
Snow sculptures to decorate Belmont

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BELMONT — If snow conditions and temperatures are just right, people will soon see snow sculptures decorating Belmont’s village green.

Gretta Olson-Wilder, the town special event coordinator, is inviting students, residents and businesses to join in by submitting a design. She said kickoff party is planned for Saturday, Feb. 14, where people can build, enjoy some cocoa and eat at a waffle bar.

Olson-Wilder said the idea came to her while she was planning events for 2015.

“It’s actually something I did back in high school and we did it as a part of Winter Carnival,” Olson-Wilder said, adding this year’s event is close to Belmont High School’s Winter Carnival for a reason.

Olson-Wilder said she’s been talking to the BHS Student Council about having each class put together a team, which would compete and earn points. She’s hoping Belmont Middle School might do the same.

Olson-Wilder said it’s entirely up to each team what to create. People are being asked to submit a design drawing ahead of time, so nothing offensive is created.

“I thought it would be a nice addition to the winter months,” Olson-Wilder said.

She said the sculptures aren’t required to be finished until Feb. 19. Their location on the village green by the bandstand is so people can drive down either Main Street or Mill Street to get a glimpse without having to get out of their cars.

Registration forms can be downloaded from Belmontnh.org. People wishing to participate must drop off a completed form to Town Hall by Feb. 6.

Olson-Wilder said the event is dependent on good snow conditions. If the snow is too icy or crusty, the sculpture building will be postponed until February 2016.

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