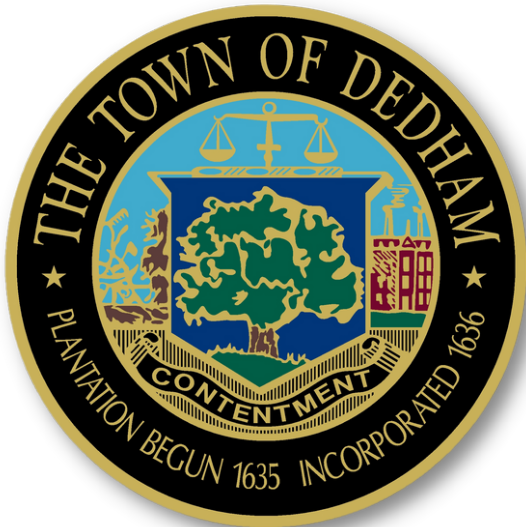


# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of May 2, 2022



## ARTICLE 13 TOWN GREEN PUBLIC INFO SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

Join the Select Board for a hybrid meeting on Wednesday to review and ask questions about Article 13, process to date, funding strategies, and possible next steps. Please read page 3 for more information.

## BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR APRIL 22, 2022

The Board of Health bi-weekly update is available on our website and includes information about Covid-19, at-home tests, and upcoming permits. Read the full update, beginning on page 3.



## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD SEEKS FEEDBACK IN PUBLIC SURVEY

The Council on Aging Board wants to hear from you! If you are a Dedham resident or visitor over 50 years of age, please fill out the survey to help them plan for future programs. Read more on page 4.



## FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL PLANT SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

The Annual Plant Sale at the Fairbanks House is happening this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, rain or shine. 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, beginning 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.

## ARTICLE 13 TOWN GREEN PUBLIC INFO SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

The Dedham Select Board is hosting a public information session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 to review their presentation for Article 13 (Town Green Project) that is included in the Spring 2022 Town Meeting Warrant. With a strong emphasis on community input and consensus, members of the Select Board will be joined by the Town Manager, members of the Dedham Square Planning Committee, and from the Finance & Warrant Committee to answer questions about the warrant article for the appropriation of funds, the process to date, recommended funding strategies, and possible next steps.

This event will be held using a hybrid meeting format to allow those interested to participate in-person at Town Hall or via Zoom from a computer or mobile device. The meeting details and Zoom information are included below:

**When:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** O'Brien Meeting Room (Town Hall, 450 Washington Street) and Zoom

**Zoom information:** Please use the link below to join the Zoom webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81330156420>

Or use the following information to join by phone:

Or One tap mobile: US: +13017158592,,81330156420# or +13126266799,,81330156420#

Or Telephone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 720 707 2699

Webinar ID: 813 3015 6420

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81330156420>

## BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR APRIL 22, 2022

Below please find COVID-19 information as of April 21, 2022. The Town continues to have approximately 20-30 new cases of COVID-19 per week. 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	5,098	26 (since April 14, 2022)	3.75%	20,402
MA	1,596,013	1,853 (April 19, 2022)	2.93%	5,348,493

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

Upcoming Board of Health Permitting

The following Board of Health permits will be expiring soon 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

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## BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR APRIL 22, 2022 - CONTINUED

The Health Department will contact these businesses directly with guidance on permit renewal. 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](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/health) for more information.

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

The Town of Dedham has 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.

## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD SEEKS FEEDBACK IN PUBLIC SURVEY

To better understand what Dedham seniors and visitors want for programs, the Dedham Council on Aging (COA) has launched a public survey to gather feedback and ideas for potential future offerings.

"Part of our responsibility as the Council on Aging Board is to review programming in this community to ensure we meet the needs of our guests and provide safe opportunities for engagement and interaction," said COA Chair Leanne Jasset. "Using the data we collect from this survey, we hope to find new, creative classes and activities that will attract seniors of all ages and make this new Senior Center a thriving hub of this community."

The online survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete, and includes questions about current programs, schedules, transportation services, and guests' personal interests. Each respondent can remain anonymous, but has the option to be added to the COA email list by providing an email address.

To access the survey online using a computer or mobile device, please visit [bit.ly/COA\\_Survey2022](http://bit.ly/COA_Survey2022). This link has also been posted on the Town of Dedham website and social media accounts.

Paper copies of the survey will be available at the Senior Center for those who wish to complete the survey while onsite for a class or event.

The survey will remain open for responses for 30 days, from **Friday, April 29, 2022 to May 29, 2022**.



## **FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL PLANT SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022**

The Fairbanks Garden Club will be having their Annual Plant Sale at the historic Dedham Fairbanks House on **Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 9 A.M. – 12 Noon, RAIN OR SHINE!**

They will have a variety of plants, including many perennials, annuals, indoor plants, locally grown herbs and vegetables. Plants are primarily from local gardens of members and friends, so are well suited to thrive in New England gardens. Excellent plants at excellent prices! There will be very knowledgeable gardeners on hand to answer your questions and give you some suggestions. There will be great garden gloves and solid wood painted signs available for your garden at our gift table, as well as other unique decorative garden items designed by our members.

### **About the Fairbanks Garden Club**

The Fairbanks Garden Club is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The garden club maintains perennial borders at the historic homestead and volunteers at the Fairbanks Family in America reunions each summer. In 1982, the club designed and documented a colonial herb garden at the house for which the club won an award from The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. In addition to maintaining gardens at the Fairbanks House, the club plants a courtyard at a local nursing home, maintains two historical markers, decorates holiday wreaths for local institutions, makes donations to the Dedham Food Pantry, and holds an annual plant sale. Learn more at <http://www.fairbanksgarden.club/>

## **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES**

**What to expect May 2, 2022 (Monday) through May 6, 2022 (Friday):**

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- This week, crews will be installing a water quality structure on Washington Street that may cause temporary traffic delays or impacts in the immediate area. Please drive slowly and use extra caution.
- Installation of the piping for the fire protection system and sprinklers in the underground garage will continue this week.
- Eversource may be onsite this week to continue work to transfer wires and permanent power. Potential impacts to the area (traffic and pedestrian access) will be shared via the Town website and social media.
- While crews continue to install the rough duct work on the first floor, testing of the duct work on the second floor will begin.
- Along the north side of the building, crews will be installing the curtain wall and continue framing and glazing the windows.
- The anticipated delivery date of the elevator has been updated to mid to late May.
- Installation of the base and foundation for the cell tower is underway and will continue this week. Final permit to complete this work is pending.
- 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 (other than listed above) or pedestrian impacts are anticipated during this week.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES - CONTINUED

What to expect May 2, 2022 (Monday) through May 6, 2022 (Friday):

### Project Team Contact Information:

- Immediate issues or concerns, please contact the Dedham Town Manager's Office at [781-751-9100](tel: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

Click on the images below to enlarge



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site and rebar for the transformer pad taken via drone on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Concrete was poured into place on the transformer pad on Monday, May 2, 2022.



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site taken via drone facing the north corner of the building on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

# PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

## Monday, 5/2/22:

- **Open Space & Recreation Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **New Town Meeting Member Orientation** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

## Tuesday, 5/3/22:

- **Blue Hills Regional District School Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at Blue Hills Regional, Room W-218
- **Dog Park Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Dolan Center

## Wednesday, 5/4/22:

- **Design Review Advisory Board** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **School Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Avery Elementary School
- **Select Board Public Info Session for Article 13 – Town Green** at 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Commissioners of Trust Funds** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

## Saturday, 5/7/22:

- **Fairbanks Garden Club Annual Plant Sale** at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairbanks House



*Fairbanks Garden Club*

### Plant Sale

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



Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 5/2/22.  
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.