



# Town Hall Talk

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## Election Day: November 3, 2020

The polls will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm on Election Day. Masks will be required.

### Polling Locations:

Pct 1 New Dedham Town Hall (back entrance), 450 Washington St.

Pct 2 Riverdale School, 143 Needham St.

Pct 3 Mother Brook Art and Community Center, 123 High St.

Pct 4 & 6 Dedham Middle School (rear gym entrance), 70 Whiting Ave.

Pct 5 & 7 Greenlodge School, 191 Greenlodge St.

Remember, if you have already voted by absentee ballot, early voting by mail -in, or in person early ballot, you will not be able to vote on election day.

The Ballot Drop off box is located in the rear of the new Town Hall. Ballots will be accepted in the box up until November 3<sup>rd</sup> by 8:00pm..

*Town Clerk, Paul Munchbach seen here stamping ballots. Over 11,000 Dedham voters have taken advantage of early voting.*



# NOVEMBER 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](https://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.



**Save the dates! Save the dates! Save the dates! Save the dates!**

# Dedham Fall Town Meeting Calendar

All meetings begin at 7 pm and take place online unless otherwise noted.



## Informational Meetings

Public Safety Building Q and A  
Tuesday, October 27

District Chairs' Warrant Review  
Wednesday, November 18

Town Meeting Q and A Session  
Monday, November 23

Town Meeting  
Monday, November 30



## Zoom Training Sessions

*Fall Town Meeting will be held via Zoom. In an effort to ensure all Town Meeting Members are comfortable with the technology & how Town Meeting procedures will be conducted online, the Moderator has organized Zoom training sessions. Town Meeting Members should plan to attend one session.*

Mon., October 26th at 7 pm    Wed., October 28th at 7 pm  
Mon., November 2nd at 2 pm    Thurs., November 5th at 7 pm  
Sat., November 14th at 10 am

An in-person training will be held Monday, November 9th at 7 pm for people who need accommodations. Please contact Moderator Dan Driscoll at [djdriscoll29@gmail.com](mailto:djdriscoll29@gmail.com) for details.

# 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](mailto:Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us)

Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, [Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us)

## Don't Forget to "Fall Back" one Hour on November 1st!

### Did you know?

About 40% of countries use Daylight Saving Time to conserve energy and make the most out of daylight hours!

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/history.html>



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# Conservation Department

## Spotted Lanternfly Could be in Dedham

The Town of Dedham is asking the community to report any possible sightings of the spotted lanternfly (SLF). According to the [massrnc.org](http://massrnc.org), SLF is found on a wide range of plants. While its main host is the invasive tree of heaven, SLF can also be found on the grape, apple, maple birch, willow, plum, pine and more than 100 other plants. SLF is an invasive sap-feeding insect from Asia that was first found in the United States in 2014 in Pennsylvania.



Photo Credit: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

The nymphs of this species tend to be less picky about host plants, [massrnc.org](http://massrnc.org) reports whereas the adults tend to prefer tree of heaven to feed on and lay their eggs.

SLF was first discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania in September 2014. It is thought to have arrived on a stone shipment around 2012. It has since spread to 26 counties in Pennsylvania and is under a quarantine in that state.

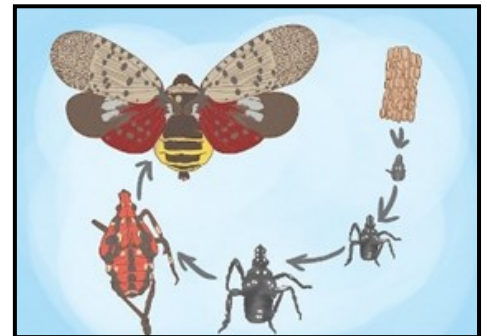
Since then, SLF infestations have also been found in several states; including Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and West Virginia. In December 2018, a single dead adult spotted lanternfly was found in Boston.

### Description of damage:

- Adults and nymphs of this species cause significant damage by feeding on sap from the stems and leaves of host plants as well as the trunks of the trees.
- Adult lanternflies damage plants by feeding on the sap and excreting honeydew. The honeydew then causes sooty mold and attracts other insects that may also cause damage to the plant

### Key Features

- Adults have brownish-gray forewings with black spots and appear dull when at rest.
- When disturbed the lanternfly will hop or fly away, revealing bright red and white hindwings.
- Overwinters as a gray egg mass laid on any smooth flat surface. The egg mass resembles mud.
- The first three instar nymphs are black with varying amounts of white speckling. The final, fourth instar nymph is red, black, and white. The nymphs can be found on host plants, often feeding on the softer parts of the plants.



**Dedham Conservation asks residents to remain vigilant due to the danger of this pest. If you have any questions about SLF please contact the Conservation Department at 781-751-9212 or email [conservation@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:conservation@dedham-ma.gov).**

# Council on Aging



## We had a Successful Coffee Social and Flu Clinic

Thank you to Sheriff Jerry McDermott and Joe Canavan, for providing information to the Seniors about the [Yellow Dot](#) program, and Jessica Tracy, Public Health Nurse, who helped organize Flu Shots for the Seniors. Thanks to the Endicott Estate for providing us with a lovely place to social distance.



# Endicott Estate

*“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”*

*– Albert Camus*

## Pretty Fall Foliage at The Endicott Estate

As we near the end of peak foliage season here in Massachusetts, we can appreciate the beauty and the amazing colors the everchanging leaves can bring. You did not have to drive very far to get a glimpse of that changing foliage, the Endicott Estate trees were stunning these past few weeks.



Some of the older trees on property are the loveliest and contribute to the historic character of the Estate. Newly planted maple trees, as well as a young tulip poplar tree graciously donated by Dedham resident Anne Heller, will be enjoyed by generations to come.



# Engineering Department

## Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvements Project Update

The installation of the 4,885 feet of 10" ductile iron force main has been completed. The contractor is now starting to perform cleanup and restoration work along the limits of the project. The project should be completed by the end of November. Police details will be present to direct traffic around the work area where needed.

For more detailed information regarding this project and to get week to week updates on project schedule, please visit the Town's website [here](#).



### Stay Up To Date!

The Engineering Department is now on Twitter. Please find and follow us on Twitter at **@tod\_engineering**. The Engineering Department will be utilizing this Twitter account to post information related to our stormwater system and what we all can do as a Town to improve the water quality of waterways and natural resources.





# Planning and Zoning

## **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Update**

The ZBA unanimously approved a request by Petruziello Properties LLC for a Special Permit for a drive-thru use as part of a new proposed Needham Bank branch at 322 & 326 Washington Street and 25 & 27 Harris Street. The proposed bank would be an approximately 1,800 sq. ft. one story building with a drive thru teller/atm and ten off-street parking spaces. The project will require Minor Site Plan Review with the Planning Board, at a meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020.



*Rendering of proposed new Needham Bank branch at 322 & 326 Washington Street and 25 & 27 Harris Street*

## **Planning Board Update**

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing regarding a proposed 120 room hotel at 95 Eastern Avenue on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93021862082>. Information regarding for the project can be found here: <https://bit.ly/95EasternAvenue>



*Rendering of proposed new hotel at 95 Eastern Avenue*

## Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan Update

The Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan has come out with a colorful series of posters prompting residents to answer questions about their personal experiences and dreams for the future of the Town. Interact with the posters or follow the links below:

What do your neighbors think of Dedham?

<http://bit.ly/WhatDoYourNeighborsThinkOfDedham>

Where does history live in Dedham? <http://bit.ly/WhereDoesHistoryLiveInDedham>

Dedham what's your story? <http://bit.ly/DedhamWhatsYourStory>

What is your dream for Dedham? <http://bit.ly/WhatsYourDreamForDedham>

The Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan will also be conducting a series of virtual open houses in December as well as January & March of 2021 to solicit feedback and comment from the Dedham community. To register for the December 7<sup>th</sup> event where the Master Plan team will discuss Economic Development and Transportation goals, please visit: <http://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020>



# Save the dates! Community Open Houses

<p><b>December 7th, 2020</b> 7:00 pm</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid red;"/> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Economic Development</b></li> <li> <b>Transportation</b></li> </ul> <p>Register for this event: <a href="http://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020">http://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020</a></p>	<p><b>January 26th, 2021</b> 7:00 pm</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid blue;"/> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Housing</b></li> <li> <b>Public Health/Livability</b></li> <li> <b>Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources</b></li> </ul> <p>Register for this event: <a href="http://bit.ly/DD2030-01-26-2021">http://bit.ly/DD2030-01-26-2021</a></p>	<p><b>March 23rd, 2021</b> 7:00 pm</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid green;"/> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Land Use</b></li> <li> <b>Municipal Facilities and Services</b></li> <li> <b>Governance</b></li> </ul> <p>Register for this event: <a href="http://bit.ly/DD2030-03-23-2021">http://bit.ly/DD2030-03-23-2021</a></p>
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**What**  
is  
your  
**Dream**  
for  
**Dedham?**

Text "DREAM" to 781-230-6399 to respond

or scan this code on your phone's camera or QR reader to let us know your dream for the future of Dedham.



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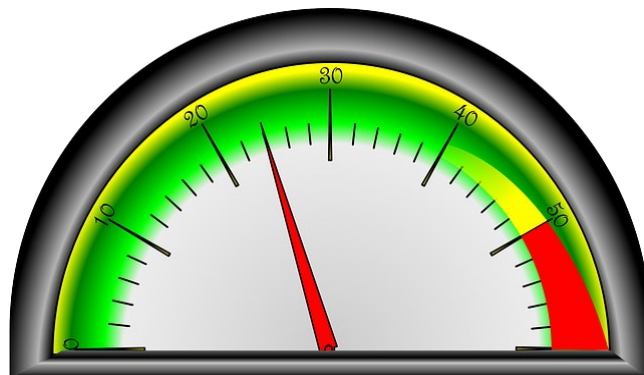
## **Watch your step! Parking meter installation proceeds.**

Subcontractors working for the parking management company MPS have been busy installing parking meters near the Registry of Deeds and the county courthouses. Most recently, they have been working down High Street toward Dedham Square. This first phase of the installation will terminate at Washington Street.



Parking meters that have been installed will be going live in November. The new meters allow payment by coin, credit card, and mobile app.

Meters will not be installed in the commercial areas of Dedham Square in November to avoid disrupting the outdoor dining areas created because of the pandemic. The Select Board approved the use of these outdoor dining areas through November 30. Town leaders are discussing the idea of allowing these outdoor dining areas again in 2021.



# Dedham Police Department

W e l c o m e



On October 5, 2020, Bethany Yates began working for the Town as our new Animal Control Officer. Bethany possesses significant experience working with animals. She has earned a Bachelor of Science in Captive Care and Education degree. She has five years of work experience as a Zookeeper working in both a Tropical Forest and Children's Zoo setting. Please join us in welcoming Bethany to Dedham.

# Dedham Police Department



## Walk Your Way



The Jimmy Fund Walk went virtual this year with a Walk Your Way theme. On walk day, October 4, 2020, Chief Michael d'Entremont and Deputy Chief Michael Buckley walked the Flag Day Parade route. Through donations collected during our walk and donations to cannisters by patrons of Mimi's News, Gilberts Wine and Spirits, Oakdale Convenience Store, 7-11 Oakdale, Terri's Market, Ames Street Sunoco and Plaza Liquors, over \$800 dollars was collected and donated to the Jimmy Fund.

On October 20, 2020, School Officers Cronin and Sullivan along with Ruby visited Dedham Country Day first graders to talk about the police role as community helpers as part of the social studies work done by the students. A lot of great questions were presented. We talked about bike safety, Halloween, bullying, police training and equipment and more. Thanks to Kitt Wilson and the Dedham Country Day School for inviting us.



# Dedham Police Department



## Coffee with a Cop Day!

On Wednesday October 7, 2020, Dedham Police Officers enjoyed coffee and conversation with patrons of the Big Bear Café and others visiting the Dedham Square area during National Coffee with a Cop Day. Our officers always enjoy time chatting with members of the community.



# VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

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