

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of July 19, 2021



Public Health
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DEDHAM HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHARES MOSQUITO SAFETY TIPS

The Dedham Health Department shares useful facts and information to help protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes this summer, on page 3.

ANNUAL BIKE RODEO COMES TO TOWN ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH

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CAFE WITH THE COPS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST



Officers from the Dedham Police Department are coming to the Senior Center on Wednesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation. Read page 3 for more information.

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

ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME TO COME!

PRESENTED BY DOSA AND DYC

DOSA AND DYC YOUTH EVENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 23RD

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.

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.

DEDHAM HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHARES MOSQUITO SAFETY TIPS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced on Friday that mosquito samples in the city of Boston tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). To date, there have been no human cases of WNV detected in Massachusetts this year. While the risk level of WNV in Dedham remains low, it is important that Dedham residents take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

- **Mosquito-Proof Your Home:**

- Drain standing water: Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and kiddie pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.
- Install or repair screens: Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all your windows and doors.

- **Avoid Mosquito Bites:**

- Apply insect repellent when outdoors: Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years old.
- Be aware of peak mosquito hours: The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.
- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites: Wearing long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

More mosquito prevention information can be found on the [State's website here](#).

ANNUAL BIKE RODEO COMES TO TOWN ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH

The annual Dedham Bike Rodeo is coming back to the **Endicott Estate on Wednesday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m.!** Open to residents of all ages, the Bike Rodeo is a fun community event organized by the Dedham Police Department and Recreation Department that is full of fun activities and important bike safety information. Each child that attends will get a free t-shirt and will be fitted for a bike helmet to take home that day! Planning to your your bike there? Be sure to show off your skills and test out some new tips you learn in the obstacle course and slow bike race. Lunch and ice cream will be served, and the event will also include a K-9 demonstration by local public safety partners.

Be sure to follow the Dedham Police Department on Twitter ([@DedhamPD](#)) and the Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook ([@DedhamParksandRecreation](#)) for more updates and information!



CAFE WITH THE COPS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST

**Senior Center on Wed.,
July 21 - 5:30 p.m.**



All are welcome to come by to meet some of Dedham's Finest, and of course our Community Resource Dog Ruby will be there too! Officers will share stories, answer your questions, take photos, and Ruby will likely ask you to rub her belly.

Call the Senior Center at **781-751-9495** for more information and to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you!

DOSA AND DEDHAM YOUTH COMMISSION ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENT FOR DEDHAM TEENS

On Friday, July 23, the Dedham Organization for Substance 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 Organization for Substance Awareness](#), also known as DOSA, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

What to expect July 19, 2021 (Monday) through July 23, 2021 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- In anticipation of steel placement and installation, crews onsite will continue to remove all excess material from the site. Large trucks will enter and exit the site from the Washington Street/Bryant Street intersection. Please expect minor traffic delays at this intersection.
- **On Monday, July 19**, the crane to be used for steel installation will be mobilized onsite and prepped for steel work.
- This week, crews will continue to 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.
- Delivery of steel is expected to continue next week. 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.

For more information and to sign up for weekly construction updates, visit the [**Public Safety Building Project**](#) page.



Caption: Aerial photo of construction site taken on July 13, 2021. Activities onsite include overall site consolidation, clean-up and preparation for steel installation as shown by the excavator in this photo.



Caption: Aerial photo of construction site taken directly above on July 13, 2021. Pieces of steel are being delivered to the site and securely stored along the west and south walls, shown at the top and left of this photo.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, 7/20/21:

- [Dedham Housing Authority](#) at 5pm via Zoom
- [Select Board](#) at 5:30pm via Zoom
- [Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan Committee](#) at 6:30pm via Zoom
- [Dedham-Westwood Water District](#) at 6:30pm via Zoom
- [Blue Hills Regional District School Committee](#) at 7pm via Zoom
- [Open Space & Recreation Committee](#) at 7pm via Zoom

Wednesday, 7/21/21:

- [Dedham Farmer's Market](#) at 1:00 p.m. on First Church Green
- [Building, Planning & Construction Committee](#) at 4:00pm at Town Hall
- [Charter Review Committee](#) at 6:00pm at Town Hall
- [Human Rights Commission](#) at 6:00pm at Town Hall
- [Dedham School Building Rehabilitation Commission](#) at 7:00pm at Town Hall
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#) at 7:00pm at Town Hall
- [Sustainability Advisory Committee](#) at 7:00pm at Town Hall

Thursday, 7/22/21:

- [Council on Aging](#) at 5:00pm at Ames Senior Center (1st Floor Town Hall)

Friday, 7/23/21:

- [DOSA and Youth Commission Event, "Dunkin' with DOSA and NYC"](#) at 6pm at Dedham Community House

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