

Craig Spinale named Acting General Manager



Craig Spinale has been named Belmont Light's Acting General Manager. He joined Belmont Light in 2012 as Director of Operations and has been responsible for overseeing the day-to-day internal operations and providing leadership and support to the utility's engineering and operations staff while assisting the department in achieving its overall goals.

Craig previously worked at National Grid, serving as a supervisor in the company's Operation Engineering Group for 14 years, where he gained expertise in project management and supervising teams of engineers.

Craig holds a BS in Project Management and an AS in Electrical Engineering Technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology, along with a Massachusetts Journeyman's Electrical License.

Belmont Light Completes Connection to Blair Pond Substation

Belmont Light has completed the cutting over of the electrical delivery system from its former system to one fed through the new Blair Pond Substation. To make the connection, four planned power outages were conducted from August 16th to August 30th in several areas of town.

According to Acting General Manager Craig Spinale, who oversaw the connection work, the power outages were carefully planned to avoid any complications. The utility also worked closely with police, fire and other emergency services to ensure that these services were unaffected in those areas and able to respond in an emergency.

"We understand that a power outage can be an inconvenience to our customers and we appreciate the cooperation of all residents and businesses throughout these planned outages," the Acting General Manager said. "The process went smoothly and the entirety of Belmont is now being served through the Blair Pond Substation."

Farmers Market

Belmont Light will be at the Belmont Farmers' Market in the Claflin Street Parking Lot on the following dates from 2-6 p.m.:

- Thursday, September 14th - Come celebrate National Drive Electric Week and get information on the EV test drive event on Sunday, September 17th.
- Thursday, October 5th - Help us celebrate Public Power Week and learn about all the benefits of municipal power.

Test Drive an Electric Vehicle during National Drive Electric Week

Belmont Drives Electric, in partnership with Sustainable Belmont, Belmont Light, Belmont Energy Committee and residents of Belmont, will participate in National Drive Electric Week with free test drives, giveaways, food and more on Sunday, September 17th at the Chenery Middle School from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Belmont Drives Electric, a local initiative designed to highlight the benefits of driving electric vehicles and connect Belmont residents to rebates, incentives, and free test drives has led the way in making Belmont (02478) the leading ZIP code for EV adoption in all of Massachusetts.

The September 17th event will feature test drives from a number of dealerships, demonstrations from local EV owners, community information tables, the Phinix Grill food truck, music, games, and more.

Electric vehicles are affordable, thanks to Belmont's group-buy deals combined with the Commonwealth's robust rebate program. In addition, Belmont Light offers an annual performance-based rebate for overnight charging: 15% off Belmont Light's applicable retail rate for using program-eligible charging equipment and charging between the hours of 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. A \$250 rebate is also available for electric vehicle owners who install a level 2 charger. Information about the charger rebate will also be available at the September 17th event.

To learn more about the event, or to register for a test drive, visit <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1044>.



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

Columbus Day – Monday, October 9th

Veterans Day – Friday, November 10th

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 23rd

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

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Meet Belmont



Debra Bottiglio, center, Belmont Light Senior Customer Service Representative, answered questions about Belmont Light and talked to local residents about

ways to save energy during the 15th Annual Meet Belmont. Belmont residents Janet MacDonald and Janice Ellard received information and energy saving materials at the event.



Acting General Manager Craig Spinale, right, welcomed Belmont residents Wendy Murphy, Mary-Ellen Oberhauser and Tomi Olsen to the Belmont Light table at the 15th Annual Meet Belmont. Craig discussed some of the programs and services offered by Belmont Light.

Be Prepared for a Storm

The devastating floods and destruction caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma remind us that natural disasters can - and do - happen. Even when the storms pale in comparison, weather-related outages and damage to parts of the system should be anticipated—especially during hurricane season. Belmont Light customers should be prepared for severe weather during hurricane season by taking the following precautionary steps:

Prior to a Storm

- Make sure you have enough emergency supplies on hand in case you are without power for an extended period of time.
- Have plenty of fresh batteries and flashlights (don't use candles during a power outage unless absolutely necessary).
- Use a portable, battery-powered radio and/or television to be aware of any updates.
- Get a wind-up or battery-powered clock.
- Stock up on nonperishable food and bottled water.
- Keep cash on hand, ATMs may not work when the power is out.
- Make sure that everyone knows how to manually open and close any electric security or garage doors.
- Protect electric equipment, such as computers, televisions and microwaves by installing power strips.
- Have a battery back-up system if your smoke alarms are wired to your home's electrical system.
- Have an emergency plan in place if a member of your household depends on life-support or needs other medical equipment. This may include a back-up power source or transportation to another facility.
- If a storm is expected, make sure your cell phone, laptops, and tablets are charged.
- Avoid using the elevator if a storm is imminent; use the stairs instead.

During an Outage

- Don't call 911 to ask about the power outage. Check the neighborhood to see if everyone is without power and then call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800 to report the outage.
- Stay indoors, but if you do need to go out, use extreme caution, especially on roads without working traffic signals. Be cautious of any downed power lines - they may be live.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to prevent food spoilage.
- Never use your gas grill or charcoal grill indoors for cooking.
- Shut-off any electronic equipment that was operating when the power went off.
- Shut-off all your major electric appliances to stabilize the electric system when power is restored.
- If the power is still on when you go to bed, shut-off electronic equipment such as computers, televisions, microwaves and printers.
- Leave one light on so you know when power is restored.
- Belmont Light crews will be out to restore power as quickly and safely as possible which may not be until the storm has passed.

When Power is Restored

- Wait a few minutes before turning on major electric appliances. This will help eliminate problems that could occur if there's a surge in demand immediately after power is restored.
- If you think that electric power has been restored to your area but your home is still without power, call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800.

If You Own a Generator

- Never plug a generator into any electric outlets. Generators can feed electricity back into the power lines, causing dangerous conditions for our repair crews. You could damage your appliances or your neighbors' appliances.