

As March begins, the Town of Belmont continues to progress on our priorities, including strong service delivery, thoughtful planning, & community engagement. This month featured a successful Special Town Meeting where Town Meeting Members approved several important zoning initiatives for the Belmont Center area.

Among the key outcomes, Town Meeting approved the Belmont Center Overlay District to support thoughtful redevelopment & economic vitality in Belmont Center while maintaining its character. The meeting also approved the Center Gateway Overlay District along Concord Avenue, creating opportunities for redevelopment & the potential construction of a hotel of up to 150 rooms. Supporters noted these changes could strengthen Belmont's local economy & generate new revenue. A huge thanks to Chris Ryan, the Office of Planning and Building, and the Select Board for their hard work!

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Town staff, volunteers, & residents for their continued hard work. Your engagement is essential to ensuring our community remains strong, responsive, & forward-looking. We invite you to review this March edition of the Town Administrator's Bulletin for updates, upcoming meetings, & opportunities to stay informed & involved.

– Patrice Garvin, Belmont Town Administrator

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Select Board News & Initiatives

Upcoming Select Board Meetings

- March 11, 2026: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- March 23, 2026: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- April 6, 2026: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



How to Access Meeting Materials & Recordings

- **Agendas & Video Links:** Visit the [Town Website Agenda Center](#). Watch a recording of a past meeting by clicking on the **TV icon**  located next to the specific meeting agenda.
- **Belmont Media Center:** Full video archives are also available directly on the [Belmont Media Center website](#).
- **Minutes & Materials:** Official meeting minutes and supporting documents are permanently archived on the [Select Board department page](#).

Upcoming Belmont Election

Electioneering Restrictions

On Election Day, certain electioneering activities are prohibited within 150 feet of the entrance to a polling place per [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, Section 65](#).

- [See maps showing the 150-foot radius for electioneering activity \(PDF\)](#).

Last Day to Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote or make changes to your voter registration (name, address, party, etc.) is **5 PM on Saturday, March 28, 2026**. Request changes by using the [Secretary of the Commonwealth's online form](#) or the [links](#) to the right of this page. Any change requests received after the deadline will be made once the election has been certified.

How Can I Vote

Vote by Mail: You may return a Vote by Mail application to the Town Clerk's office starting January 1, 2026. The application can be returned to the Town Clerk's office by mail, in-person, or by email (original signature is required on the emailed form). Forms are available in the Town Clerk's office or [online](#). You may also [apply online through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website](#). The deadline to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot is **5 PM, Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. More information is available on the [Vote by Mail webpage](#).

In-Person Early Voting: There is **no in-person early voting** for the Local Election.

At the Polls: If you do not want to Vote by Mail or have missed the deadline to request a mailed ballot, your only option is to vote at your Precinct's polling location. If you do not know your precinct, you may find it on the [Secretary of the Commonwealth website](#) or contact the Town Clerk's office at (617) 993-2603 or email townclerk@belmont-ma.gov.

Electric School Buses Introduced

Belmont Public Schools

The Belmont Public School system will add electric buses to its transportation fleet for the 2026-2027 school year.

[Read the full press release here.](#)



Flag Retirement Ceremony

Belmont Veterans Service Officer

The Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Clay Pit Pond to honorably retire and replace approximately 2,500 old and worn U.S. flags.

[More event details can be found here.](#)



Rabies Clinic

Belmont Animal Control

[Click here for more information!](#)

RABIES CLINIC

Watertown Animal Control will be partnering with Belmont Animal Control and Heal Veterinary Clinic to host our annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 28th. The clinic will be held at the Beech Street Center at 266 Beech Street, Belmont, MA 02478 from 1 PM to 3 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Watertown Animal Control at 617-972-6446.



Cost: \$10 per pet



REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Proof of Residency
- ✓ Proof of previous vaccination
- ✓ All dogs must be leashed, cats must be in a carrier
- ✓ Payment in the form of cash or check

Belmont Historic District Commission

HDC is Seeking New Members!

[LEARN MORE](#)

[VOLUNTEER](#)

[CONTACT](#)

THE BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

The Belmont HDC is seeking additional members to help preserve the Town's historical resources & review proposed projects with the Town's local historic districts.

Current Openings:

FULL MEMBER: Required affiliation with Boston Society of Landscape Architects.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Preferred background in historic preservation, architecture, planning, law, or related field.

HDC WEBSITE:

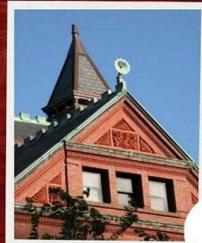
www.belmont-ma.gov/HDC

INFO ON APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

www.belmont-ma.gov/1707/Volunteer-Opportunities

OFFICE OF PLANNING & BUILDING:

Conor McCormack - cmccormack@belmont-ma.gov



www.belmont-ma.gov/HDC

Community Announcements

Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance - Upcoming Events



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Rainbow Lit Book Group

March 23 book: *Palaver* by Bryan Washington

Sponsored by Belmont Library and Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance

Each 4th Monday of the month, virtual, 7-8:30 PM. Please register [HERE](#).

We read fiction, non-fiction, and sometimes poetry.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Transgender Day of Visibility event, “Mermaids, Mutants, Polycules, Migratory Birds, and Other Reasons to Keep Going”

- Celebrate TDoV early with us and Belmont Poets, Stephanie Burt and Catherine Rockwood
- 7 - 8:45 PM at the Belmont Public Library, Morrissey Room
- See attached flyer, and for more information and to register:

<https://belmontpubliclibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/celebrate-transgender-day-of-visibility-with-stephanie-burt-catherine-rockwood/>

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Transgender Day of Visibility Celebration 6pm

Transgender Day of Visibility in Belmont

- The International TDoV is an annual event occurring on March 31 dedicated to celebrating trans people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.
- Meet at the green space at the corner of Leonard Street and Concord Ave (2 Leonard St in front of the bank) at 6pm. Join us to visit the TDoV posters and celebrate together.
- Visit the poster display anytime between March 27 and May 2.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Belmont Pride Parade and Celebration of Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance’s 25th Anniversary

- Sunday, May 31 at 12:45pm
- Parade, Music, Activities for kids, Community organizations, Ice cream & cake, and more!
- Check our website for more details.
- Volunteers and table hosts welcome!

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance is co-sponsoring with Belmont World Film the film, *ENZO* June 1, 7 PM, West Newton Cinema, 1296 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465

More information: [Belmont world film fest: Enzo — Belmont LGBTQ+](#)

MORE EVENTS: [Belmont LGBTQ+ Events Calendar](#)

Information Technology



MapGeo

- [Click HERE to explore our new public map!](#)

- [Click HERE to look up your trash collection day!](#)

2025-2026 Belmont Collection Calendar

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TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE	TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE	RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE	RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE
<p>Trash is collected EVERY WEEK and must be placed outside before 7:00 am. Separate from your recycling, yard waste or scheduled collections. See other side for more details.</p>		<p>Recycling carts are collected EVERY OTHER WEEK on your regular trash pick-up day. Carts with GREEN LIDS are collected during the weeks shaded in GREEN, and BLUE LIDS are collected during the weeks shaded in BLUE on the calendar above. Place all carts outside by 7:00am. See other side for more details.</p>	
<p>HOLIDAY SCHEDULE Holidays are boxed in RED. A scheduled holiday postpones collection for that day until the next day. All days remaining in the week are delayed accordingly.</p>		<p>YARD WASTE SCHEDULE From April 7, 2025 to October 23, 2025, yard waste is picked up every other week on your recycle day. Starting October 27, 2025 until December 11, 2025, Yard Waste is picked up every week on your trash day. Yard waste must be outside before 7am. After December 11, 2025, yard waste pickup is paused until April 6, 2026, when it resumes.</p>	
<p>BROKEN CARTS If your trash or recycling cart is broken, call 617-993-2680 to schedule a repair.</p>		<p>Denotes WEEKLY yard waste collection.</p>	

Spring Newsletters

Beech Street Center & Belmont Recreation



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SPRING SUMMER



2026

BELMONT RECREATION DEPARTMENT
266 Beech Street, Belmont, MA 02478
617.993.2760 • www.BelmontRec.com

Flip through the [Beech Street Senior Center](#) and [Belmont Recreation](#) newsletters to read more about upcoming community programs and events!

Belmont Human Rights Commission

The BHRC is hosting a webinar on Immigration Rights in the time of I.C.E. For more information and to sign up please visit the link [here](#).



Employee Spotlight March 2026

Peter Struzziero

Director - Belmont Public Library

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. The Employee Spotlight Series shines a light on incredible employee achievements and provides an opportunity to introduce and recognize Belmont Town Employees throughout the Belmont Community.

For nearly eleven years, Peter Struzziero has led the Belmont Public Library with energy, humor, and a deep commitment to public service. As Director, Peter oversees building operations, manages a team of 45 staff members, analyzes budgets and policies, and reports to various Town boards and committees. While the responsibilities are broad, one thing remains constant: no two days look the same. “I’ve never been bored in Belmont,” Peter says. “We don’t just run a library anymore. We run a community center—with free books and materials.” With over 1,000 visitors walking through the doors each day, the Library has become one of the Town’s most vibrant public spaces. It is also, as Peter proudly notes, the only Town department where residents can bring Town property home with them for a few weeks.



Peter was hired in the spring of 2015 to help guide and support Belmont’s third effort to build a new public library. What some viewed as a daunting challenge was exactly what drew him in. Now, eleven years later, the new library stands as a transformative space for the community—a project he references with a smile when asked about accomplishments he is most proud of.

His connection to libraries is deeply personal. Raised in a single-parent, single-income household, Peter relied heavily on community resources, including the public library. Facing learning disabilities that made reading and writing a challenge, he spent countless hours in libraries training his skills. Those formative experiences shaped

both his career path and his belief in the power of accessible public spaces. When it came time to choose a profession, he realized he simply wanted to “go... to the library.”

What Peter values most about working in Belmont is the collaborative spirit among Town departments. He describes it as “One Town. One Team.” Department heads work together with a shared understanding of each other’s needs, creating a culture of cooperation rather than competition.

Maintaining positivity in a high-traffic public building requires perspective. Even if just one percent of daily visitors need to vent frustrations, that can mean ten difficult interactions in a single day. Peter approaches those moments with humor and humility. “I’m very serious about the Library and its value to our town—but I don’t take myself too seriously,” he says. His philosophy is simple: meaningful work and good humor can coexist.

Peter credits two major influences in his career. The first is his mother, Annette “Mama Struzz” Struzziero, who served as a nurse at Mass General Hospital for 40 years. Her dedication to public service, compassion, and work ethic shaped his values from an early age. The second is longtime Library Trustee Kathy Keohane, whom Peter describes as fearless, persistent, and a guiding force behind the new library project. “When I met Kathy, I was green—a ball of clay,” he reflects. “Now I feel carved out of wood.”

Outside of work, Peter enjoys spending time with his wife—laughing, cooking, watching movies, and tackling home improvement projects. He plays darts, tends to his vegetable garden, works on carpentry projects, and enjoys backyard fires with friends. For Peter, happiness is simple: being surrounded by people and making those people laugh.

Comments from the Town Clerk

Annual Census, Licensing, & Elections

2026 ANNUAL LOCAL CENSUS:

Town census forms will be mailed to every Belmont residence in January. Please sign and submit your census as soon as possible. All residents should be listed – adults, children, citizens and non-citizens. We will process all returns to keep our voting list updated and provide current information to the 911 system. If you receive a census form addressed to someone other than your household, please do not open it - return it to our drop box or by mail. If you are new to town, you may receive a form addressed to “current resident” please complete and submit. If you do not receive a form by early February, you may come into Town Hall and request a form to file your household census information.

DOG & CAT LICENSING:

All Belmont pet licenses expire December 31st. Owners must license their dogs and cats between January 1 and March 15, 2026 to avoid additional fees and penalties. Online renewal is available for pets previously licensed in Belmont that have current rabies certificates on file. First time licenses for new pets require a paper application and copy of current rabies vaccination – submit by mail, at our drop box (at base of steps into Town Hall), or in person. Pet license application forms will be included in the January census mailing.

2026 BELMONT ELECTIONS:

April 7, 2026 – Annual Local Election

September 1, 2026 – State Primary

November 3, 2026 – State Election

Precinct polling places will be open 7am-8pm on Election Days. Vote By Mail (VBM) will be available for all elections (2026 application will be included in local census mailing – all VBM requests expire December 31st). Early In-Person Voting at Town Hall will be available for the September & November elections. Please go to www.voteinma.com for information and services about voting – registration verification, registration changes, request a Vote By Mail ballot, precinct polling locations, etc.

For information about becoming a Belmont election worker [click here](#).

[Have you ever thought of running for elected office in Belmont?](#)

[If you're a registered voter, there are many opportunities open to you in 2026!](#)

We encourage all registered voters to consider running for elected office. The Town of Belmont's elected government consists of an Executive branch, comprised of seven independently elected multi-member Boards, Commissions and Committees with one elected full-time employee (Town Clerk) and a Legislative branch called the Representative Town Meeting, comprised of one Moderator, and 288 elected Town Meeting Members (36 from each of our eight voting precincts).