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TOWN OF BELMONT

September 1, 2021

Here is the Town Administrator's bulletin for the month of September. We hope to provide continued information on public forums, Select Board initiatives and updates.

Public Forums, Input Sessions and Town Meeting (live, or may have remote participation option):

- Saturday, September 11, 2021 20th Anniversary Memorial for 9/11 at 9:00AM: Please join us in observing the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. A brief in-person ceremony will commence at 9:00am at the Fire Department Headquarters on Trapelo Road.
- Tuesday, September 21, 2021 MEND BELMONT, Time TBD: On International Peace Day, the
 Town is preparing to hold a public forum to discuss race and inclusion in the Town of
 Belmont. This will be a remote meeting.
- Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm 2nd Fuel Tank Public Forum. The Town will hold its second public forum on the installation of fuel tanks at the DPW Yard on C Street. This will be a remote meeting.
- Monday, October 11, 2021 Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, Time TBD: The Town is
 preparing to hold an in-person celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, to commemorate
 the Town's first celebration of this important day.

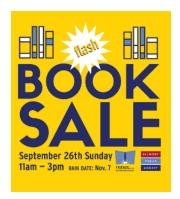
Select Board Initiatives

- Age Friendly Action Committee: The Town approved the Age Friendly Action Committee, whose purpose is to implement the recommendations of the Age Friendly Community. This Committee is looking for volunteers in the community to serve. Please contact the Select Board's Office at 617-993-2610 or click on the following link.
 https://www.belmont-ma.gov/home/pages/volunteer-opportunities
- FY23 Operating Budget, Free Cash & American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA): The Town recently received its certified Free Cash. This is an early certification thanks to the efforts of our Town Accountant Glen Castro. This early certification gives the Town more time to plan and prepare the FY23 Operating Budget. For more information on Free Cash and ARPA please click on the following link:
 - https://www.belmont-ma.gov/select-board/files/2021-08-30-fy21-free-cash-presentation

General Updates:

<u>Library:</u> The Friends of the Belmont Public Library will be hosting a fall outdoor Book Sale from 11am – 3pm on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Come buy tons of new and gently used books and media! Rain date is Sunday, November 7, 2021.

The Friends book sales fund diverse library programs for all ages. Unable to attend? Make a donation to the FoBPL here. Join us in supporting our library!



<u>Fire Department</u> On August 19th the Belmont Fire Department placed a new pumper in service at Engine Company 2 located at the firehouse at 99 Leonard Street. The 2021 E-One pumper features a 1500 gallon per minute pump, integrated foam delivery system, and has been configured to support the diverse missions of the modern fire service. In addition to its firefighting capability Engine 2 has the capability to support hazardous materials responses, technical rescue incidents, and provide advanced life support medical care.



During the dedication Chief DeStefano mentioned, "together with a crew of skilled firefighters this truck optimizes our service capability and keeps our residents safer with the latest technology. Based here at Station 2 this company protects half of the entire town with rapid response and efficient service."

In addition Chief DeStefano thanked the firefighters for their commitment to the department, especially those who served on the committee that wrote the specifications for the apparatus: Asst. Chief Wayne Haley, Capt. Andrew

Tobio, Capt. Robert Wollner, Lt. Gerrard Benoit, FF Ross Vona. Further, he thanked the people of Belmont for their support in funding the purchase of the truck. Within minutes of being officially placed in service Engine 2 responded on its first alarm.