

Belmont High School's varsity basketball/volleyball court in the Wenner Field House

The project will install a new surface and replace/repair the rims on the varsity hoops, from the JV court sideline, inside of the track toward the pool. It is part of a two-phase project that will eventually replace the junior varsity court and area, with the funding that was appropriate by the budget committee for next summer.

Our primary contributors were Belmont Savings Bank Foundation, who kicked off the fundraising with a matching contribution, up to \$35,000 and BYBA (Belmont Youth Basketball) stepped up due to the extensive relationship the organization has had with the town for years, and immediately matched the \$35,000.

Another \$5,000 was raised from a charity golf event held June 17th that hosted 30 players at Hopkinton County Club for a fun day of golf and dinner. The event was made possible by Dan McLaughlin, one of the club's owners and parent of three Belmont students, as well as Champions Sporting Goods and W.T. Phelan Insurance, which sponsored a closest to the pin contest and a long drive contest. The remaining money needed was raised through individual donations.

Although new courts have been discussed for years, we feel the project really picked up speed once Superintendent Phelan, a former basketball player himself, came on board last summer. After a conversation with me, Superintendent Phelan's ability to get many parts of town government to work together paid off.

With agreement from Jim Davis, we have chosen a contractor, that was extensively researched, and the colors are selected. Installation of the new court is slated to begin at the end of July and finish in late August.

Phase two, replacement of the junior varsity court, will be completed next summer and perfectly about the surface put down this year.

Thank you in advance for allowing up to complete this project on behalf of all of our current and future, Belmont students.

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