

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of March 28, 2022



SELECT BOARD TO HOST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SESSION TO COLLECT COMMENTS ABOUT MBTA EAST STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Join the virtual community session for the MBTA East Street Bridge Reconstruction Project on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, (page 3).

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH – MARCH 25, 2022

The Board of Health reports that as of March 24, 2022, there have been a total of 4,958 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Dedham. Read their full report on page 4.



TOWN RECYCLING DAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

All Dedham residents are invited to drop off their recyclables at the Dedham Middle School on Saturday, from 8AM to Noon. Read more about the event on page 5.





**ASSESSORS OFFICE TO MAIL OUT
FY22 4TH QUARTER TAX BILLS ON
MARCH 31, 2022**

The fourth quarter tax bills will be mailed out to taxpayers on Thursday, March 31st. Read more on page 5.

**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 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.

SELECT BOARD TO HOST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SESSION TO COLLECT COMMENTS ABOUT MBTA EAST STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

To help the Town gather public comments for submittal to the MBTA, the Select Board will be hosting a virtual community session for the East Street Bridge Reconstruction Project on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

The Select Board, joined by Town staff, welcome all comments regarding the MBTA project to include in the Town's packet to the MBTA Project Team. The Select Board and Town Staff will begin the session with a brief statement before opening it up to receive comments from those in attendance. Each participant will receive three minutes to share their comments, and each will be recorded for inclusion in the report shared with the MBTA Project Team.

The MBTA Project Team hosted a **virtual public information session on December 9, 2021** to introduce themselves to the community and to share their plans at the 30% design phase. Prior to that meeting, the MBTA set up a project-specific website, **www.mbta.com/EastStBridge**, to house their notifications, project status updates, background information, recording of the meeting, and presentation slides. In early March, the project team shared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document with the Town that summarized the comments received during the December meeting that are available on the project website and were **shared by the Town on March 4, 2022.**

The project is still in the design phase and the MBTA Project Team has indicated to the Town they will host another public meeting before the final designs are complete. The meeting date/time will be shared when the information is available.

To join the March 30, 2022 virtual community session with the Select Board, please use the Zoom information below:

Zoom Information:

To join this virtual session, please use the Zoom information below:

Please use this link to join the webinar: **<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88675154268>**

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+1 346 248 7799 or
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International phone numbers available at **<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88675154268>**

If you are unable to attend the March 30 meeting and would like to submit comments to the Select Board, please email your comments to **freshideas@dedham-ma.gov** or mail your written comments to Dedham Town Hall, Attn: Select Board, 450 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026. Comments and questions can also be sent directly to the MBTA project team at **EastStBridge@MBTA.com**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH – MARCH 25, 2022

Below please find COVID-19 information as of March 24, 2022. More statistics can be found on www.mass.gov:

	Total Cases	New Cases	14-day Positivity	Percent	Fully Residents	Vaccinat
Dedham	4,958	10 (since Mar. 17, 2022)	2.07%		20,296	
MA	1,556,163	1,074 (Mar. 22, 2022)	1.64%		5,315,502	

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

Board of Health News Corner

The Board of Health will transition their weekly COVID-19 update to a bi-weekly general Board of Health update. These updates will continue to include any relevant COVID-19 information but will also include information about health topics and Board of Health permitting. Please contact the Health Department at **(781) 751-9220** with any questions.

Upcoming Board of Health Permitting

With Spring here, the following Board of Health permits will be expiring and require renewal:

- Domestic Animals (chickens) – expire June 30th
- Pools and Whirlpools/Spas – expire June 30th
- Saunas and Steam Rooms – expire June 30th
- Tanning Facilities – expire June 30th
- Waste Hauler and Septic Installer – 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The next Household Hazardous Waste Day will be on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Department of Public Works (55 River Street).

The following items will be accepted: oil paint, pool chemicals, motor vehicle chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, gasoline, household chemicals, mercury thermometers, 1 pound propane cylinders, and rechargeable batteries.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted: latex paint, fire extinguishers, motor vehicle batteries, appliances, tires, and propane tanks.

TOWN RECYCLING DAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022



On **Saturday, April 2** at the Dedham Middle School, the Town of Dedham Department of Public Works (DPW), Sustainability Advisory Committee, and the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club will be co-hosting a town-wide recycling event, open to all Dedham residents, **from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Items that will be accepted at this event include:

- Scrap Metal
- Paper Shredding
- Electronics*
- Styrofoam**

*Electronics will be accepted for a fee. A complete list of pricing can be found on the Town website at www.dedham-ma.gov.

**Only rigid foam will be accepted. Packing peanuts, meat trays, and soft foam will not be accepted.

Textiles, linens, clothing, footwear, and stuffed animals can be dropped off using the large, white collection bins located in the Middle School parking lot. Additional collection boxes are located in the parking lots at the Avery Elementary School, Greenlodge Elementary School, Riverdale Elementary School, and the Early Childhood Education Center. The collection bins are offered by Bay State Textiles and are emptied on a regular basis and provide an opportunity for residents to recycle accepted items at no cost.

For more information and to receive additional updates about this and upcoming events, please subscribe with your email address at www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe and select "Community Events" from the list of options.

Neponset Valley Sunrise
Rotary



ASSESSORS OFFICE TO MAIL OUT FY22 4TH QUARTER TAX BILLS ON MARCH 31, 2022

The Assessors Office will be mailing out all FY22 4th Quarter Tax bills on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Taxpayers can expect to receive the bill in the mail in the following days.

The deadline to pay the FY22 4th Quarter Tax Bills is May 2, 2022.

If you have questions about your 4th quarter tax bill, please contact the Assessors Office at **781-751-9130** or stop by their office at Town Hall on the 2nd floor.



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect March 28, 2022 (Monday) through April 1, 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 the end of March. All elevator repairs are complete and is awaiting installation of elevator.
- The interior cold formed metal framing and Densglass will continue to be installed on all floors of the building and along all exteriors next week.
- The roofing subcontractor is nearing completion of the work and punch list items are ongoing.
- 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.
- A date has not yet been set for placement of the generator pad and transformer pad. Will provide updates when available for 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**
- 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.

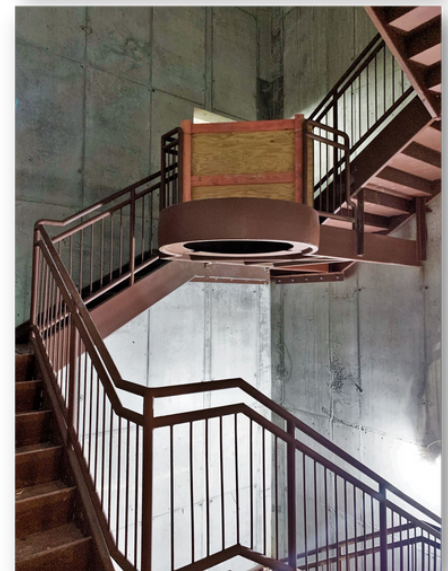
Public Viewing Area:

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 MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 3/28/22:

- **Finance and Warrant Committee** at 5:30 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Human Rights Commission** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 302

Tuesday, 3/29/22:

- **Finance and Warrant Committee** at 5:30 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Board of Assessors** at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 304

Saturday, 4/2/22:

- **2022 Recycling Day Event** from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Dedham Middle School

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 3/28/22.

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.