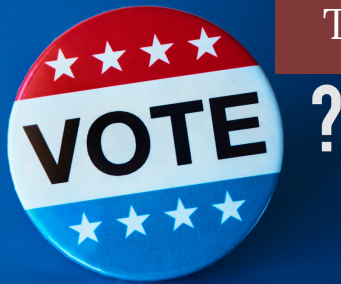


WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO



DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN TOWN ELECTIONS IS MARCH 18, 2022

This is the final week to register to vote in the upcoming town elections. Please read page 3 for instructions to register or to check your voter status.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – MARCH 11, 2022

The Board of Health reports that as of March 10, 2022, there have been a total of 4,927 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Dedham. Read their full report on page 3.



FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH



The Finance & Warrant Committee invites everyone to attend their upcoming meetings to discuss the proposed budget and warrant articles. Read more on page 4.



SAVE THE DATE – TOWN RECYCLING DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

The DPW, Sustainability Advisory Committee, and Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club are hosting a town-wide recycling event on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Please read page 4 for more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES



The Public Safety Building project team is continuing to finish the exterior stonework and roofing while working on interior features. 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.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN TOWN ELECTIONS IS MARCH 18, 2022

In order to vote in the upcoming Town Elections on April 9, 2022, voters must be registered by March 18, 2022.

Voter Registration

If you have not yet registered to vote in the upcoming election, there is still time! The deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022. To register, please use one of the options below:

- 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.

If you have already registered to vote and you want to verify your registration status, you can also use the Secretary of State website (linked above) to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and ZIP of residence.

See you at the polls, Dedham!

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – MARCH 11, 2022

Below please find COVID-19 information as of March 10, 2022. More statistics can be found on www.mass.gov.

	Total Cases	New Cases	14-day Percent Positivity	Fully Vaccinated Residents
Dedham	4,927	16 (since Mar. 3, 2022)	1.83%	20,244
MA	1,546,685	755 (Mar. 8, 2022)	2.32%	5,300,535

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

Stop the Spread COVID-19 Testing Sites

The State run Stop the Spread testing sites will downsize to 11 sites across the Commonwealth effective April 1, 2022. This is due to a rapid decline in usage from residents across locations, with an 80% decrease in volume since the beginning of January. Locations remaining open were selected by volume of testing and geographic equity. The sites are located in Everett, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, and Worcester. These sites will continue to operate through at least May 15, 2022. Stop the Spread sites remain free to any Massachusetts resident, with no insurance or ID necessary. More information can be found on the State's website: www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing.

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BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – MARCH 11, 2022 - CONTINUED

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.

Upcoming Board of Health Permitting

As Spring approaches, the following Board of Health permits will be expiring and require renewal:

- Domestic Animals (chickens) – expire June 30th
- Pools, Saunas, Steam Rooms – expire June 30th
- Tanning Facilities – expire June 30th

Other businesses such as Farmers Market food vendors and recreational camp for children operators must also apply for permits before beginning seasonal operations. Please contact the Health Department at **(781) 751-9220** or visit the Department's website at www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/health for more information.

FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

As the Fiscal Year 2023 budget season begins, the Finance and Warrant Committee has scheduled a meeting on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting will be held in the O'Brien Meeting Room at Town Hall and will also be available via Zoom.

At this meeting, presentations will be made by Assessing Director Kevin Doyle regarding the process involved in setting the tax rate and property evaluations. Former Select Board member Mike Butler will discuss and present the Town's Statement of Net Position and comparisons to other Norfolk County communities.

These presentations will provide valuable information to the community on important processes involved in shaping the Town's budget. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting.

SAVE THE DATE – TOWN RECYCLING DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

Dedham's Department of Public Works and Sustainability Advisory Committee, along with the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, will hold a recycling event on **Saturday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m. to noon** at the Dedham Middle School, 70 Whiting Avenue.

It will take place rain or shine and is free for Dedham residents, except for electronics which will include a fee.

Residents will be able to recycle items not accepted in bi-weekly curbside pickup. Confirmed recycling opportunities include:

- scrap metal
- paper shredding
- electronics (for a fee)

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SAVE THE DATE – TOWN RECYCLING DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022 - CONTINUED

- Styrofoam (styrofoam items stamped #6 often include white packaging blocks, coolers, clean polystyrene coffee cups, white grocery meat trays, and takeout clam shell food packaging. Packing peanuts, meat trays, and soft foam are not accepted)

Textiles, including clothing, footwear, linens and accessories such as stuffed animals, may always be dropped off at the white collection boxes offered by Bay State Textiles. These boxes are located in the parking lots of the Middle School, the Avery, Greenlodge and Riverdale Elementary Schools, and the Early Childhood Education Center.

As the date approaches, the DPW will update its website (www.dedham-ma.gov/DPW) with details on further recycling options and the fees for electronics.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

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

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Last week, Eversource relocated underground utility lines from the existing poles to the newly installed poles that will provide service to the new building. Service to the Fire Station was not interrupted during this process.
- Exterior installation of Shouldice, stone veneer, will continue this week on the west and north sides of the building.
- Crews completed repairs to the elevator shaft and the elevator is expected to be delivered by the end of March.
- Contractors will continue working along Bryant Street to install water quality structures and manholes. Please use extra caution when driving in this area.
- The roofing subcontractor is nearing completion of the sally port roof. (The sally port is the secure and enclosed entry point where police unload those in custody by the Police Department.) Work will continue this week.
- Crews will continue the installation of the first floor Police and second floor Fire door frames this week.
- Eversource crews are slated to return to relocate the existing overhead utility wires from the existing poles to the newly installed poles.
- 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.

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PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES - CONTINUED

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

Click on the images below to enlarge



Caption: Photo of the active construction site, using a drone on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Crews completed the backfill and preparations for the generator pad at the bottom of this photo. The next step is to pour the transformer pad.



Caption: Photo of the active construction site, using a drone on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Crews are still installing the exterior stone veneer, Shouldice, on the west and north sides of the building. The white plastic sheeting on the exterior of the building helps to protect the stone veneer during installation and while the mortar cures.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 3/14/22:

- **Parks and Recreation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Tuesday, 3/15/22:

- **Dedham Housing Authority** at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Board of Health** at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- **Dedham Candidates Forum 2022** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday 3/16/22:

- **Building, Planning, and Construction Committee** at 4:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Finance & Warrant Committee** at 6:30 via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **School Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Avery Elementary School

Thursday, 3/17/22:

- **Conservation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Bylaw Review Committee** at 7:00 p.m. Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)

Friday, 3/18/22:

- **Last day to register to vote** in April 9, 2022 Town Elections

Saturday, 3/19/22:

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

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 3/14/22. Don't forget to check out the **Dedham Public Library events calendar** and the **Dedham Public Schools calendar!**

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

The Town of Dedham strives to keep residents and visitors informed of Town projects, local government processes, meetings, and community events and is focusing on timely, sustainable, and consistent communications in 2022 and for years to come.

We currently use a variety of communication platforms and tools that enable us to share important information and encourage engagement with local departments and staff. We regularly review the effectiveness of these tools to help us continue to improve and reach as many people as possible.

We encourage you to sign-up to receive updates and notifications using the tools below:



Email Notifications

Visit www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe to sign up today!



Social Media

Follow @DedhamThrives for Town-wide updates and notifications on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram



Find us on Nextdoor!

Dedham residents can sign up to join Nextdoor for free and follow the Town of Dedham for news and updates



CodeRed

Sign up for [CodeRED notifications](#) to receive emergency alerts



Dedham TV

The Town of Dedham maintains a strong collaborative relationship with Dedham TV who broadcasts public meetings, community events, educational specials, and more!



Local Media

The Town of Dedham is pleased to work closely with local news outlets like the Dedham Times and Patch to share updates and important news in print and online.