

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of October 18, 2021



DEA NATIONAL DRUG TAKEBACK DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Dedham Police participate again in the upcoming DEA National Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, October 23rd. Read page 3 for more information.

SENIOR FLU CLINIC #2 AND WEEKLY BOH UPDATE

The Second Senior Flu Clinic will be held tomorrow, October 19th at the Ames Senior Center, and the Dedham Board of Health provides a weekly update about Covid-19, permits, and chickens. Read more on page 3.



FALL CLEAN-UP 2021 NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 30TH

Join Dedham Civic Pride, Dedham Junior Women's Club, DPW, Parks & Recreation Department, and Open Space Committee for #Just1BagDedham. Read more about the upcoming event on page 4.



DEDHAM SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS APPLY FOR SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Grants of up to \$25,000 are still available for small commercial enterprises in Dedham. Read more about the grant program and how to apply on page 5.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

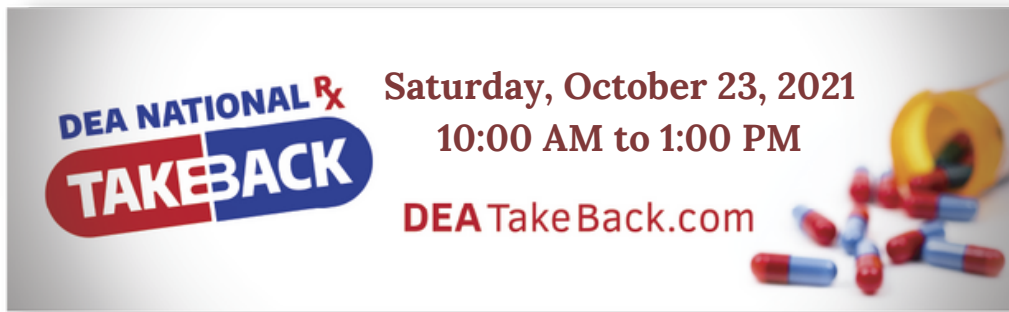
The leaves are changing colors and the temperatures are getting cooler, but the progress remains steadfast at the Public Safety Building. Read about what to expect this week on page 6.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

DEA NATIONAL DRUG TAKEBACK DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD



The Dedham Police Department will once again participate in the DEA National Drug Takeback Day on Saturday October 23, 2021. Unused or expired medications may be disposed of in the parking lot area of the Dedham Police Department located at 600 High Street between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. An officer will be present to accept the medications.

Why are the Dedham Police participating in this program?

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue which can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse;
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision;
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends, and the home medicine cabinet;
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.
- Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment; Takeback programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs.

The Dedham Police accept unused and expired drugs in the public lobby of the Police Station 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We encourage all to do some fall cleaning. Check your medicine cabinets for unused and expired medications. Bring them to the Dedham Police Station on **Saturday October 23, 2021 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** for safe disposal.

SENIOR FLU CLINIC #2 AND WEEKLY BOH UPDATE

Open to Dedham residents, ages 65 years or older, the Dedham Health Department is hosting another Senior Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ames Senior Center.

How to Register: Call the Health Dept. at **781-751-9220** or register online using this link: **[Senior Flu Clinic #2 - 10/19/21](#)**

For more flu clinic information, please visit **www.dedham-ma.gov/flu vaccine**

Weekly Update

The Board reports that as of Thursday, October 14th, there have been 2,758 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Town. This is an increase of 31 cases from last week's update. Currently, there are 36 active confirmed cases.

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SENIOR FLU CLINIC #2 AND WEEKLY BOH UPDATE – CONTINUED

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. Getting vaccinated will help Dedham get back to normal. Click [here](#) or contact your local pharmacy or healthcare provider for information about getting the vaccine.

Chickens in Dedham

The Board would like to remind residents that anyone keeping chickens in Dedham must receive a permit. 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 to learn more.

Board of Health Permits

The Board of Health issues the following permits to residents and businesses. If you are interested in applying for one of these permits, or you would like to learn more, please visit the Health Department's website or call the Health Department at (781) 751-9220.

- Food establishments (restaurants, one-day food events, catering, farmers markets, and retail stores)
- Pools (public and semi-public)
- Tobacco retailers
- Recreational camps for children
- Dumpsters
- Waste haulers and septic system installers
- Title 5 septic systems
- Tanning facilities
- Wells
- Domestic animals (including chickens)
- Cryogenic chamber therapy establishments
- Saunas & steam rooms

FALL CLEAN-UP 2021 NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 30TH

Press Release below from Dedham Civic Pride:

With the leaves changing, it's time for a Fall Clean Up! Join Dedham Civic Pride, Dedham Junior Women's Club, Dept. of Public Works, Parks & Recreation Department and Open Space Committee for **#Just1BagDedham** and pledge to pick up just one bag of trash this October.

WHEN: October 17-30

WHERE: Your street, neighborhood or anywhere!

WHAT: Pick up a bag (or more) of trash. Log your efforts on our site and watch our collective efforts add up! Participants that log their bags will be entered to win raffle prizes.

WHO: Your family or pod group (see below for rules regarding non-family or community groups)

Visit <https://bit.ly/FallClean> to log your efforts and be entered to win raffle prizes.

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FALL CLEAN-UP 2021 NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 30TH - CONTINUED

Take a photo and post to social media using the hashtag **#Just1BagDedham** to help us celebrate the effort and encourage others to join the movement.

Consider wearing sturdy garden gloves or investing in a trash picker for safety. Do not pick up hazardous or dangerous objects—if you come across something concerning, contact the DPW with the location and leave it there. If you go into wooded areas, take tick precautions and wear bug spray.

Please continue to take COVID precautions as well—practice social distancing, wear masks where social distancing is not possible and wash hands or use hand sanitizer after visiting public spaces.

If you would like to request trash bags from the town, or request pickup of trash following a cleanup, email Joe Flanagan at jflanagan@dedham-ma.gov.

DEDHAM SMALL BUSINESSES OWNERS CAN APPLY FOR SMALL BUSINESS GRANT THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST

Grants of up to \$25,000 are still available for small commercial enterprises in Dedham.

To date, 18 eligible Dedham small businesses have received grants totaling \$207,500.

Eligible businesses that have not yet applied can apply now. Those that have received less than \$25,000 in grant funding are eligible to re-apply up to the \$25,000 cap.

What businesses are eligible?

- for-profit business entities,
- with 5 employees or fewer,
- owned by one or more of the employees.
- located in Dedham. (Home-based businesses may be eligible.)
- Operating prior to October 1, 2019.

Eligibility is limited by household income. All owners of the business must earn annual income equal to or less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) based on family size. If a family's income was impacted by the pandemic, 2020 tax returns may improve eligibility.

The application is available online: <https://massgcc.submittable.com/submit>

The deadline to apply is December 1, 2021.

If you need help applying, please contact: John Sisson, [\(781\) 751-9175](tel:(781)751-9175), jsisson@dedham-ma.gov.

Cualquiera que necesite ayuda en español deben comunicarse con Michelle Tinger, [\(781\) 751-9244](tel:(781)751-9244), mtinger@dedham-ma.gov.



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect October 18, 2021 (Monday) through October 22, 2021 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- As of **Friday, October 15, 2021**, contractors completed the following work:
 - o Installation of underground plumbing and electrical utilities
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 - o First floor topping slab concrete placement
- On **Thursday, October 14, 2021**, the contractor began the elevator piston and casing drilling. This work is expected to continue for approximately one week.
- Along the north elevation, the masonry contractors will begin to install the concrete masonry unit (CMU) wall. This work will include deliveries of materials and trucks will be entering and exiting the site at the intersection of Washington Street and Bryant Street.
- Plumber will be onsite this week to install sub-slab depressurization (SSD) piping in the basement/garage area of the building.
- Crews will continue to install and backfill the perimeter foundation drain along the north elevation this week
- Contractors onsite are planning to install drainage manholes and a water quality structure on Bryant Street that is expected to begin on **Friday, October 22, 2021**. This work may cause traffic delays within the area. More information and updates will be provided prior to the start of work to help facilitate travel in and around this area.
- 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:

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

Subscribe for Weekly Project Updates at www.dedham-ma.gov/psb



Click on image to the left to enlarge

Caption: Photo of active construction site taken from the north side of Town Hall on Monday, October 18, 2021.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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



Monday, 10/18/21:

- **Planning Board** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Finance & Warrant Committee** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, 10/19/21:

- **Senior Flu Clinic #2**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Ames Senior Center
- **Select Board** at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Finance & Warrant Committee** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, 10/20/21:

- **Dedham Farmer's Market**, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at First Church Green
- **Building, Planning & Construction Committee** at 3:30 p.m. via Hybrid
- **Taxation Aid Committee** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Human Rights Commission** at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 302
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, 10/21/21:

- **Select Board** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Commissioners of Trust Funds** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, 10/23/21:

- **Dedham Police Drug Takeback Day** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dedham Police Department, 600 High Street

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 10/18/21. Don't forget to check out the [Dedham Public Library events calendar](#) and the [Dedham Public Schools 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!