

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of September 27, 2021

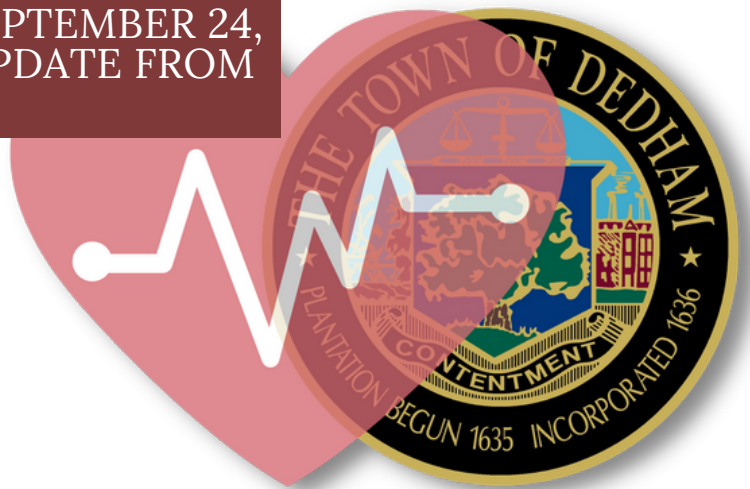


HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in Dedham will be held on Saturday, October 2nd. Read more on Page 3.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 AND COVID-19 BOOSTER UPDATE FROM STATE

The Dedham Board of Health shared their weekly update to the community on Friday, September 24th with updates and information about Covid-19 and a Senior Flu Clinic. Read the update on page 3.



FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN FOR FALL TOWN MEETING

Annual Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15th and the Finance & Warrant Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, September 29th. Read more about upcoming meetings and how to attend on page 4.



ENGINEERING DEPT SHARES SEPTIC SYSTEM TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

Do your Part— Be SepticSmart!

A Homeowners' Guide
to Septic Systems

A homeowner's guide to septic systems is available on the Engineering Department's website and includes useful information and tips to keep your system running efficiently. Read more on page 5.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

Floors are being poured, and with each passing week the new, combined public safety building takes shape. Read about what to expect this week on page 5.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are happening all around Dedham and public meetings are on the calendar week after week. View this week's schedule, review posted agendas, and find out how to attend upcoming events and meetings on page 7.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 2021

Mark your calendars, Dedham! The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for **THIS Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon** at the Dept. of Public Works (55 River Street, Dedham, MA).

Residents of Dedham (proof of residency required) are encouraged to bring the following items if found at home for safe and proper disposal, at no cost:

- Oil Paint
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Vehicle Oil
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Household Chemicals
- Mercury Thermometers
- 1 Pound Propane Cylinders
- Rechargeable Batteries



Residents are also permitted to bring televisions and computer monitors for disposal. Each unit for disposal will cost \$20, paid by cash or check only. (If paying by check, please make check payable to the "Town of Dedham".

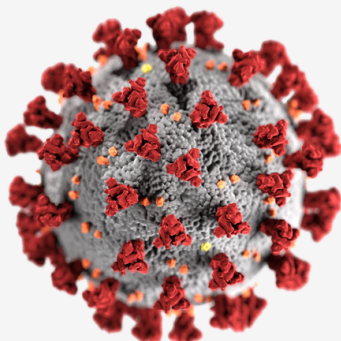
The following items **will not be accepted at this event**:

- Latex Paint
- Fire Extinguishers
- Motor Vehicle Batteries
- Appliances
- Tires
- Propane Tanks



Please call the Board of Health at **781-751-9220** for additional information about this event.


BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 AND COVID-19 BOOSTER UPDATE FROM STATE



The Board reports that as of Thursday, September 23rd, there have been 2,682 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Town. This is an increase of 25 cases from last week's update. Currently, there are 34 active confirmed cases.

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BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE - CONTINUED



Dedham Senior Flu Clinic
OCTOBER 7th 10:00am-12:30

American Legion
155 Eastern Ave
Dedham, MA 02026

The Dedham Health Department will provide flu vaccine for Seniors 65+

Please remember to stay home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. More info at www.mass.gov/covid-19-updates-and-information

Pre-Registration & Appointments | Face coverings & Short Sleeves | Insurance/Medicare Cards | COVID screening upon arrival

Please call between 10:00-1:00 on Sept. 28th or Sept. 30th 781-751-9488 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be made only during these hours.

State of Massachusetts Seal

Senior Flu Clinic: October 7th 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Legion

There will be a senior flu clinic on Thursday, October 7th at the Legion (155 Eastern Ave) from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The clinic is for residents 65 years and older. Residents must register in advance for the clinic. **Please register** by calling (781) 751- 9488 on Tuesday, September 28th or Thursday, September 30th between 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Click on flyer to the left to enlarge.



State Provides Update on Covid-19 Booster Shots

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services provided an update on the Covid-19 booster shots, eligibility requirements, and locations where the booster shots will be administered. Read the full update on our website using the link below:

[Baker-Polito Administration Provides Update on Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Availability](#)

FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN FOR FALL TOWN MEETING

Annual Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15th and the **Finance & Warrant Committee** (FWC) meetings begin on Wednesday, September 29th.

The FWC oversees and makes recommendations on all municipal financial matters, including the annual budget, financial management, policy, and planning. The FWC meetings are open to the public and each meeting serves as an important step toward Town Meeting.

During each FWC meeting, one or more warrant articles may be discussed and reviewed by asking questions to staff and community representatives who have prepared the articles. It is through this process that FWC develops their recommendations to Town Meeting members to vote at Town Meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend and encouraged to tune it to learn more about the process leading up to and including Town Meeting.

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FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - CONTINUED

Listed below are the upcoming FWC meetings (as of 9/27/21):

- September 29, 2021
- October 4, 2021
- October 5, 2021
- October 6, 2021
- October 12, 2021
- October 18, 2021
- October 19, 2021

Use the link below review and download a PDF of the Fall Town Meeting Warrant:

[2021 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT](#)

To view the agenda and Zoom information for the September 29, 2021 meeting, please use the link below:

[Finance & Warrant Committee Meeting - 9/29/21](#)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SHARES SEPTIC SYSTEM TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR HOMEOWNERS

Homes and other properties not connected to the Town's Sanitary Sewer System have their own septic tank or cesspool system. Proper operation and maintenance of these systems is important not only to prevent sewage backups into the house, but to also prevent groundwater contamination.

Tips to Maintain Your System:

- Schedule regular inspections and pumping (based on size of system, household, total wastewater generated, and volume of solids in wastewater)
- Efficient use of water
- Proper waste disposal
- Mind your drainfield

Available for free on the Town website is a [Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems](#) that includes tips and information to help you maintain your septic/cesspool systems and prevent potential issues.



Click on the image above to download the Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

What to expect September 27, 2021 (Monday) through October 1, 2021 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- The dewatering system remains in place and operational.
- Crews will begin to focus on the remaining section of the steel decking and detail work on the roof.
- On **Monday, September 20, 2021**, crews placed the first floor concrete slab and placed the concrete slab for the second floor Police area on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.
- Concrete slab placement this week will include:
 - **Monday, September 27, 2021:** Remainder of the first floor concrete
 - **Tuesday, September 28, 2021:** Remainder of second floor Fire area
 - **Wednesday, September 29, 2021:** Roof level for both Police and Fire areas
- ***NOTE:** Please Expect trucks to be entering and exiting the site during this time to deliver concrete.

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PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES - CONTINUED

- Plumbing and electrical contractors will be onsite to install underground utilities in the basement and subsurface garage.
- 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.**
- No additional traffic impacts or pedestrian impacts are anticipated during this week.

Construction Hours:

- Crews will be onsite:
 - Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Click on the images below to enlarge



Caption: Photo of active construction site taken from the north side of Town Hall on Friday, September 24, 2021. The signed beam in still visible near the elevator shaft and stairwell at the center of the photo.

Caption: The southeast corner of the first floor concrete slab covered in hydracure blankets. The blankets are used as part of the wet curing process that trap moisture, such as rain, to assist in the curing process.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 9/27/21:

- **Commission on Disability** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, 9/28/21:

- **Dedham Housing Authority** at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Bylaw Review Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, 9/29/21:

- **Dedham Farmer's Market**, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at First Church Green
- **Select Board** at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- **Finance & Warrant Committee** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, 9/30/21:

- **Capital Expenditures Committee** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, 10/2/21:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Day**, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at DPW (55 River Street)
- **Ames Senior Center Ribbon Cutting**, 10:00 a.m. to Noon at 450 Washington Street



Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 9/27/21
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!

