preserve our freedom, especially this time of year.

The holidays are a joyous time for some, and a hard one for others. During this holiday season please make an effort to reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors to check on their wellbeing.

Many people struggle through winter and the holiday season and are just too proud to reach out when they need help. This might be the best gift you can give anyone this season. Your efforts can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

As the year comes to an end we look ahead with great anticipation and optimism for 2023, we would like to thank the citizens and the Town Council for all your support through the 2022 year.

From all the town staff here in South Berwick we wish you and your loved ones our warmest wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season filled with wonderful memories.

To Compost or Not?

The Town has been approached by a local business who offers organic composting. They believe that the future of our planet is dependent on our communities changing small habits and composting our organic waste is an easy way to make a difference in the waste stream.

We want to hear your thoughts and concerns. Do you want to reduce your carbon footprint? Would you like to have this option at the Transfer Station? Do you believe this would be a helpful service?

Please email our Executive Assistant, Dawn Moreau by December 31st at dmoreau@sbmaine.us or visit our website News section (11/17) for a quick 2-question survey.

A Message from the Town Council

Hello there, and welcome to South Berwick's new monthly newsletter. With the lack of local news coverage, the Town Council hopes this newsletter will increase access to the vital work town staff completes daily.

We want to extend our gratitude to a retired councilor, John C. Kareckas, for his 37 years of service to the Town. Jack has served on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Comprehensive Plan Committees, and the Town Council. His knowledge and dedication to

the community has been invaluable to the community.

Thank you to the over 1000 residents who completed the initial Comprehensive Plan Community Opinion Survey. Your feedback is helping us design a Comprehensive Plan update to help define a shared vision for the community, with goals and an action plan for realizing that vision! Please look forward to a community workshop night to address our community's needs in the upcoming months. We look forward to

speaking to you in person.

We invite you to attend Town Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Your constructive feedback keeps progress moving forward.

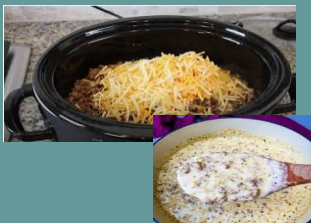
Your Town Councilors are;
Mallory Cook, Chair
Jeffrey Minihan, Vice Chair
John James
Jessica Cyr
Melissa Costella

Employee Crock Pot Cook Off Winning Recipe

1lb lean ground beef
1/2 c diced onion
1/2 c celery
1 clove garlic minced
1t dried oregano
1t dried basil
1t dried parsley
3c low sodium beef broth
4oz cream cheese
2c shredded sharp cheddar
1c heavy whipping cream
2T sour cream

1. Brown beef in a skillet
2. Add onion, celery, and garlic. Cook 5-6 minutes until onions are translucent and soft.
3. Add spices and cook 1 minute.
4. Spoon out excess fat, add broth and bring to a boil. Simmer 15 minutes with lid on.
5. Turn off heat, add cream cheese and stir well.
6. Add cheddar cheese and stir until melted.
7. Add heavy cream and turn heat up to medium, stirring until it has barely started to simmer. Turn off heat.
8. Whisk in the sour cream. Top with your favorite garnishes; dill pickles, bacon, chives, and shredded cheese.

Assistant Town Manager, Jennifer Janelle won for the 2nd year in a row. Both wins were with recipes she never cooked before!



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Departmental Information

Recreation

Nikki Drake

North Pole Calling...



A chance to talk to Santa at the North Pole! The Recreation Department has a direct line to Santa's Workshop and Santa will be happy to wish your child(ren) a Merry Christmas. We will attempt to call everyone who has registered. Calls will be made on Tuesday, December 20th between 5:30—7:30pm.

In order to receive a call, register online with child or children's names and a phone number to call. During registering please fill out the prompts giving information like age, school, teacher, pets, siblings, and gift requests. The more information you provide, the more specific Santa can be with your child(ren). Santa will not set any unrealistic expectations.

Please register at <https://secure.recl.com/ME/south-berwick/catalog> by Monday, December 19th to be sure your child will receive a call.



Town Clerk

Barbara Bennett

Another November has come and gone; and with that another election.

Election time in the Clerk's office often gets very hectic, and this season was no different. I want to take this time to thank both Kathie & Tyanne (both part-time employees) for their hard work, extra hours, and the extra effort they put into keeping the office running while processing a record number of absentee ballot requests.

A big thank you to all the election workers! I get to process all the paperwork and reports (which I love), but the volunteers that work Election Day are just an awesome group of people. They make the day run smoothly for everyone. So, if you happen to see Dave, Harland, Gerry, Jane, Bob, Henry, Bill, or Angela be sure to thank them. Elections don't happen without the volunteers.

I would also like to thank the voters of South Berwick. You should be proud of the outstanding turnout; which is often higher than the state average. We are very lucky to have voters that are patient, kind, and considerate. Congratulations to everyone in South Berwick for participating in our electoral process. Don't be complacent; continue to make your voices heard.

Public Works

Jay Redimarker



Cold weather is here, let's talk about winter weather awareness!

Please watch for parking ban announcements. Removing your car from the road and municipal parking lots at the start of a storm will assure that your road and parking lots can be cleared and your vehicle will not be towed.

Place objects such as basketball hoops, nets, toys, trash, recycling, mailboxes, and newspaper boxes at the maximum usage distance from the pavement or right of way to minimize the risk of being hit by the plow wing. The Town will not be responsible for damage done to fences that are too close to roads or right of ways.

The town residents sand/salt pile will now be located at the Food Pantry.

A Feel Good Story

When something lost is found!

On the evening of November 9th, a South Berwick resident realized her wedding ring set was in the trash that had been brought to the Transfer Station that afternoon before close. In a desperate attempt for help the resident reached out on the South Berwick Bulletin for suggestions where a resident had told her, "Call Jay, he'll take care of it!"

Jay Redimarker, who is the Town's Public Works Director, received a call at 9:30 pm that evening about the loss of the ring. Jay told the man to be at the Transfer Station at 7 am, where he had the crew pull the box away and had it ready for the mans arrival. The gentlemen stated that he tied his trash bag in a special knot and would recognize it immediately. The gentlemen was lucky to find the 2nd bag he grabbed was his, where inside he found chocolate cake wrapped in foil and his wife's rings.

The resident was so grateful she posted this picture of her wedding ring set and said, "Thank you to the amazing gentlemen that met my husband at the dump this morning and had the bin pulled out and ready so he could look for them!!! I am so grateful!"

