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Town Meeting is May 16, 2022

The 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dedham High School.

Visit the 2022 Spring Town Meeting website for information, updates, meeting materials, logistics, and additional information to help you prepare.

[2022 SPRING TOWN MEETING SITE](#)

The site has been created, as in Spring 2021, to include the following information and resources:

- Recent Updates & Announcements
- Upcoming Public Meetings
- Presentations and Budget Documents
- Town Meeting Details
- Warrant Book
- About Town Meeting

This year, the Town has included links to recordings of public meetings, provided by Dedham TV, to help inform Town Meeting representatives who will vote on the warrant articles at Town Meeting, and the general public, in the event anyone was not available to attend the meetings.

As more details are finalized about the layout and logistics of Town Meeting, they will be posted on this page and shared via the Town website, email notifications, social media, Nextdoor, and through local media.

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TOWN CALENDAR

Public Meetings & Community Events

Agendas and Event materials are linked, where available

April 1st - April 2nd

4/1/22: [Planning Board Site Visit](#)

4/2/22: [2022 Recycling Day Event](#)

April 3rd - April 9th

4/4/22: [Planning Board](#)
[Select Board](#)
[Open Space & Recreation Committee](#)
[Dedham School Building Rehab Committee](#)

4/6/22: [Finance & Warrant Committee](#)
[Select Board \(x2\)](#)
[DRAB](#)
[School Committee](#)

4/5/22: [Finance & Warrant Committee](#)
[Board of Health](#)
[Dog Park Committee](#)

4/7/22: [Conservation Commission](#)
[Board of Library Trustees](#)

4/9/22: [Annual Town Elections](#)

April 10th - April 16th

4/11/22: [Finance & Warrant Committee](#)
[Parks & Recreation Commission](#)
[Commission on Disability](#)

4/13/22: [Select Board](#)
[Finance & Warrant Committee](#)

4/12/22: [Dedham Civic Pride Committee](#)

4/14/22: [Dedham Housing Authority](#)

4/13/22: [Board of Assessors](#)
[Planning Board](#)

4/16/22: [Cardboard Recycling Day at 9am at DPW Dumpster](#)
[Gonzalez Field Snack Shack Grand Opening](#)

April 17th - April 23rd

4/18/22: [Patriots' Day - Town Offices Closed](#)

4/21/22: [Conservation Commission](#)

4/20/22: [Parking Appeals Hearings](#)
[ZBA](#)
[Sustainability Advisory Committee](#)

4/23/22: [Oakdale Square Alliance Spring Clean Up](#)

April 24th - April 30th

4/25/22: [Town Meeting Forum](#)

4/28/22: [Select Board](#)

4/27/22: [Planning Board](#)
[School Committee](#)
[Town Meeting Rep. Reorganization Meeting](#)

4/30/22: [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#)
[MBACC Open Studios 2022](#)



Please visit the Town website and subscribe for email updates about future meetings and events:
www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe

DEADLINES

Important Dates

Assessor's Office

<p>May 2, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY22 4th Quarter Tax Bills Due • FY23 Income and Expense Forms are Due for all Income Producing Properties
<p>May 2022</p>	<p>FY23 Income and Expense Forms have been mailed out and are Due for all Income Producing Properties</p>

Please contact the Dedham Assessors Office at **781-751-9130**, or visit their office at the Dedham Town Hall (450 Washington Street, 2nd Floor) if you have any questions.

**Don't forget
the rabies
certificate!**

Town Clerk's Office

All dogs, ages 6 months and older, must be licensed in Dedham. The annual licensing period runs from February 1st to May 1st.

All licenses are issued by the Town Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by dropping off an application with payment in the drop box at rear entrance to Town Hall.

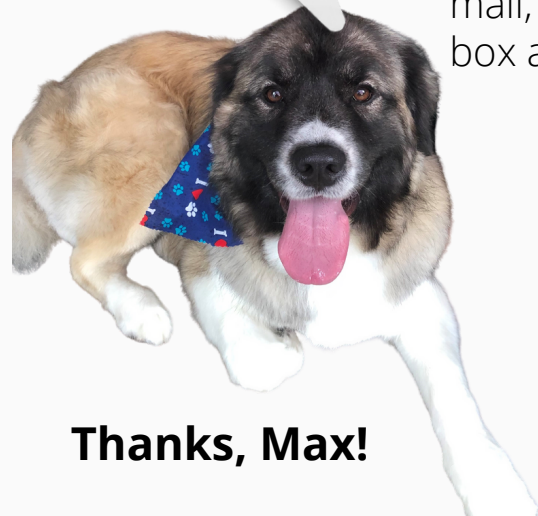
DOG LICENSE CHECKLIST:

- Up to date rabies vaccination certificate
- Spay/Neuter Certificate (If not on file)
- Payment in cash or a check
- Self-addressed Stamped Envelope (if filing by mail)

FEES:

- Male (unaltered): \$15
- Spayed Male: \$10
- Female (unaltered): \$15
- Spayed Female: \$10

Thanks, Max!



Planning

Planning Dept. Welcomes New Intern



**Jayson Shultz
recently joined the
Dedham Planning
& Zoning
Department as
their new intern**

A current graduate student enrolled in the Urban Planning and Community Development Master's Program at UMass Boston, Jayson is concentrating his degree in Transportation Planning and is on track to graduate in May 2023.

When asked what drew Jayson to planning and municipal work, Jayson said he is fascinated by the way in which cities are designed how people interact with the built environment. "I studied political science as an undergrad and realized after graduation that planning is the perfect career path to combine my interests in urban design and public service."

As the new intern for the Dedham Planning & Zoning Department, Jayson assists with the overall administrative tasks, but supports the team by conducting research for various studies, such as Wigwam Pond, and is working to find ways to help streamline the Planning Board fee schedule. In addition, Jayson has also started updating the content and layout of the existing Planning and Zoning pages on the Town website.

After graduation, Jayson hopes to remain in the Boston area and find a role that will enable him to participate in the planning and execution of a more reliable and convenient metropolitan infrastructure, beginning with the MBTA.

When not working or studying, you can find Jayson cooking, baking, traveling, and spending time at the beach.

Welcome to Dedham, Jayson! We are excited to work with you!

Community Events

Click on each flyer/image below for more information

#JUSTBAGDEDHAM



DEDHAM TOWNWIDE CLEAN UP
April 16-30, 2022

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/JUSTBAGDEDHAM22](https://bit.ly/justbagdedham22)

Fairbanks Garden Club

Plant Sale

Saturday
May 7, 2022
9-12
Fairbanks House
511 East St.
Dedham
Rain or Shine



READY TO HELP HISTORIC OAKDALE SQUARE SHINE?

Oakdale Square Alliance



Growing a Vibrant Neighborhood Together

Spring Clean Up!

LOCATION: Oakdale Common
DATE: Saturday, April 23
TIME: 9:30am

Join us for some gardening, litter pick up, sweeping, raking, and fun!

Join the fun!

Gloves and bags will be provided. Bring along rakes and brooms if you can.



This year's Spring Clean Up is being dedicated to the memory of long-time OSA member **Paul Zeolla** whose cheerful & selfless contributions serve as an inspiring example of civic volunteerism.

Help us keep the Oakdale Square community vibrant - share this event with friends!

**2 HOUSEHOLD
0 HAZARDOUS
2 WASTE
2 DAY**

HOSTED BY THE DEDHAM HEALTH DEPT. AND DPW

Saturday, April 30, 2022
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
DPW, 55 RIVER STREET, DEDHAM, MA 02026

Accepted Items:

- Oil Paint
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Vehicle Oil
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Household Chemicals
- Mercury Thermometers
- 1 Pound Propane Cylinders
- Rechargeable Batteries

Items NOT Accepted:

- Latex Paint
- Fire Extinguishers
- Motor Vehicle Batteries
- Appliances
- Tires
- Propane Tanks

TV & COMPUTER MONITOR DISPOSAL
Disposal fee of \$20.00/unit. Cash or check only. (Make checks payable to: "Town of Dedham")

There is no cost for disposing hazardous waste for Dedham residents - Must show proof of residency.

Call the Health Department at (781) 751-9220 with questions.

MOTHERBROOK ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTER

OPEN STUDIOS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 11AM-5PM

ART · MUSIC · FOOD · SILENT AUCTION

123 HIGH ST DEDHAM MA

ENGINEERING

Engineering Department Updates

The Engineering Department is on Twitter!



Please find and follow the Engineering Department on Twitter at **@tod_engineering**. The Engineering Department will be utilizing this Twitter account to post information related to our stormwater system and what we all can do as a Town to improve the water quality of waterways and natural resources.

2022 Wet Weather Inspections

The wet weather inspections for 2022 are set to begin this month. This work will be handled by the Town's contractor, **National Water Main Cleaning Company**, under our existing 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract. The wet season in MA typically runs from March through May when the groundwater is at its highest. This allows us to inspect our sewer mains to observe if any of the groundwater (Infiltration) is entering the sewer system. Infiltration does not belong in our sewer system as it reduces the capacity at which our sewer mains can handle wastewater and it also costs all of the Town's sewer customers, through your sewer bill, to have this clean water transported and treated by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We will use this information to create a work order for National Water Main to line these leaking sewer mains to keep the infiltration out our sewer system under this same contract.

Department Bid Openings

The Engineering Department and Department of Public Works held 3 bid openings in March. The bid, the contractor awarded the contract, and the bid price are as follows:

- CY2022 Asphalt Paving & Resurfacing – Awarded to Rochester Bituminous Products, Inc from West Wareham, MA with a bid price of \$1,860,611.00
- CY2022 Crack Sealing – Awarded to Superior Sealcoat, Inc. from Wilmington, MA with a bid price of \$61,410.00
- Bio-Retention Basin Maintenance – Awarded to San Marino Landscape and Contracting Corp. from Dedham, MA with a bid price of \$13,900.00.

Bid tabs for all 3 contracts can be found on the [Engineering Department website](#).

The Engineering Team will continue to work with each of the awarded contractors over the next month to execute and finalize contracts with Notice To Proceeds to follow.

Engineering Dept. Staff

- [Jason Mammone, Director](#)
- [Ronald Lawrence, Project Engineer](#)
- [Nathan Buttermore, Infrastructure Engineer](#)

Elm Street & Rustcraft Rd Sidewalk Improvements Project:

The project is anticipated to begin again mid-March to early-April. Due to the additional work to be completed by Eversource Gas & Electric, MassDOT has granted an extension to the end date of the contract. The original completion date at the end of 2022 is now by June 2023. The State's contractor will start the beginning of the construction season with the continued installation of the miscellaneous drainage utility followed by the installation of granite curbing and sidewalks. For anyone who would like to see the plans and/or get additional information about this project, please visit www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/engineering/projects/elm-street-rustcraft-road-roadway-reconstruction. The Town will also be using this page to share information as the project as it progresses. If you have any specific questions regarding the project, please contact either of the following MassDOT RE Field Office Personnel:

- Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us
- Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us

POLICE



Dedham Police Dept. Updates

Dedham Police Launch Community Survey

The Dedham Police Department is conducting a community survey related to police services. This survey is being conducted in order to gain community insight related to customer service, crime-related perceptions, community concerns, and police services. Responses to this survey will be anonymous.

Previous surveys from the Police Department were conducted in 2013, 2016, and 2019. Results from these surveys provided valuable information to the Dedham Police Department and created a baseline for future surveys.

All residents, business owners, and visitors to Dedham are invited to complete this survey. It is important for the Police Department to obtain input from the community which we serve.

The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

By completing this survey, you will provide the Police Department with information that can be used to guide future programs and activities of the Police Department. Further, information related to individual neighborhood concerns can be identified so that the proper resources may be dedicated to the proper areas of Town. The results of this survey can be used as a catalyst for continued improvement.

Two options to complete the survey:



Complete the survey online using your computer or mobile device



Download and submit printed copy to mailing address below

Mailing Address for printed surveys:

**Dedham Police Department
Attn: Chief d'Entremont
600 High Street
Dedham, MA 02026**

The survey will be open for input by members of the community until **April 30, 2022**.

Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

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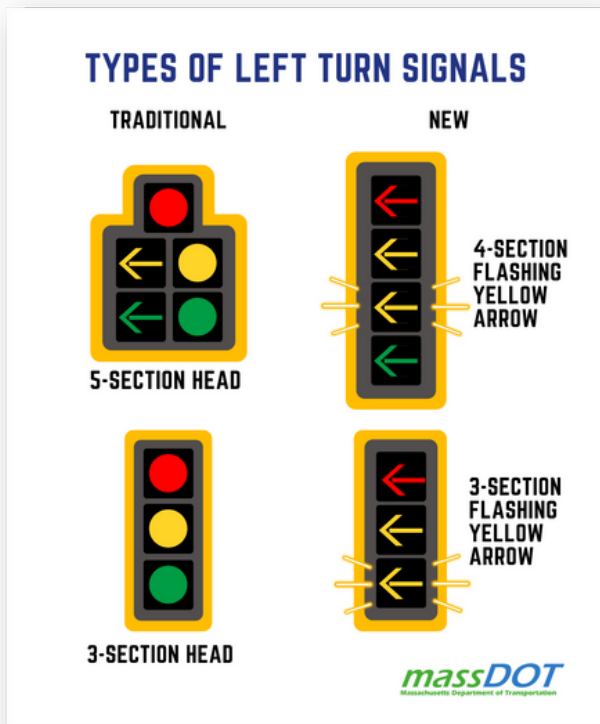
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MassDOT Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal

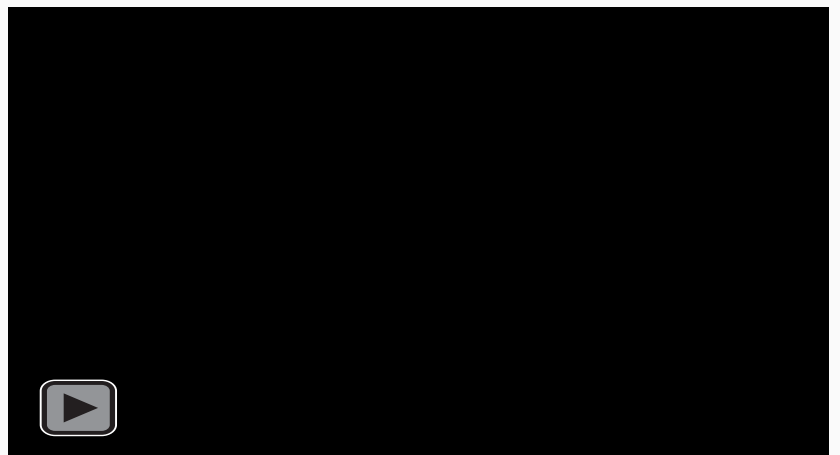
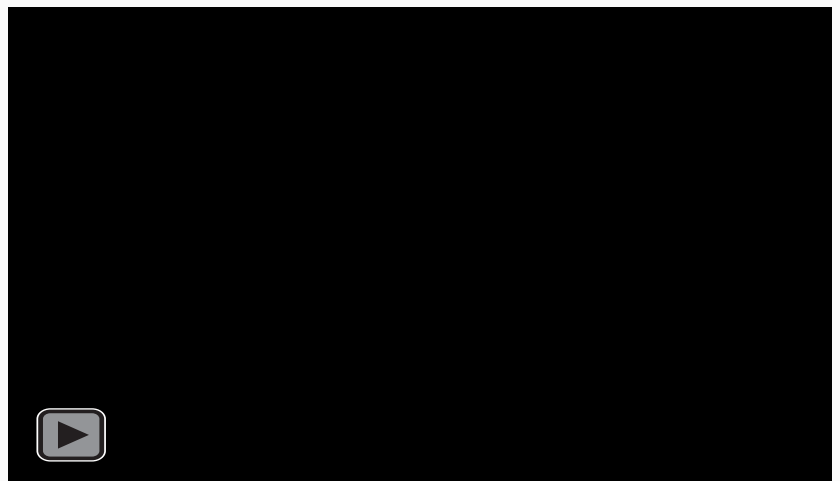
According to the Traffic Safety Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), more than 350 traditional left-turn signals have been retrofitted to the new, flashing yellow arrow since 2013. These new signals are primarily seen over a left turn lane and signal the driver to YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians prior to crossing through the intersection. Most importantly, they are signaled to do so with caution.

The increased prevalence of these flashing yellow arrows has created confusion for some drivers, so the team at MassDOT has shared the follow graphics and short videos to help drivers understand how to respond when approaching this light at an intersection:

Graphics provided by MassDOT Safety



Graphic above: The traditional 5-head and 3-head signal with the left turn arrow vs. the new, flashing yellow arrow



Videos above (click to play): The flashing yellow arrow signal aims to replace the circular green indication for left turns at signalized intersections. When the arrow is flashing, drivers are allowed to turn only after YIELDING to all oncoming traffic and to any pedestrians in the crosswalk

POLICE

Dedham Police Dept. Updates



Officer Frasca Receives Commendation



Last month, Dedham Police Officer Joseph Frasca was presented with a commendation for Excellence in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

The Brookline Police Department is a training center for Crisis Intervention Training and host a number of 40-hour CIT trainings that our officers attend.

Over the past couple of years, the Brookline PD in their capacity as a training center has been reaching out to recognize officers for their efforts in their communities. The Dedham Police Department submitted the following nomination for Officer Frasca:

Picture to the left:

Officer Frasca with Sgt. Chris Malinn of the Brookline Police Department. Sgt. Malinn presented the award.

Officer Frasca is CIT trained. He has been a police officer with the Dedham Police Department for 3 ½ years. He is a Veteran of the United States Navy.

Officer Frasca's response to calls for service involving vulnerable community members or those suffering from mental health issues consistently reflect an approach where he addresses the persons current state, allows the person to communicate what they are experiencing at the moment, offers reassuring and supportive feedback, and when appropriate, a suggestion that the person seek assistance to get through the current situation, and ultimately to a better place mentally.

When necessary, he will negotiate with a person in crisis to get them to voluntarily seek help. Officer Frasca will often offer to facilitate communication on behalf of the person he is interacting with to let a family member or friend know of the situation. Officer Frasca has been effective in his approach to interacting with persons in crisis. Officer Frasca has further shown where he will put in the effort to facilitate resolutions to problems impacting vulnerable populations.

Congratulations, Officer Frasca! Thank you for your diligent efforts to keep the Dedham community safe!

A Message from the Animal Control Officer

Rabies Clinic Coming to Dedham

The Town of Dedham and the Animal Rescue League of Boston are teaming up to host a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The clinic will be held on **Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 9:00am – 1:00pm**, at the Animal Rescue League of Boston, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham.

The clinic is open to both Dedham residents and non-residents. The fees are listed below:

- Free for Dedham residents
- \$10 for non-residents
- Microchips will also be available for \$10

Please remember:

- All dogs must be on leashes and under owner/keeper control.
- Aggressive dogs must be muzzled prior to arrival.
- All cats/ferrets must be secured inside pet carriers.

For Dedham residents, the Town of Dedham will be providing on-site dog licensing for the 2022 year. The cost for licensing is: \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs; \$15 for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs. (*A Rabies certificate is required for dog licensing.)

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Dedham Animal Control at **781-751-9106**.

**RABIES
VACCINE CLINIC**

Saturday, May 21, 2022 • 9:00AM to 1:00PM
ARL Dedham • 55 Anna's Place, Dedham


Free for Dedham residents • Non-residents: \$10 rabies vaccines
\$10 microchips for all attendees

Walk-ins welcome, no appointment needed.

2022 Dedham Dog Licensing will also be available on site!
(Rabies certificate required for licensing)

*All dogs must be leashed. All cats and ferrets must be inside pet carriers. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled.
All dogs must be under owner/keeper control.*

HOSTED BY: **ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON**

 For more information, contact
Dedham Animal Control
(781) 751-9106

Click on the flyer above to enlarge

When to Call Animal Control

Our local Animal Control Officer is here to protect animals and us. If you encounter an animal and you feel unsafe, if you witness an injured animal, or have other animal-related questions, please call the Dedham ACO at **781-751-9106**. When in doubt, call. This may save the life of the animal and yourself.

Town Meeting

Public Forum for Town Meeting

Moderator and Volunteers to Host Town Meeting Forum

The preparation of Dedham's two Annual Town Meetings (Spring and Fall) involves the coordinated efforts of a number of town officials, boards and committees. Following each Meeting, many of us involved in the planning and execution of the Meeting, receive suggestions for making the Meetings work better including ideas about the flow of information prior to the Meeting and the procedures for conducting the Meeting. Over the years, we have made some changes based on these ideas that we hope have helped.

This year, we thought we would try something different.

Rather than waiting to hear ideas after the Meeting, we are going to ask for your ideas, suggestions, and ideas for improvement before the 2022 Annual Town Meetings. There are many Town Meeting Representatives, both veteran and new, who can help us to improve the overall process, by sharing their experiences: what has worked well and in what areas we can improve.

The Town Meeting Forum will be held on **Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Dedham Town Hall.**

The intent of this forum is to collect ideas and have discussions. All ideas will be carefully reviewed. While we may not be able to make significant changes before the Spring Town Meeting, as it will be three weeks after this Forum, we will work to incorporate some proposed changes for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

Sarah Sally, Mike Butler and Kevin Preston have been asked to facilitate this forum. Dan Driscoll and Cherylann Sheehan will be present primarily to listen and learn.

Thank you to those who continue to reach out and share feedback. We hope this will be an opportunity to have a wider discussion that encourages more conversation, and to hopefully identify some ideas that will make the overall Town Meeting experience more meaningful.

Ways to Stay Connected

Email Notifications

Visit www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe to sign up today! Enter your email address and select "Elections & Voting" from the list of options.

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.