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**Parking Meter Installation Begins in Dedham**

During the first three weeks of August (8/3-20), work crews will be preparing the sidewalks and installing parking meters and equipment along Washington Street, between High and Bryant streets, in Dedham Square.

Crews will first focus on the east side of Washington Street—from Café Fresh Bagel south to Dedham Savings. Two spaces in front of the Dedham Bike Shop will be affected for a portion of this time for the removal of the old pay station there. Up to 19 spaces will be affected during this phase. Contractors will make them available for parking as soon as safely possible.

Driveways in this area will also be affected temporarily.



Work will proceed from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekdays only. Most on-street parking spaces should be available after 4 p.m. on weekdays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

During this phase of construction, customers of Dedham Square shops and restaurants can park along High Street and Eastern Avenue. Free parking is available in three Town lots:

1. 10 Eastern Avenue (the Keystone lot), 138 spaces,
2. 506 High Street (Lower Gonzalez), 45 spaces, and
3. 420 Providence Highway (Upper Gonzalez), 27 spaces.



# August 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                       | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|--------|---|--|--|--|--------|--|
| 25     | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30     | 31   |
| 1      | 2<br>6:00 pm<br><u>Charter Review</u><br>7:00 pm<br><u>Dog Park Committee</u> | 3  | 4<br>4:00 pm<br><u>Active Transportation Working Group</u><br>6:00 pm<br><u>Design Review Advisory Board</u> | 5<br>7:00 pm<br><u>Conservation Commission</u> | 6      | 7  |
| 8      | 9   | 10   | 11   | 12<br><u>Select Board</u>                      | 13     | 14   |
| 15     | 16  | 17<br>7:00 pm<br><u>Dedham Square Planning Committee</u> | 18<br>7:00 pm<br><u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>  | 19   | 20     | 21<br>9:00 am<br><u>Cardboard Recycling Day!</u> |
| 22     | 23  | 24<br>6:00 pm<br><u>Planning Board</u>                   | 25<br>6:00 pm<br><u>Planning Board</u>   | 26   | 27     | 28   |
| 29     | 30  | 31   | 1  | 2  | 3      | 4  |



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# Summer Reading Storytime



Stories  
and Crafts



Tuesdays in July and August  
4:00PM at the Main



Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) or follow us on [social media](#), to stay up to date on all the exciting free events coming to Dedham this summer.

# News

## **Boston Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus, Dedham Urges Residents to Take Precautions**

### 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.



# News

## Neponset Stormwater Partnership Launches Public Survey and Rain Barrel Contest

The Neponset Stormwater Partnership has launched a public survey and they want to hear from you, #DedhamMA! Take their stormwater survey and be entered to win a FREE rain barrel! Go to [www.YourCleanWater.org/survey](http://www.YourCleanWater.org/survey) to participate. Contest ends August 13.

### About the Neponset Stormwater Partnership:

The Neponset Stormwater Partnership began in 2014 through a Community Innovation Challenge Grant (CIC), which was developed by the Patrick Administration in 2012. On July 1, 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized a tough new stormwater permit for local municipalities. The Partnership includes the communities of Canton, Dedham, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, and Westwood, along with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and the Neponset River Watershed Association.



*Thanks to the Great American Rain Barrel Company of Hyde Park for their donation.*

## Win a Rain Barrel!

Take our stormwater survey to participate.

[YourCleanWater.org/survey](http://YourCleanWater.org/survey)





**The Dedham Farmers Market will run through  
October 27, 2022!**

**Every Wednesday, rain or shine, from 1pm to 5pm**

The Dedham Farmers Market is located on the green in front of First Church in Dedham, 670 High Street, at the intersection of High and Court Streets across from the Dedham Community House, in Historic Dedham Square.





# Conservation Department

## MassWildlife Advisory - Take Down Your Birdfeeders and Birdbaths to Protect Birds

An unknown pathogen is sickening and killing birds in states outside of New England. In a precautionary effort to stop the spread by reducing contact at communal areas, MassWildlife has issued an advisory that residents take down birdfeeders and birdbaths, and report any dead birds to MassWildlife (Marion Larson; [marion.larson@mass.gov](mailto:marion.larson@mass.gov), or [\(508\) 389-6311](tel:5083896311)).



In late May, wildlife managers in Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky began receiving reports of sick and dying birds with eye swelling and crusty discharge, as well as neurological signs. More recently, additional reports have been received from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. While the majority of affected birds are reported to be fledgling common grackles, blue jays, European starlings, and American robins, other species of songbirds have been reported as well. No definitive cause(s) of illness or death have been determined at this time.

While there is always an increase in reports of dead birds at this time of year due to natural high mortality rates of young birds, MassWildlife is encouraging the public to report any observations of sick or dead birds (with unknown cause of mortality) as a precaution to help track this widespread mortality event. However, the mystery disease is not known to be in any of the New England states at this time. It is not necessary to report dead birds where strong evidence links the mortality to collision with glass or vehicles or predation by cats. [Use this online form](#) to report observations and upload photos.

# Conservation Department



## MassWildlife Advisory - Take Down Your Birdfeeders and Birdbaths to Protect Birds (cont.)

As another cautionary measure, MassWildlife and Mass Audubon are also recommending the public to stop using bird feeders and bird baths at this time. Birds congregating at bird feeders and bird baths can transmit diseases to one another.

MassWildlife, as well as other affected states, recommend taking the following precautions:

- **Cease feeding birds until this wildlife morbidity/mortality event subsides.**
- **Clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution (one part bleach mixed with nine parts water), rinse with water, and allow to air-dry.**
- **Avoid handling birds unless necessary. If you do handle them, wear disposable gloves and wash hands afterwards.**
- **If picking up a dead bird, place an inverted plastic bag over your hand to avoid direct contact with the bird. To dispose of dead birds, place them in a plastic bag, seal, and discard with household trash or alternatively bury them deeply.**
- **Keep pets (including pet birds) away from sick or dead wild birds as a standard precaution.**

At this time of year, birds are able to find plenty of natural foods on the landscape without needing bird seed. MassWildlife advises that seed from bird feeders can draw the unwanted attention of squirrels, chipmunks, turkeys, mice, rats, and even black bears. Wild animals that become habituated to human-associated foods like bird seed can become a nuisance, spread disease, and cause problems. You can learn how to attract birds to your yard naturally throughout the year using native plants.

[Get tips here.](#)





# Dedham Police Department



## Congratulations to Lieutenant Mark Black!

Lt. Black retired from the Dedham Police Department on July 10, 2021 after serving the community for 32 years. Lt. Black began his career with the Dedham Police Department on March 5, 1989. He was promoted to Sergeant during 2006 and Lieutenant during 2010. Lt. Black served as a member of the Dedham Police Mountain Bike Unit and the Dedham Police Honor Guard. He frequently participated in community events, such as DARE trips, community sporting events and was a reliable volunteer during the Department's annual holiday donation day at the Food Pantry.

Best wishes to Lt. Black for a happy and healthy retirement!

CONGRATULATIONS



# Dedham Police Department



## Bike Rodeo 2021

On July 28, 2021, the annual Police/ Parks and Recreation Bike Rodeo took place on the grounds of the Endicott Estate. Those in attendance learned about bike safety, rode bicycle courses, were fitted for and received new bike helmets courtesy of Breakstone, White and Gluck, visited the comfort animals, goats and a mini-horse from Golden Opportunities for Independence, enjoyed hot dogs for lunch by Chuck Wagon, listened to a K9 presentation by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department and went home with a t-shirt!



It was a great day!



# Dedham Police Department



## Good Luck Student Officer McMillan!

Matthew McMillan began a rigorous police academy program on July 19, 2021 to begin training in order to serve the community as a police officer. Best of luck to Student Officer McMillan.

*Good Luck!*

We look forward to seeing you at graduation!



## Ways to Reduce Distracted Driving:

**Set up Bluetooth or Hands-Free systems**

**HANDS-FREE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING. IT'S THE LAW.**

**FINES UP TO \$500**

EOPSS massDOT 911

A message from the Office of Grants and Research

# Endicott Estate



## New Weeping Willow Tree

Trees do much more than just provide a nice, shady spot to sit and relax! They help improve air quality by absorbing harmful gases and pollutants, like carbon monoxide, dust and smoke.

The Endicott Estate welcomed a new addition to its grounds this past month. Weeping willow trees are medium to large deciduous trees commonly found and planted across North America. Its elegant crown of branches and leaves will grace the grounds of the Endicott Estate for years to come!





# Engineering Department

## Elm Street & Rustcraft Rd. Sidewalk Improvements Project

MassDOT held their Public Information Meeting for this project on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meeting notice was posted a few weeks in advance on the Town's website, social media platforms and The Dedham Times. The public information meeting provided a brief overview of the project including the construction timeline and traffic impacts. For those that missed the meeting and would like to view the presentation material, please visit the Town's webpage at <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/engineering/projects/elm-street-rustcraft-road-roadway-reconstruction>. The Town will also be using this webpage to place information regarding the project as it progresses. We hope to include construction updates and photos of the project from start to finish. The contractor should be starting construction in the next few weeks once Eversource has finished relocating their electrical utility. If you have any specific questions regarding the project please contact either of the following MassDOT RE Field Office Personnel:

⇒ Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, [Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us)

⇒ Laura Montiel, Resident Engineer, [Laura.montiel@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Laura.montiel@dot.state.ma.us)

## 2021 Infiltration Sewer Rehabilitation Project

As part of the 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract, NWM has started rehabilitating the Town's public sewer mains and manholes that were identified in past wet weather sewer inspections as having infiltration. The project is estimated to remove approximately 62,000 Gallon Per Day (GPD) of infiltration exclusively through trenchless technologies. For our public sewer mains, the project will involve the installation of about 4,600 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) and about 15 linear feet of short liners. For our public sewer manholes, the project will involve the exterior grouting and interior cementitious lining of about 650 vertical feet of manholes. The work for this project is spread out throughout the entire Town and is scheduled to be completed before December 31, 2021.

Please find and follow the Engineering Department on Twitter at [@tod\\_engineering](https://twitter.com/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.



# Human Resources Department



## WELCOME

Dedham's Newest Team Member!

**Patrick Hogan**

**Assistant Conservation Agent**

I am pleased to announce that Patrick Hogan will be joining us as the new Assistant Conservation Agent on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Most recently, Mr. Hogan worked for Neponset River Watershed Association as a Water Resource Professional. Additionally, he has held positions with the City of Durham, NC and the City of Roanoke, VA as their Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator and Environmental Specialist. Mr. Hogan has extensive environmental and storm-water experience.

He earned his Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences from Virginia Tech.

Mr. Hogan was selected as the Assistant Conservation Agent from a large pool of competitive applicants.

Please join me in offering him a warm welcome to Dedham!



# Department of Public Works



Each year, Town DPW staff remove **hundreds** of pet waste bags from our catch basins! Please do your part to protect our waterways and place your pet waste bags into a trash can for proper disposal.

## Did you know?

Dog waste carries high levels of harmful *E. coli* bacteria and other pathogens that can wash into storm drains and waterways, increasing public health risks and causing infections. Health problems include:

- **Campylobacteriosis:** A bacterial infection that causes diarrhea in humans.
- **Giardiasis:** A protozoan infection of the small intestine that can cause diarrhea, cramping, fatigue, and weight loss.
- **Salmonellosis:** Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- **Toxocariasis:** An animal to human infection that is caused by roundworms found in the intestines of dogs. The parasite can cause vision loss, rash, fever or cough, and is a particular threat to children exposed to parasite eggs in sand and soil.



**Bacteria from dog waste pollutes local waterways, adversely affecting drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities, such as swimming, fishing, and boating.**

*(Source: Neponset Stormwater Partnership)*

## Be awesome. Use a trash can.





## **MassDOT Project #608587– Bridge St. (Route 109) & Ames St.**

Construction activities are ongoing with MassDOT's contractor for the Bridge Street & Ames Street project. 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)







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