

Get to Know  
**BELMONT**  
 A Resource Guide  
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# TOWN OF BELMONT

455 Concord Avenue  
 Belmont, MA 02478

[www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov)

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS  
 Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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## PHONE LIST OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Area Code: 617

*In Case of Emergency, dial 911*

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Animal Control Officer, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2724
Assessors, Homer Bldg, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2630
Building Services, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2640
Cemetery .....	993-2710
Belmont Cemetery, 121 Grove Street	
Highland Meadow Cemetery, 700 Concord Avenue	
Community Development, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2650
Council on Aging, Beech Street Center, 266 Beech St. ....	993-2970
Emergency Management, 299 Trapelo Road .....	993-2260
Fire Department: <i>Non Emergency</i> .....	993-2210
Headquarters, 299 Trapelo Road	
Health Department, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2720
Library, 336 Concord Avenue .....	993-2850
Light, 40 Prince St. ....	993-2800
Parking Clerk, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2770
Parks & Cemetery Division, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2710
Police: <i>Non Emergency</i> , 460 Concord Avenue .....	993-2501
<a href="http://www.belmontpd.org">www.belmontpd.org</a>	
Public Works, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2680
Recreation, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2760
School Department, 644 Pleasant St. ....	993-5400
Selectmen, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave. ....	993-2610
Town Clerk, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave. ....	993-2600
Treasurer, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2770
Veterans' Agent, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2725
Water, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St. ....	993-2700
<i>General Information</i> .....	<i>993-2600</i>

## Welcome to Belmont

Town of Belmont Incorporated in 1859

Form of Government: Representative Town Meeting

Executive Authority: Elected Board of Selectmen

Population (2013): 23,449

Registered Voters (2013): 17,829

County: Middlesex

State Representative, 24<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District: Dave Rogers

Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suffolk & Middlesex District: William N. Brownsberger

State U.S. Senators: Elizabeth Warren & Edward Markey

Representative, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of MA: To be elected

### History and Facts by Richard Betts

Settlement in the area that now includes Belmont began in 1630, when Sir Richard Saltonstall and approximately 40 families separated from the first settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and moved inland to start an agricultural community. Originally called Pequotsette after the local Indian tribe, the name of the new town soon changed to Watertown. In 1638, by order of the General Court, Watertown paid the Pequotsette Indians the sum of 13 pounds, 7 shillings and 6 pence for the land. The original settlement spread inland extensively into the present towns of Watertown, Waltham, Weston, Lincoln, and parts of Cambridge and Belmont. In 1738, Waltham seceded from Watertown, and the future Belmont was now part of three towns.

In 1805, Frederick Tudor began cutting ice on Fresh Pond. As his business grew, he decided to build a railroad from his wharves in Charlestown to Fresh Pond. This line was built about 1843.

With the railroad so near, the citizens of Waltham clamored to have it extended to their village which was granted and the line ran through what was to become the Town of Belmont. The railroad made the purely agricultural community available for residences of well-to-do Bostonians. Settlements centered around Wellington Station (now Belmont Center), Waverley Station, and Hill's crossing station.

Those settlements grew into villages, but local government arrangements were annoying because citizens had to go to Watertown, Waltham, or West Cambridge (now Arlington) to vote and attend town meetings. A group of about 1,000 people joined together in the early 1850's and announced their desire to form a separate town. One of the most enthusiastic advocates was John Perkins Cushing, the largest taxpayer of the proposed town, who gave generously and openly to the incorporation expense on the condition that it be named after his 200 acre estate "Bellmont."

The towns of Watertown, Waltham, and West Cambridge fought the proposed creation of a new town, but in the end the battle was won and on March 18, 1859 the Town of Belmont was born. Of the then total area of 5 square miles, 2.26 were taken from Watertown, 0.67 from Waltham, and 2.82 from West Cambridge. The population was 1,175 of whom 170 were registered voters and 325 were school children. The new town was a widespread collection of fruit farms and market gardens. Produce from Belmont farms was sold at Faneuil Hall market. Specialties included celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, berries, and small fruits. In fact, "Belmont" became a term of distinction indicating quality and large size.

The original town included a part of present day Cambridge including half of Fresh Pond. Because of a controversy over a slaughter house erected in Belmont on the banks of the pond which was the drinking water supply for Cambridge, 0.89 square mile of Belmont was annexed in 1880 to that city.

This left Belmont with a total area of 4.676 square miles. Minor adjustments due to various Route 2 widenings makes the total area 4.655 square miles today.

In the 1900's, the large number of artists, authors, educators, physicians, and scientists moving to the town doubled its population. As a result, the farming community disappeared. Belmont today, with a population of 25,349, is almost entirely residential and is known as "The Town of Homes."

Following is a list of Town Departments and a brief summary of the services each provides. Please call if you have any questions or refer to the Town website ([www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov)) for additional information. If you do not know which department to call, start by contacting the Town Clerk's Office.

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 617-993-2600

Elected Town Clerk, Ellen O'Brien Cushman

455 Concord Avenue

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Clerk/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Clerk/index)

The Town Clerk acts as the Town's chief election official, recording officer, registrar of vital records and statistics, public records officer and licensing officer and is the point for general information to Belmont's inhabitants, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Federal Government and the general public.

The current Town Clerk is also commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public and serves on the Board of Registrars of Voters.

If you are new to town, stop by the Clerk's Office to complete a Belmont Census Form. The Census is a reference for the Emergency 911 system and will provide proof of your Belmont residency. A certified Belmont Census is required to enroll for Belmont Public School System. The Belmont Census and pet license application is mailed to all households each January.

**Register to Vote:** Qualified individuals may register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail. The Massachusetts Voter Registration Form can be downloaded through the Town Clerk's website. Although you may have been registered to vote in another Massachusetts community, if you move your residence to or within Belmont, you must register to vote at your new address. Applicant must be 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen and a Massachusetts resident.

**Election Dates:** Town Election, 1st Tuesday in April, plus state and applicable special elections per the state calendar. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Last day to register before an election: 20 days before an Election. The Town Clerk's office is open until 8:00 that evening.

## POLLING LOCATIONS

- Precinct 1: Belmont Memorial Library, Assembly Room,  
336 Concord Ave.
- Precinct 2: Belmont Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room,  
455 Concord Ave.
- Precinct 3: Beech Street Center (Senior Center), 266 Beech Street
- Precinct 4: Daniel Butler School, 90 White Street
- Precinct 5: Beech Street Center (Senior Center), 266 Beech Street
- Precinct 6: Belmont Fire Headquarters, 299 Trapelo Road
- Precinct 7: Burbank School, 266 School Street
- Precinct 8: Winn Brook, Gymnasium, 97 Waterhouse Road (enter from  
Cross Street)

**Absentee Ballots by Mail:** Absentee Ballots must be requested in writing and the request must contain an original signature; they are not handed out. The ballot must be mailed by the Town Clerk's Office to the voter. In-person Absentee Voting is available at the Town Clerk's office prior to each election.

Absentee ballot applications are valid through December 31st only. A new application must be filed for each calendar year. Additional required information includes; date, your name, Belmont voting address, time period or election for which the ballot is requested, mailing address for the ballot and the reason you require an absentee ballot, or complete, sign and submit an Absentee Ballot Application form. The form is available at any Town or City Clerk's Office and public libraries throughout the State. If the voter is unable to submit the form, a family member may apply for the voter.

Please note: If you are an unenrolled (independent) voter, requesting a ballot for a state primary election you must indicate the party of the ballot you request.

Absentee Ballot information for members of U.S. Military and U.S. Citizens Living Abroad is available on the Town Clerk's webpages or go to:  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elemil/milidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elemil/milidx.htm)

**Dog and Cat Licenses:** According to Belmont By-Law 20.11 all dogs and cats age four months and older require a license which is valid from January 1st through December 31st. Licensing must be completed no later than March 15th of each year. A Certificate of Rabies Vaccine (showing current rabies vaccine expiration date) and proof of spay/neuter is required.

Renewal licenses are available on-line by American Express, Visa and Discover.

## Annual Pet License Fees

**If licensed in the period January 1 - March 15:**

Neutered/Spayed: \$12.00 per pet; Unaltered: \$37.00 per pet

**If licensed March 16 - Dec. 31 (Late Fees):**

*Late Fees do not apply to new pets*

Neutered/Spayed: \$24.00 per pet; Unaltered: \$49.00 per pet

Pet owners 60 years of age or older may deduct \$3 from the license fee.

Failure to license pets will result in a \$25.00 violation and requirement to license.

Cash or check, payable to Town of Belmont, are acceptable forms of payment.

**Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates:** Certified copies of birth, death and marriage records may be obtained in person or by mail from the Town Clerk's Office at Belmont Town Hall as well as at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics. We suggest calling the Town Clerk's Office to be certain that the record is available in Belmont. Certified copies of vital records are \$20.00 each. Cash and checks payable to Town of Belmont are acceptable forms of payment. A mail-in order form is available on the Town Clerk's web site.

**Marriage Licenses:** All couples who marry in Massachusetts must have a marriage license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To apply for a marriage license the couple must appear and apply together, in person at any City/Town Clerk's Office within the Commonwealth. Proper identification, such as a driver's license or passport is required. There is a three-day waiting period before the license is available for use, and once obtained, is valid for 60 days from the date the intentions were filed.

**Running for Town Meeting Member or Town-Wide Office:**

Belmont is divided into eight voting precincts, each consisting of 36 representative members, twelve elected annually. Terms for a Town Meeting Member are three years, though should a resignation occur, there would be an opening to serve for the remainder of original term.

To be considered a candidate for Town Meeting Member or a candidate for Town-Wide Office, you must be at least 18 years

old and a registered voter of the Town of Belmont. Detailed information is available on the Town Clerk's webpages.

**Appointed & Elected Officials of the Town of Belmont  
MGL Chapter 41, Section 107**

Upon election or appointment to a Town office, board, commission or committee, the individual must be administered the oath of office (be sworn in to serve) at the Town Clerk's Office prior to participating in a meeting. At that time, the office holder will be provided a copy of the State's Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law and Ethics Law and must submit a receipt of same. Newly elected and re-elected Town Meeting Members are administered the oath of office at the first session of each Town Meeting.

<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
Moderator	1
Board of Selectmen	3
Treasurer	1
Town Clerk	1
Board of Assessors	3
Board of Cemetery Commissioners	3
Board of Health	3
Housing Authority	5
Trustees of the Public Library	6
Members of the School Committee	6

The General By-Laws and Zoning By-Laws of Belmont can be viewed on the Town of Belmont Website.

Examples of other items issued from the Town Clerk's office: Public notices and meeting minutes, Town Meeting information, Zoning Board and Planning Board decisions, Business Certificates, Fuel Storage Registrations, Raffle Permits, Business Licenses (Antiques, Auctioneer, Class I and Class II Automobile, Common Victualler, Junk, Livery Service, Lodging House, Movie Theater and Taxi) Residency Letters and information about Ethics, Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law.

**BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**                      **617-993-5400**  
644 Pleasant Street                      Administration/Central Office  
Website: <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/>

The public school system includes the following schools:

Belmont High School	617-993-5900
221 Concord Avenue	Serves grades 9 - 12
Chenery Middle School	617-993-5800
95 Washington Street	Serves grades 5 - 8
Burbank Elementary School	617-993-5500
266 School Street	Serves grades K - 4
Butler Elementary School	617-993-5550
90 White Street	Serves grades K - 4
Wellington Elementary School	617-993-5600
121 Orchard Street	Serves grades K - 4
Winn Brook Elementary School	617-993-5700
97 Waterhouse Road	Serves grades K - 4

New students registering for Belmont Public Schools are required to submit a School Department Registration Packet including a Landlord Verification Form found on the Town website (see Schools or Town Clerk), from the School Department Administration Building, Town Clerk's office and at each public school office. Once residing in Belmont proof of Belmont residency is required when registering for school in addition to: Child's birth certificate or passport, school records, record of health and vaccination.

**Minuteman High School**                      **781-861-6500**  
758 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421  
Website: [www.minuteman.org](http://www.minuteman.org)

Belmont is one of the sixteen member communities and a founding member of Minuteman High School, a regional education option for Belmont students. They offer a challenging, integrated curriculum for students to develop academic, vocational, and technical skills.

**Community Education**                      **617-993-5427**  
644 Pleasant Street email: [MReagan@belmont.k12.ma.us](mailto:MReagan@belmont.k12.ma.us)  
A wide variety of classes for Belmont residents is offered in the Spring and Fall for a nominal charge. For a Community Education Book of course descriptions and a registration form: <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/education/>. Booklets are customarily mailed to each Belmont home prior to registration period.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**617-993-2760**

19 Moore Street

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Recreation/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Recreation/index)

Belmont provides its residents with numerous recreation facilities and programs throughout the town, including playgrounds, outdoor tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, field house and fitness room at Belmont High School, ball fields and a skating rink. Programs are offered year-round for Belmont families. Check their webpages for more information on programs for children, teens and adults. Membership and enrollment can be made on line.

**The Payson Park Music Festival**, sponsored in part by the Recreation Department, offers outdoor musical entertainment for all ages throughout the summer months. A full schedule of events is available at: [www.ppmf.org](http://www.ppmf.org)

**Goosebuster Permit:** This permit entitles the bearer to allow a licensed dog to play without a leash at Belmont High School, Winn Brook School, Grove Street, Town Field and Pequossette Fields when NOT in use by permitted groups. Please provide the pet license and proof of rabies vaccination when applying for the permit. The cost is \$36/year, not prorated.

## **Beech Street Center (Senior Center) 617-993-2970**

266 Beech Street

Webpage: [www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Aging/index](http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Aging/index)

The Council on Aging is charged with the responsibility of advocating on behalf of the seniors of Belmont and ensuring that their social, financial and healthcare needs are met. Services include transportation for shopping and medical needs by reservation; nutrition services, (meals on wheels and daily luncheon); social services (confidential referrals and help with concerns); programs and newsletter (cultural, educational, recreational, holiday observance, entitlement, athletic, and social). The Council on Aging has a network of appropriate resources available for Elders both in Belmont as well as outside the community.

**Outreach Worker:** For assistance with family and individual counseling/counseling and support, crisis intervention, community resources and information, networking & referrals, information on fuel, utilities and financial assistance, please call 617-993-2983

## **BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**617-993-2850**

366 Concord Avenue

Website: [www.belmont.lib.ma.us](http://www.belmont.lib.ma.us)

The Belmont Public Library has a circulating collection of books, videos, audio books, music CDs, magazines and CD-ROMs. Your library card also provides you direct borrowing privileges (except at Framingham State) and interlibrary loan access to all Minuteman Library Network Libraries. Museum passes are also available. The Library's collection is composed of a growing number of online resources. These databases provide a wealth of resources for free, through the library's website.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) 617-993-2680**

19 Moore Street, Homer Building

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_PublicWorks/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_PublicWorks/index)

The DPW consists of four parts: Highway, Parks & Recreation, Cemetery and Water. Normal household trash and home furniture are collected weekly and should be put out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection days. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection day. Please call 617-993-2690 to find out your collection schedules or refer to the Belmont Collection Calendar online.

Yard waste is collected bi-weekly on your recycle day from April 1, 2012 until October 24, 2013 and collected weekly on trash day from October 28, 2013 until December 12, 2013. There is no yard waste collection from December 13, 2013 through April 4, 2014. Place in 30 gallon biodegradable paper bags or barrels with "Yard Waste" stickers no larger than 32 gallons or 50 pounds in weight. Spring yard waste begins April 7, 2014.

A recycling sticker is required for Appliances (\$20 per appliance) and Cathode Ray Tubes and TV's (\$15 per CRT). Stickers may be purchased at the D.P.W. or Town Clerk's Office (cash or check accepted), Shaws Supermarket, 535 Trapelo Rd., Winters Hardware, 84 Trapelo Rd., and Hillside Garden Supply, 280 Blanchard Rd. Check the webpages for more on trash, recycling, yard waste, and composting.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

19 Moore Street, Homer Building **617-993-2650**

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_CommDev/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_CommDev/index)

There are four divisions: Building, Planning & Zoning, Engineering and Plumbing & Gas. Please check the webpages or call the office with any questions on:

- Building Permits: (Building an addition, adding a structure of any kind, enlarging your driveway or adding a dormer are just a few instances where a permit is required.)
- Zoning questions
- Electric, Gas or plumbing permits or inspection appointments.
- Home Occupation Permit (Conducting a business in your home).
- New Business requirements.
- Assignment of Street Addresses.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**617-993-2720**

**Animal Control Officer**

**617-993-2724**

**Veterans Agent**

**617-993-2725**

19 Moore Street, Homer Building

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Health/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Health/index)

The Health Department provides an array of services under the general heading of disease prevention and health promotion. Please check their webpages or call for information on, but not limited to:

- Animal control and enforcement (Belmont by-laws require Dogs to be on leash, owners must pick up after their dogs and both cats and dogs must be licensed.)
- Annual Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs (held in the Spring)
- Asbestos and lead paint information and referral
- Dumpsters
- Minuteman Hazardous Product Facility (Advance registration is required)
- Mercury Recovery Program
- Rechargeable battery collection
- Seasonal Flu Clinics (held in the Fall)
- Inspections of Food Establishment

## BELMONT LIGHT

40 Prince Street

**617-993-2800**

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Light/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Light/index)

Belmont Light is a community-owned utility providing customer service and power to residential, commercial and industrial customers of Belmont. New residents can create an account with Belmont Light by visiting the office. For new residential service, information on Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, recycling of compact fluorescent light bulbs and report power outages, etc., please call or visit.

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**617-993-2610**

455 Concord Avenue

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Admin/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Admin/index)

There are three elected, part-time members of the Board of Selectmen who oversee all aspects of town business including developing community goals, preparing the budget and warrant for Town Meeting, managing town services by holding public meetings. The agendas for their public meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and the Town of Belmont website. Day-to-day operations of the town are managed by the full-time Town Administrator. Any citizen who has an item for the Board's agenda should contact the Town Administrator's office at least one week in advance of the meeting so that time may be set aside for discussion. Contact by E-Mail: [selectmen@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:selectmen@belmont-ma.gov)

Selectmen:  
Mark A. Paolillo, Chair  
Andres T. Rojas, Vice Chair  
Ralph T. Jones

Town Administrator: David Kale

## ASSESSORS OFFICE

**617-993-2630**

19 Moore Street, Homer Building

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Assessor/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Assessor/index)

The Belmont Assessors' Office must appraise and assess approximately 8000 parcels of property. If you have questions regarding assessments, filing an abatement application, tax relief programs (exemptions) from real estate taxes, or filing for abatement on motor vehicle excise tax, please call the Assessors' Office or visit their webpages.

## TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR PARKING CLERK

617-993-2770

Elected Treasurer, Floyd S. Carman

19 Moore Street, **Homer Building**

Webpage: [http://belmont-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_Treasurer/index](http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Treasurer/index)

The Town of Belmont real estate and personal property tax bills are issued on a quarterly schedule. Payments are due by 4 p.m. in the Tax Collector's office on August 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> or the following regular business day if the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend.

The Treasurer also serves as the appointed Parking Clerk. Payments for violations are due within 21 days after the violation was written to avoid added fees and possible non-renewable status at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. If you wish to contest a violation, you must do so in writing within 21 days of the violation date.

Vehicle Excise tax bills, although collected by the Town, are generated from the records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the bill year.

Residents may pay on-line, mail or drop off tax payments, electric light bill payment, water bill payments or any other town payment to the Treasurer's Office or in the payment box located outside 19 Moore Street (at the foot of the stairs).

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Accounting	617-993-2620
Building Services	617-993-2640
Fire & Fire Prevention	Non-Emergency: 617-993-2210
Human Resources	617-993-2740
Information Technology	617-993-2750
Police	Non-Emergency: 617-993-2501
Retirement	617-993-2792

### Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is prohibited on all of Belmont's public and private ways. Belmont General By-Laws Article 21.2(g) states, "Parking for over one hour between the hours of 1 a.m. - 7 a.m. is prohibited." For more information please call the Officer-In-Charge at the Police Department: 617-993-2505

### Public Transportation

MBTA (The "T") Website: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

Customer Service/Travel Info: 617-222-3200

Toll Free: 1-800-392-6100 TTY: 617-222-5146

Paper schedules are available at the Town Clerk's Office  
Customer Support Representatives: 617-222-3200 or  
800-392-6100. TTY: 617-222-5146

**By T...** (Subway train) Alewife station, the end of the Red line, is about 1.5 miles from Belmont Center, where Route 2 crosses into Cambridge from Arlington.

**By Bus...** There are several routes to and through town.  
ROUTE 73, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Mt Auburn St, to Belmont St, to Trapelo Rd, to Waverley Sq.  
ROUTE 74, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Concord Ave, down Blanchard (south), back to Concord Ave, past the High School and to Belmont Center

ROUTE 78, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Concord Ave, up Blanchard (north), to Pleasant St at Rt 2, up Rt 2, then into Arlington.

ROUTE 84 and Route 76 and Route 62, which run from Alewife along Route 2, then veer off to Arlington or Lexington.  
ROUTE 554, which runs from Roberts/Brandeis to Waverley Square to Central Sq., (Waltham) to Newton Corner and Downtown Boston.

**By Commuter Rail...** There are two rail stops in Belmont, Belmont Center and Waverley Square, both on the Fitchburg to North Station, Boston line.

### OTHER RESOURCES

**Annual Town Day** (in May) and **Holiday Tree Lighting** (in December) are sponsored by the Belmont Center Business Association. For dates and times contact: TCBY at 617-484-3336 or Champions Sporting Goods at 617-489-4930.

**Beaver Brook Reservation:** Owned and operated by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, it is about 60 acres on the Waltham line where Trapelo Rd. meets Mill St. (near Waverley). Activities include hiking, playground, cross-country skiing, fishing, picnic area and a "spray deck" in the summer. For more information:  
[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/beaver.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/beaver.htm)

**The Belmont Gallery of Art** in conjunction with The Belmont Cultural Council has created a permanent public art gallery, located on the third floor of the Homer Municipal Building at 19 Moore Street. The gallery exhibits artistic works in a variety of two and three-dimensional media, including painting, drawing, photography, graphics, fabric art, collage, printmaking and sculpture. Hours: Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information go to: <http://www.belmontgallery.org/>

#### **Belmont Historical Society**

P. O. Box 125, Belmont Phone: 617-993-2878  
Founded in 1930 the mission of the Belmont Historical Society is to preserve and maintain the history of Belmont for its residents. Members manage the Claflin Room (located in the Belmont Public Library) which contains materials related to the town including murals, original art, town reports, books by Belmont authors, and historical artifacts. Publications (*Belmont - Images of America* and *Belmont Then and Now*) and other gift items may be purchased through the Belmont Historical Society or at the Town Clerk's Office. Proceeds go to Belmont Historical Society.

**Belmont Housing Authority** provides housing assistance for low-income families, veterans, the elderly, handicapped/disabled and developmentally disabled. For more information call 617-484-2160

or: [http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_BComm/housingauthority](http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_BComm/housingauthority)

**Belmont Farmers Market:** Held Thursdays, 1:30-7:00 p.m., June through October in the Belmont Center rear parking lot. Sale of fresh items directly from local farmers and producers including vegetables, fruit, baked goods, meat, cereals, honey, jam, eggs, cheese, sauces, plants and more. For more information: [www.belmontfarmersmarket.org/](http://www.belmontfarmersmarket.org/)

**The Belmont Food Pantry** is a nonprofit organization; resources are available to Belmont residents. One must show proof of Belmont residency to use the pantry. Located at 450 Concord Avenue, the food pantry is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Deliveries of food donations may also be made during the times listed above. Monetary donation are always welcomed. Please contact Patty Mihelich for additional information: <https://sites.google.com/site/thebelmontfoodpantry/>

**Belmont Media Center (BMC):** A Public, Educational, & Government Access TV Center for residents, institutions & the Town of Belmont. BMC offers video programming and video coverage of many official Belmont meetings as well as community programs and events. BMC is located at 9 Lexington Street. For more information: <http://www.belmontmedia.org/home>

**Belmont Victory Gardens** (Town of Belmont) are community gardens located on the Town's Rock Meadow Conservation area on Mill Street. They are managed by the Belmont Conservation Commission. Registration and an annual fee are required for garden plots; Contact Mary Trudeau, the Belmont Conservation Agent, at [mtrudeau@town.belmont.ma.us](mailto:mtrudeau@town.belmont.ma.us) or call 617-993-2667.

**Fishing License:** State Hunting and Fishing Licenses (including Saltwater Fishing Permits) are available at: [countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://countmyfish.noaa.gov).

**Habitat: 10 Juniper Road:** (Massachusetts Audubon Society) A 1914 Georgian-style house leads to approximately ninety acres with gardens, trails, meadows, ponds and wetlands. Habitat offers a variety of educational opportunities. For admission and hours: [www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php)

**League of Women Voters:** The BLWV provides published material and sponsors various educational forums and events throughout the year for Belmont residents including Candidate Night's. The League often offers rides to the election polls. Website: <http://belmont.ma.lwvnet.org/index.html>

**Lone Tree Hill, Belmont Conservation Land (Town of Belmont):** Trails through more than 100 pristine acres of meadows, mature woods, & wetland areas. The property is managed by the McLean Land Management Committee. Parking in Mill Street Lot. For trails plan and more information go to [www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov). Select Boards & Commissions/McLean Land Management.

#### **Newspapers and Media:**

Belmont-Citizen Herald: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/belmont/>  
Boston Globe: <http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/>  
Boston Herald: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/belmont>  
Belmont Patch at: <http://belmont.patch.com/>

**Registry of Deeds:** Search or file recorded or registered land, Homestead Act and Document Recording for Middlesex County. Address: 208 Cambridge Street, P. O. Box 68, East Cambridge, MA. On the web: <http://vow.mlspin.com/default.aspx?id=69537&PageType=4&PageId=490604> or call: 617-679-6310.

**Registry of Motor Vehicles:** The closest branch is located in the Watertown Mall, 550 Arsenal Street, Watertown. For information on driver's licenses and vehicle registrations go to: [www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv)

**Registry of Vital Records and Statistics:** This Registry maintains a central index and copies of records for all births, deaths and marriages that have occurred in Massachusetts. Certified copies may be obtained from the Vital Records Registry in person or by mail. For further information please call (617) 740-2600. Mailing address: Registry of Vital Records, 150 Mount Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125-3105 or on the web: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/health-stats/vitals/>

**Rock Meadow** (Town of Belmont) is public conservation land and comprises 70 acres of meadow, wetlands, streams, and woods. Located on Mill Street, it is a part of the Western Greenway, a corridor of undeveloped green spaces that connects the towns of Belmont, Waltham, and Lexington. It provides significant habitat for plants and animals that are rapidly disappearing as forests and suburbs encroach upon former farmland. Rock Meadow offers opportunities for hiking, birding, biking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, and community gardening (Belmont Victory Gardens).

**Social Security:** Apply for a Social Security card; replace lost cards or married name change. Phone: 1-800-772-1213. Local offices: 50 Prospect Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., Waltham, MA 02453  
Or: 10 Fawcett Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl., Cambridge, MA 02138

**United State Post Office:** Phone: 1-800-275-8777 or on the web: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

Belmont Branches: 405 Concord Avenue 617-484-4201  
492 Trapelo Road 617-484-4724

## Utilities Serving Belmont

### *Cable, Internet & Phone*

Comcast: [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)

Verizon: <http://www.verizon.com>

RCN: <http://www.rcn.com/boston/?mc=dc-metro-boston>

### *Gas*

National Grid: [www.nationalgridus.com](http://www.nationalgridus.com)

For Natural Gas: Emergencies call: 1-800-233-5325.

### *Electricity*

Belmont Light: 617-993-2800

### *Water*

After Hours Emergency/Phone Number: 617-484-3977

Water source from the MWRA: [www.mwra.com](http://www.mwra.com)

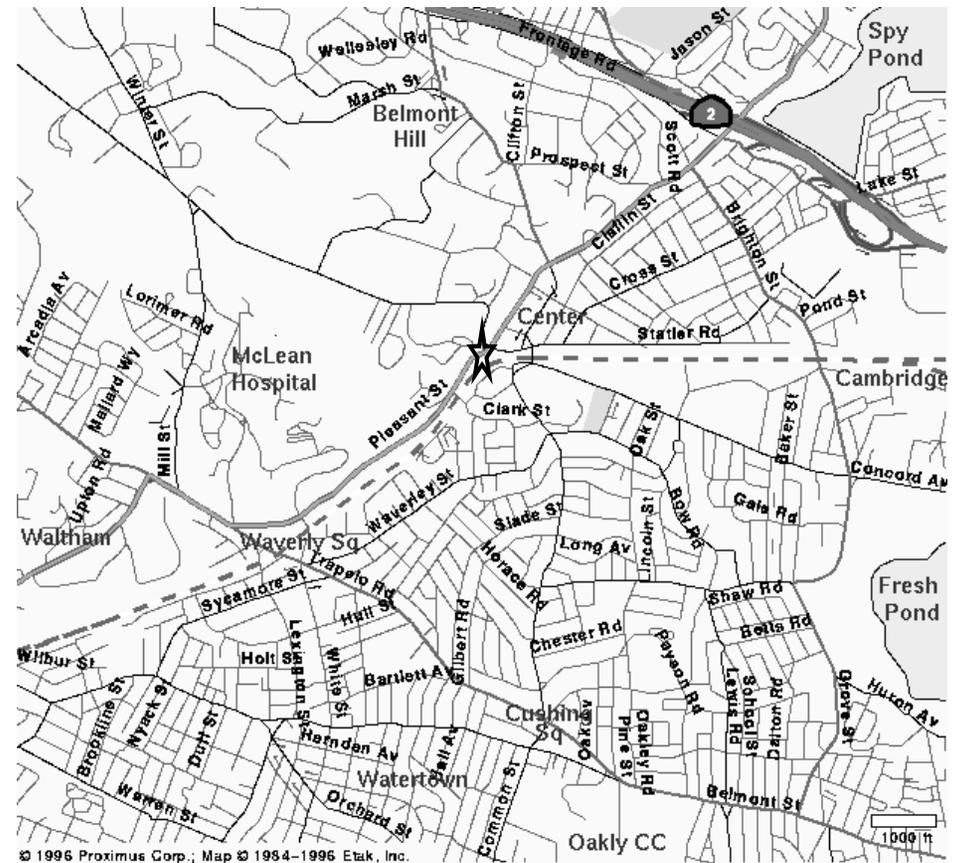
**Waverley Trail** is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile interpretive trail communicating local conservation efforts. There are several beautiful historic buildings, landscapes and a stand of oak trees at the DCR's Beaver Brook Reservation. <http://waverleytrail.org/>

## Community Resources

For Links to the following resources go to: [www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov).  
Click on Newcomers; Under About our Town, click on Community Resources.

Belmont Against Racism  
Belmont Chinese Community Organization  
Belmont Citizens Forum  
Belmont Crew Club  
Belmont Day School  
Belmont Farmers' Market  
Belmont Food Pantry  
Belmont Gallery of Art  
Belmont Garden Club  
Belmont Gay Straight Alliance Committee (subcommittee of Belmont Against Racism)  
Belmont Hill School  
Belmont Historical Society  
Belmont Land Trust  
Belmont Lions Club  
Belmont Media Center  
Belmont League of Women Voters  
Belmont Special Education Advisory Council  
Belmont/Watertown Amnesty International, Local Group 365  
Belmont Woman's Club  
Belmont World Film  
Boy Scout Troop 304  
Brendan Grant Foundation  
Foundation for Belmont Education  
Friends of Alewife Reservation  
KidSpace  
Massachusetts Mothers of Twins Association  
Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Mothers and More  
Mystic River Watershed Association  
Payson Park Music Festival  
Philharmonic Society  
Powers Music School  
United States Postal Service - Belmont Branches  
Waldorf High School of Massachusetts Bay  
Watertown-Belmont Chamber of Commerce  
Waverley Trail

Main Streets of Belmont



Town Hall

Belmont Center

Cushing Square

Waverley Square