

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of May 23, 2022



DEDHAM VETERANS SERVICES DEPT. 2022 MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

The Dedham Veteran's Department cordially invites you to attend the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022. Read more on page 3.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER - MAY 20, 2022

The Board of Health bi-weekly update is available on our website and includes information about free COVID-19 test, mosquitoes, and ticks. Read the full update, beginning on page 3.



RESULTS FROM TOWN MEETING AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE

The Town Clerk and his team have posted the results from Town Meeting, including meeting attendance and votes using the new electronic voting devices. Read more on page 5.



SUMMER HOURS AT TOWN HALL BEGIN FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

The 2022 Summer hours at Town Hall will begin on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. For a full list of 2022 Holidays and more about summer hours, please read 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.



DEDHAM VETERANS SERVICES DEPT. 2022 MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

2022 Memorial Day Service of Remembrance

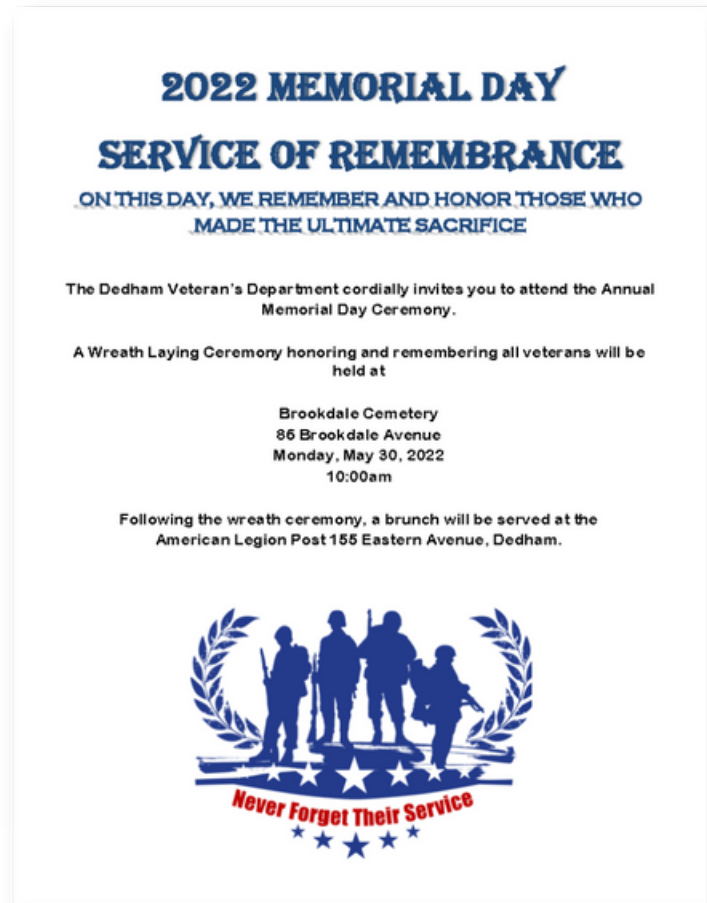
ON THIS DAY, WE REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

The Dedham Veteran's Department cordially invites you to attend the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022.

A Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring and remembering all veterans will be held at the **Brookdale Cemetery, 86 Brookdale Ave, Dedham**. Following the wreath ceremony, a brunch will be served at the American Legion Post 155 Eastern Avenue, Dedham.

Monday's events at the Brookdale Cemetery will include guest speakers, POW/MIA Chair of Honor, flag raising, and will culminate in a wreath laying ceremony.

Click on flyer to the right to enlarge



Update as of May 19, 2022: There will be no events or mass on Sunday, May 29, 2022. All Memorial Day events will take place of Monday, May 30, 2022 as stated above.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS CORNER - MAY 20, 2022

Below please find COVID-19 information as of May 19, 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	New Cases	14-day Percent Positivity	Fully Vaccinated Residents
Dedham	5,394	73 (since May 12, 2022)	7.07%	20,515
MA	1,682,066	3,948 (May 17, 2022)	6.35%	5,376,129

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

Free COVID-19 Tests

The Federal government is providing a third round of free rapid antigen COVID-19 tests available to all households across the country. Each household is eligible to receive 8 tests. Tests can be ordered online at www.covid.gov/tests.

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Mosquitoes

As summer approaches, residents may see an increase in mosquitoes across Town. The following are safety tips to ensure you and your family have a fun and safe summer while outdoors:

Mosquito-Proof Your Home:

- Drain standing water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and kiddie pools and change water in birdbaths frequently.
- Install or repair screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all your windows and doors.

Avoid Mosquito Bites:

- Apply insect repellent when outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years old.
- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.
- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

The Norfolk Country Mosquito Control District treats all catch basins in Dedham to prevent mosquito breeding. Additionally, you can request spraying in your area by calling the Mosquito Control District at **(781)762-3681**.

Ticks

While enjoying the outdoors this summer, the Board recommends conducting routine tick checks. Ticks are commonly found in shady, damp, brushy, wooded, or grassy areas (especially in tall grass), including backyards. Favorite places ticks like to go on your body include areas between the toes, back of the knees, groin, armpits, neck, along hairlines, and behind ears. It is important to check children and pets for ticks too. If you find a tick on your body, use a pair of fine point tweezers to grip the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out with steady pressure. If you develop a rash where you were bitten, or experience symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, or muscle aches, call your primary care physician.

Avoid Tick Bites:

- Stick to recreational pathways and the center of trails when hiking.
- Wear a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt with long pants - tuck pants into your socks. This may be difficult to do when the weather is hot, but it will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot a tick on your clothing.
- Use bug repellents. Repellents that contain DEET can be used on exposed skin. Permethrin can be used on clothes. Always follow the product instructions and use repellents with no more than 30-35% DEET on adults and 10-15% DEET on children. Never use insect repellents on infants.

RESULTS FROM TOWN MEETING AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE

Results from the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting are available for review and download on the Town website at www.dedham-ma.gov/TownMeeting.

Results and data are available in the following PDF documents:

- [Town Meeting Attendance](#)
- [Town Meeting Results as Declared by the Town Moderator](#)
- [Summary of Voting Results using electronic voting devices](#)
- [Voting Results \(listed by electronic voting device\)](#)

If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact Town Clerk Paul Munchbach at pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov or at **781-751-9200**.

For copies of information, materials, and links to presentations and public meetings for the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting, please visit our website at www.dedham-ma.gov/2022SpringTM.

SUMMER HOURS AT TOWN HALL BEGIN FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

From Memorial Day through Labor Day each year, Town Hall offices are open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and close at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. In 2022, Town Hall offices will close early on the following Fridays:

- May 27
- June 3, 10, 17 & 24
- July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
- August 5, 12, 19, & 26
- September 2

A full list of the 2022 Town of Dedham observed holidays, when non-emergency Town Offices will be closed, is included below:

DATE	HOLIDAY
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 21	Presidents Day
Monday, April 18	Patriots Day
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, June 20	Juneteenth (Emancipation Day)**
Monday, July 4	Independence Day observed
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 9*	Town Hall will close at 4:30 p.m.
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 23*	Town Hall will close at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 26	Christmas Day observed
Monday, January 2	New Year's Day observed
**Added in 2021	

This list is also available on our website at www.dedham-ma.gov/hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect May 23, 2022 (Monday) through May 27, 2022 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- The installation of the fire protection and sprinkler systems is substantially complete.
- The elevator was delivered on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Crews will begin installation this week.
- During this week, masons will take down the staging along the north side of the building, wash the stone exterior at the roof, and will remove materials off-site.
- Sheet metal installation for the rough duct work in the basement will continue this week.
- HVAC contractors will continue to install hot water mains in the basement, equipment in the Mechanic Room, piping condensers on the roof, and will insulate the duct work on the second floor of the Fire Station.
- Crews will continue to frame and glaze the curtain walls along the west and east sides of the building in advance of pressure plate and grid installation.
- Piping for the fire protection system (including sprinklers) will continue to be installed this week throughout the building.
- 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 overlooking the Fire Station maintenance bays taken from the mezzanine level as of Wednesday, May 18, 2022.



Caption: Photo of the exterior of the building at the public entrance to the Public Safety Building, currently covered in plywood, taken on May 18, 2022. Crews are continuing to work on framing and glazing of this and other entrances/exits.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

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



Monday, 5/23/22:

- **Human Rights Commission** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 305

Wednesday, 5/25/22:

- **Planning Board** at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, O'Brien Meeting Room
- **Historic Districts Commission/Historical Commission** at 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Town Hall and Zoom)

Thursday, 5/26/22:

- **DPS Fine and Performing Arts - Art Show 2022** at 5:00 p.m. at Dedham Middle School

Friday, 5/27/22:

- **Town Hall closes at 1:00 p.m.** (Summer Hours begin)

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 5/23/22. 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.