

## **Town Wide Yard Sale**

The Library, Council on Aging, and Recreation Department would like to propose a new Town Wide program to be held annually beginning this summer of 2023. Many of our neighboring communities offer a Town Wide Yard Sale as an event focused on recycling of goods, community fellowship, and highlighting of the local economy and business community, and we feel it's time to bring this to Belmont.

On Saturday August 23 2023, we propose the first annual Town Wide Yard Sale. Participants would be allowed to have a Yard Sale in their yards or driveways between 9am – 3pm. A map would be created in both physical and digital forms, sponsored in part by local businesses, and an identifying marker would be placed at each location to more easily identify their homes. Other towns have had success using a balloon, or a small neon flag. Participants could keep the proceeds from their sale, or opt to donate them to one their favorite town departments if they so choose.

This event will help residents with home cleanout efforts, keep items out of the Belmont trash process, and offer an opportunity to earn a few dollars. In other communities this regularly attracts residents from other towns, who come to town and enjoy coffee shops, restaurants and shopping, and would hopefully remind them how wonderful a place Belmont is to frequent.

This collaboration has been approved by the Town Administrator, Department of Public Works, and both Police and Fire Departments. With that, we come before the Select Board tonight to ask for your permission and approval on the necessary permitting.