

Seeking artwork or photographs for the annual town report

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Select Board is seeking artwork and/or photographs by town residents to be considered for the cover of the 2024 Annual Town Report. Artwork or photographs relating to Belchertown must be vertical, no smaller than 5" x 7", and suitable for reproduction. If submitting a physical photo, please include your name, address and telephone number on the back of the photo. If submitting artwork or a photograph elec-

tronically, please submit it in the form of a JPG, PNG, or GIF. Once submitted, the artwork or photograph becomes the property of the Town of Belchertown.

Physical submissions should be forwarded to the Select Board's Office, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007. Electronic submissions should be submitted to selectboard@belchertown.org. Submission should be received no later than noon on Friday, April 4, 2025.

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few weeks, and although I typically plant the seeds right up against the garden's fence, I am going to need more room this year, and these leftover prunings will be perfect for the tendrils to grab hold of.

I make a wide bed the length of the garden row, insert the prunings in the middle of the row and plant pea seeds four deep up against the branches. In addition to my old stand by, shelling peas, I am going to be sowing sugar snap and snow peas.

My first experience with sugar snap peas came from harvesting some pods while on a weekend getaway at bed and breakfast. It was a cool little place in southern New Hampshire where you could pick the vegetables from the kitchen garden and eat them for dinner.

It'll be fun to grow my own for fresh eating.

"Pea brush" can also be used to support annual or perennial flowers that tend to have weak or floppy stems. The brush blends into the scenery a little better than stakes and twine, and it's easily dismantled when the time comes.

My favorite March bulb is a harbinger of all harbingers, the Snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*). Toughened points on the leaf tips make it possible for the snowdrop to push through the crusty soil of late winter.

Two or three strappy leaves grow from each bulb; most often there is just one flower. You'll notice three white outer petals first and upon closer inspection you'll see green tipped

inner petals.

The flowers are held on the stem in a nodding fashion and in my experience they stay in bloom for upwards of three weeks. Reportedly they are well adapted for bees, at least those that are brave enough to venture out of the hive in search of pollen during the warmest days of late winter!

Snowdrops will naturalize if happy, increasing in numbers both above and below the ground! Although we "deadhead" most bulbs, keeping spent flower heads of this genus in place will allow seeds to ripen and new plants to form.

It is interesting to observe the process of a snowdrop self-sowing. Once the flower has gone by a large seed will form; because of its weight, the stem will bend toward the ground dropping its ripe seed at a perfect distance from the mother plant.

Under no circumstances should the foliage of a bulb be removed until it is brown and dry. It may not be the most beautiful to look at, but all the while that it is green it is making and storing food for next year's flowers.

Enjoy these early days in and around the garden.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ALDEN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

Alden Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025 at Food 101 Bar & Bistro, 19 College Street, South Hadley, MA from 5 p.m to 6 p.m.

For further details or to RSVP please contact, Jennifer Faustino at 413-536-0475 ext. 107 03/20, 03/20/2025

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SALE OF FRANKLIN SCHOOL PROPERTY 720 FRANKLIN STREET

The Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts (the "Town"), acting by and through its Select Board, is soliciting proposals for the sale of a parcel of Town-owned land located at 720 Franklin Street in Belchertown, Massachusetts, containing 1.6 acres, more or less, shown on Assessors Map 109 as Lot 51, and described in deeds recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 388, Page 123 and Book 946, Page 490 (the "Property"), which Property includes the building known as the Franklin School.

Proposal packages may be obtained by contacting Steve Williams, Town Manager (email: swilliams@belchertown.org; phone: (413) 323-0403 x302).

The Town of Belchertown is interested in selling the Property at the highest price for uses that meet the best interests of the Town, as set forth in this Request for Proposals. The Town makes no guarantees as to the future development of the Property. Proposers are advised to review all federal, state, and local statutes, rules and bylaws required to develop the Property, including, without limitation, any bylaws.

The sale of the Property has been authorized by Town Meeting pursuant to the vote taken under Article 18 of the May 13, 2013 Annual Town Meeting. The successful proposer must be prepared to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement no later than thirty (30) days from the date the sale of the Property has been awarded to the successful proposer.

Proposals must be received by the Town no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025 in the Town Manager's Office, Belchertown Finnerty House, One South Main Street, Belchertown, MA 01007, at which time all proposals will be opened publicly. Please ensure that proposals mailed to the Town are delivered by the deadline. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Town of Belchertown Purchase of Franklin School Property". Fax submissions and submissions by electronic mail will not be accepted.

No proposer may withdraw his or her proposal for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The awarding authority is the Select Board.

The Town has determined that this transaction is subject to the Uniform Procurement Act, G.L. c. 30B. Therefore, the provisions of G.L. c. 30B are hereby incorporated by reference in this Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate any and all non-mandatory contract terms with the successful proposer, or to cancel this procurement at any time if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.

By: Steve Williams
Belchertown Town Manager
Date: February 27, 2025
03/06, 03/13, 03/20/2025

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF SELECT BOARD TO LAY OUT A TOWN WAY AND PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 21 through 23, the Select Board of the Town of Belchertown intend to lay out as a town way, a certain street in Belchertown, MA identified as "Hickory Hills Subdivision" All prepared for The Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, a "Street Acceptance Plan", Magnolia Lane, Sycamore Circle, Dogwood Drive and Hickory Hill, pages 1-4, dated October 19, 2022, by the Berkshire Design Group, Land Surveying. This plan is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Lawrence Memorial Hall,

Belchertown, Massachusetts.

You are invited to attend a public hearing to be held by the Select Board in the Select Boards Meeting Room, First Floor of the Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:38pm. The Select Board will determine the boundaries and measurements of the ways, file the same in the office of the Town Clerk and submit the resulting layouts for acceptance at the next Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

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SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of March 21, 2025 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 2012 Nissan Titan
Vin #: 1N6AA0CJ8CN314845
Color: Black
LKO: Alberto Andres Dejesus Vazquez
Address: 204 Locust Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
Relentless Towing
Belchertown, MA
413-530-3804
03/06, 03/13, 03/20/2025

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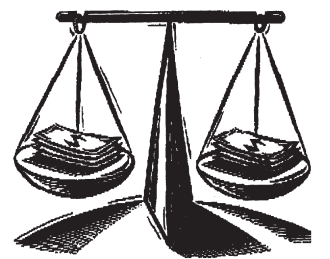
Vehicle: 2005 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE32K55U540109
Color: Silver
LKO: Miguel Martinez
173 Elm Street, Apt 4RF
Holyoke, MA 01040
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You are invited to attend a public hearing to be held by the Select Board in the Select Boards Meeting Room on the first floor of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:33pm. The Select Board will determine the boundaries and measurements of the ways, file the same in the office of the Town Clerk and submit the resulting layouts for acceptance at the next Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

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