# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of May 9, 2022

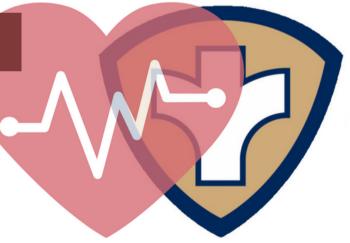


#### WARRANT REVIEW MEETING (MINI-TOWN MEETING) TONIGHT AT DEDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Town Meeting Precinct Chairs are hosting a warrant review meeting at the Middle School on Monday, May 9th to discuss the warrant articles and prepare for Town Meeting. Read more on page 3.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR MAY 6, 2022

The Board of Health bi-weekly update is available on our website and includes information about Covid-19 testing sites, domestic animals in Dedham, and upcoming permits. Read the full update, beginning on page 3.





#### DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS, NEW WEBSITE

The Dedham Public Schools created a new website to share information about summer programs and registration details. Please read more on page 4.





#### RABIES CLINIC COMING TO DEDHAM ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

## 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 The Town of Dedham is partnering with the Animal Rescue League of Boston to host a Rabies Vaccine Clinic in Dedham on Saturday, May 21st. Read more on 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 6.

#### WARRANT REVIEW MEETING (MINI-TOWN MEETING) TONIGHT AT **DEDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Town Meeting Precinct Chairs are hosting a Finance and Warrant Review Meeting, otherwise known as "Mini-Town Meeting", tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Dedham Middle School to review and discuss warrant articles, and to prepare for the upcoming Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Reminder: 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 and resources, including:

- Digital copy of Warrant Book with FWC Recommendations
- Supplemental Information for Article 2
- **Electronic Voting**
- Town and School Operating Budget Presentations
- Town Department Presentations
- Public Meeting Recordings, provided by Dedham TV
- Contact information for Precinct Chairs
- Current List of Town Meeting Representatives

If you have questions about Town Meeting, please contact Town Moderator Dan Driscoll at djdriscoll29@gmail.com.

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR MAY 6, 2022**

Below please find COVID-19 information as of May 5, 2022. There continues to be a steady increase in COVID-19 cases in Town, which is also occurring across the Commonwealth. More statistics can be found on **www.mass.gov**.

	Total Cases			Fully Vaccinated Residents
Dedham	5,217	42 (since April 29, 2022)	4.89%	20,483
MA	1,629,932	2,985 (May 3, 2022)	4.39%	5,363,010

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

**State Stop the Spread COVID-19 Testing Sites Extended through June 30, 2022** The State extended Stop the Spread COVID-19 testing sites in Everett, Framingham, Lawrence (2 sites), Lynn, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield (2 sites), and Worcester through June 30th. These testing sites are free to residents. Information about these sites, and all available testing sites throughout the State can be found online at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test.

#### **Domestic Animals Regulations**

The Board of Health Chair is interested in receiving feedback on the Town's Domestic Animals Regulations from the community, especially residents who have a Domestic The regulations can be found online at <u>www.dedham-</u> Animals Permit. ma.gov/departments/health. If you are interested in providing feedback, please contact the Health Department at (781) 751-9220 or email Kylee Sullivan, Health Director at ksullivan@dedham-ma.gov.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER FOR MAY 6, 2022 - CONTINUED**

#### Upcoming Board of Health Permitting

The following Board of Health permit renewals were sent to current permit holders through the Health Department's electronic permitting system. If your business needs to renew their permit and did not receive the online renewal, please contact the Health Department at (781) 751-9220.

- Public and Semi-Public Pools and Whirlpools/Spas expire June 30th
- Saunas and 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 <u>www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/health</u> for more information.

#### DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS, NEW WEBSITE

The Dedham Public Schools are excited to offer a wide variety of programs designed to extend learning into the summer months!

This year's offerings have been greatly expanded and include a number of enrichment-style courses, aimed to continue your student's learning beyond the classroom. To learn more about the Dedham Public Schools 2022 Summer Programs and to register your student, please visit the <u>Summer Learning Programs website</u>.

Note: This new website is mobile-friendly and translatable into more than 100 languages.

#### **RABIES CLINIC COMING TO DEDHAM ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

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 <u>Animal Rescue League of</u> <u>Boston, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham</u>.

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.** 

#### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES What to expect May 9, 2022 (Monday) through May 13, 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.

#### **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 <u>psb@dedham-ma.gov</u>
- For more information about the Public Safety Building Project, please visit the project website at <u>www.dedham-ma.gov/psb</u> Download our <u>project team contact information flyer</u> on the project website.

#### Click on the image below to enlarge



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site taken from the north side of Town Hall on Friday, May 6, 2022.

#### **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

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK**

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

#### Monday, 5/9/22:

- Finance and Warrant Review Meeting (Mini-<u>Town Meeting)</u> at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School
- <u>Finance & Warrant Committee</u> at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School

<u>Select Board</u> at 6:45 p.m. at the Middle School Tuesday, 5/10/22:
<u>Dedham Civic Pride</u> at 7:00 p.m. at the

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- <u>Transportation Advisory Committee</u> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, 5/11/22:

- <u>Planning Board</u> at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall (Room 302)
- <u>Select Board</u> at 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- <u>Sustainability Advisory Committee</u> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom



Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 5/9/22. Don't forget to check out the <u>Dedham Public Library events calendar</u> and the <u>Dedham Public Schools calendar</u>!

## 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 <u>www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe</u> 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 <u>CodeRED notifications</u> 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.