

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of November 29, 2021



NEW TRASH CARTS DELIVERED TO HOMES, BEGINNING TODAY THROUGH END OF WEEK

Delivery of new, 96-gallon trash carts began with regular trash collection on Monday, November 29th. Read page 3 for more information.

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH – NOVEMBER 26, 2021

The Board of Health provides updated vaccination rates and Covid-19 infection rates for Dedham on page 3.



MBTA TO HOST VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR EAST STREET BRIDGE PROJECT



The MBTA is presenting 30% design plans and discussing the project for the East Street Bridge in a virtual public info meeting. Read more on page 4.

**DD Designing Dedham 2030 Master
Community Celebration**

Saturday, December 4
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hybrid event in-person at Dedham Middle School and via Zoom
Register for the event at: <https://bit.ly/DD2030-12-4>

Raffle and Door Prizes!

If you need assistance contact Michelle Tinger at (781) 751-9244 or mtinger@dedham-ma.gov
Available in Spanish | Disponible en Español

Explore the plan content www.DesigningDedham2030.org

Designing Dedham 2030

HYBRID COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TO RELEASE DRAFT OF MASTER PLAN

Town-wide Master Plan project hosts a hybrid in-person and virtual Community Celebration on Saturday, December 4th. Register to attend on page 5.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

The Public Safety Building moves closer to the finish line with each passing week, and crews are onsite each day to make this project a reality. Read what to expect this week on page 6.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



View this week's schedule, review posted agendas, and find out how to attend upcoming events and meetings on page 7.

NEW TRASH CARTS DELIVERED TO HOMES, BEGINNING TODAY THROUGH END OF WEEK

Residents can expect to see their new, 96-gallon trash carts delivered to their homes as early as Monday, November 29, 2021. The Town has contracted with Cascade Cart Solutions (Cascade) to produce and deliver the new carts, and to remove the old carts for potential credits back to the Town.

A process has been designed by members of the Town and Cascade to make an efficient exchange of carts and to ensure residents are not without a trash cart. Following the **regular trash schedule**, residents will place their trash outside on their trash collection day and Waste Management will pick up the trash for disposal. Following behind Waste Management will be a team from Cascade who will remove the old carts. A separate team will follow the same routes for assembly and delivery of the new, 96-gallon trash carts on the same day. Please do not take in your old trash cart.

Each Dedham residence will be given one, 96-gallon cart to replace the existing 64-gallon cart. The new trash carts are designed to be unique to Dedham; **crimson red with white lettering**. Once the new trash cart has been delivered, trash will only be collected from the new cart. Overflow bags may still be used for excess household trash. No additional trash carts are available at this time.

Additional information about the new trash carts and delivery to each residence is available on our website at www.dedham-ma.gov/recyclingtrashupdates.

Download a **[PDF of Frequently Asked Questions](#)** about the new trash carts and delivery process

Anyone with questions about the new trash carts or if they do not receive their new cart on their scheduled trash collection day, beginning the week of November 29, 2021, is asked to call the DPW at **781-751-9350**.

Additional Information About Trash and Recycling Updates:

Beginning on January 1, 2022, residents will pay for the pick-up and disposal of white goods and bulky items at the time of scheduling directly with Waste Management. Additionally, residents will receive a larger trash cart to replace the existing 64-gallon cart. Developed as part of the Town's ongoing process to review solid waste and recycling options in Dedham, these changes are expected to improve service to residents, help control increasing costs for disposal, and continue to support the Town's environmental goals.

To learn more about Trash and Recycling and to participate in future public discussions, please visit www.dedham-ma.gov/trash_recycling, and subscribe to future email notifications from the Town at www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe and select "Recycling & Trash".

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH – NOVEMBER 26, 2021

Below please find an outline of COVID-19 statistics for Dedham and the State as of November 24, 2021. More statistics can be found on www.mass.gov.

Total Cases: Dedham = 2,921; MA = 838,994

New Cases: Dedham = 43 (this week); MA = 2,616 (on 11/22/21)

14-Day Percent Positivity: Dedham = 1.64%; MA = 2.26%

Fully Vaccinated Residents: Dedham = 18,168; MA = 4,833,513

MA data taken from www.mass.gov on November 24, 2021.

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WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH - NOVEMBER 26, 2021 - CONTINUED

Thank You!

The Dedham Board of Health would like to thank all residents for attending the Town's recent COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Within the last week and a half, 264 residents received COVID-19 booster vaccines and 243 children received their first dose of the vaccine. This would not have been possible without the help from the MRC volunteers, the Dedham Housing Authority, the American Legion, Veterans Service Officer Joe Hamilton, the Dedham Police Department, Fallon Ambulance, and the Dedham School Department. The Board would like to extend a special thanks to the school nurses and other school officials that attended the pediatric clinic on Saturday, November 20th. The Board of Health is grateful to be in partnership with so many wonderful groups and organizations across the community. If you are interested in volunteering at future vaccination clinics, please register to become an MRC volunteer at www.maresponds.org.

The Board wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

Stay safe and be kind!

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Health,
Leanne Jasset, Chairman
Mary Ellard, Vice-Chairman
Noreen Guilfoyle, Member

MBTA TO HOST VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR EAST STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

The MBTA and their project team are hosting a virtual public information meeting on **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** to introduce and discuss the East Street Bridge Replacement Project here in Dedham. Please read the following meeting information, provided by the MBTA:

We are excited to introduce you to the Dedham East Street Bridge Replacement Project. The MBTA is replacing the Commuter Rail bridge over East Street in Dedham. The steel bridge, built in 1904, is nearing the end of its useful life and will be completely replaced. The new bridge will meet the MBTA's reliability and modernization needs and is currently in the design phase.

Join Us for a Virtual Public Meeting to Learn More!

The MBTA invites you to a virtual public information meeting for the Dedham East Street Bridge Replacement Project on:

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM

At this meeting, MBTA staff and its design consultant will present a 30% design update. The meeting will allow time for Questions + Answers. We encourage you to attend this meeting and provide feedback. Please pre-register for this meeting using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_STLTFNYSIOEnZFjaqBLHQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting. The presentation will be posted on the project event page ahead of the meeting and a recording of the meeting will be posted for those who are unable to attend.

For more information about the Dedham East Street Bridge Replacement Project, and to sign up for email updates, please visit www.MBTA.com/EastStBridge. For inquiries and comments related to the project, please send us an email at EastStBridge@MBTA.com.

[Download the Virtual Public Information Meeting Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

HYBRID COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TO RELEASE DRAFT OF MASTER PLAN

The following press release was submitted to the Town of Dedham by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) ([Download PDF](#))

The two-year Dedham Master Plan process, Designing Dedham 2030, is nearing its end. The draft Master Plan is ready for release and the Community Celebration will kick-off a public review period. On Saturday, December 4th, a hybrid in-person and virtual Community Celebration will be hosted at the Dedham Middle School and on Zoom from 11:00am to 1:00pm to review the draft Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan. Attendees can participate in person or via Zoom at the same event. Spanish interpretation will be available. Other languages will be made available upon request. At the meeting, attendees can expect a brief overview of the master plan process and draft content including the vision statement and all master plan topic chapters, a question-and-answer panel hosted by the Master Plan Committee, and an informal open house to conclude the meeting. Master Plan topics include: public health and livability; land use and zoning; economic development; housing; natural, cultural, historic resources; transportation and connectivity; community facilities and services; and governance. Door prizes and raffle drawings will add to the celebration. Registration for the event is available at <https://bit.ly/DD2030-12-4>.

Community input and feedback has defined the content of this plan, and community feedback on the draft plan now is equally as important. The Community Celebration will begin a 45-day public comment period that will be open until January 18th, 2022. During this time, you are invited to grab or download a copy of any chapter you would like to review or the full document. You can send comments to MAPC Project Manager, Josh Fiala at jfiala@mapc.org. Specific links for downloads and additional information will be available at the project website beginning on December 4th. For more information, visit www.DesigningDedham2030.org.

All of the events of the Master Plan add to the new ways that the town has engaged people in the two-year Master Plan process. A hybrid Community Celebration is another example of the inclusive engagement that has been a core feature of this process. Over this two-year process, a visioning workshop attracted over three hundred of participants in 2020, a visioning survey conducted over the same time period received 1,100 responses and a second, more detailed, survey gathered input from nearly 800 people. Last winter a series of three virtual open houses were hosted to gather input on draft topic goals with hundreds of participants strengthening the goals with their input. This fall a virtual open house was hosted to gather detailed input on draft strategies with over 50 attendees. Additional Focus Group meetings and project team Office Hours were also held to gather feedback on the draft strategies. The town has also hosted two virtual youth focus groups in partnership with Dedham's Youth Commission and has performed individual interviews to expand the inclusiveness of participation. The Master Plan Committee has met monthly throughout this process and will be recognized at the Community Celebration for all of their efforts. An Outreach Working Group has also been contributing many volunteer hours to help promote events and engage the community throughout this process. They will also be recognized at the Community Celebration.

About Designing Dedham 2030

Designing Dedham 2030 is a town-wide master plan being developed to guide the future improvements and economic development in the town, using goals and ideas generated by community members. A 12-member Master Plan Committee is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to produce this plan.

The Master Plan Committee is made up of representatives from the Planning Board, Select Board, School Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as several members at large who were appointed by either the Planning Board or Select Board.

For more information please contact Dedham Planning Director Jeremy Rosenberger, at jrosenberger@dedham-ma.gov and [781-751-9241](tel:781-751-9241), or MAPC Project Manager Josh Fiala at jfiala@mapc.org and [617-933-0760](tel:617-933-0760).

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect November 29, 2021 (Monday) through December 3, 2021 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- The dewatering system remains in place and operational. The contractors on site will continue installing drainage manholes, replacing catch basins, and installing water quality structures on Bryant Street.
- Electricians will install the rough electrical work along the concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls and install overhead piping in the garage.
- HVAC crews will install pipe mains from the first to second floors, and will install ductwork on the second floor.
- Masonry contractors will continue the installation of CMU walls along the interior cell blocks, apparatus bays, sallyport, first floor Police area, bathrooms, dispatch area, and the mezzanine.
- Plumbers will be onsite to install vent piping and toilet carriers on the second floor.
- The exterior cold formed metal framing and DensGlass installation is underway and will continue this week on the north, east, and south sides of the building.
- DensGlass is sheathing made of fiberglass mat gypsum, used for mold and moisture resistance
- 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.

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.



Caption: Photo of the active construction site from the north side of Town Hall on Friday, November 26, 2021. The yellow sections along the exterior walls of the building are the DensGlass sheathing, designed to resist mold and moisture.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 11/29/21:

- **School Building Rehabilitation Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, 12/1/21:

- **Active Transportation Working Group** at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Design Review Advisory Board** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **NSTAR Public Hearing** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Dog Park Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Dolan Center

Thursday, 12/2/21:

- **NSTAR Public Hearing** at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Select Board** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, 12/4/21:

- **Master Plan 2030 Community Celebration** at 11:00 a.m. – Hybrid (Zoom and Dedham Middle School)

Sunday, 12/5/21:

- **Pictures with Santa Paws** 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Dolan Center (Registration Requested; First Come, First Served)

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 11/29/21. Don't forget to check out the **Dedham Public Library events calendar** and the **Dedham Public Schools calendar**!



Click on the graphic above to register to attend



Click on the graphic above to register your pet for a photo with Santa Paws



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