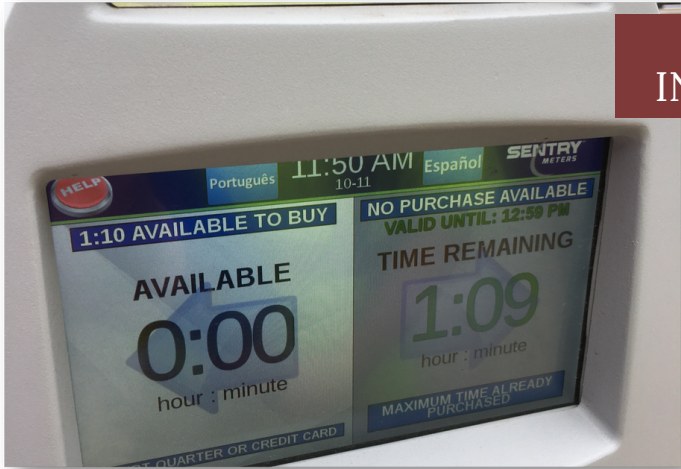


WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of August 23, 2021

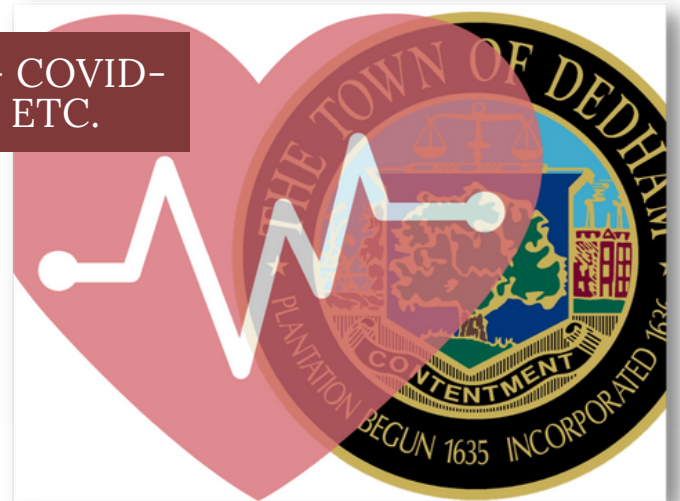
DEDHAM SQUARE PARKING METER INSTALLATION PROGRESS AND UPDATE



Contractors continue to install new parking meters in the Dedham Square and existing meters in the area remain on and operational. Please read page 3 for updates on the installation and how to use the new parking meters.

WEEKLY BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE - COVID-19 VACCINES, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, ETC.

The Dedham Board of Health released their weekly update on August 20th about confirmed cases of Covid-19, a new mobile app to track your potential Covid-19 exposure, and Dedham's domestic animal regulations. Read their update on page 4.



DSPC TO HOST COMMUNITY EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021



The Dedham Square Planning Committee is hosting a virtual community event on September 14, 2021 to discuss the Police Station Property at 600 High Street. Read more and register to attend on page 5.



SELECT BOARD VOTES ON FALL TOWN MEETING DATE

At their August 12th public meeting, the Select Board voted to set the date for Fall Town Meeting and voted when to close the warrant. To learn more about Fall Town Meeting and to learn more about the role of representative town meeting here in Dedham, please read page 6.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

Crews continue to make great progress on the construction of the combined public safety building and recently celebrated a major milestone. For a summary of work onsite this week and potential impacts to travel in the area, please see page 6.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

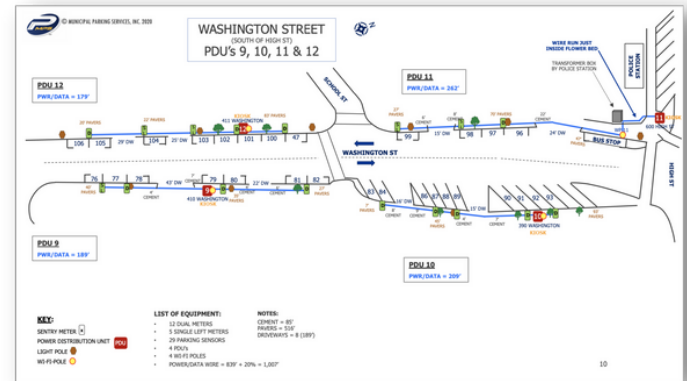


Meetings and events around Town are being held in-person, virtually, and using a hybrid model in an effort to keep everyone engaged and involved. Check out page 7 for a list of upcoming meetings and community events happening around Town.

DEDHAM SQUARE PARKING METER INSTALLATION PROGRESS AND UPDATE (AS OF 8/23/21)

The construction and installation of additional parking meters in Dedham Square is underway and will include temporary removal of brick pavers, masonry sawing and installation of electrical conduit. Removal of old parking kiosks, installation of new utility boxes, meters, and Wi-Fi equipment. Meters will be installed in the same area formerly managed by the parking kiosks, excluding the new outdoor seating areas.

The contractor has provided the following anticipated schedule for upcoming work in the area, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:



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- **Week of August 23** - Along both sides of Washington Street between Bryant and High.
- **Week of August 30** - Clean-up of both sides of Washington Street between Bryant and High. Start work on the east side of Washington Street, north of High.
- **Week of September 6** - Clean-up the east side of Washington Street, north of High. Start work for the parallel spaces on the east side of Eastern Avenue, abutting the Keystone parking lot.

Free parking available in Dedham Square during construction:

- Keystone Lot (**10 Eastern Avenue**) = 138 spaces
- Lower Gonzalez (**506 High Street**) = 45 spaces
- Upper Gonzalez (**420 Providence Highway**) = 27 spaces

Parking meters in the "Courts" zone are active (as of June 7, 2021). That zone includes High Street and Court Street, west of Washington Street. The meters are active between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday

Tips for Using New Parking Meters:

- First 10 minutes are free. Pay before you leave to take advantage of this 10-minute grace period and avoid a ticket
- Parking Meters are active between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday
- Payment available by card, coins, or through the mobile app (Sentry Mobile app)
- Parking Meter will automatically detect your car when you park
- You will only be charged a fine if you leave without paying

Additional Information:

- [August 2, 2021: Announcement and Email about Additional Parking Meters in Dedham Square](#)
- [June 7, 2021: Announcement and Email about Parking Meters in Dedham Square \(Court Street and High Street\)](#)
- [Video Demonstrating How the Parking Meters Work](#)

WEEKLY BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE - COVID-19 VACCINES, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, ETC.

The Board reports that as of Thursday, August 19th, there have been 2,532 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Town. This is an increase of 22 cases from last week's update. Currently, there are 23 active confirmed cases. The Commonwealth is not sequencing all positive COVID-19 specimens, and as a result, it cannot be determined that all cases are related to the Delta Variant.

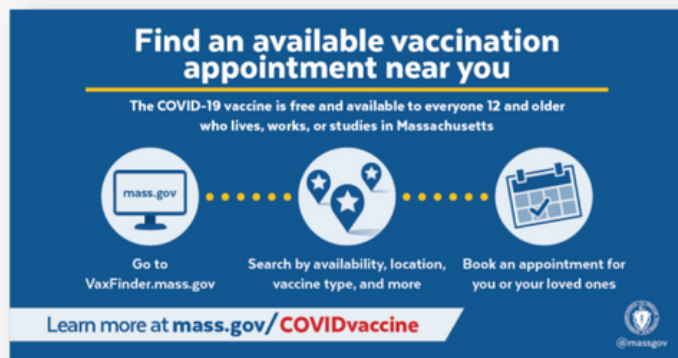
COVID-19 Vaccine

The Board encourages anyone who is eligible and unvaccinated to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone 12 years and older is eligible for the vaccine. The vaccine is safe, free, and effective – even against the Delta variant. Getting vaccinated will help Dedham get back to normal.

Go to [Vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) or contact your local pharmacy or healthcare provider for information about getting the vaccine.

The [CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) recommends a third dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine for some individuals with compromised immune systems. This recommendation is for people with the following conditions:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response



Residents who have questions about whether a third dose of vaccine is recommended for them should contact their healthcare provider to discuss these recommendations.

Face Masks Required in All Town of Dedham Municipal Buildings

Effective August 10th, face masks are required inside municipal buildings for all individuals aged 2 years or older, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals unable to wear a face mask due to a medical condition or disability are exempt. According to the [CDC's Risk Map](#), Norfolk County remains at substantial risk for COVID-19 transmission.

MassNotify

MassNotify is a tool that works through smartphones to privately alert users who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You can [enable MassNotify on your iPhone or Android phone](#) to add another tool to our fight against the spread of COVID-19.

- By opting in, your smartphone will share anonymous codes with other MassNotify users using your phone's Bluetooth.
- MassNotify codes contain no personal information or location data and are completely anonymous.
- If another user you've been near tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period, you will be notified. If you test positive, you can easily and anonymously notify others to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Chickens in Dedham

The Board would like to remind residents that anyone keeping chickens in Dedham must receive a permit through the Health Department. A [Domestic Animals Permit Application](#) must be submitted to the Health Department for review. The application process includes the submission of chicken coop plans, coop set-back requirements, abutter notifications, and more. Please be aware, **roosters are not allowed in Dedham**. Please contact the Health Department at [**\(781\) 751-9220**](tel:7817519220) to learn more.

DSPC TO HOST COMMUNITY EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021



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On **September 14, 2021**, the Dedham Square Planning Committee (DSPC) is holding another virtual community event that will serve as the culmination of a series of public meetings and community outreach from the past two years. To date, the DSPC has held a total of nine public meetings with hundreds of residents and other stakeholders, including four community meetings: two with the Council on Aging at the Senior Center, one for merchants and local businesses, and one for neighbors of the property.

At a public meeting in February 2021, **over 170 people attended** and provided constructive and vital feedback to the DSPC about the future of the building. Using this feedback, the DSPC voted in March to recommend the Select Board pursue a green space or park in place of the current building.

The land at 600 High Street was originally donated to the town for civic purposes in the 1800s. The site first housed Memorial Hall, built in the late 1800s, a monument dedicated to the forty-seven "sons of Dedham" who lost their lives fighting in the Civil War. Memorial Hall was torn down in 1962 and in 1964 the current Police Station was built in its place.

With the construction of the **combined Public Safety Building** underway next to Town Hall, the Planning Board and Select Board identified the importance of this Police Station property and its strategic location within the community. To develop a plan for this property, the Planning Board reconvened the DSPC in 2019 and charged them with the research and development of a plan and recommendation for the future of 600 High Street to present to the Select Board. The DSPC is made up of representatives from every neighborhood to ensure the wants, needs, concerns, and questions of each part of Dedham are heard and considered. Planning Board Vice-Chair Michael Podolski and Planning Board member Jessica Porter serve as co-Chairs.

Over the course of two years, the DSPC has studied the economic, community, and environmental impacts of three possible scenarios for this property: sell the building, rehabilitate the building for reuse, or demolish the building. During this time, DSPC wasted no time and held regular meetings, conducted research, facilitated focus groups, and connected with experts to fully understand the challenges and opportunities to both support our small businesses and create a dynamic space for all in Dedham to enjoy.

So, what comes next and how can you get involved? As the DSPC prepares to issue a final report and recommendation to the Select Board, they are seeking the help of the community to fine tune what this will include. Sign up to attend this virtual event using the link: **bit.ly/WhatIsNextFor600HighStreet** and participate in the development of this DSPC recommendation for the park.

It is the unrelenting goal of the DSPC to provide an opportunity for each Dedham resident to participate in this process and take pride in the outcome that will serve this community for years to come.

To learn more about the DSPC and about this project, please contact John Sisson at **jsisson@dedham-ma.gov**

SELECT BOARD VOTES ON FALL TOWN MEETING DATE

Mark your calendars! At their **August 12, 2021** public meeting, the Select Board voted to hold the Fall Town Meeting on **Monday, November 15, 2021**. The Select Board also voted to close the Warrant on **September 3, 2021** by the close of business.

Where can I learn more about Town Meeting?

A dedicated website will be created for the Fall Town Meeting that will include meeting information, copies of the warrant, public meeting schedules, and other informational resources. We also encourage you to sign up to receive email notifications and updates about Fall Town Meeting at www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe and select "**Elections & Voting**" from the list.

Where can I learn more about Representative Town Meeting?

Article 2 of the Town of Dedham Charter explains each aspect of Representative Town Meeting and its role as the local legislative body. Use this link to access the [Town Charter, Article 2: Representative Town Meeting](#).



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

What to expect August 23, 2021 (Monday) through August 27, 2021 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- The dewatering system remains in place and operational.
- Waterproofing and damp proofing of the foundation walls is nearing completion. Crews will address remaining work this week, beginning Monday, August 23, 2021.
- Steel installation will continue using the crane located onsite. To date, **approximately 1,064 pieces of steel** have been installed.
- Deliveries of steel and metal decking will continue this week.
- Expect periodic entrance and exit of large trucks at the project site entrance, located at the intersection of Washington Street and Bryant Street. Please expect minor traffic delays at this intersection.
- To maintain an efficient and organized jobsite, crews will continue to remove excess material for the site.
- 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](#).



Topping Off Ceremony:

A Topping Off Ceremony was held on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** to commemorate the progress and to signify a major milestone in the construction of this new building. Linked below is a story on the Town website about the event, and included below are some photos from the event: <https://bit.ly/3j510CY>. You can view the Dedham TV recording of the event by clicking on the photo to the left.

Project Team Contact Information:

- Immediate issues or concerns, please contact the Dedham Town Manager's Office at 781-751-9100.
- For general questions or concerns, please contact the project team at psb@dedham-ma.gov
- For more information about the Public Safety Building Project, please visit the project website at www.dedham-ma.gov/psb
- Download our project team contact information flyer on the project website.



Click on the image to the left to access Dedham TV

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

**Ames Senior Center
Week of August 23rd!**

Wednesday August 25 @ 5:30 pm
The Richard Street Drifters
Come join us for an evening of fun and acoustic music!

Our August Gardening Workshop will be held Friday, the 27th at 11:00 a.m. Come learn how to make Half Sour Pickles!!

Stop by the VNA Health and Wellness Clinic held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Get a glucose screening, your blood pressure checked or your health questions answered. No appointment required!!

Our September book club selection is *Dear Edward*. Call the senior center to reserve your copy for pick-up!

Cathy's yoga mat class is back Wednesday, August 23rd and September 2nd at 5:15 p.m. She will be switching to a morning class on September 8th at 8:45 a.m.

450 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026
781-751-9495



Tuesday, 8/24/21:

- [Dedham Housing Authority](#) at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- [Planning Board](#) at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- [Blue Hills Regional School](#) at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, 8/25/21:

- [VNA Health & Wellness Clinic](#) at 11:00 a.m. at Senior Center
- [Farmer's Market](#) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at First Church Green
- [COA Event with The Richard Street Drifters](#) at 5:30 p.m. at Senior Center
- [Planning Board](#) at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, 8/27/21:

- [COA Gardening Workshop](#) at 11:00 a.m. at Senior Center

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 8/23/21
Don't forget to check out the [Dedham Public Library events calendar!](#)

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!



Sign up to receive news, updates, and other announcements, delivered right to your inbox from the Town of Dedham on our website. The best part is, you can select the topics you are interested in and update this information at any time!



Departments across Town have set up social media accounts to share information, as well as post about exciting news around Town. Visit our [Social Media](#) page to find the accounts you want to follow!