

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of July 12, 2021



## MBTA LAUNCHES PUBLIC SURVEY ABOUT BUS NETWORK

The MBTA has launched a new public survey to learn more about how you use the bus system and how they can make it work better for you. Read page 3 to learn more (Photo from MBTA.com)

## PLASTIC BAG BAN IN DEDHAM GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 23

On July 23, Dedham will join a growing list of over 130 communities in Mass. where single-use plastic bags will no longer be available in most retail and food stores. Read page 3 to learn more.



## DOSA AND DEDHAM YOUTH COMMISSION ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENT FOR DEDHAM TEENS

Open to all Dedham middle and high schoolers, the Dedham Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Awareness and the Dedham Youth Commission have planned an evening of games, prizes, and education. Read page 4 to learn more.

### DUNKIN' WITH DOSA AND DYC

DEDHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE  
JULY 23RD • 6-8 PM

CORNHOLE, KICKBALL, LAWN GAMES, PHOTO BOOTH, PIZZA, AND ICECREAM

\$100 GRAND PRIZE GIFT CARD WITH \$5 DUNKIN GIFT CARDS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

CONTACT KRISTINA KING FOR ANY QUESTIONS AT [KKING@DEDHAM-MA.GOV](mailto:KKING@DEDHAM-MA.GOV)  
ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME TO COME!

PRESENTED BY DOSA AND DYC



## MASSACHUSETTS VAXMILLIONS GIVEAWAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

In a partnership with the Massachusetts State Lottery, the Governor's Office and the State Treasurer's Office have launched the VaxMillions Giveaway to fully vaccinated residents. To learn more and to enter, please read page 4.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

Crews continue to make great progress on the construction of the combined public safety building. For a summary of work onsite this week and potential impacts to travel in the area, please see page 4.



## PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Meetings and events around Town are being held in-person again, and some are continuing the virtual model or testing out the hybrid approach. Check out page 5 for a list of upcoming meetings and community events happening around Town.



## MBTA LAUNCHES PUBLIC SURVEY ABOUT BUS NETWORK

Following a series of public meetings and listening sessions, the MBTA has launched a public survey, desktop and mobile-friendly, to gather input to help create a more equitable bus network. The “Bus Network Redesign Travel Survey” is linked below:

**Desktop Survey:** <https://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/BNRDTravelSurvey/>

**Mobile Survey:** [https://mbta.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6X7zuOCUnqQYLe6](https://mbta.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6X7zuOCUnqQYLe6)

To complete the survey by phone, please call **1-857-366-1871**

Additional survey translations are available below:

- Para completar la encuesta en español, [haga clic aquí](#).
- Para responder à pesquisa em português, [clique aqui](#).
- 使用中文（简体）做问卷, [请点击这里](#).
- 使用中文（繁體）做問卷, [請點擊這裡](#).

As part of their 5-year capital investment program that began on July 1, 2018, the MBTA developed their “Better Bus Project”, aimed at improving their bus system and service. Working with 50 communities across the State, the MBTA is performing public outreach and stakeholder engagement events to gather vital feedback to be used in the future planning initiatives across the entire bus system that include:

- Bus network redesign
- Early morning and late-night service
- Accessibility improvements
- Bus facility modernization
- Bus electrification
- Bus route changes

For more information about the Better Bus Project and other MBTA projects, please visit their *Building A Better T* website at <https://www.mbta.com/projects>.

## PLASTIC BAG BAN IN DEDHAM GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 23

As a first step in the process to ban plastic bags here in Dedham and in honor of Earth Day, a public notice was printed in the April 23 issue of the *Dedham Times* to announce the ban will go into effect on Friday, July 23, 2021. The plastic bag ban was officially adopted following a vote at Town Meeting on November 25, 2019 and aims to protect our natural resources by reducing the impact of plastic and promoting the use of reusable shopping bags. Single-use plastic bags contribute to the pollution of natural environments, clog drainage systems, endanger wildlife, require crude oil to manufacture, and create a burden to solid waste collection and recycling facilities.

As of July 23, plastic bags shall not be distributed, used or sold for checkout or other uses at retail stores within Dedham. In lieu of plastic bags, stores may provide recyclable paper bags, or reusable shopping bags (may charge for bags). To read the full regulation, please visit the Town Clerk's website: <https://ecode360.com/36589436>.

Have plastic bags to recycle? Check out <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/> to find nearby locations to recycle your bags.

## DOSA AND DEDHAM YOUTH COMMISSION ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENT FOR DEDHAM TEENS

On Friday, July 23, the Dedham Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Awareness will be teaming up with the Dedham Youth Commission to host "Dunkin with DOSA", an event for Dedham middle and high school students to come together for games, prizes, music, and to learn more about resources available to help make healthy decisions around drugs and alcohol.

The **Dedham Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Awareness**, also known as DOSA, is funded by a Drug Free Communities Grant and aims to promote the well-being of Dedham's youth and adults by providing them with the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions. Through these fun activities, students and adults can build community connections and learn about available resources and support, located right here in Dedham.

**Join the fun on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Dedham Community House, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kristina King, Program Director at [kking@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:kking@dedham-ma.gov).

## MASSACHUSETTS VAXMILLIONS GIVEAWAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

As of July 1, 2021, fully vaccinated Massachusetts residents 18 and older can enter to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning the week of Monday, July 26 and continuing through the week ending Friday, August 27. In addition, fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants. The scholarship grants will be administered by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) as a 529 College Savings Account.

To find out if you qualify and to read through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), visit:

<https://support.vaxmillionsgiveaway.com/support/solutions>

If you have not received a Covid-19 vaccine and would like to find a location near you, visit: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

Click on the logo below or visit the [VaxMillions](https://vaxmillions.com) site to enter



## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

**What to expect July 12, 2021 (Monday) through July 16, 2021 (Friday):**

- Concrete foundation work is complete, and crews will continue to remove the remaining formwork throughout the site.
- Beginning Monday, July 12, crews will prepare the foundation walls for damp proofing: a process that involves coating the exterior of the foundation walls to prevent moisture from entering the building interior through the concrete walls.
- A surveyor will be onsite next week to establish controls (mark fixed points) for the steel installation.
- Delivery of steel is anticipated for July 12 to July 13, and metal deck delivery on July 14. Expect periodic entrance and exit of large trucks at the project site entrance, located at the intersection of Washington Street and Bryant Street.
- No additional traffic impacts or pedestrian impacts are anticipated during this week.



## PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

Agendas and event information are linked below. Meeting information is also available on our website calendar

**Monday, 7/12/21:**

- [Design Review Advisory Board](#) at 5pm via Zoom
- [Parks & Recreation Commission](#) at 7pm - Town Hall and Zoom

**Tuesday, 7/13/21:**

- [Transportation Advisory Committee](#) at 7pm via Zoom
- [Dedham Square Planning Committee](#) at 7pm via Zoom
- [Dedham Police & Recreation Department - Middle School Summer Program 5:30 to 8:30 at Churchill Park](#) (link to register)

**Wednesday, 7/14/21:**

- VNA Wellness Clinic at the Ames Senior Center, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (no appointment needed)
- [Dedham Farmer's Market](#) at 1:00 p.m. on First Church Green
- Music and Bingo with DJ Rob Blaney on the COA Patio, 5:30 p.m. (reserve your spot at [781-751-9495](tel:781-751-9495))
- [Planning Board](#) at 7pm - Town Hall
- [Summer Concert Series](#) at Endicott 7pm

**Saturday, 7/17/21:**

- [Cardboard Recycling Day](#) at DPW Dumpster, 55 River Street, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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