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TOWN OF BELMONT

December 1, 2021

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



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



• Saturday December 18th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, CARDBOARD ONLY EVENT is at the DPW yard: The cost is \$5.00 per car. If residents do not pre- register, proof of residency is required and cash or checks will only be accepted at the gate. Checks need to be written to the Town of Belmont.

FY23 Operating Budget:

The FY23 Operating Budget planning has begun with all Town Departments. The Town will present its budget in early February. The Town will be looking to use a large amount of One-Time Revenues to fund the operating budget. A presentation was given to the Select Board on FY23 Revenue Estimates and can be found by clicking on the following link:

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/select-board/files/2021-12-06-town-administrator-fy23-revenue-estimates-presentation

Community Updates:

Fire Department

During the calendar year 2021 the following members of the Belmont Fire Department were awarded Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards:

20 years of Service

Capt. Scott Spuria FF Chris Drinan FF Sean Ryan FF Tracy Mullen

25 years of Service

Lt. David Toomey



The Belmont Fire Department urges residents to "Keep Warm- Keep Safe" during the winter home heating season. Have a working smoke/ carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home. Perform inspections and preventive maintenance on heating systems. Take care with disposal of ashes from fireplaces or wood burning stoves. Do NOT use extension cords with your electric space heaters. If you have any fire safety concerns, please don't hesitate to call the Belmont Fire Department.

Board of Health - Community COVID-19 Testing after Holidays

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 the holidays. There will be upcoming testing events, and they are open to residents of Belmont and Lexington, regardless of the testing location.

Testing for the virus remains one of the most important tools we have to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19. Celebrate safely with your loved ones this holiday season and take advantage of this free testing service for residents!

ATTENTION

Dates have not been set for testing after Christmas and New Year's.

Please check out the Town's website later in the month for these surge testing dates.

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/

PhysicianOne Urgent Care will be providing the testing. **Please note:** You will need to set up an account on their website 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. Testing is available for anyone 1 year of age or older.