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May 2023



May

Select Board Meetings

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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

- 5:30PM Pre- ATM
- Public Forum 6-7 PM
- Regular Meeting 7PM

Important Dates:

Annual Town Meeting:

- May 1, 2023
- May 3, 2023
- May, 8 2023
- May 10, 2023
- May 31, 2023

Contact the Town Administrator's Office

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 Belmont, MA 02478

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Happy Mother's Day! The trees are full, lawn mowers are being tuned up and the flowers are blossoming! Also, this month we give pause to reflect on the tremendous sacrifice of our service men and women on Memorial Day.

There has been a lot happening over the course of April and May will prove to be another busy month across Town. On May 1st, Belmont's Annual Town Meeting will begin and continue on May 3, 8, 10, 31 and June 5, 7, and 12. We welcome you to take a few minutes and peruse this month's edition of the Belmont Bulletin!

Select Board Initiatives:

Annual Town Meeting

Mark your calendars! Belmont's Annual Town Meeting Members will take place on the following dates: **May 1, 3, 8, 10, 31 and June 5, 7, 12.**

Announcing Annual Appointments for Town Committees, Commissions, and Boards:

Members of the Belmont Community Interested in volunteering to serve on one or more of our Town's Committees are welcome to apply through our online application portal. Additionally, for those publicly spirited community members **seeking to renew** committee membership, please resubmit your application through the online portal by **June 1, 2023.**

Leaf Blower Bylaw is in effect

No combustion leaf blower shall be operated by a commercial landscaper or other commercial entity between May 15th and September 30th. Homeowners may use a combustion leaf blower all year, but are encouraged to switch to an electric leaf blower. Belmont Light is offering a \$30 rebate! More information about the leaf blower bylaw can be found on the DPW page of the [Town Website](#).

Restaurant Applications for Outdoor Dining available at the Town Administrator's Office:

Restaurant owners interested in outdoor dining can contact the Town Administrators Office at Town Hall (455 Concord Avenue), or call 617-993-2610 for more information.

Keep Up with the Select Board



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

- [April 3, 2023](#)
- [April 7, 2023](#)
- [April 10, 2023](#)
- [April 11, 2023](#)
- [April 24, 2023](#)

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



Pam Callahan

Town Administrative Supervisor

Town Administrator Patrice Garvin would like to recognize Belmont's dedicated professional staff in a series of employee spotlights. There are many hard-working employees working for Belmont that often go unrecognized. The purpose of these articles will be to bring these incredible employee accomplishments to light. Town Administrator Garvin would like to recognize **Town Administrative Supervisor Pam Callahan** for her continued service to the Town of Belmont for nearly five years.

Callahan, a Shirley native, currently serves as the Administrative Supervisor for the Belmont Administrator's and Select Board's office, where she works closely with Town Administrator Garvin and over 60 Belmont committees. She was recently appointed to this role after serving as an administrative coordinator for three years.

"I want to extend my gratitude to Pam for her commitment to the Town of Belmont and her continued effort each day to support our town's residents," said Town Administrator Garvin. "Her work has been critical in running our offices and it has been a pleasure to work alongside her each week."

In her current role, Callahan performs a wide variety of complex and confidential administrative duties to complete the day-to-day operations of the offices. Other responsibilities include working with the select board to prepare agendas, meeting materials, reports, and statistical data and coordinating meetings, public hearings and events. Callahan also performs annual liquor license renewals and works in conjunction with the Town Clerk's office for business license renewals and the annual committee reappointment process.

Prior to her employment in the Town of Belmont, Callahan worked for the Town of Shirley in various capacities. In 2010, she began working as an administrative assistant for the Shirley Department of Public Works (DPW) and later as a zoning board of appeals clerk, planning board clerk and assessors clerk before taking on the role of public safety administrative assistant in 2015.

While serving the Town of Shirley as public safety administrative assistant, she was responsible for working in conjunction with the Shirley Police Chief and DPW foreman to plan, prepare and implement annual budgets and prepare Chapter 90 requests and reimbursements. Additionally, she prepared, processed and tracked biweekly payroll for various entities and prepared weekly warrants. She has also supported the Shirley Police Department, Shirley Police Reserves, Shirley Dispatch, Shirley Animal Control, Shirley Department of Public Works and the Shirley Cemetery Committee.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Belmont for the past five years and I look forward to continuing the work I've begun," said Callahan. "I want to thank my coworkers, past and present, that I've worked alongside in this office, who have made some of my accomplishments possible with their help and support, specifically, Budget Analyst Matt Haskell; HR Generalist Mitch Carolan and our new Administrative Coordinator James Goudie."

Callahan has also previously served as an executive assistant at Bresco, Inc. Tax and Accounting Services and continues to work there part-time during tax season, as a forestry clerk for the Department of Environmental Management, a secretary for the United States Army at Fort Devens and as a clerk for the Federal Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency.

Callahan and her husband, Bill, have been married for 39 years. They are the proud parents of two children and the proud grandparents of four children. During her free time, Callahan enjoys spending time baking, dining out with friends and playing with her grandchildren.

Community Updates:

Belmont Fire Department

In the month of April members of the Belmont Fire Department responded to several mulch and brush fires around town. We would like to remind people to please be careful when disposing of smoking material, as improper disposal of these materials is a leading cause of fires throughout the Commonwealth.

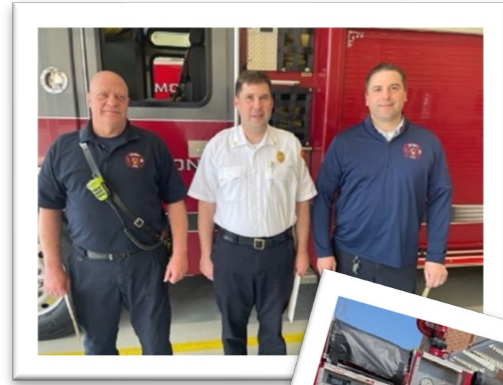
Chief DeStefano presented awards from the Department of Fire Services recognizing Asst. Chief Tobio and Lt. Elefteriadis for 20 years, and FF Reilly for 25 years of service.

The month of April is also detailed cleaning and apparatus inspection month throughout the department. Members work hard waxing and cleaning apparatus, as well as tools and equipment preparing for a spring apparatus inspection. The same process repeats in the fall and is in addition to the daily cleaning and maintenance of vehicles and equipment conducted by each shift.

The department also had an opportunity to practice a number of critical firefighting skills on a house slated for demolition. The Division of Training worked with each Shift Commander to organize search and rescue, ladder, and ventilation training using our theatrical smoke machine to make conditions more realistic.

Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's Office is planning to send email notifications once quarterly tax bills and excise tax bills have been mailed. To subscribe to the list, visit www.belmont-ma.gov/subscribe and scroll down to Treasurer under News and Announcements. (Feel free to sign-up for other notifications while you are there!) We hope this helps residents who may be traveling outside of Belmont and may not receive the physical bill in time to avoid a late payment penalty.



Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is buzzing with activity this May! 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:

Dementia Friends Training

Wed May 24th, 1:00pm - 2:00pm (in-person)

Dementia Friends is a global movement to change how people think, act, and talk about dementia! If you would like to support people living with dementia in your personal circle or the community at large, come to a Dementia Friends Training! We will learn more about dementia, what it's like to live with dementia, and tips for effectively communicating with people with dementia. This training will be offered on Wednesday, May 24th. We will need at least five people to run this program, so please RSVP; for more information and to register, call Lynn at 617 993 2994.

Walk N' Talk for Stress Management

Schedule a 1:1 walk in a local park. We will walk, talk and problem-solve. Practice stress management techniques, Forest Bathing, Meditation, Mindfulness, and Mindful Walking. Refresh your body and mind in nature. **Call Janet to see if this may be right for you at 617-993-2983 and to schedule an appointment.**

An Exciting Afternoon of Magic with Illusionist Lyn Dillies

Friday, May 12 at 1:15 p.m. Cost: Free

From the grand stages of New York's Lincoln Center to the glitter of Hollywood's Magic Castle, Lyn Dillies wows her audiences with her powers of prestidigitation. She is the highest-awarded female illusionist in the country. Lyn's show is filled with eye-defying illusions and audience participation. **Call 617-993-2970 to register.**

Recycling in Belmont with Kevin Bouck of the DPW

Tuesday, May 16 at 1:15 p.m. Cost: Free

The Department of Public Works' goal for the waste program is the decrease the amount of solid waste while increasing the amount of recycling. An effective way to do that is by letting people know where their waste ends up. We want our residents to understand how they can do their part in the recycling effort; join Kevin Bouck, Recycling Coordinator at the DPW, for a presentation on how recycling works in Belmont. **Call 617-993-2970 to register.**

TED Talk Discussion Group with Pierce

Wed, May 10th and 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Join Pierce every other Wednesday as he leads discussions on pressing issues presented in TED talks. We will start in May with Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's "The Danger of a Single Story" (May 10th) and Kimberlé Crenshaw's "The Urgency of Intersectionality" (May 24th). You can watch the videos ahead of the meeting for free on TED.com or YouTube, but we will also begin each meeting by watching the video together. **You can register by calling Pierce at 617-993-2977, but walk-ins are always welcome!**

Walking Group

Local residents are looking to start a lunchtime walking group for Belmont residents in the Town Field area who are looking to get out and stretch their legs while working at home or who are simply seeking some companions for a daily walk. Starting in May, the group will meet at the Beech Street Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:30 - 12:00 (flexible depending on people's needs) and walk for about 35 minutes. **Please contact the Council on Aging 617-993-2970.**

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Wed, May 10th and 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Join BCOA driver Joe Brown for a presentation on his work as a muralist! Joe will begin with a discussion of art history and cover the origins of mural painting as the initial visual art form to the beginnings of canvas painting in the early 1500s. He'll discuss high points in art history and unveil mysteries of great works like the Mona Lisa and the Sistine Chapel, drawing attention to things most people miss out on in these masterworks. **Call 617-993-2970 to register.**

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.

Friends of the Belmont Public Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 6 from 9am-4pm, AND Sunday, May 7 from 1-4PM

This year's spring Friends of the Belmont Public Library book sale is on Saturday, May 6 from 9am-4pm, AND Sunday, May 7 from 1-4PM. Come check out all the great, new-to-you titles!

Spring Music on Saturdays Concert Series Continues!

Saturday, May 20th at 3pm

Continuing the spring Music on Saturdays Concert Series, on May 20th at 3pm longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950's to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950's, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. York was recently nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and his album *Gently Used* was just named one of Worcester Magazine's best albums of 2022. Reserve your spot on the Belmont Library Events page or [Click Here](#).



Memorial Day Observation and Parade

Monday May 29th, 2023

The Veterans of the Town of Belmont and the Veterans Services Officer would like to invite you to attend this year's Memorial Day Observation Ceremony and parade.



The Memorial Day Observation Ceremony will begin at 11:30 AM on Monday May 29, 2023 at The Belmont Cemetery 121 Grove Street, Belmont

The parade assembly area and starting point have been relocated, and will now be designated and marked on Grove Street just outside the Cemetery, assembly to begin at 10:30 AM

The parade will begin immediately following the ceremony

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