

POWER Connection

Belmont Light Quarterly Newsletter

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Belmont Substation Project

The project to bring a new substation and transmission line to Belmont that will meet the immediate and long-term capacity and reliability needs of Belmont is well underway. To date, the project has been focused on an extensive analysis of potential transmission options and costs, negotiations with NSTAR determining future ownership responsibilities, obtaining the necessary land and easement rights from private owners as well as the MBTA and the development of a sophisticated management oversight and full project schedule matrix. With these critically important preliminary benchmarks achieved, the project is now preparing to enter the physical development stages.



In September, Belmont Light filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Belmont Conservation Commission for the demolition of the existing building and further site work at 20 Flanders Road, the site of the future substation. The NOI is required because portions of the parcel lie within the 200 foot Riverfront Area to an unnamed tributary from Blair Pond to Alewife Brook, the 100 foot buffer zone for the Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with Blair Pond and the Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (the 100 year flood zone).

Although the parcel lies within these several resource areas, the future use of the parcel will not impact the resource areas to any greater degree than the current use. The installation and proper maintenance of erosion control measures will result in the project having negligible impact on the adjacent Bordering Vegetated Wetlands associated with Blair Pond and Wellington Brook. Further, as a development, the existing storm water management will be improved in future phases resulting in improved management and discharge of storm waters from the project site.

Once the Conservation Commission has reviewed the project details for 20 Flanders Road bids will be accepted and a contractor will be chosen for the demolition, the first phase of physically constructing the new facility.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this important project you are encouraged to call Belmont Light at 617-993-2838.

Belmont Light Observes 27th Anniversary of Public Power Week and Energy Awareness Month

As one of more than 2000 utilities in the United States, Belmont Light Department is celebrating the benefits of Public Power during the month of October. This year marks the 27th anniversary of the first Public Power Week celebration sponsored by the American Public Power Association. Approximately 40 million Americans, or almost 15 percent of electricity consumers receive their electricity from a public power utility.

Public Power Week is an opportunity for utilities like Belmont Light to celebrate the benefits of being a consumer-owned public power utility which provides adequate, reliable, not-for-profit electricity at a reasonable price with proper protection of the environment.

Belmont Light is also celebrating Energy Awareness Month throughout the month of October. Since 1991, the United States Department of Energy had designated October as Energy Awareness Month to promote the wise and efficient use of our nation's energy resources. Belmont Light offers a number of energy-saving opportunities for its residential, business and industrial customers. For more information, visit the website www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Light/index, or call 617-993-2800.

Belmont Light historical calendars will be available in November

The popular historical calendar will be available to Belmont Light customers in November, while supplies last. Calendars will be available at the Business Office at 40 Prince Street and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in early December.

Belmont Light reminders...

Belmont Light business office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, October 14, 2013 – Columbus Day

Monday, November 11, 2013 – Veterans' Day

Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, 2013 – Thanksgiving

December 25, 2013 – in observance of Christmas

January 1, 2014 – New Years Day

If you have an emergency, please call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800.

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COMMUNITY News...

Department of Public Works: Highway Division

FALL YARD WASTE INFORMATION



Leaves and yard waste will be collected curbside EVERY week on your regular trash day between October 28th and December 12th if they are in trash barrels (no greater than 32 gallons or more than 50 pounds) marked with two yard waste stickers provided by the Town or put in 30 gallon brown biodegradable paper bags (not weighing more than 50 pounds).

No plastic bags will be accepted from October 28th through December 14th. Residents may bring leaves in any type of clean container and empty them into the community compost pile at the Transfer Station at 1130 Concord Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 am and 12:30 to 3:00 pm (except November 11th, Veteran's Day and November 28th, Thanksgiving Day). The Transfer Station will also be open on seven Saturdays (November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Dec. 7th and 14th) from 8:00 to 11:30 am and 12:30 to 4:00 pm. Residents should bring identification (driver's license) to verify Belmont residency.

Please call the Highway Division at (617) 993-2690 if you have questions or would like information about composting.



Sustainable Belmont

Keep warm this winter while saving money and cutting your energy consumption!

(From the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation)

- Change your furnace filter monthly and have your furnace cleaned annually.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated.
- Weatherstrip doors and windows.
- Open curtains on the sunny side of your home to let the sun in and close curtains on the shady side
- Install a programmable thermostat so you can lower the heat when no one is home and at night while everyone is sleeping.
- Close heating vents or turn back thermostats in areas of your house you don't use regularly, and close the doors.
- Keep baseboard heaters and radiators clean and make sure your furniture and curtains are not blocking the vents.
- Minimize your use of bathroom or kitchen hood ventilation fans.
- Wrap your water heater in an insulation blanket to prevent heat loss.
- Wash only full loads of clothes or dishes at a time and use cold water.

11th Annual Meet Belmont



New Belmont residents Dwight and Anna Kim stopped by the Belmont Light booth at the 11th Annual Meet Belmont to learn more about the utility and its programs, including the popular ENERGY STAR appliance rebate program. Belmont Light General Manager Jim Palmer, right, welcomed them to the community and answered some of their questions about Belmont Light.



Belmont Light General Manager Jim Palmer, right, had an opportunity to meet several new Belmont residents during Meet Belmont held recently at the Chenery Middle School. Among those new residents who stopped by the Belmont Light booth were Taylor and Marie Killian and their daughter, Anne.