



FROM YOUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF BELMONT

November 1, 2021

Here is the Town Administrator's bulletin for the month of November. The information below provides continued information on public forums, Select Board initiatives and updates.

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

- **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at 10am:** As a thank you to our local Veterans, the Belmont Council on Aging will host its seventh annual Veterans' Breakfast, free for Veterans, spouses and families. Call 617-993-2976 to register.
- **Monday, November 29, 2021 Tentative Tax Classification Hearing at 8am:** This is a joint meeting between the Select Board and the Board of Assessors to set the annual Tax Rate.
- **Thursday, November 18, 2021 Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee Public Meeting on Design of west of Harris Field at 7:00pm:** This will include discussion of new playing fields and decisions with on-site parking west of Harris Field.

Select Board Initiatives:

Seeking Applicants for Appointment to School Committee: An unusual opportunity has become available for a temporary appointment to the Belmont School Committee. This critically important volunteer board of six members establishes goals, policies, and the budget for the Belmont Public Schools. The School Committee also participates in collective bargaining with employee organizations and evaluates the Superintendent.

All Belmont residents age 18 and over are encouraged to apply via the Town's website. The selected candidate must be a registered voter of Belmont. School Committee members have included parents, lawyers, business people, scientists, educators, researchers, and a variety of other backgrounds.

To apply, please click on "Volunteer Opportunities" on the home page, click on the link for appointment to a Belmont Committee, and click yes to "Are you interested in specific committees." Type "School Committee 2021" in the box labeled "Interested in a Committee not listed above?" You can then fill out the rest of the short form and upload a CV or resume. Please include a concise statement of interest in the text box.

Link to "Volunteer Opportunities" available here as well: <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/home/pages/volunteer-opportunities>

For further information, please email the chair Amy Checkoway acheckoway@belmont.k12.ma.us or any member of the committee. Their contact information is available at <https://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Committee>

Deadline for applications is November 8, 2021 at 5PM.

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Community Updates:

Town Clerk

As a result of the 2020 Federal Census, Belmont needed to redraw our precinct lines to align with the goal of a balanced population among our eight precincts. A balanced population means balanced Town Meeting representation. The Town's Reprecincting Team, consisting of the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, GIS Specialist and Community Development Director, worked through many scenarios to achieve the required balance of the reported census block data. The Team led a public process, and shared the draft of the map and analysis at several public meetings. Belmont's 2020 census population is 27,295, an increase of more than 2,500 from the 2010 data. The Select Board voted the map and underpinning data October 25th; the Town Clerk has submitted Belmont's certified precinct plan to the State and await the vote of approval by the State's Local Election Districts Review Commission. Approved changes will be effective December 31st and in place for the April Annual Town Election.

Board of Health Community COVID-19 Testing after Halloween

In an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Belmont is partnering with the Town of Lexington to offer free COVID-19 PCR testing following Halloween. There will be two upcoming testing events, and both are open to residents of Belmont and Lexington, regardless of the testing location.

Physician One Urgent Care will be providing the testing. ***Please note:*** *You will need to set up an account on their website through the highlighted link below to register for a COVID-19 test, and to view your test results.*

You must have an appointment to be tested. Proof of residency is required.

- Thursday, November 4 from 4:00-7:00 PM
173 Bedford Street, Lexington (drive-through testing—remain in your car)
- Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Chenery Middle School, 95 Washington St., Belmont (indoor testing)

Register for a COVID-19 test:
<https://testing.p1uc.com/register/with-code?code=BLADLT>

Guide for setting up an account:

<https://www.belmont-ma.gov/home/files/2021-10-26-registering-for-an-account-viewing-covid-19-test-resultss>

Nasal swab process

<https://www.belmont-ma.gov/home/files/2021-10-26-nasal-swab-process>

Physician One Urgent Care uses the Project Beacon online platform for account registration and test scheduling. If you have any issues with registration or scheduling, please contact Project Beacon by email at help@beaontesting.com or call 617-741-7310, Mon.-Fri. from 8 AM – 4 PM.