



FROM YOUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF BELMONT

October 1, 2021

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

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

- **Monday, October 11, 2021 Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, Time TBD:** The Town is preparing to hold an in-person celebration for Indigenous Peoples' Day, to commemorate the Town's first celebration of this important day.
- **Monday, October 25, 2021 at 5pm Town Administrator Office Hours:** The Town Administrator is announcing Office Hours to hear concerns and answer questions from residents. A ZOOM link will be posted on the Town's Website for community members to attend.
- **Middle and High School Tours to the public:** The School is having public tours of the new High School on Saturday, October 23rd. Time TBD. Check the school's webpage for more details as they come.

Select Board Initiatives

- **Fuel Tank Forum II:** The second Fuel Storage Replacement Forum was held on Tuesday, September 28th. The link for all of the fuel information can be found here: <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/select-board/pages/fuel-tanks> A third and final forum will be held in January/February of 2022. The Select Board voted to conduct a three month pilot to have departments with unleaded vehicles fuel up at off-site locations in Belmont. This pilot will serve to collect more data and real time experiences to inform the community of its fueling capabilities.
- **FY22 Quarter 1 Report:** The Select Board will be hearing the Quarter 1 Report at its October 18th meeting. The Town is seeing challenges in its Police and Fire staffing. The Police Chief and the Fire Chief gave department updates at the Select Boards October 4th meeting. Go to Belmont Media to watch these updates and presentations: <https://www.belmontmedia.org/watch/belmont-select-board>
- **FY23 Operating Budget:** The Town will kick off the FY23 Operating Budget process October 13th. Please check the website as we begin to post documents on the FY23 budget. The Town's Free Cash and ARPA presentations can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-administration/pages/budget-information>

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Belmont Cultural Council Seeking Grant Proposals: The Belmont Cultural Council, in conjunction with the Mass Cultural Council guidelines, has set an October 15, 2021 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the Belmont community.



The Mass Cultural Council has scheduled a webinar for Applicants to provide more information on the application process on September 9th from 6 to 7:30 PM at:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process>

For local guidelines and priorities, previously funded projects, and other information on the Belmont Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/Belmont. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Councils are available online at www.mass-culture.org.

Fire Department

Belmont Fire Department Receives New Rescue Tools

The Belmont Fire Department has received and has placed in service two new battery powered rescue tools. The Hurst “edraulic” spreader and cutting tools are manufactured by the well-known maker of the original “Jaws of Life”. These tools, unlike their predecessors which were powered by a gasoline engine and tethered by hydraulic cords, are completely portable, quiet, and more powerful than earlier models. “These extrication tools represent the best technology and feature the portability we need to operate anyplace on or off the roadway. In the hands of a skilled firefighter the tools give us excellent capability to extricate people from all nature of entrapments,” stated Chief David DeStefano.



*Firefighter Tom Vezeau and
Firefighter Brandon Cunningham*