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June 2024 Edition



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 Select Board Meeting

 Town Meeting

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Happy Father's Day! It's warm out there, and with air conditioners starting to crank and sunscreen beginning to vanish from the shelves, it is apparent that the summer season is upon us. There is a lot to celebrate in the community from the end of the school year, to Pride Month, to Juneteenth! Along with the bees, Belmont is buzzing with activity this month. June will start with the Town wrapping-up its Annual Town Meeting. Around Town, a lot is happening as we welcome back the Belmont Farmer's Market and look forward to the Belmont Pride March and Celebration! So, take a minute or two and enjoy June's Belmont Bulletin!

Select Board News and Initiatives:

Annual Town Meeting:

Belmont held Segment A of Annual Town Meeting starting on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00PM. Segment B continued May 29th, June 3rd, June 5th and June 10th. More information about the Annual Town Meeting can be found by visiting the Town Clerk's Town Meeting Documents and Information [webpage](#). Video recordings of the proceedings are available on the [Belmont Media Center Website](#).

Select Board Issues a Proclamation to acknowledge the month of June as LGBTQ+ Month

At their May 29, 2024 Select Board meeting, the select board issued a resounding proclamation in partnership with the Belmont Human Rights Commission and the Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance to recognize and acknowledge the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Announcing Annual Appointments for Town Committees, Commissions and Boards:

Members of the Belmont Community interested in volunteering to serve on one or more of our Town's Committees are welcome to apply through our [online application portal](#) or QR Code to the right. Additionally, *current* committee members seeking to renew or continue their committee membership can submit an application through the [online application portal webpage](#) on the Town of Belmont website.

Keep Up with the Select Board



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

[May 13, 2024](#)

[May 20, 2024](#)

[May 29, 2024](#)

[May 31, 2024](#)

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



Please Scan the QR Code above to complete submit a new or renew an existing Committee Volunteer Application

Pre-75% Design Public Information Meeting Belmont Community Path – Phase 1 Public Meeting on June 11th from 7PM-9PM:

Join us to view the 75% Design Progress Plans and provide feedback, ask questions, and learn more about the final design process of the proposed Community Path Phase 1 in Belmont. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new paved shared-use path along the Fitchburg Commuter Rail and a new concrete underpass beneath the railroad tracks at Alexander Avenue to provide a connection from Channing Road to the Belmont High and Middle Schools. **The Public Meeting will take place at the Beech Street Center Multi-Purpose Room (26 Beech Street, Belmont, MA 02478) from 7PM – 9PM**

Announcement from the Town Clerk’s Office:

Please be advised of the upcoming 2024 Elections: March 5th (Presidential Primary), April 2nd (Local), September 3rd (State Primary), November 5th (Presidential). To register to vote, change your registration, or track your ballot, go to www.voteinma.com. The Town Clerk’s Office hours are Mondays 8am – 7pm, Tuesday to Thursday 8am – 4pm, and Fridays 8am – 12 Noon.

REMINDER: DPW Construction Project—Removal and Replacement of DPW Fuel Tanks:

Please know that Green Services, Inc. is onsite to remove and replace the fuel tanks at the DPW Yard. The work week schedule will be Monday through Friday, 7AM-5PM. The project is expected to end by August/September 2024. For more information, please call the DPW at 617-993-2680.



Hazardous Waste Collection Day- Saturday, June 15, 2024

Belmont residents can help protect the environment by properly disposing of hazardous products at the regular collection days at the Minuteman Household Hazardous Product Collection Facility in Lexington. The [full list of accepted items](#) can be found on the Facility’s website. [Pre-registration](#) is required to drop of waste.

When: Saturday, June 15th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Hartwell Compost Facility [60 Hartwell Ave](#)

Belmont Pride March and Celebration June 15, 2024

Please Join the Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance, Belmont Against Racism and Human Rights Campaign for Belmont Pride March and Celebration on Saturday, June 15th at 1:00 pm. The day will be filled with town-wide celebration. The event kicks off with a gathering at Belmont Town Green (404 Concord Ave) at 12:45 PM; step off at 1:00 PM. For more information, please visit <https://www.belmontlgbtq.com/news-and-events>.

Belmont Farmer’s Market Starts June 6th!

The 19th Belmont Farmers’ Market season opens on June 6. We’re excited to have Select Board member Matt Taylor join us to cut the ribbon.

Shoppers will find the best and freshest local food all season. This is the second year for POP Club, where kids from 5-12 get \$3 per week to buy any produce or food-producing plants that they want to try. Opening day includes the Food Assistance Information Fair. The main goal is to help people learn how to get benefits to stretch their food budgets. We also want to let people know that food insecurity exists everywhere, including Belmont. The Market doubles SNAP benefits all season.

Hours are 2-6:30 pm on Thursdays. The Market is in the Belmont Center parking lot. Get more information at www.belmontfarmersmarket.org.

BELMONT FARMERS MARKET
EVERY THURSDAY
 June to October
 2:00pm – 6:30pm
 (6:00 pm in October)

FRESH LOCAL FOOD
 Over 45 Food vendors & artisans!

COMMUNITY
 SNAP match, POP Club, community tent

& LOTS OF FUN
 Music, Storytime, & special events!

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www.belmontfarmersmarket.org

Logos for SNAP, POP Club, and other community partners are also present.

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Employee Spotlight

Janet Amdur

Clinical Social Worker for the Belmont Council on Aging and the Belmont Health Department, Youth & Family Services Program

Each month, Town Administrator Patrice Garvin highlights a single employee whose hard work and dedication exemplifies what it means to be an employee for the Town of Belmont. In the Employee Spotlight series, we are able to shine a light on incredible employee achievements and provide an opportunity to introduce and recognize Belmont Town employees throughout the Belmont community.

In this month's Bulletin, Town Administrator Garvin would like to recognize Janet Amdur, the Town of Belmont's Licensed Social Worker who works for Belmont's Council on Aging at the Beech Street Center and with the health department's youth and family services program.

Janet's good work is reflected in the appreciation of those she helps. On more than one occasion, individuals have climbed the steps of Town Hall or called-in to share how the time and resources Janet provided helped make a positive difference in their everyday life. With a career in Belmont that started in 2001, Janet has been a constant resource making positive impacts for Belmont families and seniors in need for 23 years and counting.

As a Clinical Social Worker, Janet provides social services to Belmont's families and seniors through a variety of ways. To name a few, Janet provides needs assessments, individual and family counseling, case management, resources and referrals that are personalized to the needs of a case, and helping to develop and coordinate inter-generational programs and health-wellness programs.

In addition, Janet works with great teams at the Beech Street Center, Health Department, and even the Fire Department where she assists with In-Home Safety Visits. Furthermore, Janet takes pride in her supervision of a cohort of graduate student interns, providing professional experience to the next generation of those looking to make a community impact and learn about the field of social work.

Janet describes her role in this way, "People come to me with all sorts of questions and needs and my goal is to work with them to find solutions that will improve their situation. I consider myself a professional problem solver."

Janet, the professional problem-solver, was attracted to work in Belmont because she found that the people in Belmont shared her dedication and ambition to help and care for others in their community.

Janet explains, "Belmont is a supportive community where residents and Town employees are eager to reach out and prioritize helping others and find solutions. The eagerness to help work towards solutions and collaborate across departments and with residents leads to the development of programs that make a positive difference."

Each and everyday Janet finds that she faces something new. In her line of work, no two cases are the same which presents an exciting challenge that she finds endlessly engaging and fulfilling. As Janet elaborates, "with each day there is an opportunity to learn more, connect with new people and maybe even develop a new program based on resident's needs."

Janet stays motivated by remembering to "keep focusing on helping residents" and by setting personal goals for herself and continuing to find opportunities. If she were to share one secret to her success it would be "always listen and listen actively to help see challenges as opportunities." Janet expanded on this further to say, "it's important to find and take advantage of opportunities to advance the work you do and to find opportunities at times and situations where they might not always be apparent."

Janet is most proud of the innovations she has helped forge over the years to provide more and better resources to help those in need. This includes a focus on the back-of-house skills like grant writing, program development and evaluation, and supervising students, interns and seniors to make the social services that many in the community have come to appreciate possible. Janet urges everyone to keep up with the Beech Street Center's monthly newsletter to see current programs and to visit the social support services page of the Beech Street Center's website to reach out if you or a loved one is in need of social services resources.

Janet looks forward with great eagerness to the future, where she anticipates the continued development of more programming opportunities to meet community needs. Janet stands by her mantra: "We are a dedicated bunch who see no question as too small and if we don't know the answer, we will look into it. We will always do our best to be helpful."

Community Updates:

Belmont Police Department

The Belmont Police Department has kept busy over the past month and would like to thank everyone who participated in the Bike Rodeo and received free bike lights and helmets. Remember to stay safe while biking!

The Belmont Police Department has also announced it has posted a job opportunity for a Police Officer position, more information can be found on the [Belmont Police Website](#).

Belmont Police Chief James MacIsaac is pleased to announce that Officer Kristine Pugliese has received the Law Enforcement Exemplary Performance Award from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

This award honors police officers who exhibit exceptional dedication, energy, and commitment in their law enforcement duties, particularly in promoting public safety and supporting individuals with mental health, trauma, or other behavioral health challenges.

The award recognizes outstanding officers who have made significant contributions as first responders or administrators, helping individuals in crisis, working to prevent crises, and assisting in follow-up activities. Officers who demonstrate exemplary collaboration with mental health and behavioral health agencies are also considered for this honor.

Recipients are chosen based on their overall achievements and unwavering commitment to supporting individuals with mental illness and other behavioral health issues.

We encourage you to keep-up
with Belmont Police
Department News by
following their [Facebook page](#).



Officer Kristine Pugliese (left) and BPD Co-Responder (social worker) Emily Bartlett are pictured following the June 5th ceremony.

Belmont Fire Department

During the month of May the Belmont Fire Department responded to numerous fire and EMS incidents including a house fire on Oak Street that caused considerable damage to the basement of a single-family home, and a garage fire on Cross St.

The Fire Department is pleased to announce that all residents can now request Home Safety Surveys at our website: www.belmontfire.org. Simply navigate to the Fire Prevention heading and click on the Home Safety Survey link.

Thanks to funds from the Opioid Settlement Agreement the Fire Department has purchased a number of training mannequins for use in CPR/Stop the Bleed/Narcan classes. This ongoing program has thus far trained over 50 residents and employees in lifesaving skills.

Members of the Department, including Chief DeStefano, Asst. Chief Tobio and Capt. David DeMarco attended the “Age in Place” resource fair sponsored by the Council on Aging. The event was extremely well attended and allowed us to provide important outreach information concerning our safety programs. In addition, the firefighters at Headquarters hosted a group from Butler School, providing fire safety tips, an introduction to a firefighter’s gear and our fire trucks.

May 19th was Firefighter’s Memorial Sunday in Belmont. Our members, past and present came together to honor those firefighters who have passed on. A ceremony, including the reading of the names of deceased members, the tolling signal 2-2-2-2 on a bell, indicating an “all out”, and the playing of “Taps” was conducted in front of the Firefighter Memorial at the Grove Street Cemetery.

Members of the Fire department Color Guard also participated in the dedication of the new Brendan Grant Memorial Field at the high school athletic complex.

Firefighters on each group received hands on pump training that provided actual conditions of complex pumping operations. Instructors used a pumping module interfaced with computer software to create real world scenarios for our firefighters to troubleshoot and develop the required water flow needed for many different firefighting operations.



Belmont Light Department



Things are looking Bright at Belmont Light!

At a recent meeting of the Belmont Municipal Light Board, Belmont Light was honored to be presented with a plaque from the Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee in recognition of a recent lighting project that Belmont Light line workers completed at the Veterans Memorial Park at Clay Pit Pond.

The lighting project illuminates the Memorial at night, allowing visitors to use the park for an extended amount of time. Pictured below (from L to R) are: Municipal Light Board Member Steve Klionsky; Municipal Light Board Vice Chair Andy Machado; Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee Chair Colonel Mike Callanan, USMC (Ret.); Belmont Light General Manager Craig Spinale; Municipal Light Board Member Dave Beavers; Belmont Light Electrical Engineer Yatin Thakral; and Belmont Light First Class Line Workers Dan Rapaglia and Nick Kacoyanis.

For more information on Belmont Light and its commitment to reliability, visit www.BelmontLight.com.



Belmont Public Library

Don't look now but summer is almost here! Before school gets out and vacation starts, we hope you will join us for a number of exciting happenings with the library. On Wednesday, June 12th at 8:30am, join us in celebrating the new library groundbreaking ceremony at 336 Concord Avenue. This momentous occasion will mark the beginning of a new era in the library's history as we move towards the completion of the library building project in 2025.

While the building project progresses, don't forget to sign up for summer reading! This year's theme is another homegrown one as we celebrate being Rooted in Reading.

Starting on June 17th, all ages can register for summer reading - from children to teens to adults, there's something for everyone! And to sweeten the deal, if you are one of the first 150 people to register at the Underwood Pool Summer Splashdown on June 22nd, you will get a ticket for free ice cream from the Frozen Hoagies truck that will be there from 11am to 1pm. This sweet treat is thanks to the Friends of the Belmont Public Library, who help make every summer and every library event a memorable one.

Check out all of these events and much more on the [library website](#) or by stopping by either the E.C Benton library or the Beech Street Center. There's always something happening!



Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is bopping with activity this June! Check out some highlighted events and announcements below. Please visit the [Beech Street Center's website](#) for more information and a complete list of events. Additionally, please check out the Beech Street Center News Letter available on the Beech Street Center's website or by [clicking here](#). Please Remember that **the Beech Street Center will be Closed in Observance of Juneteenth on June 19th**.



Erin Lynch Phone Class

Fri Jun 14th 10:00am - 11:00am

This month, Erin will be delivering part 2 of a class focused on using your phone to effortlessly scan photos and share cherished memories with your friends and family! We'll review how to scan photos using your smartphone and how to print them to make gifts. **Please call 617-993-2970 to register.**

Pelvic Floor Health Workshop

Tue Jun 18th 10:00am - 11:00am

Presented by MGH physical therapist Lynn Gray-Meltzer who specializes in pelvic floor health. Pelvic floor fitness for better bladder and bowel control. Learn techniques for strengthening and relaxing the floor of our core in everyday life and through chair yoga. Find your core power through pressure management to prevent leaks, back and pelvic pain self-help. **Please call 617-993-2970 to register.**

Willie Nelson Tribute Concert

Tue Jun 18th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Belmont Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. **Please call 617-993-2970 to register.**

The British Invasion & The American Answer

Fri Jun 21st 1:15pm - 2:30pm

Take a fun and nostalgic journey through the most iconic 1960's era of rock-and-roll history with author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin. The program also discusses how artists influenced pop culture and society, compares and contrasts the music, and includes trivia questions for patrons to ponder (including snippets of songs from which patrons must identify the band!). The presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer period. This program is a lot of fun so join in! **Please call 617-993-2970 to register.**

"Dune Grass" Painting Class with Karen Kelley

Mon Jun 24th 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for a painting class led by local art teacher Karen Kelley! Follow along as Karen leads the class in painting a beach scene to mark the beginning of summer. No artistic ability is required; all steps will be guided and you'll amaze yourself with the results. Please wear old clothes because getting creative can be messy. **Maximum of 12 people. Sign-ups required. Please call 617-993-2970 to register.**

Wakefield Lakeside Concert Band

Tue Jun 25th 1:15pm - 2:30pm

The Wakefield Lakeside Concert Band's mission is to provide band concerts to members of local communities, especially seniors. Join us for this wonderful ensemble concert comprised of senior musicians! **Please call 617-993-2970 to register.** This event made possible by a generous donation by the Friends of the Belmont Council on Aging.