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# Belmont Bulletin

**December 2022**



## December Select Board Meetings

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### Important Dates:

**December 14, 2022:**  
 Budget Summit III

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Happy Holidays! It's a busy time for us all, and in the Town of Belmont things are no different.

As some early shoppers will be busy starting this month off by wrapping presents, we will be busy starting things off by wrapping-up a Special Town Meeting. A special thank you to all of our Town Meeting Members who gathered to do important work on behalf of the Town.

So, take a break from all the hustle and bustle, pour yourself a piping cocoa, tea or coffee—whatever suites your comfort, and nestle up with this month's edition of the Belmont Bulletin!

## Keep Up with the Select Board



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

- [November 7, 2022](#)
- [November 14, 2022](#)
- [November 21, 2022](#)

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

## Select Board Initiatives:

### FY2024 Budget Summits

The next Budget Summit is scheduled for **December 14, 2022**. The main policy making boards and committees – Select Board, School Committee, Warrant Committee and Capital Committee – have attended two Budget Summit meetings so far to discuss the FY24 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](#)

Additionally, Budget Summit presentation materials are available on the [Town Budget Information](#) page of the Website.

### Belmont Bulletin with Town Administrator Patrice Garvin — Nov 10, 2022

Town Administrator, Patrice Garvin, joined Steve Rosales for an interview that aired on Belmont Media October 20, 2022. Topics included the Nov. '22 election and Special Town Meeting. To view the latest episode please [click here](#).

## Community Updates:

### Belmont Fire Department

The month of November was very active for the Belmont Fire Department. In addition to conducting training with our new cold water rescue suits, firefighters practiced orientation and rescue techniques using props that were set up at Fire Department Headquarters. We've included some pictures from the trainings in this month's Bulletin.

With the approach of colder weather, the fire department would like to remind residents of several potentially life-saving fire prevention tips:

#### When using fireplaces and solid fuel stoves:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container, with a lid, away from any structures
- Have the chimney professionally cleaned every year

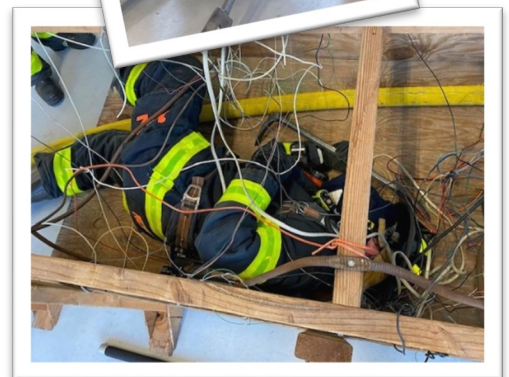
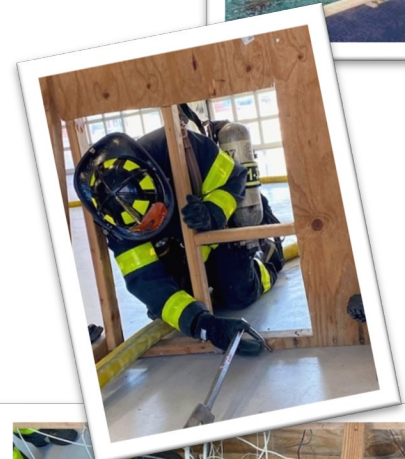
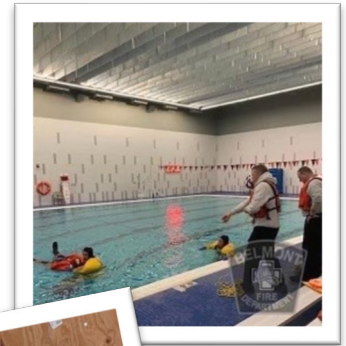
#### Space heaters:

- Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away
- Always turn off when going to bed or leaving home
- Portable kerosene heaters are illegal in MA for home use

#### Carbon Monoxide Dangers

- Install carbon monoxide alarms on every floor of your home
- Don't use the gas stove or oven for heat
- Keep appliance vents and exhaust pipes clear of drifting snow, bushes or other obstructions

For further information about winter fire safety, contact the Belmont Fire Department - Fire Prevention Division at 617-993-2207. **In an emergency always dial 911.**



### Belmont Recreation Department

There are always fun activities happening at the Belmont Recreation Department, and this winter we are in store for nothing but more! Registration for winter programs began on December 1<sup>st</sup> for Belmont Residents and will begin on December 15<sup>th</sup> for non-residents. Check out the [Winter Brochure on the Recreation Department's Website](#) to learn more about upcoming registration deadlines. More programs will be added throughout the Winter, so keep checking the [Recreation Department's website](#) for updates.



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

### Belmont Department of Public Works

The Belmont DPW held a Cardboard Drop-off event on Saturday, December 3, 2022 and will be holding another event on Saturday, January 14, 2023. For more information, please visit [the Belmont DPW webpage](#) or call (617) 993-2680.



## Council on Aging

The Beech Street Center is bubbling with Holiday Spirit with fun events this December! 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.

### Announcements:

#### New Tech Volunteers!

The Beech Street Center is excited to have two new volunteers with us - Kelly Fanning and Sophia Smith. Kelly started in November and will be at the Center on Fridays from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Sophia is available on Wednesdays from 2–3 pm and is a sophomore at Belmont High School. Both Kelly and Sophia can help you understand anything you're confused about on your phone or other devices. No sign-up is required; please call our front desk at 617-993-2970 if you have any questions.

#### Snow Shoveling:

If you or a loved one is in need of snow shoveling, please get in touch with our volunteer coordinator Aimée LeBrun. Aimée is available Mon-Friday from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM and can be reached at 617-993-2979. Please leave your name, number, and street address, and she will follow up about matching a volunteer for shoveling.

### Event Highlights:

#### Giving Tree Holiday Gift Drive:

The holiday season is quickly approaching! Spread some holiday cheer by donating a gift to a resident in need! Our Giving Tree is located in the lobby of the Beech Street Center. You can fill a gift request for a child, teen, or senior and return the unwrapped gift, with the gift code, by **Dec 21st**. This program is sponsored by the Beech Street center and the Belmont Health Department's Youth & Family Services Program. If you have any questions, please call Janet, (617) 993-2983.

#### Special Springwell Holiday Lunch: Thursday, Dec. 15 doors open at 11:30AM

Dress in your best for our annual holiday luncheon with special guests, wonderful food, great company, and a lot of fun! To reserve a lunch, you must fill out a Springwell menu in-person or over the phone **BY Monday, Dec. 12th** at 11AM. Cost: \$3. Please call 617-993-2970 for more information.

#### Meet and Greet with Northeastern University Community Resource Dog: Friday, Dec. 16 at 1:15 p.m.

To help bring some cheer to all of us during this winter season, we are so pleased to welcome Northeastern University and its community resource dog Cooper! Cooper is an English Golden Retriever with a very special job. He works alongside the Northeastern University Police Department as a campus service dog, keeping students safe and providing cuddles. Spend the afternoon learning more about Cooper and how he was trained, and enjoy all the cuddles and kisses Cooper can provide. This event is open to everyone—cost: Free call 617-993-2970 to register.

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## 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. Stay tuned for more updates each month!

[Click here](#) to watch the most recent video updates!

