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Belmont Bulletin

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August Select

Board Meetings

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Important Dates

Sunday, August 7, 2022:

Purple Heart Day
 Ceremony- [More info](#)

Monday, August 8, 2022:

Open applications for
 Small Business Grant
 program – [More info](#)

Tuesday, August 16,

2022: Fire Department
 Open House – [More info](#)

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Happy August! We're set for yet another hot month. As temperatures continue to remain high, please remember to always have a plan to stay cool and hydrated. Last month, the Belmont Health Department released some resources on how to handle the heat. These [resources](#) are still available on the Town Website. Outside temperatures aren't all that's been heating up around town. There's plenty to do that's kept things bustling in Belmont. Check out our monthly Bulletin with its updated design to learn more.

Select Board Initiatives:

Edward J. Collins Center Financial Organization Structure Review – Presentation August 3rd:

In Summer 2021, the Town Administrator secured a Community Compact Grant by request of the Select Board which allowed her to engage with the Collins Center at UMass Boston to review the financial organization structure of the Town of Belmont. Municipal finance has become more complex over the years, and it is critical that the Town adjust to ensure efficient operations. After dozens of interviews, a review of past reports, and using knowledge of best practices, the consultants have delivered a report, [available on the town website](#), which offers 19 specific recommendations to enhance the Town's fiscal operations. Many of those recommendations will be taken up by various boards and committees, and potentially Town Meeting.

Hybrid Meeting Tools:

In partnership with the Belmont Media Center, the Town Administrator and Select Board have announced a new tool for incorporating remote participation at Town Committee, Board, and Commission meetings taking place in-person at Town Hall. Hybrid participation will allow members of the public to watch and engage in conversation with committee members remotely. The new technology has been installed in the Select Board Meeting Room and has been used successfully throughout Select Board meetings in July. The technology is planned for 2 or 3 additional locations. The Town Administrator's Office will be communicating with Committee chairs about how to schedule hybrid meetings.

Committees/Annual Appointments:

It's that time of year to call for members of the community who are interested in volunteering to serve on one of the Town's many committees, and for those publicly spirited community members whose committee terms are expiring and desire to continue their service to renew their applications! To view a full list of vacancies, renew, or apply please visit the [Volunteer Opportunities webpage](#) on the Town Website. Please contact the Town Administrator's Office with any questions at 617-993-2610.

Keep Up with the Select Board



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

- [July 18, 2022 Meeting](#)
- [July 25, 2022 Meeting](#)

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

Community Updates:

Belmont Fire Department



The month of July was an extremely busy time for public education and community outreach by our firefighters. We participated in numerous block parties, day camp events, and even hosted the Middlesex County Sheriffs Camp, providing demonstrations for the attendees.

During the month of July, a new firefighter joined the ranks of the department. Alec Thompson who came to the department after already attending the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy will undergo several weeks of in-house training and introduction to BFD equipment and policies, after which he will be assigned to a shift in the Operations Division.

After receiving a number of smoke alarms from the City of Boston, through the Division of Fire Services, the BFD held a smoke alarm give away. In less than four hours the department was able to distribute our entire allotment of approximately 175 smoke alarms to people who came to headquarters on Trapelo Rd. Every smoke alarm installed in Belmont can help save a life!



Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is booming with events this August! We cannot forget to mention the exciting return of **Ice Cream Social Fridays, every Friday from 1-2 PM in the months of August and September.** Additionally, check out some highlighted events below. Please visit the [Beech Street Center's website](#) for more information and a

COA Event Highlights:

On **Monday, August 8, 2022 at 10AM** come and join our community friends for a game of Pickleball to *celebrate National Pickleball Day*. Pickle snacks and beverages will be available. To register, please call 617-993-2970

On **Friday, August 19, 2022 at 1:15PM** the COA will welcome the *Boston Saxophone Quartet* for an exciting *concert event!* The event is free, but donations are appreciated. To register, please call 617-993-2970.

On **Friday, August 26, 2022 at 1:15PM** the COA is very excited to announce the return of the *Annual Beech Street Center Talent Show*. Please sign up for the show by August 19, 2022.

Belmont Public Library

The Belmont Public Library is excited to announce that One Book, One Belmont will be back in October! This will be the first time that the program will be run in back-to-back years. The topic for this community read: Libraries.

In addition, [Sunday hours \(1PM-5PM\) have been restored!](#) The library staff is looking forward to seeing you all seven days of the week! Check out the [events page](#) of the Belmont Library website for upcoming programs/events.



Belmont Recreation Department

There is a lot of fun events and programs happening through the Recreation Department! Check out the [Fall Brochure on the Recreation Department's Website](#) to learn more about upcoming registration deadlines. The Underwood pool will be reducing its hours as daylight hours become shorter.

[Click here to view the Fall Rec Dept Brochure](#)