



Town Hall Talk

Combined Safety Building to be Constructed

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On November 30, 2020, Dedham's Town Meeting Representatives voted and approved plans to begin construction on the Combined Public Safety Building.

The Public Safety Building, to be constructed on Bryant Street, will provide our Police, Fire Department and Central Dispatch Center with a safe, more efficient, and supportive environment that will allow and facilitate increased cohesion between public safety departments, town hall and senior center community.

This project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

DECEMBER 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.



Council On Aging



Despite the pandemic, we didn't want to lose the opportunity to honor our Veterans with a lunch outside at the VFW Hall. We were gratified that on a rainy day we still had about 50 seniors enjoy a box lunch and entertainment from their cars.



Dedham Police Department



Unemployment Fraud

Reports of fraudulent unemployment claims being made using the personal identifying information of residents have been received in significant numbers over the past month. If you are notified that a fraudulent unemployment benefit claim has been made using your information, please report this fraud to the Department of Unemployment Assistance. This can be done on-line using the form found at the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/report-unemployment-benefits-fraud>. This website also includes information on what you should do if you have been a victim of identity theft.



Dedham Police Department



The Dedham Police School and Community Resource program recently sponsored the placement of center court logos on the gym floors at each elementary school in town. We hope these logos will inspire school and community spirit at these schools for years to come.



Cleaning out your coat closet?

Coats for Kids is New England's leading coat drive, offering a safe and sanitary way to give a greater purpose to the unused coats taking up space in your closet.

Now through January 10th

Donate gently-used and new coats at any
Anton's Cleaners, Enterprise Bank, or
Jordan's Furniture location

Facilities Department



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Mucciaccio Pool Building– Window Replacement Project

Work has begun on the installation of the new windows at the Mucciaccio Pool Building.

1. New support steel has been welded to the existing steel beams at the top (Photo 1 {2020-11-10})
2. Panel installation begun on South elevation of building (Photo 2 {2020-11-20})
3. First 4 panels completed on South side thru 11/24/2020 (Photo 3 {2020-11-24})

Estimated completion December 2020



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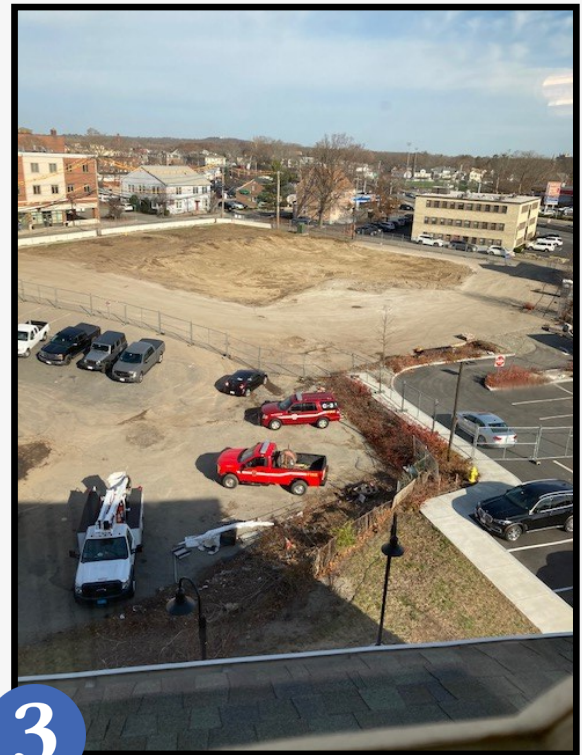
Facilities Department



Demolition of Old Town Hall

Demolition of the Old Town Hall was completed mid-November. Building was taken down to the foundation, and the hole was back filled and regraded for future use.

1. Demolition of stair tower and last parts of above ground structure (Photo 1 {2020-11-10})
2. Foundation and below grade structure removal (Photo 2 {2020-11-12})
3. Final backfill and regrading for future use (Photo 3 {2020-11-19})





**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING**

Project File No. 607899

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bussey Street Pedestrian Improvements from the Boston City Line to the East Dedham Fire Station, near Chauncy Street, in Dedham, MA. The project includes the superstructure replacement for the bridge crossing Mother Brook.

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bussey Street Improvement project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations and safety along Bussey Street from the Boston City Line to approximately 150 feet south of Chauncy Street. Proposed improvements include pavement milling and overlay, sidewalk reconstruction that are ADA compliant, a flashing beacon, and new signs and pavement markings. The project includes the superstructure replacement of the bridge crossing Mother Brook. Bicycle accommodations by means of shared lane markings in the travel lane are provided along the corridor north of Colburn Street, and a usable shoulder is provided on each side south of Colburn Street in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and temporary easements may be required. The Town of Dedham is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Highway Design, Project File No. 607899. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats) as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This Virtual Design Public Hearing Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

Parks and Recreation Department



Town seeks Volunteers to Serve on Dog Park Committee

The Town seeks volunteers interested in serving on the Dog Park Committee, which works with local dog owners and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Its primary focus is to make recommendations to the Commission including, but not limited to, policy, rules and regulations, fees, etc. The committee's goal is to sustain an attractive off-leash area in Dedham, while promoting responsible dog ownership through education and recreation.

See the [public notice](#).



Planning & Zoning Department

Welcome, Sharell Jacobs!

The Planning & Zoning Department is pleased to announce we have increased our department staffing with the recent hiring of Sharell Jacobs as an intern. Sharell is a native Bostonian with a passion for real estate development. In 2015, she earned an Associate Degree in Business from Massasoit Community College, moving on to secure a Bachelor's Degree in Community Development with a Minor in Economics from the University of Massachusetts Boston. With outstanding academic achievements, Mrs. Jacobs was offered a full scholarship to attend the university's Urban Planning and Community Development program, graduating this past May with a Master's in Science degree. Sharell is driven to demonstrate her leadership skills, partaking upon projects that will have long term benefits for communities. On her personal time Sharell enjoys being outdoors, helping people, cooking and writing scripts.



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Sharell is helping the department with its social media engagement efforts, zoning research, business support and everything else in between.

Planning & Zoning Department

Planning Board Update

The Planning Board on November 12, 2020 approved the proposed construction of a new corporate headquarters for Norfolk & Dedham Group at 222 Ames Street by the Norfolk & Dedham Group. The proposed project would demolish Norfolk & Dedham's existing 41,070 sq. ft. office building and construct a 53,000 sq. ft. new office building with 179 off-street parking spaces. "As a business that has been located in Dedham since 1825, we are happy to have Norfolk & Dedham continue to call Dedham home for the next 100 years", said Planning Board Chairman John Bethoney. The project is expected to begin construction in Spring 2021.



Proposed new Norfolk & Dedham Insurance Corporate Building

Designing Dedham, Together!

FREE
Raffle
Prizes!

Economic Development and Transportation

Monday December 7

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Share your ideas on how to support Dedham's businesses and jobs and improve traffic, walkability and transportation.

Join us for an open house exploring two topics of the Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan. We will focus on economic development and transportation during this fun, informative and interactive virtual event.

Register for the event at: <https://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020>

Plan ahead and register for our January <https://bit.ly/DD2030-01-26-2021> and March <https://bit.ly/DD2030-03-30-21> open house events.

Explore plan progress at www.DesigningDedham2030.org



If you need assistance contact Michelle Tinger at (781) 751-9244 or mtinger@dedham-ma.gov



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Planning & Zoning Department

Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan Update

Join us for the Designing Dedham, Together! Open House on Monday, **December 7, from 7:00-9:00 pm**. This *interactive event* will focus on **Economic Development and Transportation** and will give you an opportunity to meet and share your ideas for the future of Dedham.

During this informative and interactive virtual event, you will get a chance to meet your neighbors and learn about the latest discussions on Economic Development and Transportation for the master plan! We will work together to think about business development and job growth, as well as discuss what transportation means for Dedham and how to combat traffic congestion, transit improvements, walkability, and more!

Additionally, we will have **FREE RAFFLE PRIZES** for attendees throughout the evening! Get ready for the virtual event by:

Registering for Designing Dedham, Together! here: <https://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020>

On Facebook, share with your friends and colleagues and show that that you're attending the event here: <https://bit.ly/DesigningDedhamTogether>

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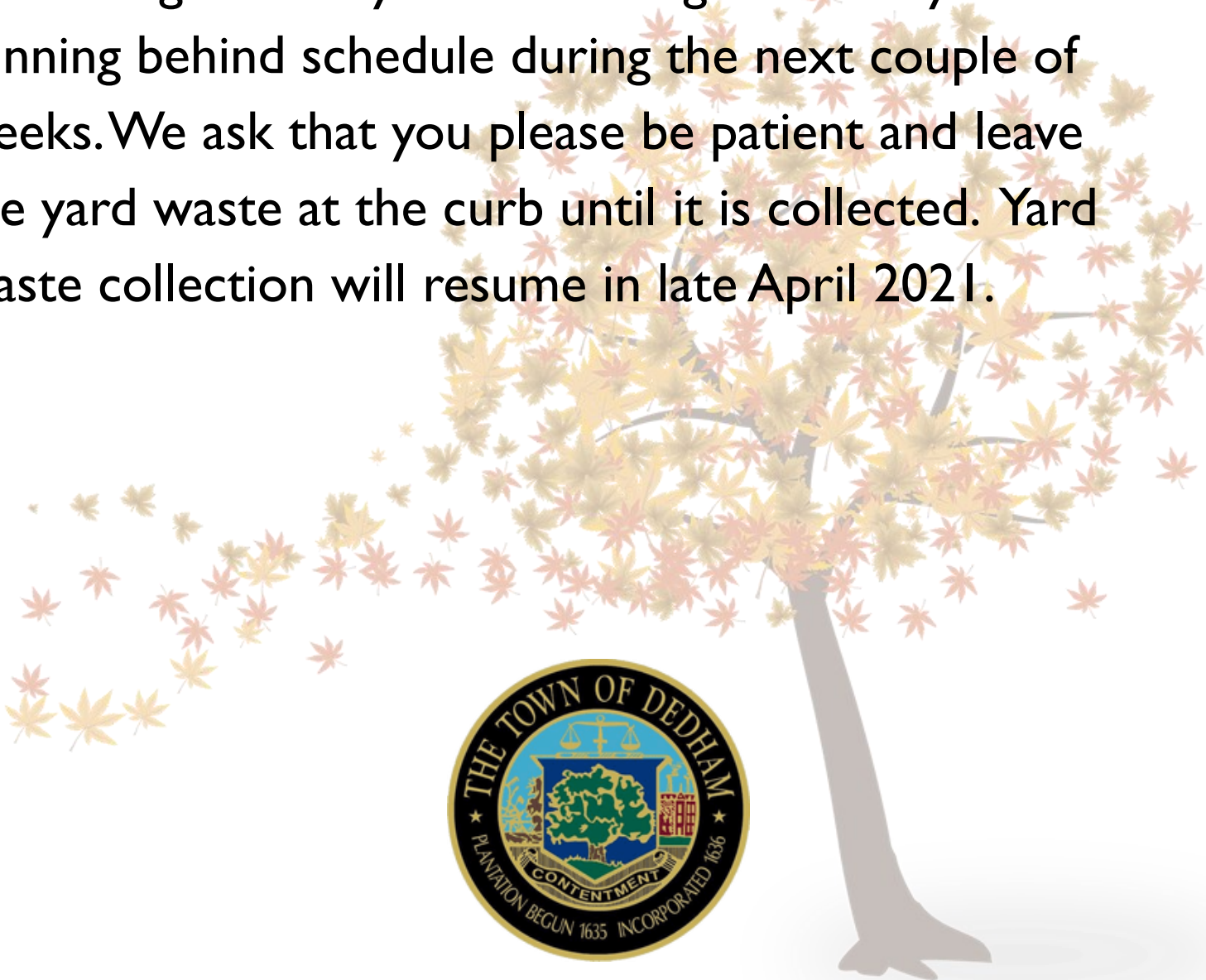
Are you an early bird? Register in advance for our virtual Open Houses in **January** (covering Housing, Public Health/Livability, and Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources) and **March** (covering Land Use, Municipal Facilities and Services, and Governance)! See the attached **Save the Dates** to register now.

We hope to “see” you there!

Department of Public Works

Final Yard Waste Collection Weeks

The last weeks for yard waste collection will be the week of November 30th for green week and the week of December 7th for gold week. Please plan accordingly and have yard waste curbside on your designated day. Waste Management may be running behind schedule during the next couple of weeks. We ask that you please be patient and leave the yard waste at the curb until it is collected. Yard waste collection will resume in late April 2021.





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

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