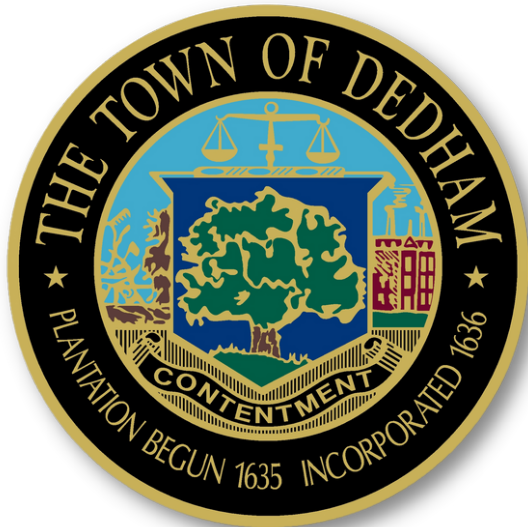


WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of May 16, 2022



TOWN MEETING TONIGHT AT 7PM IN DEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held tonight, May 16, 2022, at 7PM at the Dedham High School. Read page 3 for more information.

ENGINEERING DEPT. RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FROM MASSDOT

The Dedham Engineering Department was recently awarded grant funding from MassDOT as part of their Local Bottleneck Reduction Program. Read more on page 3.



DEDHAM VETERANS SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLACE FLAGS

Volunteers are needed to help place flags at the Brookdale Cemetery for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday and Ceremony. Read more on page 4.





MAY 2022 CARDBOARD RECYCLING EVENT IS SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

Bring your flattened cardboard to the DPW this Saturday, May 21st, to recycle it all at once for free, outside of your regular collection. 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.

TOWN MEETING TONIGHT AT 7PM IN DEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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

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 Instructions and Sample Videos
- Town and School Operating Budget Presentations
- Town Department Presentations
- Article 13 Presentation from May 4th Select Board Info Session
- Town Green Cost Estimate by BETA Group for Select Board (April 2022)
- Final Report by Dedham Square Planning Committee (November 2021)
- Dedham 2030 Master Plan Presentation
- Public Meeting Recordings, provided by Dedham TV
- Contact information for Precinct Chairs
- Current List of Town Meeting Representatives

CHECK-IN: All Town Meeting Representatives are asked to please proceed to the table labeled for your voting precinct to check-in, receive your name badge, Electronic Voting Device, and any additional information/materials. Non-voting members of the public are welcome to attend and are not required to check-in. A designated seating area for non-voting members of the public will be located at the back of the auditorium.

PARKING: Accessible parking spaces are located in the front of the building. Additional parking is available in the parking lot at the far end of the athletic field and there is parking available in the lot by the Avery Elementary School (336 High Street). If you have questions about Town Meeting, please contact Town Moderator Dan Driscoll at **djdriscoll29@gmail.com**.

Tonight's Town Meeting will be broadcast live by Dedham TV on the local Government Channel, and will be livestreamed on **www.dedhamtv.com**.

ENGINEERING DEPT. RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FROM MASSDOT

The Engineering Department submitted an application to MassDOT (with the assistance of BETA Group) in December of 2021 for funding through the Local Bottleneck Reduction Program. While MassDOT received various applications from cities/towns all over the State, the Town of Dedham was selected for the Fiscal Year 2022 funding round. The Town of Dedham's application included the following signalized intersections in the downtown area: High Street and Ames Street/Court Street, High Street and Washington Street/Eastern Avenue and High Street and East Street/Harris Street and High Street at East Street/Harvard Street.

Proposed modifications include the installation of video detection at the intersection of High Street and Ames Street/Court Street; as well as, minor signal retiming and replacement of existing traffic signal controllers, at the three signals included in the application, to implement traffic signal timings that can be adjusted throughout the day with a specific emphasis on the peak periods.

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ENGINEERING DEPT. RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FROM MASSDOT - CONTINUED

Overall, the proposed improvements are expected to enhance the vehicular operations maintaining the existing lane usage and signal phasing to help reduce bottlenecks, while maintaining pedestrian safety. These proposed modifications, to be installed by MassDOT, are estimated to cost \$100,000.

The Local Bottleneck Reduction Program launched in 2021 and is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). This program seeks to fund innovative solutions to address congestion bottlenecks on local roadways to improve traffic flow. Locations for improvement are proposed by municipalities and considered by MassDOT for funding through a competitive application process.

MassDOT anticipates implementing the proposed modifications this summer.

DEDHAM VETERANS SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLACE FLAGS

The Town of Dedham Veterans Services Department is seeking volunteers to help place flags at the Brookdale Cemetery on **Saturday, May 21, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (rain date of May 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.)** for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony.

All are welcome to participate and those interested are asked to meet at the Brookdale Cemetery entrance. Veterans Services Officer Joe Hamilton will be onsite to help place the flags, coordinate the volunteer efforts, provide instructions, and pass out supplies. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to help the Town of Dedham prepare for this upcoming day of remembrance.

Save the Date

The 2022 Memorial Day Service of Remembrance and Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, May 29, 2022**. The day's events will begin with a service at St. Mary's Church (420 High Street) at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following the service will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Brookdale Cemetery at 10:15 a.m. All are invited to attend. After the Wreath Laying Ceremony, a brunch will be served at the American Legion Post 18 (155 Eastern Avenue).

A rain date for the ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookdale Cemetery.

Join us as we honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

MAY 2022 CARDBOARD RECYCLING EVENT IS SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

Once a month from January to June, the DPW will host a free, cardboard recycling event for Dedham residents to dispose of flattened cardboard materials all at once!

Bring your flattened cardboard to the DPW on Saturday, May 21st, from 9AM to Noon. All cardboard recycling is provided to Dedham residents, free of charge, as an additional service outside of the regular, bi-weekly curbside collection.

No other materials will be accepted at this event, including polystyrene foam. For more information, please contact the DPW at **781-751-9350**.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect May 16, 2022 (Monday) through May 20, 2022 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Masons will continue the installation of exterior stone (Shouldice) along the south side of the Police Station roof, the exterior brick along the north side (Fire Station), and will remove staging and excess materials as work is completed.
- The anticipated delivery date of the elevator is now mid-to-late May. Upon delivery, crews will complete the installation and required inspections prior to usage and sign-off.
- HVAC contractors will be installing hot water mains in the basement, equipment in the Mechanical Room, piping condensers on the roof, and will insulate the ductwork previously installed on the second floor of the Fire Station.
- Additional contractors will continue installation of sheet metal in the basement for the rough ductwork.
- Plumbing contractors will be onsite this week to install waste and vent piping in the basement and mezzanine and will be insulating the water piping on the first floor of the building.
- Contractors have substantially completed the fire protection system and sprinkler piping in the garage as of Friday, May 13, 2022.
- Electrical contractors will complete the rough, in-wall work within the basement and first floor.
- 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.

Click on the images below to enlarge



Caption: Photo of the exterior of the south/southeast side of the building, taken by done on Friday, May 13, 2022. The grey stone exterior, known as Shouldice, is being installed along the exterior of the Police Station portion of the new building. The staging, as shown to the right in this photo, will be removed as the exterior stonework is completed.



Caption: Photo of the exterior of the north side of the building, taken by done on Friday, May 13, 2022. The red brick veneer is being installed along the exterior of the Fire Station portion of the new building. The staging, as shown in this photo, will be removed as the exterior stonework is completed.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 5/16/22:

- **Finance and Warrant Committee** at 6:30 p.m. at the High School
- **Select Board** at 6:45 p.m. at the High School
- **2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the High School
- **Planning Board** at 7:00 p.m. at the High School

Tuesday, 5/17/22:

- **Dedham Housing Authority** at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Parks & Recreation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- **All Town Band 2022 Performance** at 7:00 p.m. at the High School

Wednesday, 5/18/22:

- **Parking Appeals Public Hearings** at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall (Room 305)
- **Building, Planning, and Construction Committee** at 4:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **School Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Avery School

Thursday, 5/19/22:

- **Council on Aging** at 5:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Senior Center and Zoom)
- **Conservation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, 5/21/22:

- **Cardboard Recycling Day** at 9:00 a.m. at the DPW
- **Rabies Clinic** at 9:00 a.m. at the Animal Rescue League of Boston
- **Trenton Road Playground Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening** at 1:00 p.m.

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 5/16/22.

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.