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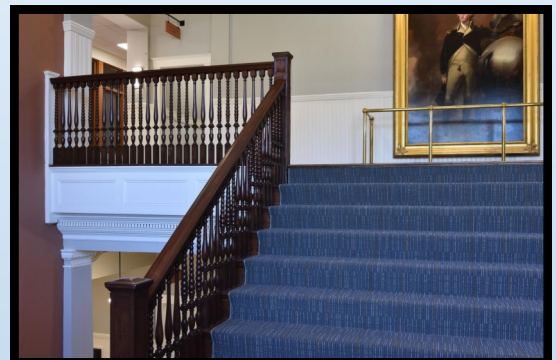
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Take A Photo Tour of the Ames Building

The Historic Ames Building, named after Dedham Native Fisher Ames, was first constructed as a school in 1897, and was repurchased by the town in 2014. Although the new Town Hall is not yet open to the public, we can now take a sneak peek inside the building.

Visit the [Town of Dedham's website](#) for more photos of the impressive structure.





September 2020

Public meetings are being postponed or held remotely. The state's Open Meeting Law has been modified to enable local governments to carry out essential functions during the COVID-19 outbreak per the governor's emergency order. Please refer to the Town calendar to join a public meeting remotely by using the links or dial-in instructions published in the meeting's agenda.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, dedhamcovid19.com, for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts.

Locally, residents are always encouraged to contact the Dedham Health Department at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns.

By continuing to practice social distancing, regular handwashing, and wearing a face covering, we can ensure that our return to the new normal is not delayed.





As summer turns to fall and we enter this next new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town stands by to help residents meet their needs.

The *COVID-19 Resource Guide*: A compilation of resources available for residents in need, including support for financial assistance, housing, food, utilities, childcare, and healthcare, as well as specific information for our senior community and for veterans. Download the guide at <https://dedhamcovid19.com/resident-resources>.

The *COVID-19 Resource Line*: Residents can call a new phone line, 781-751-9126, to be connected with resources or information. The Resource Line is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Outside of those hours, residents can leave a voicemail that will be returned the next business day. Translation services are available and all inquiries are confidential.

Can you help?

The Dedham COVID-19 Relief Fund, established by Dedham Town Manager Leon Goodwin, the Select Board, the Dedham COVID-19 Relief Task Force, and other community leaders in partnership with United Way of Massachusetts Bay, will help individuals and families who have been financially impacted by this coronavirus pandemic with a focus on our most economically vulnerable neighbors.

All gifts are tax-deductible and 100% of the proceeds (net credit card fees) will go to individuals seeking assistance via nonprofits already working in our community. Donations can be made by credit card online at <https://bit.ly/DedhamRelief> or by sending a check to United Way of Massachusetts Bay, PO Box 51381, Boston, MA 02205-1381. Please make checks out to United Way of Massachusetts Bay and include "Dedham COVID-19 Relief Fund" in the memo of the check.

Funds are distributed via Dedham nonprofit organizations including the Dedham Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Societies.

Dedham COVID-19 Relief

Thanks to the Fontaine Family for supporting the Dedham COVID-19 Relief Fund with their Fontaine's Flames pizza-making efforts! Earlier this summer, the family made pizzas and sold them to neighbors and friends to benefit their neighbors impacted by the pandemic. In other weeks, the family has donated proceeds to the Dedham Food Pantry and to Black Lives Matter.



"People who aren't even ordering the pizzas are donating each week. It's just incredible to see you can take something so small and just know you're helping people in your community. I know it means a lot to them and all of us," Patti Fontaine told WBZ News, which profiled the family in a TV segment about good news during COVID-19.



massDOT

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

UPDATE

MassDOT Project #608587 – Bridge St (Route 109) & Ames St

MassDOT's project began in August. The project limits are along the State Highway's portions of Bridge Street (Dedham Town Line to Ames Street) and Ames Street (Bridge Street to Ames Street Bridge). The project work includes minor roadway widening, sidewalk reconstruction, resurfacing the roadway, re-striping the roadway and reconstruction of the signal at Bridge/Ames Street intersection. The project will include creating ADA-compliant ramps and include designating 5 to 6-foot wide shoulders as bike lanes. The project is anticipated to be completed by the Spring of 2023.

For questions or concerns related to MassDOT's project, please contact the MassDOT Field Office personnel:

Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us

Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us

Board of Health



The Board of Health wishes to remind residents that while COVID19 is in the forefront, please be mindful and aware of West Nile and EEE and take the necessary precautions.

Using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellents with one of the active ingredients below has been proven safe and effective. (See [CDC website here](#) for additional information.)



- ◆ DEET
- ◆ Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 outside of the US)
- ◆ IR3535
- ◆ Oil of lemon-eucalyptus (OLE)
- ◆ Para-menthane-diol (PMD)
- ◆ 2-undecanone

Council on Aging

SHREDDING EVENT

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020

9:00AM– 1:00PM

Town Hall Parking Lot

On **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 from 9:00AM– 1:00PM** the Dedham Council on Aging will be sponsoring a shredding event.

The shredding truck will be on site at the Town Hall parking lot to receive documents for shredding. There are no requirements for residency or age, so anyone can bring their shredding on that day. Let your friends and neighbors know. Many of us have been home a lot, and may have been cleaning out, accumulating lots of documents to be shredded.

Acceptable Items

- ◇ Plain/Assorted Copy Paper
- ◇ Envelopes
- ◇ Junk Mail
- ◇ Newspapers
- ◇ Cardboard
- ◇ ATM Receipts
- ◇ Canceled and Voided Checks
- ◇ Bank Statements
- ◇ Credit Card Bills
- ◇ Expired Passports, visas and driver's licenses

Please call the Council on Aging at (781) 326-1650 for more information.



DEDHAM FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



**Feeding the
Community**



The Food Pantry Has Moved Their Location!

They are now located at [797 Providence Highway](#) at the old Panera building on the Route 1 side, next to the Star Market.

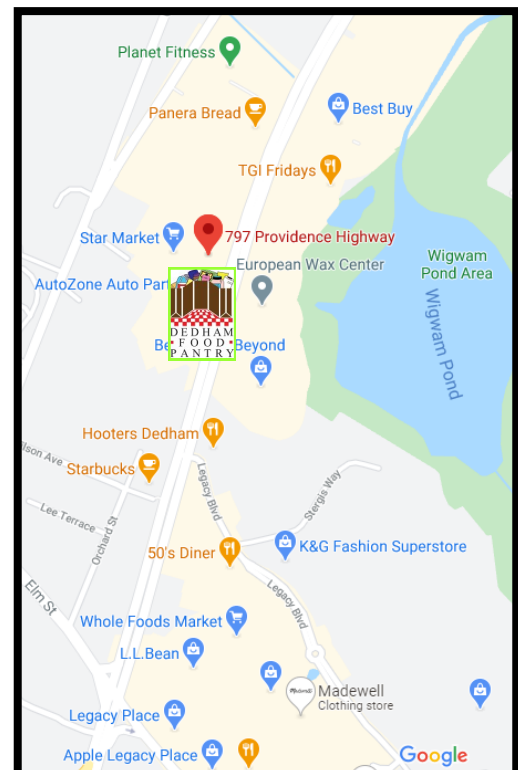
Food Pantry Hours:

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 1:30p – 3:00p
- Every Thursday from 2:30p – 4:30p
- Every Saturday from 8a – 11a

Food Pantry Address: 797 Providence Highway Dedham, MA 02026

Mailing address: Dedham Food Pantry
P.O. Box 46 Dedham, MA 02027 (To mail checks/correspondence)

Phone: 781-320-9442 or if you require a callback: 781-269-1541



Engineering Department

Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvements Project Update:

Construction for the Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvements Project began on Monday, 6/22. The project started at Station 48+86 (near #105 Rustcraft Road) with the excavation for and installation of the new 10" force main. As of 8/28, the contractor has installed approximately 3,300 LF of the 10" force main. Construction will continue to head towards the Kiss N' Ride along Rustcraft Road and onto the property of AvalonBay (250 Station Circle) within the Town of Dedham's Sewer Easement over the next month. Police details are out each day directing traffic around the work site.

For more detailed information regarding this project and to get week to week updates on project schedule, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/engineering/projects/rustcraft-road-sewer-improvements>

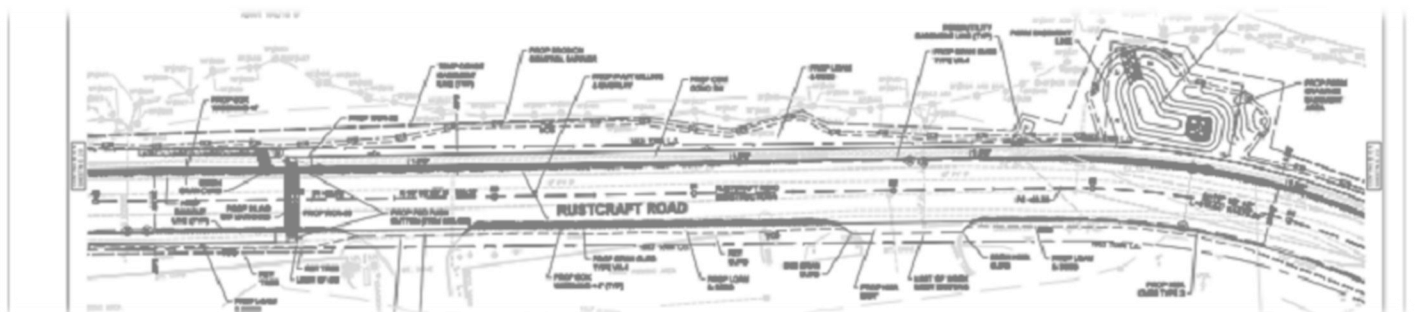


Engineering Department

Sewer Regulation:

As a result of the Town Manager adopting the new Private Infiltration Policy, the current version of the Town's Sewer Regulations needed to be updated to include the new policy. The updated regulations also include house-keeping updates such as changing "Town Administrator" to "Town Manager", updates to Section 5.0.8 Sewer Permit Process, updates to Section 5.1.4 Grease Traps and an update to our fee schedule.

The revised Sewer Regulations were approved by the Town Manager on 8/3/20 and became EFFECTIVE on 9/1/20. A news article was posted on the Town's website along with an article in the Dedham Times on 8/7/20. Postponing the effective date to 9/1 was done to allow time for contractors and residents to become familiar with the updated regulations. For those interested in reading the revised Sewer Regulations and/or the Private Infiltration Removal Policy, please visit the Engineering Dept's webpage [here](#).



Office of the Treasurer/Collector

Office of the Treasurer/Collector – September Important Billing Information

Below is a status update on the Town's sewer bills, as well as the real estate, personal property, and excise tax bills.

Please call 781-751-9160 with any questions.

- ◆ The 1st quarter FY21 real estate, and personal property tax bills were due on 8.3.20, and are now past due with interest accruing daily so the balance due is higher each day. Payments can be mailed to the lockbox in envelopes included with bills; paid online with Invoice Cloud via the Town's website (www.dedham-ma.gov) using an ACH method from a bank account (\$.40 fee), or a credit card (fee scale based on balances). Checks can be placed in the secure silver drop-box located in the alcove to the left of the main entrance to the new Town Hall. (The box is attached to the building). Payments received after hours in the drop-box will be credited on the next business day. If mailing, or using the drop-box, additional funds should be added to cover both the tax, and the interest amounts. The FY20 real estate, and personal property tax bills are past due with interest accruing daily. Demand bills will be issued shortly on unpaid balances. Partial payments are allowed, but interest will be charged on any balance remaining until paid in full. Postmarks are not accepted. After the demand period, bills will be assigned to the Deputy Collector, PKS, to send warrants with additional fees, and interest. Partial payments can be made to that office until the tax taking process begins when physical liens are recorded on properties to protect the Town's legal interest in each property.
- ◆ Motor vehicle excise tax bills are in various collection stages based on the issue, and due dates. If a bill is past due, it is advisable to pay it immediately to avoid additional fees, and interest. Partial payments are NOT accepted on motor vehicle excise taxes. Accounts assigned to the Deputy Collector, PKS, must be paid directly to that office.
- ◆ Sewer bills that were due on 7.1.20 are now delinquent with interest accruing daily. Please make your full payment promptly to avoid additional interest. Partial payments are allowed even though interest will accrue on any balance remaining after the due date until paid in full.
- ◆ New sewer bills will be mailed in September. When received, please pay the bill promptly to avoid it being added ("liened") to the real estate tax bills later on this year.

JOIN THE DEDHAM PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING AMENDMENTS

6 PM | Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Proposed Zoning Amendments

- Mixed Use Development
 - Affordable/Inclusionary Housing as part of certain Mixed-Use or Age Restricted Projects
 - Planned Residential Development
 - Special Permit Lapse
 - Digitization of the Zoning Bylaw
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ZOOM.COM

WEBINAR ID: 930 2186 2082

PHONE: 1-646-558-8656

DOCUMENTS: [BIT.LY/PBFALLTM2020](https://bit.ly/PBFALLTM2020)

Comments/Questions:

jdoherthy@dedham-ma.gov or

(781) 751-9240



Planning and Zoning

Sign Code Study

As part of the ongoing Sign Code Study to update the current Sign Code Bylaw, the PZ department is conducting an interactive, multi-faceted Sign Code Virtual Open House. We hope you can participate with family, friends, or individually in this Sign Code Study by clicking [here](#).

Town of Dedham
Sign Code Bylaw Study



The Town of Dedham is updating its Sign Code Bylaw and wants to hear from YOU!

Please join us for a
Brief Video Presentation
Sign Code BINGO!
Coloring Book for Kids
Survey

Participate for a chance to win one of five \$50 Visa gift cards!

bit.ly/DedhamSignCodeOpenHouse

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
From August - September

  **Steve Cecil Planning and Design**

Planning and Zoning

Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan Update

The Master Plan Committee continues to meet monthly to discuss and develop goals/strategies for topic areas.



Join Us!

Upcoming Dedham Master Plan Committee Meetings

 <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>7/21/20</p>	 <p><i>Transportation</i></p> <p>8/18/20</p>	 <p><i>Housing</i></p> <p>9/15/20</p>	 <p><i>Public Health and Livability</i></p> <p>10/20/20</p>
 <p><i>Natural, Cultural, Historic Resources</i></p> <p>11/17/20</p>	 <p><i>Land Use</i></p> <p>12/15/20</p>	 <p><i>Community Services and Facilities</i></p> <p>1/12/21</p>	

All meetings start at 7 pm

www.zoom.com
 Webinar ID: 987 0124 1041
 Phone: 1-646-558-8656
www.DesigningDedham2030.org

Planning and Zoning

Parking Meters Installed Near the Courthouses

Subcontractors for Municipal Parking Services (MPS) are working to install parking meters around Dedham Square. The project started near the intersection of High and Bullard streets and will move east toward the Providence Highway in the coming months.

Phase I of the work will stop at the intersection of High and Washington street. To avoid disrupting the outdoor restaurant seating areas that have been installed around Dedham Square, Phase 2 of the installation is being paused and will begin sometime this fall.

The project area encompasses 152 on-street spaces. Workers will lay nearly three-quarters of a mile of cable for power and data to support the 91 meters. The project is proceeding under a revenue-sharing agreement between the Town and MPS in which the company bears the cost of the equipment and its installation.



Town of Dedham
Board of Health

PROTECT YOURSELF PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases
like flu & COVID-19



Wash your hands often with soap & warm water, or use an alcohol-based gel.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.



Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.



Clean high-touch areas (doorknobs/counter tops etc.) with household cleaning spray or wipes



Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.

For up to date information visit mass.gov or cdc.gov

Planning and Zoning

Planning & Zoning Gets Organized

Town staff, working with King Information Systems, have moved nearly all the department's land use records into an open filing system and databased plan and map storage to provide faster, easier access to files.

Previously, land use records were organized in separate filing systems and stored in lateral filing cabinets.

The new system allows all files to be organized by street, and the open shelving requires less square footage. The new plans and maps storage system replaces large format drawers in which records were stacked on top of each other, creating challenges to retrieval.

BEFORE



AFTER!





Town Hall Talk will be published monthly and will be available on the [Town website](#).

Please subscribe to receive notification of each new issue!

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