



FROM YOUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF BELMONT

August 1, 2021

Here is the Town Administrator's bulletin for the month of August. We hope to provide continued information on public forums, Select Board initiatives and updates.

Public Forums, Input Sessions and Town Meeting (live, or may have remote participation option)

- **August 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm: DPW Fuel Tanks.** The Town held a public input session on the replacement of fuel tanks at the DPW. The Town is in the process of seeking the best solution on fueling for the Town, *click here for presentation* →
- **August 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.** The Town received \$1.3M, of the \$2.7M Direct Municipal Allocation of the ARPA funds. The Town will receive the second half of the Direct Municipal Allocation (\$1.3M), in twelve months. There has been no additional information provided on when the Town will receive the \$5M County Allocation. The forum will provide an opportunity for residents to give input regarding use of the ARPA funds.



(06/21/21)					
Municipality	Municipal Allocation	Municipal Allocation Received 7/1/21	County Allocation	County Allocation Received	
Belmont	\$2,733,524	\$1,366,761.99	\$5,072,727		\$0.00

- **Tuesday, November 9, 2021 (2nd Night-Tuesday, November 16th): Fall Town Meeting**
Save the Dates for a potential Fall Town Meeting.

Select Board Initiatives

- **Electrifying the Town Fleet:** The Select Board has engaged the Energy Committee to assist the Town in creating a multi-year Electrification Plan for all Town equipment and vehicles (Fleet). The Select Board goal is to reduce the Town's dependence on fossil fuels and to meet the Town's climate action goals. Updating the Fleet is another step towards this goal.
- **Annual Appointments of Boards/Committees:** The Town is dependent on its volunteers. The Select Board is in the process of its annual appointments to committees and boards. There are still many vacancies on boards and committees. Please go to the following link to apply now.
<http://belmont-ma.gov/home/pages/volunteer-opportunities>
- **FY23 Operating Budget:** The Town will begin its Fiscal Year 2023 budgeting process earlier than usual. Traditionally, the annual budget process begins in January, but given the last two years of fiscal challenges, it has been determined that the most sensible course is to begin the budget process in October of 2021. Starting the budget earlier will allow time for additional public forums and discussions.

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General Updates

1. **Recreation: Movie Series 2021 Continues into August!** Summer movie series on Thursday evenings! In partnership with the Belmont Public Library and Belmont Council on Aging, the Town will be offering FREE movies at Town Field, for everyone to enjoy. The movie series is made possible by a generous donation from a Belmont resident.



- 8/5 Finding Nemo
 - 8/12 Grease (COA Night)
 - 8/19 Raya and the Last Dragon
- *Movies subject to change.**

<https://belmontma.myrec.com/info/dept/details.aspx?DeptInfID=1070>

The Recreation Department is preparing its fall programs. Please visit the department's website in mid-August to view upcoming programs

2. **Fire Chief:** The Fire Chief is presenting at the International Fire Department Instructors Conference being held this August. The Chief has presented at this conference in the past, and he will be instructing alongside other world class instructors. Belmont is proud to be represented through the instruction of Chief DeStefano, a video clip of what he will be presenting can be found by clicking on the link: <https://youtube/zYEhm1jOjPU>.

The Chief and the Fire Department were recently featured in the news for responding to a seven alarm fire in Revere. (Photo)



Belmont Fire Chief David DeStefano Revere, MA