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Belmont Bulletin

Summer Recap Edition 2023



It's hard to believe, especially with the most recent heatwave, that the summertime is moving into the rearview and fall is on the horizon! Happy September and welcome back to all our Belmont Students who will be returning to school at the beginning of this month. Please have a wonderful, safe and happy school year!

September will be a busy time in Belmont, not just for our studious students. There is a lot happening around Town to be excited about, so take a moment to check out the September Belmont Bulletin!

Select Board News and Initiatives:

Belmont Middle and High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Wednesday, September 6th:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that the Select Board welcomes the official opening of the new Belmont Middle and High School on September 6th. The Select Board would like to share our appreciation for great leadership within our community displayed by the members of the Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee, its Chair Bill Lovallo, former Superintendent John Phelan, members of the School Committee, parents of students and members of the Belmont community who have all contributed so much to seeing this milestone and historic project come to fruition. The event was documented by The Belmont Media Center and is [available to view on their website](#).

Public Input Session on the Removal of all Belmont Police Officers from Civil Service September 7, 2023:

Members of the Belmont community are invited to attend a public input session to discuss the removal of all Belmont Police Officers from Civil Service. Meeting details will be available on the Town Website ahead of the meeting and the meeting will be filmed and available for viewing on [The Belmont Media website](#).

Special Town Meeting this Fall:

The Select Board began discussions about the need for a Special Town Meeting to be held this Fall, with a tentative start during the first week of November.

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](#).

September

Select Board Meetings

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Regular Meeting 7PM

Important Dates:

First Day of School:
 September 6, 2023

Belmont Farmers Market:
 Thursdays – 2:00-6:30PM

Contact the Town Administrator's Office

Address:
 455 Concord Ave.
 Belmont, MA 02478

Email:
townadministrator@belmont-ma.gov

Phone: 617-993-2610

Keep Up with the Select Board



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

- [August 3, 2023](#)
- [August 7, 2023](#)
- [August 28, 2023](#)
- [August 30, 2023](#)

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

Select Board News and Initiatives Continued:

Belmont Town Day – Sunday, September 17th from 11AM-4PM

Presented by the Belmont Center Business Association and generously sponsored by M&T Bank, the Select Board is eagerly awaiting [Town Day!](#) Don't forget to stop by and say hello at the Select Board's table!

The Belmont Cultural Council Grant Application Process, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council Local Cultural Council Program, opens on Friday, September 1st.

The [Belmont Cultural Council 2024 grant application](#) process will be open from September 1, 2023 through October 17, 2023. [The Belmont Cultural Council](#) focuses largely on supporting Belmont programs that have enriched the Belmont Community with music, fine arts, interpretive science, and humanitarian initiatives, as well as applicants sponsored by a Belmont organization. Applications and information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available [online](#).

Townwide Yard Sale, September 23rd:

The Select Board was happy to support efforts to establish a Townwide yard sale to be held on September 23, 2023 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM (rain date: September, 30th). Registration is required along with a fee of \$15 and all yard sales will take place at the households of those registered. To register, please visit belmontrec.com.

Emergency Alerts System:

A new Emergency Alerts System went into effect Wednesday, July 17th. The Belmont Police Department has contracted with a new provider for our community notification system. To learn more about the new system, please visit the [Belmont Police website](#) or [click here](#) to view a brochure.

BELMONT TOWN DAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th 11-4
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time: 8:00am - 11:00am | Cost: \$5 | Location: 1 Common St
Belmont Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Includes Pancakes, Juice, Coffee

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm | Location: 1 Common St
Belmont Lions Club Free Eye Test
for kids ages 3-18

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Dunk Tank
Proceeds go to www.belmonthelps.org

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Kiddie Rides | Arts and Crafts Tables | Face Painting

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm | Location: Front of Champions Sporting Goods
Ping Pong Tournament + Face Painting
proceeds go to Rosie's place womens homeless shelter

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm | Location: Moore St
Classic Car Show

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm | Location: Front of M&T Bank
Come See Elsa, Batman, Spiderman and Snow White

Time: 2:00pm | Location: Main Stage | Time: 12:00pm | Location: Main Stage
Pan Asian Coalition Dance | JS US Taekwondo

MUSIC ON THE MAIN STAGE

9:00am – 10:30am.....Jazz Music
11:00am – 2:00pm.....The Reminisants
2:45pm – 4:00pm.....Bill Tracey Quartet

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The Town of Belmont invites you to participate in the first...
Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 23
9am-3pm
Rain date: September 30
9am-3pm

Location: Your Home!
All yard sales will take place at your own household/yard

To register & find more detailed info, go to BelmontRec.com
\$15 Per Household/Yard
Registration Deadline: 9/15/23

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THE BELMONT RECREATION CENTER
BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

What makes Belmont healthy & strong?
Your voice.

When you take the MA Community Health Equity Survey, you're sharing valuable experience that can help build a healthier community. The survey is available in 11 languages, easy to take, and anonymous.

Take the survey now at Mass.gov/Healthsurvey

This survey is part of the Community Health Equity Initiative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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Leslie Davidson

Belmont Town Treasurer/Collector

Each month, Town Administrator Patrice Garvin, recognizes Belmont’s dedicated and 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 is to bring these incredible employee accomplishments to light and act as an opportunity to introduce staff to the Belmont community.

In this month’s Bulletin, Town Administrator Garvin would like to recognize Belmont’s new Town Treasurer/Collector **Leslie Davidson** who joined the Town Treasurer’s Office in July.

Leslie comes to the Town of Belmont with extensive experience in municipal government finance from her tenure in the Towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead and Wenham. Prior to her municipal service, Leslie worked in private-sector banking where she was able to forge her love for numbers into the skills and mindset that prepared her for a career where she would play leading roles in finance.

Leslie says her passion for municipal finance comes from its basis in laws and regulation. As Leslie puts it, “having rules to follow – laws and regulations, they’re my roadmap. Municipal finance, especially in the realm of a Treasurer-Collector has a great degree of certainty and predictability because you can find a root law or regulation to help you map out the solution to a problem.”

Leslie was attracted to Belmont, because she saw it as a terrific opportunity to apply her knowledge and skills toward assisting a community where she believed its structure of government and size could allow her to shine as a collaborative leader. Furthermore, she sees Belmont as a place where she can build and manage lasting and meaningful relationships with the people of the community.

Leslie says she “comes into work ready and looking forward to the tasks that the day brings.” She describes herself as a “problem solver” and “people person” who is ready to work with the Belmont community and her co-workers to get things done. In fact, what Leslie cites as her greatest motivation at work is her team.

“I work with some great people who really motivate me. Odalys Torres, Richard Arria, Janine Doumanian and Karen Kiejna are all helpful and good at what they do. Having been here for a few months, I’m really encouraged that we are forming a strong team. The good work we do doesn’t take one person; it takes all of us.”

The Town Treasurer/Collector’s Office is responsible for collecting all taxes and committed bills issued by the Town. In addition, the Town Treasurer/Collector is responsible for the receipt, posting, classifying, depositing and investment of all money belonging to the Town and bills for various Town departments.

Leslie would like Town residents to be aware that they can explore the [Treasurer/Collector Department webpage](#) to learn more about the services of the department. Also, she would like to remind the community of the [ability to pay tax bills online](#), and to [subscribe to alerts](#) when quarterly tax bills and the annual motor vehicle excise have been mailed.

In her time outside of work Leslie takes great pleasure in time spent with her family. Leslie also takes pride in her ability to “make people laugh and smile.”

Community Updates:

Belmont Fire Department

During the month of August, the Belmont Fire Department officially welcomed two Firefighters on Probation who have completed their firefighter certification training. FFOP Nicholas Volante and FFOP Joseph Brock had their badges pinned by family and friends at a recent ceremony at Fire Department Headquarters. The following week FF Alec Thompson traded his orange probationary firefighter shield for the black helmet shield of a Belmont Firefighter, indicating that he had successfully completed his 12-month probationary period.

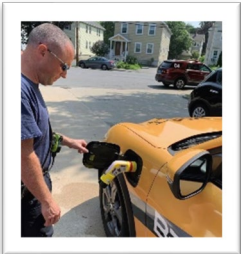
Members of Engine Co. 2 from Belmont Center had an opportunity to visit children and adults alike at Sunday Summer Fun at the Belmont Woman’s Club. Our firefighters also hosted the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Youth Public Safety Academy. We showed some potential future firefighters the “Jaws of Life” with an auto extrication demonstration and put the students through a search and hose-handling evolution specifically designed for their age group.

Engine 1 and the on-duty Shift Commander, along with the Chief and Assistant Chief responded to assist the Lexington Fire Department for a fire on the fourth floor of a very large apartment complex. Having the ability to mutually share resources with our Metro fire partners is key to our operational success.

Our Training Division sponsored a Massachusetts Fire Academy class with the great cooperation of the staff at the Chenery Upper Middle School. About 100 firefighters from around the state attended a very popular presentation on firefighting tactics. In addition, the fire department appreciates the assistance and cooperation from Belmont Light and the Belmont Health Department in allowing us to use two electric vehicles (EV) to help our firefighters training with newly acquired equipment to help us work more safely around EVs.

The Belmont Fire Department would like to thank residents of the Town for their support in the purchase of a new ambulance that was placed in service on August 4th. Members of the fire department, Town Administrator Garvin, and Select Board member Dionne participates in the traditional “push in” ceremony for the new Rescue 1.

Don’t forget to check out the latest episode of **“HOT TOPICS”** with Chief Destefano and Captain David DeMarco available on the Belmont Media Website or by [clicking here](#).



Belmont Recreation Department

Belmont's Recreation Department is busy with all sorts of fun activities! The Recreation Department is proud to announce the publication of its Fall Program's Brochure, where you can check out all the fun programs happening this Fall!

You can always check out all the happenings at the Recreation Department by visiting their website at belmontma.myrec.com.



Please [Click here](#) or the image above to view the Recreation Department's Fall Programs Brochure.

Belmont Public Library

Beyond the racks of books and resources there is a lot happening at the library this month! The Library Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale is back for the final time in the current building - come check out all the great, new-to-you titles on Saturday, September 23 from 9am-4pm and Sunday, September 24, from 1-4pm. Don't forget to sign up for the Townwide Yard Sale for that same weekend too!

Star Party for All Ages!

Join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30PM at Chenery Fields for this unique annual event! Our friends from the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston organization will give a short lecture on what's currently in the night sky, and then we will be able to look through their telescopes and see for ourselves. This all-ages event was the superstar of last year's program line up - you don't want to miss it! Please [register online at the Library's website](#).

Beginner American Sign Language (ASL) is coming to the library!

Beginner ASL is coming to the library on 4 **Thursdays at 7pm starting on September 28!** Did you know that American Sign Language is the fourth most used language in the United States? And ASL Academy is here at the library giving us an introduction to ASL! This four-week course is designed for adult & teen beginners, with a focus on vocabulary and smooth sign production. [Please register for all 4 weeks on the library's website.](#)



Belmont Light Department

Belmont Light Announces Lower Overnight Public EV Charging Fee

In an effort to aid in electric vehicle (EV) adoption for Belmont residents, Belmont Light recently announced a decrease in its fee for overnight charging on public EV charging stations from the daytime fee of \$2.35 per hour to \$1.65 per hour. This lowered rate applies to the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every night. As a reminder, the charging fee does not include any applicable parking fees associated with the parking lots. Currently, Belmont Light operates EV charging stations in the Claflin Street Municipal Lot and at McLean Hospital, with plans to roll out more options in the near future.



Council on Aging

Things are always bopping on Beech Street at the Council on Aging's Beech Street Center. The month on September is no different, with more fun activities and programs to enjoy. You can visit the [Beech Street Center's website](#) for more information and a complete list of events. Check out some of the highlights on the next page!



Beech Street Center Event Highlights:

The BIG EVENT—Belmont Big Band Concert!

Thurs, Sept 28 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10

Come enjoy some of the best tunes from the 1930's and 1940's. Don't forget your toe-tapping shoes! This is an event you don't want to miss. Please call 617-993-2970 to register.

Flu/Covid/RSV Vax Clinic

Wed, Sept 13 at 12:00 p.m. Cost: Free

Come to the Beech Street Center to get your flu/Covid/RSV vaccinations from the team at the Osco Pharmacy ahead of the 2023 "triple-demic winter." Please call 617-993-2970 to register. Walk-ins also welcome!



Back to School: Belmont Historical Society Open House

Fri, Sept 15 at 1:00 p.m. Cost: Free

September marks the beginning of a new partnership between the Council on Aging and the Belmont Historical Society, who will reside in the Beech Street Center while the new Belmont Public Library is under construction. The program will include a celebration of "Back to School" with a display of class photos and yearbooks. Participants are encouraged to bring their own "School Days" photos to share. Come meet and talk with the Historical Society staff and enjoy light refreshments. Please call 617-993-2970 to register.

Meet & Greet with our new Social Work Interns

Tue, Sept 19 at 11:00 a.m. Cost: Free.

Come to the Café in the lobby to meet with our new social work interns who will be working with us from September to April! Grace Anne Pancost from Lesley University will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays starting Sept 5. Elizabeth McIlwain from the Boston University School of Social Work will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept 7. Both students will facilitate groups and provide 1:1 counseling. Stay tuned! Come by to meet Grace and Elizabeth and fill out our newest medical alert form, "Last Wishes." The Belmont Police Department have requested that seniors fill out this form, which contains critical information needed in case of a serious medical emergency. Please call 617-993-2970 to register.

Belmont Health Department

Take the Community Health Equity Survey!

To improve the health of everyone in Massachusetts, we need to center the voices of people and communities who have been long denied an equal chance at health. The Community Health Equity Survey is an opportunity for residents to share their experiences and priorities to help shape the future of our health. The survey will be open from July 31, 2023 through early Fall 2023. Anyone aged 14 and older can take the survey. Taking the survey is voluntary and easy! Just click on this link to get started: <http://www.mass.gov/healthsurvey>.



Public Health
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Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinics:

The Belmont Health Department is partnering with Osco Pharmacy to offer Flu and COVID vaccine clinics in October and November, with clinics planned for the following dates:

- **Wed 10/4/23: 10am to 2pm**
- **Wed 10/11/23: 10am to 2pm**
- **Wed 10/18/23: 10am to 2pm**
- **Wed 11/1/23: 10am to 2pm**
- **Wed 11/8/23: 10am to 2pm**

More information will be available once details are finalized. Please visit the [Belmont Health Department Facebook page](#) for the most up to date vaccine clinic information this fall.