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Belmont Bulletin

January 2023



January Select Board Meetings

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Important Dates:

January 12, 2023:
 Budget Summit IV

January 19, 2023:
 Select Board Public Forum

January 30, 2023:
 Special Town Meeting

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Happy New Year! At the close of 2022, it is with great pleasure that the community of Belmont can look back at all it has worked toward over the past year. As we look ahead to 2023, it is an even greater pleasure to know that the work goes on.

So, with this New Year we wish you all happiness and good health. Take a moment as you plan for the coming year to see what's coming up in the month ahead.

Select Board Initiatives:

FY2024 Budget Summits

The next Budget Summit is scheduled for **January 12, 2023**. The main policy making boards and committees – Select Board, School Committee, Warrant Committee and Capital Committee – have attended three Budget Summit meetings so far to discuss the FY2024 Budget. In addition to [meeting minutes](#) on the Select Board webpage, video recordings of the previous meetings are available on the [Belmont Media website](#). Use the links below to view these meetings.

- [Budget Summit I – September 15, 2022](#)
- [Budget Summit II – October 20, 2022](#)
- [Budget Summit III – December 14, 2022](#)

Additionally, Budget Summit presentation materials are available on the [Town Budget Information](#) page of the Town Website. Looking ahead to February, the Town and School budgets will be presented to Budget Summit V on February 9th.

Select Board Public Forum – January 19, 2023

The Select Board will be having a second public forum to discuss a recommendation made in the [Edward J. Collins Center report](#) to transition the Town Treasurer/Collector role from Elected to Appointed/hired. [Meeting Minutes](#) of the first public forum held on October 27, 2022 are available on the Town Website, and a recording of the meeting is available from [Belmont Media](#). Please monitor the [Select Board calendar](#) for meeting information updates.

Special Town Meeting – January 30, 2023

Mark your calendars! On January 30th Belmont will hold a special Town Meeting to decide if the question of transitioning from an Elected to Appointed/Hired Town Treasurer should be on the April 2023 ballot. Please monitor the [Town Website](#) for updated information.

Keep Up with the Select Board



Use the links below to watch the most recent Select Board Meetings on Belmont Media's Website.

- [December 5, 2022](#)
- [December 12, 2022](#)
- [December 13, 2022](#)
- [December 14, 2022](#)
- [December 19, 2022](#)

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

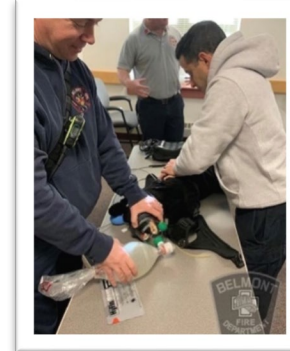
Community Updates:

Belmont Fire Department

The Belmont Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$18,979 from the MA Department of Fire Services for safety equipment. This funding will purchase and outfit each firefighter with an updated personal safety harness to provide fall protection while working from ladders and on roofs during fires or technical rescue operations. In addition, the department will update its ballistic protection with five new sets of gear to help protect firefighters/paramedics/EMTs as they work with law enforcement to rescue injured people during hostile events.

During the month of December, department staff completed training on techniques specified in “Nero’s Law” that will allow our firefighters to provide aid and transport to police canines that are injured in the line of duty. Members worked with Belmont Police K-9 Barron and handler, Ofc. Taylor, as well as veterinarians from the Heal and Cushing Square Veterinary Clinics.

The BFD was also fortunate to have a commercial building in which to conduct a wide variety of realistic training scenarios. Cityside Subaru allowed our firefighters to work in a building that is slated for demolition. This enabled the Training Division to set up artificial smoke conditions and a variety of evolutions that allowed firefighters to practice search and rescue, hose line advancement as well as forcible entry and other skills.



Town Clerk

Announcements:

Local Election:

Belmont’s Annual Town Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**. Considering running for elected office in Belmont? To get your name on the ballot, visit the Town Clerk’s Office to get nomination papers. **The deadline to submit completed papers is February 14th at 5:00pm.** [Click here](#) for more details.

Town Meeting Members:

Current Town Meeting members whose terms expire in April 2023 and who would like to run for re-election without having to collect signatures, should return letters of intent that were mailed to you on December 8th. **The deadline to return letters of intent is January 24th 5:00pm.** To look up when your term expires, please [click here](#).

Become an Election Worker:

Consider helping Belmont vote! We are always looking for more great people to work in our precincts on election day. Thorough training, half-day shifts, and minimum wage pay are offered. If you are interested, please let us know your interest by completing an online form found [here](#). Thank you for considering becoming an election worker and remember to vote April 4th!

2023 Census:

Annual Town Census forms will be mailed to every household in **mid- to late-January**. Please review, update, sign, and return your form as soon as you can. This helps keep our list of residents and voters accurate.

Pet Licenses:

2023 Belmont Pet Licenses for Cats and Dogs are available as of 1/1/2023. All cats and dogs are to be licensed by **March 15th**. Renewals may be done online, by mail, Town Clerk drop box or in the Town Clerk’s Office in Town Hall. First-time pets may be licensed by mail, Town Clerk drop box or in the Town Clerk’s Office in Town Hall. Applications will be included with every census form. [Click here](#) for more details including a link to the application form.



Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is bubbling with Holiday Spirit with fun events this January! Check out some highlighted events and announcements below. Please visit the [Beech Street Center's website](#) for more information and a complete list of events.

Event Highlights:

Meet and Greet with Pierce Ellinwood

Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Cost: Free

We welcome all of you to join Beech Street Center staff and others to welcome our new Assistant Director Pierce Ellinwood. Enjoy coffee and pastries and learn more about Pierce and how he can help to make the Beech Street Center the best that it can be. Call 617-993-2970 or find us on [MyRec to register](#).

Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration

Wednesday Jan. 11 at 9:30am Cost: Free

This free event is presented by the seniors in our Chinese-American community in Belmont and A Joyful Adult Health Care Center LLC in Woburn. It is co-sponsored by Belmont Council on Aging (COA) and Belmont Chinese American Association (BCAA). You'll be entertained with ballroom and classical dances, as well as traditional music and songs. Light refreshment will also be served. Call 617-993-2970 or find us on [MyRec to register](#).

Harvey Leonard, meteorologist extraordinaire

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1:15 p.m. Cost: Free

After a fifty-year career in meteorology, with more than forty-five of those years forecasting weather in New England and twenty of those at WCVB, Harvey retired from StormTeam 5 in May 2022. Widely regarded as The Dean of Boston Meteorologists. You won't want to miss this special program! Call 617-993-2970 or find us on [MyRec to register](#).

Staying Active in the Winter presented by Dr. Melanie Hudson

Friday, Jan. 27 at 1:15pm Cost: Free

This talk focuses on how to plan indoor workouts that will help you remain active while also working on the qualities that may be holding you back from heading outdoors for exercise. Presented by Dr. Melanie Hudson, PT, DPT of Boston Physical Therapy & Wellness. Call 617-993-2970 or find us on [MyRec to register](#).

AARP Tax Preparation Appointments

Appointments will be offered this year from February 7th until April 12th barring further COVID restrictions. We will follow all CDC, Belmont Board of Health, and Beech St Center guidelines. You may call for appointments starting January 11th. Please contact our main line at 617-993-2970 if you're interested or for further information.



Belmont Department of Public Works

The DPW will hold a Cardboard Drop-off event on Saturday, January 14, 2023. For more information, please visit [the Belmont DPW webpage](#) or call (617) 993-2680.



Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee

The Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee is producing a series of short videos highlighting specific aspects of the project. In the latest video, Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee members Diane Miller, Tom Caputo, and committee chair Bill Lovallo discuss construction costs oversight of the new Middle and High School building. Stay tuned for more updates each month! [Click here](#) to watch the most recent video updates!



Belmont Public Library

Beyond the racks of books and resources there is a lot happening at the library this month, check out some program and event highlights below.

Children's Concert with Matt Heaton

Friday, Jan. 13 at 10:00AM

Sing and dance along in the library with one of Belmont's favorite rock stars, Matt Heaton. Matt's classic and original songs delight all ages.

Age 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

More than 60 Massachusetts public libraries have partnered to offer the Age 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group program to support people fifty years and older looking for a new job, a new career direction, or a Second Act career. These biweekly sessions will run through June 2023. Check out the [library events calendar for more information](#).

English Conversation Circles

The library is currently offering three conversation circles, where participants can practice English speaking skills in a supportive environment. The groups will begin meeting during the week of January 9, 2023 and will continue through the week of March 27, 2023. For more information, [please visit the Belmont Public Library website](#).

Study Spaces

Belmont High School Mid-Year Exams are January 17th -25th and the library will be hosting a designated Study Space for a stress-free group-study environment with snacks and beverages available for the duration of the room's use. Limit is 12 people at a time. To check available times and availability [visit the online calendar here](#).

Storytime

Storytimes are back and better than ever and offered for a variety of age groups! Check the [Children's Event Calendar](#) for more information about times and age groups.

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

Belmont Recreation Department

There are always fun activities happening at the Belmont Recreation Department! Check out the [Winter Brochure on the Recreation Department's Website](#) to learn more what's happening this season. More programs will be added throughout the Winter, so keep checking the [Recreation Department's website](#) for updates. See some highlights below!

Argentine Tango Class

January 10th – February 7th at the Beech Street Center, 6:00PM

Celebrate the dance of Argentine Tango. This is an introductory class, no experience necessary!

Puzzle Palooza

January 25th at the Beech Street Center, 6:00PM

Be the first team to complete the puzzle to win awesome prizes! Ages 12 and up.

Sweetheart Dance

February 3rd at the Beech Street Center, 6:00PM

A special Valentine's themed event for kids grades K-3 and their adult. Food, music and games will be available.



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