

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of March 21, 2022



## FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN TO REVIEW PROPOSED FY23 BUDGET

The Finance & Warrant Committee invites everyone to attend their upcoming meetings to discuss the proposed budget and warrant articles. Read more on page 3.

## ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE IS APRIL 5, 2022 BY 5:00 P.M.

All applications for absentee ballots in the April 9, 2022 Town Elections must be received by 5PM on Tuesday, April 5th. Read more on page 3.

A sample of a Massachusetts Official Absentee Ballot Application form. The form is titled "Massachusetts Official Absentee Ballot Application" and includes the state seal and the name "William Secretary". It has a section for "Voter Information" with fields for Name, Legal Voting Residence, Date of Birth, Telephone Number, and E-mail Address. There is a "Ballot Information" section with a field for "Mail Ballot to:". A large number "1" is printed in the center of the form.

## DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Registration is open for the 2022 Citizens Police Academy. Read page 4 for more information and to find out how to apply.



## TOWN OF DEDHAM IS HIRING!

The Town of Dedham is seeking qualified candidates for various positions. If you are interested in working in local government and would like to join a dynamic team, please read page 4.

## 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.

## FINANCE & WARRANT COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN TO REVIEW PROPOSED FY23 BUDGET

The Dedham Finance & Warrant Committee began their series of public meetings on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 to review and discuss the proposed Town budget for FY23. These meetings will continue to be held using a hybrid format to allow for interested parties to attend in-person at Town Hall or to participate via Zoom.

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance & Warrant Committee is tonight, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m. where they will discuss Articles 4, 9, 21, 22, and 23 on the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Please use the following link to access the meeting agenda and Zoom information: [bit.ly/3N5k0xY](https://bit.ly/3N5k0xY)

Recordings of the previous Finance & Warrant Committee meetings are available on-demand, thanks to Dedham TV. To view the recordings from your computer or mobile device, please use the links below:

- **March 16, 2022**
  - [Dedham TV recording](#)
  - [Meeting Agenda](#)
- **March 19, 2022**
  - [Dedham TV recording of Morning Session](#)
  - [Dedham TV recording of Afternoon Session](#)
  - [Meeting Agenda](#)

### ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE IS APRIL 5, 2022 BY 5:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballots are still available for the April 9, 2022 Town Elections. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, April 5, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

If you are unable to vote at your polling place on the day of an election, due to disability, hospitalization, religious beliefs or absence from Dedham, or if you are worried about coming to the polls because of COVID-19, you may vote by absentee ballot for the upcoming local Town Elections. You must first submit an **Absentee Ballot Application** to the Town Clerk's office by mail (450 Washington Street) or by dropping the application in the Town Clerk's Drop Box, located at the rear entrance to Town Hall (see photo below). Completed applications can also be submitted via email to Town Clerk Paul Munchbach at [pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov). Please note, all applications must have an original signature in order to be accepted. Once the Clerk's Office has received your completed application with an original signature, a ballot will be mailed to your home prior to the election.

The Town Clerk's Office must receive all completed ballots by the close of polls on Election Day, Saturday, April 9, 2022. (Reminder: Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in all seven voting precincts).

If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at **781-751-9200** and leave a message. You can also email your questions to the Town Clerk at [pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov).

## DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Dedham Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Department's 11th Citizens Police Academy. This is an informational program designed to provide citizens of Dedham with an inside look at the inner workings of a modern police department. This will be an interactive forum which will allow for the exchange of information between police officers and citizens. Citizens of all ages are invited to attend. This is a unique opportunity for citizens and officers to build trust and understanding related to policing services in Dedham. There is no cost to attend this program.

Participants will be presented with information from Dedham Police Officers, E911 Dispatchers and civilian personnel. Material related to E-911, crime prevention, juvenile issues, alcohol enforcement, regional law enforcement councils, court procedures, the Sex Offender Registry, firearms and firearms licensing, narcotics, crime scene investigation, traffic issues, motor vehicle law, animal control and more will be discussed.

This will be a 9-week program. The Academy will meet once per week on Tuesday nights starting at 6 pm at the Endicott Estate. Each session will last up to 2 hours. The Academy will run on the following Tuesday nights: April 12, 19 and 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, and June 7. Those interested in attending should contact Chief Michael d'Entremont, 600 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026 or email [mdentremont@police.dedham-ma.gov](mailto:mdentremont@police.dedham-ma.gov) to express your interest in participating. Please call [781-751-9304](tel:781-751-9304) with any questions.

### TOWN OF DEDHAM IS HIRING!

The Town of Dedham is currently seeking eligible candidates for the following positions:

- Custodian (per diem)
- Bus/Van Driver for the COA (per diem)
- Patrol Matron for the Dedham Police Department
- Interim Assistant Treasurer/Collector
- Kenpo Karate Martial Arts Assistant Instructor
- Lifeguard
- Park Maintenance
- Summer Counselor
- Van Driver for the Parks & Recreation Department (Temporary Vacancy)
- Tennis Instructor



All qualified job seekers are encouraged to apply!

Please visit our website at [www.dedham-ma.gov/jobs](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/jobs) to access the job descriptions and to apply online. Please note: The Town of Dedham uses SeamlessDocs for its application process. Please use Google Chrome to complete and submit your application electronically.

**The Town of Dedham is an Equal Opportunity Employer that recruits and hires qualified candidates without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, disability, veteran status or any other protected status.**

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## TOWN OF DEDHAM IS HIRING! - CONTINUED

Dedham is committed to America's Veterans by providing opportunities for them to continue contributing after service to our nation. We also work to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

### Disability Accessibility Accommodation

If you require an accommodation to navigate or apply to our careers site, please send your request to the Human Resources Department or call **781-751-9121**. Any inquires not related to requesting an accommodation will be discarded.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

**What to expect March 21, 2022 (Monday) through March 25, 2022 (Friday):**

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Crews will continue the mechanical, electrical, fire protection system, and plumbing installations this week.
- Piping along the second floor of the Fire Department will continue to be insulated this week.
- Installation of the exterior stone (Shouldice) will continue along the North, South and West sides of the building.
- Anticipated delivery date of the elevator is still the end of March. Remaining repairs to the elevator shaft will be completed in the coming weeks, prior to installation.
- Installation of the first floor Police and second floor Fire door frames are nearing completion and will continue this week.
- Air Vapor Barrier nearing completion, Punch List repairs ongoing.
- As of Friday, March 14, 2022, all repairs to the stair #1 slab have been completed.
- The roof above the Police Sallyport is nearing completion and will continue this week.
- 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.

### Public Viewing Area:

If you want to stop by to check out the progress, stand by the picnic table outside the north entrance to Town Hall. This spot provides a great view into the project site and is outside of the project boundaries. Worth a visit!

### Construction Hours:

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

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## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES - CONTINUED

What to expect March 21, 2022 (Monday) through March 25, 2022 (Friday):

*Click on the images below to enlarge*



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site, taken from the north side of Town Hall on Friday, March 18, 2022.



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site, taken from the rear parking lot at Town Hall on Friday, March 18, 2022.

# PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

## Monday, 3/21/22:

- **Finance and Warrant Committee** at 6:30 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)

## Wednesday 3/23/22:

- **Parking Public Hearing for Appeals** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Town Hall, Room 305
- **Planning Board** at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall (Francis W. O'Brien Meeting Room)
- **Taxation Aid Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Historic Districts Commission/Historical Commission** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 305

## Thursday, 3/24/22:

- **Select Board** at 6:30 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 3/21/22. 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](http://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.