



FROM YOUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF BELMONT

February 1, 2022

Happy Valentine's Day! It's chilly out there, so cozy up with the Town Administrator's bulletin for the month of February. 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):

- **Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Joint Select Board Meeting with Capital Budget Committee, Long-term Capital Planning Committee, School Committee, and Warrant Committee At 7pm**
Virtual: For more information, please [visit the Select Board webpage](#) on the Town Website.
- **Thursday, February 24th at 7pm on Zoom, A Conversation with Sybrina Fulton: *Cultivating Justice Toward Racial Equality***
Virtual: The Belmont Public Library, Belmont Human Rights Commission, Beech Street Center, Town of Belmont, Belmont Against Racism, Ashland Public Library, and the Wayland Free Public Library are co-sponsoring a racial equity conversation with Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother. For more information about the event please visit the [Belmont Public Library's website](#). **Registration is required for this event**, please [click here](#) to register.
- **February 17, 2022, Transportation Advisory Committee Public Hearing**
On **February 17th at 7PM** the Transportation Advisory Committee will be holding a Public Meeting to discuss a proposal to re-stripe certain areas of Concord Avenue, from the Belmont Center Bridge to the Cambridge Line. The plan proposes to move the bike lane to against the curb and move the parking lane to along the travel lane of the roadway.

Select Board Initiatives:

- **Committee Vacancies:**
Service on a Town Committee provides an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to the community of Belmont and meet fellow residents who share similar interests. For information about town committee vacancies please [visit the Town's Website](#). The Select Board has been made aware of vacancies on the following committees:
 - *Community Path Project Committee* - 2 full members needed
 - *Historic District Commission* - 3 alternate members needed
 - *Human Rights Commission* - 1 full member needed
 - *Meet Belmont Planning Committee* - 6 full members needed

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- **Annual Town Meeting:**

The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting will be open from February 22nd – March 15th. The Annual Town Meeting will be taking place on the following dates:

- Segment A: May 2nd, 4th, 9th and 11th
- Segment B: June 1st, 6th, 8th and 13th

Community Updates:

Fire Department

Two recruit firefighters, Ryan MacIntosh and Derek O' Rourke, are scheduled to take the Oath of Office February 7th. Both will complete an in-house training program and attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy to obtain certification as firefighters. We'll look forward to seeing them "on the job" in May.



Additionally, the Fire Department will be working with Belmont Media to provide public education on public safety issues. In other news, the Department is proud to announce that it has been awarded almost \$19,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services that will be used to purchase rescue and safety equipment, and to complete the purchase of battery powered extrication equipment.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging has some exciting community events this month. Check out a couple of examples below and check out the [Beech Street Center's Website for more information](#).

Celebrate Black History Month on Friday, February 18th at 1 PM: Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. The Beech Street Center is proud to celebrate and honor Black History Month with a special viewing of the movie 42. 42 is an American biographical sports film about baseball player Jackie Robinson and a history-making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers. A movie not to miss! Please call our programs and events line at 617-993-2976 to register for this event. You can also register through our online program at Myrec! Cost: Free.

Introduction to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum on Tuesday, February 22nd at 1:15 PM: The Beech Street Center is excited to offer a special virtual program with the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, Massachusetts. Explore masterpieces of the Gardner Museum, learn about the history of the Museum's founder, and find out why this is one of America's great private art collections. Please call our programs and events line at 617-993-2976 to register for this event. You can also register through our online program at Myrec! Cost: Free.

Belmont Public Library

Come chat with Library Director, Peter Struzziero, over coffee at 10 AM on the first Friday of month, or try your hand at a chess match at 6 PM on the second Thursday of the month. [Check out the library's website to register](#) or learn about more library news and events.