Happy Halloween! It’s October in Belmont. Lots has taken place over the last month, with more planned for the month ahead!

Take a break from the cool October breeze, comforting smells of pumpkin pie and pumpkin spice alike, as well as those ever-hungry October sweet teeths to check out the October 2022 edition of the Belmont Bulletin!

Select Board Initiatives:

**FY2024 Budget Summit II – October 20, 2022**
The second in a series of budget summits, will take place on **October 20th**. The main policy making boards and committees will attend – Select Board, School Committee, Warrant Committee and Capital Committee – and the summit will be broadcast on Belmont Media. Budget Summit presentation Materials are available on the Town **Budget Information** page of the Website.

**Select Board Public Forum— October 27, 2020**
The Select Board will be having a public forum to discuss Special Town Meeting Article 9 of the Town Warrant, “Elected Treasurer to Appointed/hired.” Please monitor the Select Board webpage for updates on meeting information.

**Fall Town Meeting**
Mark your Calendars! The Town of Belmont will be having Town Meeting this fall on the following dates: **November 29, 2022; November 30, 2022; and December 1, 2022**

**Committees/Annual Appointments:**
To view a full list of vacancies, renew, or apply please visit the Volunteer Opportunities webpage. Please contact the Town Administrator’s Office with any questions at 617-993-2610.
Community Updates:

**Belmont Fire Department**

In the month of September, the Belmont Fire Department participated in Public Safety Day at the Farmer’s Market. Engine Co. 2 was on display as well as the EMS equipment and bikes from our new Bike Unit. Members provided educational materials and engaged youngsters and adults about emergency responses and all aspects of a safe community.

On September 11th the fire department hosted our annual 9/11 memorial observance. Active and retired firefighters, Belmont Police, the Select Board, and other community leaders were in attendance along with Belmont residents who vowed to “never forget.”

The second edition of the **Belmont Fire Department educational TV program**, “Hot Topics,” is now available “on demand” at the Belmont Media website. This episode features life-saving information on the use of Belmont’s public AED’s. Please tune in!

**Belmont Recreation Department**

There are 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 month of October will see the Higginbottom Pool open for public swim. Additionally, the ice-skating season is almost here! This year the Rec. Dept. is excited to announce a new membership program for unlimited access to stick and puck and public skate hours. Purchasing a rink and pool membership together will give you a 10% discount.

Lastly, the Rec. Dept. is organizing Nashoba Ski Trips! **Click here** for more information.

**Belmont Health Department**

The Belmont Health Department has received 13,320 free iHealth rapid COVID-19 test kits (two per box) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Throughout the Fall (or while supplies last), these test kits will be made available for residents to pick up as needed at no cost. Test kits can be picked up at Health Department, Library, Town Administrator’s Office, Human Resources, Town Clerk’s Office, Beech St Center, Belmont Food Pantry, Belmont Housing Authority, and farmer’s market. The Health Department is also hosting another COVID Vaccine Booster Clinic on October 6th. **Click Here** for more information.
**Council on Aging**

The Beech Street Center is bursting with fun events this October! Check out some highlighted events below. Please visit the [Beech Street Center’s website](#) for more information and a complete list of events.

**COA Event Highlights:**

- **Auto Repair for Everyone:** Oct 7, 14, and 21 from 2-4PM
- **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month:** Friday, Oct 14 from 5:30-8:30PM
- **First Aid and CPR with the Belmont Fire Dept. on Friday, Oct. 28 at 1:15PM**

**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. An [event calendar](#) has been released, and you can visit the [Belmont Library website](#) for more information and to sign up for fun literary events for all ages!

Additionally, throughout this month there will be tours of the Belmont Public Library. [Click Here](#) for more information about how to sign up for a tour.

**Belmont Light**

September 17, 2022 saw Belmont Light, Sustainable Belmont and the Belmont Energy Committee gather with the Belmont Community for a home, garden, and garage electrification event at Chenery Middle School.

The event was a huge success in connecting Belmont residents with sustainable electric technologies. Find out more on the [Belmont Light Website](#), Facebook, and Instagram.

**Belmont Cultural Council**

The [Belmont Cultural Council](#), in conjunction with the Mass Cultural Council, has set **September 1st through October 17th** as the application period for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the Belmont community. The online application is available on the [Mass Cultural Council Website](#).

**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!