First Baptist Church of Belmont. Their crews will set up inside the Belmont Senior Center, located on the second floor of the Belmont Mill Building, to serve up a hearty meal that is sure to get everyone ready for all the activities to come.

At 4 p.m., the 8th annual Belmont 10-Mile Road Race will then get underway on Concord Street. This year, the start time has been moved up to accommodate the runners who will face summertime temperatures as they make their way along the grueling course.

"Some participants have given us feedback that they would like to see an earlier start time because the course is even more exhausting once the August day starts to heat up. So, we're trying that this year by starting a half hour earlier," said Gretta Olson-Wilder.

The course is certified by USA Track and Field, and each year, distance runners from all over New England and, even beyond, participate in this challenging race.

Those who love to run but perhaps want less of a challenge are invited to sign up for the shorter approximately 1.5-mile, Fun Run, which begins at 9 a.m. from Concord Street as well. Both races will end on Main Street by the Belmont Public Library, where trophies and awards in several divisions will then be presented to the top finishers.

After cheering all the runners on, people are invited to take a stroll behind the Belmont Public Library, where vendors will turn the Village Green into a summer marketplace, filled with crafts, food and other great items.

From 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., there will also be games for the little ones, including the popular Pedal Tractor Pull, and everyone is welcomed to find a bench or pull up their lawn chairs to enjoy the music of the three-piece jazz band, "Sugary Po' Boys." Besides shopping and entertainment, there will be local civic organizations on hand and a nostalgic look at the town through the Belmont Historical Society’s photos, exhibits and gifts, which will be on display in the library.

No Mardi Gras celebration would ever be complete without a parade though, and at 1 p.m. floats, bands, horses, antique vehicles and other fabulous entries will make their way along Main Street to entertain the crowds. Sticking with the theme, there will be colorful beads and plenty of candy passed out by wearing traditional Mardi Gras colors—purple for "faith," gold for "power," and green for "justice." People are encouraged to share their themed entries as well.

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As an aerial view of Belmont Village shows the many beautiful renovations that have been made over the past few years, and on Aug. 9, the new Village Green will be filled with vendors, games, music, and lots of happy revelers as the Mardi Gras-themed Old Home Day celebration gets underway.