

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of February 14, 2022

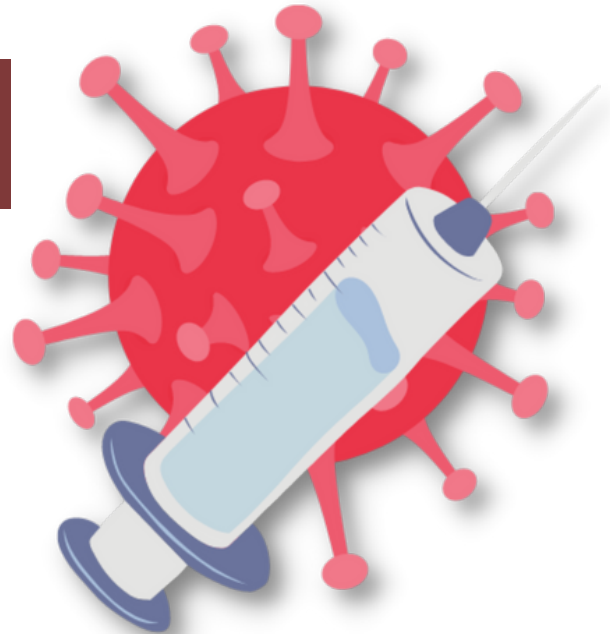


## REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS BY MARCH 18, 2022

Annual Town Elections will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The deadline to register to vote is March 18, 2022. Read page 3 to learn how you can register in-person, online, or by mail.

## BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2022

The Board of Health reports that as of February 10, 2022, there have been a total of 4,861 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Dedham. Read their full report on page 3.



## DEDHAM COMPANY WINS MASSECON "IMPACT" AWARD

A Dedham company is one of fourteen recipients to receive the 2022 MassEcon Economic Impact Award. Read page 4 to learn more about how GeneralDynamics was selected as a recipient in Greater Boston.



## CARDBOARD RECYCLING DAY IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

The monthly event returns this weekend! Bring your flattened cardboard boxes and materials to the DPW on Saturday, February 19, 2022. See page 5 for more information and to download a copy of the flyer.



## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

The Public Safety Building project team is continuing to enclose the building to continue the interior work throughout the winter season. Read what to expect this week on page 5.



## 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.



# REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS BY MARCH 18, 2022

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Annual Town Elections in Dedham is **Friday, March 18, 2022.**

The Annual Town Elections will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in all seven voting precincts. In order to be eligible to register or pre-register to vote, you must be:

1. A United States citizen
2. At least 16 years old
3. Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

If you have not already registered to vote and would like to, please use one of the following options:

- **In-Person:** Stop by the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to register in-person. The Office is open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, too.
- **By Mail:** Download and complete the Mail-In Voter Registration Form at home and mail to the Town Clerk's Office at 450 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026
- **Online:** Visit the Massachusetts Secretary of State website to register to vote online.

## Massachusetts Official Mail-In Voter Registration Form How to use this form



1. Confirm your citizenship.
  2. Print your name: last name, first name, middle name or initial.
  3. Print your former name, if applicable.
  4. Print the address where you live now: number and street name or rural route number and box number (do not provide a post office box number), apartment number, city or town and full zip code. Use the map\* at right if you cannot otherwise identify your address.
  5. Print the address where you receive all your mail, if it is different from the address entered on #4.
  6. Print your date of birth: month, day and year. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you will be pre-registered until you are old enough to vote. You will be notified by mail when you become eligible to vote.
  7. Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a current and valid Massachusetts driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you must write "none" in the box.
  8. It is optional to provide your telephone number. If you include your telephone number and do not check "unlisted" it will be a public record.
  9. Check a party, "no party" or print a political designation (not a party).
  10. Print the address where you were last registered to vote.
  11. If a person is helping you because you are physically unable to sign this form, that assisting person must print his or her name and address and has the option to print his or her telephone number.
  12. Read the oath.
  13. Print today's date.
  14. Sign your name.
- This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to your city or town hall. If mailed, fold the form, tape it closed, place a first class stamp on it, print your city or town name and zip code for that city or town hall and drop into any mailbox.*
- Print all information in black ink. Follow above instructions for proper delivery.*

**You can use this form to:**

- register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts; and/or
- update your name, address, and political party.

**To register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts you must:**

- **BE A U.S. CITIZEN;** and
- be a Massachusetts resident; and
- be at least 16 years old.

**Penalty for Illegal Registration:** Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both.  
-Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 56 section 8.

**Identification To Be Provided**

Section 7 requires you to include your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number on this application. This information will be verified through the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Social Security. If the information cannot be verified or you do not provide this information, you must provide identification either with this application or at your polling location when you go to vote. Sufficient identification includes a copy of a current and valid photo identification, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document showing your name and address.

\*Using landmarks, draw the location of the place where you live if you cannot describe that location as a number and street or as a rural route and box number.

north			
west	east		
	south		

1 Check one: Are you a Citizen of the United States of America?  Yes  No NOTE: If you checked "no," do not complete this form.

2 Full name: last name first name middle name or initial Jr. Sr. II III IV (circle one if appropriate)

3 Former name: last name first name middle name or initial Jr. Sr. II III IV (circle one if appropriate)

4 Address where you live now (street name / street name / rural route number & box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code):

5 Address where you receive all your mail (if different from #4):

6 Date of birth: month day year 7 Identification #: license # or last 4 digits of SSN 8 Telephone (optional):  Check if unlisted

9 Party enrollment or designation (check one):  Democratic  Republican  
 No Party (unenrolled)  Political Designation (not a political party):

10 Address at which you were last registered to vote (street name / street name / rural route number & box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code):

11 If the applicant is unable to sign this form, give the name, address and telephone number (optional) of the person helping the applicant: name address telephone number (optional)

12 I hereby swear (affirm) that I am the person named above, that the above information is true, that I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, that I am at least 16 years old and I understand that I must be 18 years old to be eligible to vote, that I am not a person under a guardianship which prohibits my registering to vote, that I am not temporarily or permanently disqualified by law from voting because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, that I am not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, and that I consider this residence to be my home. Signed under the penalty of perjury.

13 Today's date: month day year Signed: Sign your name here.

Box 12921

Click on the form above to access the Mail-In Voter Registration Form

## BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2022

There continues to be a decrease in COVID-19 cases in Town and across the Commonwealth. Below please find COVID-19 information as of February 10, 2022. More statistics can be found on [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

	Total Cases	New Cases	14-day Percent Positivity	Fully Vaccinated Residents
Dedham	4,861	35 (since Feb. 3, 2022)	9.39%	20,009
MA	1,513,559	2,794 (Feb. 8, 2022)	10.06%	5,236,541

**NOTE: These numbers do not include people who tested positive with at-home antigen tests.**

## Mask Requirements in Schools

On February 9, 2022, Governor Baker announced that the statewide indoor mask requirement for K-12 schools and childcare settings will be lifted on February 28, 2022. The decision was made in consultation public health and medical experts at the State level. Vaccinations are the greatest protection against severe illness due to COVID-19. Massachusetts has among the highest vaccination rates of young people in the nation with the following percentages of youth with at least one dose: 51% of 5-11-year-olds; 83% of 12-15-year-olds; and 82% of 16-19-year-olds.

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2022 – CONTINUED**

Per Federal order, masks must continue to be worn on school and other transportation. Masks also need to be worn following the first five days of isolation or quarantine in accordance with State isolation and quarantine guidance.

### **Pfizer Seeks Approval to Expand COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility to 6 Months - 4 Years**

The FDA Advisory Panel will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 to review Pfizer's request for emergency use authorization to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to children 6 months through 4 years old.

### **At-Home COVID-19 Tests for Dedham Residents in Need**

The Town of Dedham purchased a limited supply of at-home COVID-19 tests to distribute to residents disproportionately impacted by the pandemic using available funds through the American Rescue Plan Act, commonly referred to as "ARPA". The Town is using the below criteria to determine resident eligibility:

- Low-income status
- Mobility issues
- At-risk for severe illness (per [CDC guidelines](#) - including people over 65 and those with medical conditions)

At this time, the at-home test distribution is a one-time-only resource for residents that fit the criteria above and has been established to prioritize those in need within our community. Please contact the Health Department at (781) 751-9220 if you believe you are eligible and are interested in receiving a free at-home test.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

Residents 5 years and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and residents 12 years and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 booster. The Board encourages anyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Vaccine appointments can be scheduled at [vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov).

### **Updated Information on Town Website**

The Town's website has been updated to include guidance on preventing rodent activity in Dedham. Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit [www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/health/rodents](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/health/rodents) to learn more.

## **DEDHAM COMPANY WINS MASSECON "IMPACT" AWARD**

In October 2020, Dedham's Select Board voted to provide a waiver of the Town's building permit fees to enable this General Dynamics expansion project to qualify for State tax credits under the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP), which requires material support from the municipality. In return, General Dynamics has partnered with Dedham on some educational and related initiatives. More information may be found on the State's website, <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/edip-incentives-awarded-in-2020>.

On the next page is an excerpt from a Press Release provided by MassEcon:

## DEDHAM COMPANY WINS MASSECON “IMPACT” AWARD - CONTINUED



### 14 GROWING MASSACHUSETTS FIRMS NAMED WINNERS OF TEAM MASSACHUSETTS “IMPACT” AWARDS

Diverse Companies in State’s 5 Regions Added Nearly 1,000 Jobs

MassEcon, the state’s private sector partner in promoting business growth in Massachusetts, today announced its Eighteenth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award winners, recognizing 14 companies for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. The companies were selected for establishing new operations in Massachusetts or expanded existing operations. Each employer added new jobs and facility investment; pursued social impact through community involvement/philanthropic efforts; and embraced equity, diversity & inclusion practices. The winners will be honored at Gillette Stadium on April 7, 2022, with Citizens as presenting sponsor.

The winning companies (listed below) were selected after site visits by teams of judges and a Finalists Showcase in November 2021. The company expansion projects resulted in \$3.9 billion in new investment, 1.375 million in additional square feet of facilities, and approximately 975 new jobs in Massachusetts.

“The commitment of these companies to innovate, invest and grow in Massachusetts is emblematic of the broader vitality of our economy and the workforce that drives it,” stated Peter Abair, Executive Director of MassEcon. “We are incredibly honored to recognize these companies and their achievements.”

“To all the winners of Economic Impact Awards, thank you for your commitment to Massachusetts and the influence you have had on the local economy through job creation and facility expansion,” said Denise McGeough, SVP Middle Market, Citizens, and Chair of MassEcon’s board of directors. “Citizens is proud to partner with MassEcon to recognize the innovation, and resilience of the award winners. These past two years like no other have required a special quality of leadership to thrive, creating a model for the next generation of business owners.”

#### Award Information:

Bronze: General Dynamics of Dedham – General Dynamics Mission Systems, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), provides mission-critical solutions to defense, intelligence and cyber-security customers across all domains. Slated to be completed in September 2021, the company invested \$9.6 million in its 140K SF location in Dedham, renovating 19K SF of existing space and 18K SF of new space. Throughout this year, the company added 45 jobs through acquisition of new contracts.

Review the [complete list of winners](#) on the MassEcon website with the [full press release](#).

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect February 14, 2022 (Monday) through February 18, 2022 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Crews will continue mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and plumbing installations this week.
- Repairs to the elevator shaft are expected to be completed this week. The anticipated delivery date of the elevator is March 1, 2022.
- The installation of the 4-inch concrete masonry unit wall in the garage is still underway. Masonry contractors will continue to install the stone veneer to the west side of the building this week.
- Installation of Stair #1 is underway and will continue this week.
- Eversource crews will be onsite to relocate the existing overhead utility wires from the existing poles to the newly installed poles.
- The interior cold form metal framing will return this week and crews will continue to install Densglass sheathing and air/vapor barriers on the exterior of the building.
- 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](mailto:psb@dedham-ma.gov)**
- For more information about the Public Safety Building Project, please visit the project website at **[www.dedham-ma.gov/psb](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/psb)**
- Download our **[project team contact information flyer](#)** on the project website.



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Caption: Photo of the  
active construction  
site taken from the  
north entrance to  
Town Hall on Friday,  
February 11, 2022.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### Tuesday, 2/15/22:

- Dog Park Committee at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Master Plan 2030 Committee at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Wednesday 2/16/22:

- Building, Planning, & Construction Committee at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- School Committee at 7:00 p.m. at the Ahern Elementary School
- Sustainability Advisory Committee at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Commissioners of Trust Funds at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Thursday, 2/17/22:

- Parking Appeals Hearings at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall
- Conservation Commission Site Walk at 3:30 p.m. at 124 Quabish Road
- MBTA Fare Changes – Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Select Board at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Conservation Commission at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Saturday, 2/19/22:

- Cardboard Recycling Day at 9:00 a.m. at DPW Dumpster

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 2/14/22. Don't forget to check out the [Dedham Public Library events calendar](#) and the [Dedham Public Schools calendar](#)!

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED!



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### Find us on Nextdoor!

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<https://nextdoor.com/>

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