



Belmont Bulletin

November 2022



November Select Board Meetings

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Important Dates

November 8, 2022:

Election Day- [More info](#)

November 29 & 30, 2022: Special Town Meeting

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It's **November** and it's another busy month in Belmont! At the start of the month will be the State-wide election. This year has seen an expanded timeframe for early voting and Town Hall has welcomed many to cast their ballots early. A special thanks to the Town Clerk's Office and our volunteers working the polls for their good and important work!

At month's end we look forward to a Special Town Meeting where important questions will come before Town Meeting Members.

For some of the many happenings in-between, during a month that we pause to thank the veterans in our lives on Veteran's Day and stretch our stomachs on Thanksgiving take a moment to digest this month's Belmont Bulletin!

Select Board Initiatives:

Fall Town Meeting

Mark your Calendars! This month the Town of Belmont will be having a Special Town Meeting on the following dates: **November 29, 2022; November 30, 2022; and December 1, 2022.**

FY2024 Budget Summits

The main policy making boards and committees– Select Board, School Committee, Warrant Committee and Capital Committee – have attended two Budget Summit meetings thus far to discuss the FY24 Budget. The next Budget Summit is scheduled for **December 14, 2022.** In addition to [meeting minutes](#) on the Select Board webpage, video recordings of the previous meetings are available on the [Belmont Media website](#). Please use the links below to view these meetings.

- [Budget Summit I – September 15, 2022](#)
- [Budget Summit II – October 20, 2022](#)

Additionally, Budget Summit presentation materials are available on the [Town Budget Information](#) page of the Website.

Belmont Bulletin with Town Administrator Patrice Garvin — October 20, 2020

Town Administrator, Patrice Garvin, joined Steve Rosales for an interview that aired on Belmont Media October 20, 2022. Topics included the Nov.'22 election and Special Town Meeting. To view the latest episode please click here.

Keep Up with the Select Board



Use the links below to watch on the most recent Select Board Meetings on Belmont Media's Website.

- [October 3, 2022](#)
- [October 18, 2022](#)
- [October 20, 2022](#)

Find archived Select Board Minutes [here](#).

Community Updates:

Belmont Fire Department

In the month of October, the Belmont Fire Department conducted numerous training exercises. All members of the department were trained in advanced fire pump operations by instructors from our apparatus dealer. We also sponsored the “Mobile Training Maze” from the Department of Fire Services. This allowed our firefighters to practice search and rescue techniques in an unfamiliar setting with obscured visibility, similar to actual conditions during a structure fire.

The most recent new service provided by the fire department addresses one of our community risk reduction goals in the form of child car safety seat inspection and installation. A number of residents have used this opportunity to have their child seats checked or installed. Belmont residents can email carseatinstallation@belmont-ma.gov, appointments are scheduled on Thursday between the hours of 1:00-4:00 pm.

Our firefighters also engaged in many public education opportunities. Members of the EMS Bike Unit along with Chief DeStefano held an informational session at the Beech Street Center to explain the benefits of early EMS intervention using bicycles at public gatherings. The department also held our first Open House since the start of the pandemic. This event featured an auto extrication demonstration, fire truck and ambulance tours, as well as an opportunity for youngsters to use a real fire hose. We thank the community for their attendance and support of this event!

The fire department also would like to thank the organizers of the “Touch a Truck” event in Belmont Center for their invitation to attend. We had a great day showing our trucks and equipment to children and adults alike! During Fire Prevention Week young people at the Belmont Library had an opportunity to see Belmont Ladder 1 up close and read stories about firefighters with Chief DeStefano. The participation was great! We always like to start our fire safety and education message to young students.



Belmont Town Clerk's Office

Early Voting for the November 8th State Election is currently underway in the Town Hall, continuing through Noon, Friday, November 4th. In addition, more than 5,600 Vote by Mail Ballots have been mailed to Belmont voters for this election; the deadline to apply is November 1st. Voting on Election Day, November 8th will take place at Belmont's eight voting precincts; polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

In addition to the State, County and District offices of Governor and Lt Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Representative in Congress, Councilor, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, there are six ballot questions. Questions 1 through 4 are State-wide ballot questions and questions 5 and 6 are local debt exclusion ballot questions. Each Belmont household was mailed with the September/October Light bill a voter information sheet and the State mailed the red booklet, “Information for Voters” describing some of the State ballot questions. Voters should be aware that the ballot is two-sided with questions 2 through 6 appearing on the back side. More voter information may be found at www.VoteInMA.com

Belmont Health Department

The Belmont Health Department has been hard at work this past month. COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Clinics are still in swing. Clinics were held on October 6th and October 27th. Coming up on November 2, there will be an additional Covid-19 vaccine clinic.

Additionally, the health Department released materials during October regarding West Nile Virus. [Click here to view additional information.](#)



Belmont Recreation Department

There are a lot of fun events and programs happening through the Recreation Department! Check out the [Fall Brochure on the Recreation Department's Website](#) to learn more about upcoming registration deadlines.



[Click here to view the Fall Rec Dept Brochure](#)

Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is bursting with fun events this October! Check out some highlighted events below. Please visit the [Beech Street Center's website](#) for more information and a complete list of events.

Event Highlights:

- **8th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast**, Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:30AM
- **Flashback Band Marlboro**, Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 1:15PM
- **2022 Belmont Beech Street Craft Fair**, Sunday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Belmont Public Library

November is National Picture Book Month! Check out the [Belmont Library's Website](#) for some great picture book recommendations and stop by the Belmont Library's Children's Room to discover even more!

Additionally, throughout this month there will be tours of the Belmont Public Library, [Click Here](#) for more information about how to sign up for a tour.



Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee

The Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee is producing a series of short videos highlighting specific aspects of the project. Stay tuned for more updates each month!

[Click here](#) to watch the most recent video updates!

