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June 2022

Flag Day Parade and Fireworks Return to Dedham on June 14th

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Click on the flyer to the left to enlarge and to view the 2022 Flag Day Parade Route

ROAD CLOSURES

East Street between High Street and Whiting Ave will be closed around 4:30PM for staging

All remaining roads around the parade route will be closed around 5:30PM until the parade has ended

Eastern Ave from East Street to Lechmere Road (road to BJ's Wholesale Club) will be closed from 7PM until all traffic and spectators clear following the fireworks



Town of Dedham
450 Washington Street
Dedham, MA 02026
www.dedham-ma.gov

TOWN CALENDAR

Public Meetings & Community Events

Agendas and Event materials are linked, where available

June 1st - June 4th

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| 6/1/22: Select Board
Design Review Advisory Board
School Committee | 6/2/22: Conservation Commission |
| | 6/3/22: 2nd Annual LGBTQ+ Pride Event |

June 5th - June 11th

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| 6/6/22: Open Space & Recreation
Parks & Recreation Commission | 6/8/22: Library Visioning Session
Planning Board
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Learn to Cope Peer Support Group
Taxation Aid Committee |
| 6/7/22: VFW/Providence Hwy Community Meeting
Board of Health | 6/9/22: Planning Board
Board of Library Trustees |

June 12th - June 18th

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| 6/13/22: Parks & Recreation Commission | 6/15/22: Zoning Board of Appeals
School Committee |
| 6/14/22: Flag Day Parade and Fireworks
School Building Rehab Committee | 6/16/22: Conservation Commission
Select Board |
| | 6/18/22: June Cardboard Recycling Event |

June 19th - June 25th

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| 6/20/22: Juneteenth - Town Offices Closed | 6/22/22: Parking Appeals Public Hearings
Planning Board
Learn to Cope Peer Support Group |
| 6/21/22: Elected/Appointed Officials Training | |

June 26th - June 30th

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| 6/28/22: Free Document Shredding Event | 6/29/22: Farmers Market
Summer Concert Series at Endicott |
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Please visit the Town website and subscribe for email updates about future meetings and events: www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe

Community Events

Click on each flyer/image below for more information



Dedham Parks and Recreation Presents
Dedham Flag Day Parade & Fireworks
TUESDAY, JUNE 14th
PARADE BEGINS AT 6PM
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9PM

NEW PARADE ROUTE

- Starts on corner of East Street and High Street
- Proceeds down East Street and left onto High Street
- Follows High Street into Dedham Square past the Community Theater
- Turns right onto Washington Street
- Turns right onto Harris Street
- Proceeds down High Street to East Dedham
- Turns right onto Milton Street
- Turns left onto Oakdale Avenue
- Turns right onto Sanderson Avenue
- Turns right onto Mt. Vernon Street
- Turns **RIGHT** onto Whiting Avenue
- Turns **LEFT** into High School Parking lot
- Parade ends at Dedham Pool


TIP: The best view of the fireworks is at Memorial Park!

*Eastern Avenue will be closed from East Street to the VFW

FLAG DAY PARADE & FIREWORKS JUNE 14, 2022



DEDHAM FARMERS MARKET JUNE 15, 22, 29, 2022



Town of Dedham
 Dept. of Public Works
 55 River Street,
 Dedham, MA 02026

2022 Cardboard Recycling Events

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!

9:00 AM - Noon
Every Third Saturday
DPW Dumpster
55 River Street, Dedham, MA

For more information, please contact the DPW at 781-751-9350.

EVENT DATES

- Saturday, January 15, 2022
- Saturday, February 19, 2022
- Saturday, March 19, 2022
- Saturday, April 16, 2022
- Saturday, May 21, 2022
- Saturday, June 18, 2022




Gather your **flattened** cardboard boxes and bring them to the DPW Cardboard-Only dumpster. Staff will be onsite to direct you when you arrive.

NOTE: No other recyclables will be accepted at this event. Polystyrene foam will not be accepted.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING DAY AT DPW JUNE 18, 2022

It's time to shred
 all those papers, files and receipts



Free Shredding Event: Tuesday, June 28th
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Norfolk County District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey


When: Tuesday, June 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Where: American Legion
 155 Eastern Avenue, Dedham

Drive-thru, contactless shredding event will be in the parking lot of the American Legion.

Shredding will be done onsite. All documents and papers must be in paper bags only. We are unable to accept boxes, plastic bags, or containers.


Please call the Dedham Council on Aging with any questions: 781-751-9495

FREE SHREDDING EVENT AT AMERICAN LEGION JUNE 28, 2022



LEARN TO COPE
 A PEER-LED SUPPORT NETWORK for families dealing with addiction and recovery, will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.
 Dedham Town Hall 450 Washington Street
 Room 302
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information about Learn To Cope, please visit:
www.learn2cope.org



LEARN TO COPE PEER SUPPORT GROUP JUNE 8 AND 22, 2022



ARTS@ENDICOTT
 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2022
 Presented by: DEDHAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 pm
 Opening attractions at 6:30 pm

JUN. 15 MATT HEATON & THE OUTSIDE TOYS Children's Concert Sponsor: Dedham Savings	JUL. 13 THE BOOGALOO SWAMIS Capri 21/22 Sponsor: Dedham Cultural Council*
JUN. 27 DEDHAM COMMUNITY BAND Big Band/Big Brass Opening attraction - Dedham School of Music student performance/instrument getting zoo Sponsor: 2019 Raffle/Donations	JUL. 20 THE BARDS Irish Favorites Opening attraction - Band City School of Music and Performance Sponsor: The Norfolk & Dedham Group
JUN. 29 BLACK AND WHITE Roots R&B/Rock Opening attraction - The Dance Center Sponsor: 2019 Raffle/Donations	JUL. 27 DAYBREAKERS Alternative/Indie Sponsor: Wegmans
JUL. 6 THE MARLENE JAZZ ENSEMBLE Jazz/Vocals Opening attraction - Dedham Art Association Sponsor: Dedham Cultural Council*	Endicott Estate, 656 East St. Dedham Free and outdoors. Bring chairs or blankets.

Raffle items include: Dedham Community House pool passes, tickets to Storyland, passes to Dedham Community Theatre, certificate to Oscar's, Blue Bunny gift basket, Kids Fun Basket, Skincare Basket

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 visit djwc.org or [facebook.com/artsatendicott](https://www.facebook.com/artsatendicott)
 EMAIL: artsatendicott@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP! To have safe concerts! Follow local public health guidelines and respect the beautiful Estate.

- STAY HOME IF FEELING SICK
- UNVACCINATED, TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS
- LEAVE PETS AT HOME
- DO NOT CLIMB ON TREES OR FENCES
- CARRY IN, CARRY OUT TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU

Mass Cultural Council This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Town of Dedham.

Follow us on Facebook for concert updates

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT ENDICOTT JUNE 15, 22, 29, 2022

Summer 2022 Arts at Endicott Concert Series

CLICK ON THE FLYER BELOW TO ENLARGE



THESE DATES ARE ALSO LISTED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE COMMUNITY CALENDAR!

JUN.15 MATT HEATON & THE OUTSIDE TOYS
Children's Concert
 Sponsor: **Dedham Savings**

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Big Band/Blue Grass
 Opening attraction – Dedham School of Music student performance/instrument petting zoo
 Sponsor: **2019 Raffle/Donations**

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Roots R&B/Rock
 Opening attraction – The Dance Center
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Jazz/Vocals
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 Sponsor: **Dedham Cultural Council***

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Cajun Zydeco
 Sponsor: **Dedham Cultural Council***

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Irish Favorites
 Opening attraction – Band Gig School of Music and Performance
 Sponsor: **The Norfolk & Dedham Group**

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This flyer has been designed using resources from Flaticon.com



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Follow us on Facebook for concert updates or weather cancellations! @artsatendicott

Assessors Office Dates and Deadlines

Did you know? The Town of Dedham operates on a fiscal year: July 1st to June 30th. Therefore, June 30th is the last day of Fiscal Year 2022 and July 1st begins Fiscal Year 2023. The Dedham Assessors Office uses a quarterly tax billing system, so tax bills are mailed out four times per year. The mailing schedule is listed below:

- First Quarter: July 1 (Preliminary Tax Bill)
- Second Quarter: October 1 (Preliminary Tax Bill)
- Third Quarter: January 1 (Actual Tax Bill)
- Fourth Quarter: April 1 (Actual Tax Bill)

First Quarter Tax Bill Be on the lookout for your First Quarter tax bill for Fiscal Year 2023. Tax bills are sent 30 days before their due date. Due dates for each quarterly tax bill are listed below:

- First Quarter Tax Bills due: August 1
- Second-Quarter Tax Bills due: November 1
- Third Quarter Tax Bills due: February 1
- Fourth Quarter Tax Bills due: May 1

Note: If the first of the month falls on a weekend, your bill is due on the following Monday.

What does "Preliminary Tax" mean? The preliminary tax is based on the prior year's adjusted net tax on the property plus the 2.5 percent tax increase allowed under Proposition 2 ½ (and any tax increase attributable to approved overrides or exclusions, if any). The preliminary tax is payable in two equal installments; due on August 1st and November 1st as mentioned above.

Process After the Town of Dedham sets its tax rate, the Assessors Office makes the actual tax commitment and the Collector mails actual tax bills for the year. The Third Quarter Actual Tax Bill will have the new valuation set by the Assessors and approved by the Department of Revenue, as well as the new set tax rate approved by our local Select Board.

How is the actual tax calculated? Your actual tax is calculated by taking the new assessment valuation per thousand multiplied by the new tax rate. The actual tax due is the balance after the first and second preliminary tax installments are credited against the total tax due. The actual tax is payable in two equal installments; due on February 1st and May 1st as listed in the schedule above.

Example Calculation: FY22 Avg. SFR* = \$597,742 / \$1,000 x \$13.35 = \$7,979.86**

*Avg. SFR stands for Average single-family residence

**\$13.35 is the FY22 residential tax rate in Dedham

Do you have additional questions? Our Assessors Office is happy to review your tax bill with you and answer your questions regarding this process. Stop by Town Hall during normal business hours or give them a call at 781-751-9130.

Dedham Police Dept. Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS, RUBY!

On May 1, 2022, after completing all requirements, Ruby was recognized by Golden Opportunities for Independence as a member of their 2022 graduating class. This accomplishment comes after over 2 years of work by Ruby, her handlers, Sergeant Jason Sullivan, School Resource Officers Neil Cronin and Meghan Jenkins along with the Golden Opportunities for Independence training staff. Congratulations to all!



SGT. FEELEY RETIRES FROM THE DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT



On May 4, 2022, Sergeant Michael Feeley Sr. retired from the Dedham Police Department. Sergeant Feeley served the community as a police officer for over 39 years, almost 23 years as a patrol officer and over 16 years as a Sergeant. Traffic enforcement was Sgt. Feeley's specialty. He operated Cycle 2 as a motorcycle officer enforcing traffic laws, providing escorts and attending community events for many years. After being promoted to Sergeant, he assumed the role of Traffic Supervisor overseeing overall Department traffic efforts. Sergeant Feeley also provided oversight for the Department's defibrillator program. Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

Dedham Police Dept. Announcements



APRIL TRAFFIC CITATION STATISTICS

The Dedham Police Department shares the following citation statistics for April 2022 (10+ issued during month)



Speeding: 353



Improper Turn: 62



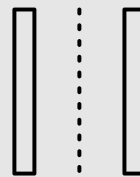
Failure to stop at Red Light or Stop sign / Yield: 136



No Inspection Sticker: 20



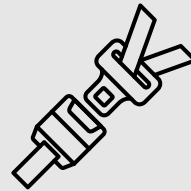
Electronic Device, Use While Operating, 1st Offense: 81



Marked Lanes Violation: 16



Electronic Message, Operator Send/Read: 81



Failure to wear seat belt: 16



Signal / Sign / Markings Violation on State Highway: 10

ENGINEERING

Engineering Department Updates

The Engineering Department is on Twitter!



Please find and follow the Engineering Department on Twitter at [@tod_engineering](https://twitter.com/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.

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 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

Grants Awarded to Dedham

- MassDOT Local Bottleneck Reduction Program (Estimated Grant Value of \$100,000) - [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.
- MassDOT's 2022 Shared Streets & Spaces Grant (\$25,000) – The Town received \$25,000 under its "Equipment Only" application submitted under this grant. This grant will be used to purchase the Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) to be installed as part of the Greenlodge Street Corridor Improvements Project. These RRFB's will be installed at the main Greenlodge Elementary School crosswalk at the intersection of Greenlodge Street and Colwell Drive. The Town anticipates receive the Notice To Proceed from the State before November 1, 2022.

Engineering Dept. Staff

- ✉ Jason Mammone, Director
- ✉ Ronald Lawrence, Project Engineer
- ✉ Nathan Buttermore, Infrastructure Engineer

MassDOT Project #608587 – Bridge St (Route 109) & Ames St

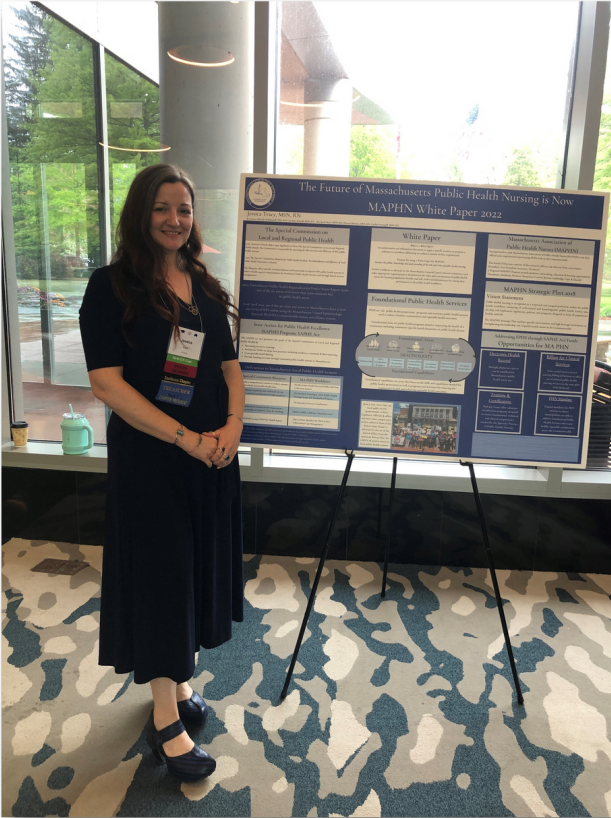
Construction activities are ongoing with MassDOT's contractor for the Bridge Street & Ames Street project. The project limits are along the State Highway's portions of Bridge Street (Dedham Town Line to Ames Street) and Ames Street (Bridge Street to Ames Street Bridge). The project work includes minor roadway widening, sidewalk reconstruction, resurfacing the roadway, re-striping the roadway and reconstruction of the signal at Bridge/Ames Street intersection. The project will include creating ADA-compliant ramps and include designating 5 to 6-foot wide shoulders as bike lanes. The project is anticipated to be completed by the Spring of 2023.

For questions or concerns related to MassDOT's project, please contact the MassDOT Field Office personnel:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH

Health Dept. Staff Highlight



Dedham Public Health Nurse Jessica Tracy presenting her White Paper

Town of Dedham Public Health Nurse Jessica Tracy recently graduated from Worcester State University with her Masters of Science in Public Health Nursing Specialty.

To complete her degree, Jessica wrote the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses (MAPHN) White Paper about the future of public health nursing.

As a continuous advocate for public health nursing and for providing better access to community resources, Jessica's paper focuses on the ways to improve the current state of public health nursing across the State of Massachusetts.

Referencing the State Action for Public Health Excellence (SAPHE) Act signed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker in April 2020, Jessica's paper highlights the increasing challenges to provide care at a local level as a result of the lack of funding, staffing shortages, inconsistent data collection, and continued training opportunities.

In June 2021, Jessica joined more than 130 other public health professionals and legislators to advocate for the use of federal funds to invest in local public health programs that can help communities overcome these challenges.

Join us in congratulating Jessica on her graduation and thanking her for her relentless dedication to public health!

FACILITIES

Riverdale Playground ADA Improvements

Phase 1 of the Riverdale Elementary School Playground Improvements Project was completed in April 2022 and included replacement of the front half of the playground and ADA upgrade of playground equipment. As part of the upgrade, new ADA accessible play equipment was installed to ensure every child could enjoy this community park. In addition, Phase 1 of this project included the expansion of the rubber surface (made of poured-in-place rubber) to cover all "fall zones" within the playground, instead of just the pathway. ("Fall zones" within in a playground are defined as the areas around slides, swings, and climbing equipment where specific surface materials must be used to prevent injuries.)

The Town of Dedham originally provided \$100,000 in capital funds, and with additional grant funding and tremendous community support from the Riverdale PTO, the Dedham Commission on Disability, private donations, and continuous fundraising efforts, the entire project is slated for completion **by early August 2022**. Phase 2 will begin in July 2022 with a community build and will include the replacement of the back half of the playground, new accessible play equipment, and the installation of more rubber surface in the "fall zones".

Below are photos of the Riverdale Playground before and after Phase 1 improvements, as well as photos of some remaining areas to be completed in Phase 2:

Click on each image to enlarge



Playground before Phase 1



New equipment installed in Phase 1
before installation of new rubber
surface



Playground after Phase 1 completed



Playground before Phase 2



Playground before Phase 2



Playground before Phase 2