

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of May 17, 2021

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TOWN MEETING

Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held today, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on the high school football field. Warrant Articles, motions, and more Town Meeting information can be found on page 2.

SUMMER CAMP GRANT

The Dedham Commission on Disability has launched a grant program to cover the cost of Summer Camp for two local families. See page 2 for more information and to apply.



OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

We are hosting an open house with tours of the new Town Hall and Senior Center on Saturday, May 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See page 2 for more information and reserve your spot today!

CONSTRUCTION & ROADWORK

Many projects, new and ongoing, are underway here in Dedham and may have impacts to traffic and cause delays or detours. See page 3 for more detailed information.



NO SEAT BELT. NO EXCUSES.

CLICK IT OR TICKET.



"CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Dedham Police has been awarded a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to increase traffic enforcement patrols as part of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, beginning May 17th. For more information, please see page 4.

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION.

TOWN MEETING

Spring Annual Town Meeting - Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held tonight at the Veterans Field at Stone Park, also known as the Dedham High School Football Field. All are welcome to attend this in-person, outdoor meeting.

To review Town Meeting materials, including the Warrant Book, seating chart, procedures, and to stay up-to-date with announcements from the Moderator, please visit:

WWW.DEDHAM-MA.GOV/2021-SPRING-TM-MATERIALS

SUMMER CAMP GRANT

The Dedham Commission on Disability has established a summer camp grant program offering two grants for families who face costs relating to sending a child with a disability to summer camp. Each grant will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to a qualifying camper who meets the following criteria:

- Between the ages of 3-18;
- Has a documented physical, intellectual, or developmental disability;
- Has demonstrated financial need; and
- Has identified a camp that meets the needs of this individual.

The funds may be used to:

- a) cover all or part of the camp's registration fee or tuition,
- b) cover all or part of the cost of a qualified aide who will be attending the camp with the child as their individual support person, or
- c) cover all or part of the cost of adaptive equipment or required modifications at the camp.

The Grant application can be accessed on-line at the Dedham Commission on Disability web page: www.dedham-ma.gov/government/commission-on-disability.

The deadline to apply for this grant is **June 1, 2021**.

**Note: All applications and application materials will be treated by the Commission as confidential.*

TOWN HALL OPEN HOUSE

Come on by to see the new Town Hall and Senior Center! As we prepare to reopen Town Hall on Monday, May 24th, we are hosting an Open House with guided tours on **Saturday, May 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Tour guides will take you on a tour of each floor, highlight where town services are provided, public meeting spaces, and showcase the historic elements maintained as part of the Ames School Building. To reserve your spot, call Doreen at **781-751-9100**. See you there!

CONSTRUCTION & ROADWORK

Bryant Street / Union Place (Public Safety Building Project):

- Bryant Street has been reopened to through traffic.
- Union Place will be closed for underground sewer work and a Dedham Police Officer will be onsite to assist with traffic management and flow.

Eversource Gas:

- Utility work continues on Lincoln Street through late May.
- Adams Street: Crews continue to install gas services.

Sprague Street Sidewalk Construction:

- Crews are installing granite curbing and will be pouring concrete this week, from:
 - Cedar Street to Greenlodge Street
 - Cedar Street to Dresser Avenue
- Flyers will be distributed to neighbors in the area in advance of the work.

Annual Roads Program:

- Utility companies are continuing to adjust their valves and the DPW will be making some drainage repairs on each of these streets this week.
- A paving schedule will be finalized and posted after utility work is complete (expected mid-week). Stay tuned for updates.

Rustcraft Road:

- Eversource Electric is installing new conduit and they will be continuing for the next 4-5 weeks. Crews will begin by the MBTA train station and will install new conduit connecting into existing conduit by the batting cages.
- Expect traffic delays in the area.

Bridge and Ames Street Reconstruction:

- Utility Companies will continue to transfer their wires.
- Full depth construction on Bridge Street, from McGolf toward the intersection of Pine Street Ames Street and Bridge Street, will continue this week.
- Expect traffic delays in the area.
- Question or concerns about this work? Contact Grant Johnson at Northern Construction: (413) 289-1230 x209 or gjohnson@northernconstruction.com

Eastern Avenue from Whiting Avenue to Route 1:

- Work will be continue from the American Legion parking lot toward Route 1.
- The roadway will be shut down for this work. If possible the Dedham Police will try to maintain two-way traffic through one lane.
- Expect traffic delays in the area.

Pine Street:

- Crews continue work to install the water main.
- Pine Street will be closed from Kiley to Bridge Street while work is underway.
- Expect traffic delays in the area.

For additional information and updates about road construction and impacts, please visit the [DPW Road Construction Updates page](#) and follow them on Twitter [@DedhamDpw](#)

"CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) has awarded the Dedham Police Department with a grant for traffic safety initiatives. The Dedham Police Department will use these funds to participate in "Click It or Ticket". This campaign is designed to encourage both drivers and passengers to buckle up before hitting the road.

Beginning on Monday, May 17 through Monday, May 31, the Dedham Police Department will be adding traffic enforcement patrols around Dedham to watch for anyone not using their seat belt.

Massachusetts Facts: Seat Belt Use

- A total of 82% of adults in Massachusetts **ALWAYS** wear their seat belts.
- From 2009 to 2018, 2,184 passenger vehicle occupants were killed as a result of not wearing a seat belt.
- Child restraint laws require that all children aged 7 and under be buckled in a car seat or booster seat
- **Learn more about seat belt usage in Massachusetts** (data sheet provided by the CDC).

Please make occupant safety and the use of seat belts and car seats a must during every drive.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 5/18/21:

- **Rain Date for Town Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
(Dedham High School Football Field)
- **Dedham Square Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Blue Hills Regional District School Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, 5/19/21:

- **Housing Authority at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Building, Planning, & Construction Committee at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Human Rights Commission at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:00 p.m.**



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