

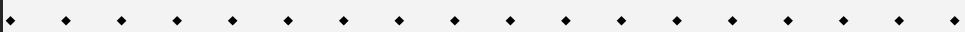


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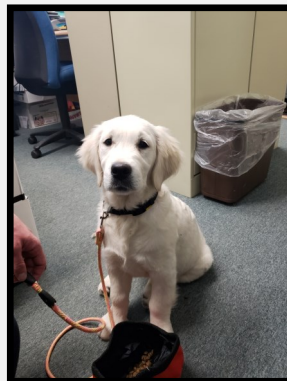
Congratulations Officer Munchbach!

Officer Steve Munchbach received the Department's 2019 Officer of the Year award at roll call on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Officer Munchbach was nominated for this award based on his day in and day out performance as a patrol officer assigned to uniformed operations. Officer Munchbach excels in de-escalating situations, representing the Department in a positive manner while interacting with members of the community and providing a high level of productivity. Officer Munchbach actively participates in the Department accreditation activities and sex offender registry compliance. Thank you and congratulations to Officer Munchbach!

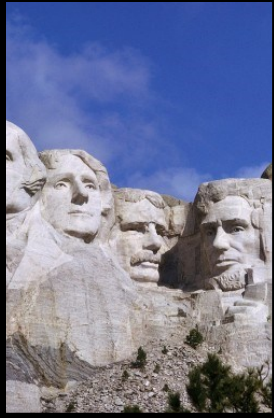


Meet Ruby!

The Dedham Police Department received a new kind of resource on Friday January 24, 2020. Courtesy of a grant provided by the District Attorney of Norfolk County, Michael Morrissey, the Department received a Community Resource Dog. The dog is a 4-month old Golden Retriever and has been bred by Golden Opportunities for Independence (GOFI) out of Walpole, MA. Two School Resource Officers, Jason Sullivan and Neil Cronin,



will be trained as handlers for this dog. This dog represents a new means to help de-escalate situations, engage with vulnerable and withdrawn members of the community, interact with community members suffering from mental health or stress issues, comfort victims and witnesses of violence and promote police-community engagement. Training for the dog and its handlers will be facilitated through Golden Opportunities for Independence. Our officers worked with Dedham Public School students to select a name for this dog. We look forward to introducing this Community Resource Dog to the community. Thanks to Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey, Assistant District Attorney Jen Rowe, Golden Opportunities for Independence, Pauline Hoegler (GOFI) and all of the partner departments in the Town of Dedham and mental health providers who made obtaining this resource possible and supported our application.



*“Observe good
faith and justice
toward all nations;
cultivate peace
and harmony with
all.”- George
Washington*

February 2020

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Meeting Schedule

- ◇ February 4—Board of Selectmen 7:00pm
- ◇ February 5—Design Review Advisory Board 7:00pm
- ◇ February 6—Conservation Commission 7:00pm
- ◇ February 10—Commission on Disability 7:00pm
- ◇ February 11—Dedham Square Sturdy Committee 7:00pm
- ◇ February 12—Sustainability Committee 7:00pm
- ◇ February 12—Planning Board 7:00pm
- ◇ February 13—Board of Health 5:30pm
- ◇ February 13—Board of Selectmen 6:30pm
- ◇ February 19—Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00pm
- ◇ February 20—Conservation Commission 7:00pm
- ◇ February 26—Planning Board 7:00pm

**The deadline to register to vote in the presidential primaries is Tuesday, February, 11th.
Register for the April 11th Town Elections by 8pm, Friday, March 20th.**



Conservation Department

The Conservation Department has initiated a monthly **Conservation Coffee** – a place to find out about and to let others know about environmentally-related issues and activities in Dedham. Our first meeting will be held on February 12, 2020 in the Lower Conference Room at Town Hall. We hope this will be the first meeting in a series of informal meetings, held at 7:30am on the second Wednesday of the month, where folks with an interest in the environment can get together on an informal basis to find out what's going on locally. Come and let us know what you and/or your organization is up to or just come listen.

We'll supply coffee and some light refreshments. Please bring your own mug.





WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 7:30 AM

CONSERVATION COFFEE

Dedham Town Hall
26 Bryant St, Lower Conference Room

COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Bring Your Own Mug





Dedham Public Library

One Book Dedham: Supporting Mental Health

The Dedham Human Rights Commission, the Dedham Public Library, Friends of the Dedham Public Library and the Dedham Library Innovation Team are presenting One Book Dedham, a community-wide reading program. This year's theme is mental health, specifically issues related to depression and anxiety. One Book Dedham is designed to engage local adults, teens, and young children in reading titles surrounding a common theme, and to prompt participation in related discussions and activities. The selected books for this year include *Reasons to Stay Alive* by Matt Haig, *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram, *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier, and *The Science of Breakable Things* by Tae Keller. Participants are encouraged to read one or all of the books and participate in a number of programs throughout the months of February and March. Below are February's programs; a full list of programs can be found at <https://dedham.life/calendar/>

February 11 at 6 at the Main Library - Middle School Youth Action Team PSAs

The Dedham Middle School Youth Action Team worked with the Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Awareness to create Public Service Announcements. They will be presenting their PSAs at the Library and will also discuss some of the things they learned during the project.

February 12 at 7:15 at the Main Library - Me2/Boston Flute Choir

Me2/Orchestra is the world's only classical music organization created for individuals with mental illnesses and the people who support them. Enjoy various works for flute ensemble, brief mental health testimonies, and a Q&A with the musicians.

February 19 at 2 at the Main Library - Journaling for Kids

Children will be provided with their own journal and guided through different and creative ways to express themselves other than simply writing. Registration required.

February 21 at 2 at the Main Library - Teen Painting

Teen Painting is FREE and open to middle school and high school students. Tap into your creative side for this paint program! Youths will be guided through the steps to complete their own piece of art. Space is limited, registration required.

February 25 at 6 at the Main Library - Journaling for Teens and Adults

Participants will be provided with their own journal and guided through different and creative ways to express themselves other than simply writing. Registration required.

Endicott Estate

The Afternoon Club

In 1887 people traveled by foot or by horse and carriage or took the trains from the station in Dedham Square. Life was simpler and people were expected to provide much of their entertainment themselves.

In 1887 a group of Dedham women met at the home of Mrs. Schermerhorn to discuss the idea of forming a women's club which would incorporate both social and intellectual interests. It was voted to call this new organization "The Afternoon Club" with a 50-member limit.

Seven meetings were held in member's homes the first year and some of the lecture topics included House Sanitation, Education of Girls, Dante and Michelangelo, St. Francis of Assisi, and the Rural and Social Life of Russia.

As membership grew to 75 in the 1930's, meetings were held in member's homes and in local town buildings and often included St. Paul's Church, Unitarian Church Parish House, Allin Congregational Church, the Masonic Hall, Dedham Community House, Dexter School and Odd Fellows Hall. Programs on travel, on literature, on art, on a wide variety of subjects, continued to interest members.

During the 1950's through the 1970's diverse and interesting programs continued such as lectures on the United Nations, NATO, Fashion, The Paradox of Cuba, The Lost Art of Reading for Fun, and A History of Flowers and Courtship. Into the 1990's and beyond, the trend continued to have varied programs, often with a musical.

Since 2006, The Afternoon Club enjoys its regular meetings at the Endicott Estate and has 100 members. Four interesting programs are presented during the year where four hostesses receive the members as they arrive to enjoy the afternoon and a beautiful tea is held following the lecture.

"The Afternoon Club, organized 'to meet the intellectual and social demands of its members', should be proud that it is one of the oldest women's clubs in the country, if not the oldest. It has persevered through world wars and blizzards. Its history has been recorded and hopefully will continue to be an active organization for women for another century and beyond".

For more information on The Afternoon Club please email Linda at ldwinell@aol.com



Source: *125 Years of The Afternoon Club*, by Laura S. Provost and Edith B. Forrester

Dedham Facilities

Dedham Safer Schools and Communities Grant

The Dedham Public Schools was recently awarded a grant of \$31,863 in state funding from the Safer Schools and Communities “Local Equipment and Technology” grant competition. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security’s Office of Grants and Research announced on March 12, 2019 that they were providing \$7.2 million in funding for school districts to competitively solicit one-time grant funding to assist public schools and local municipalities with enhancing school security and safety of students and staff.

Applications were due with barely three weeks to gather the information needed for the grant with an April 3rd deadline and primary consideration was to be given to grants seeking funds for Exterior Door and Door Locks. The grant required that school districts have a Multi-Hazard School Emergency Threat Assessment and Response Plan already in place to be eligible to apply. Thankfully we were able to provide a copy of the Emergency Procedures booklet developed by Superintendent Mike Welch’s Safety Super Team to comply with this requirement. The grant proposal submission needed to also be signed by the Town Manager and School Superintendent as well as provide a letter of support from both the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Dedham Facilities Director Denise Moroney wrote the grant proposal for the high security Medeco X4 locks to improve school security. Dedham was notified on July 12, 2019 of the award of the \$31,863 and the upgrade work has been submitted for reimbursement as of January 17, 2020. We will now start fresh with a new exterior lock and high security keying system where we can track the distribution of keys for each building with a new SimpleK software program. This is a long awaited security improvement for the Facilities team and School Administration and a result of our joint efforts to help improve security in all Dedham buildings.



Dedham Facilities Job Opportunity

The Dedham Facilities & Maintenance department is always looking for hard working part time temporary Per Diem Custodians to fill in for our building Custodians- you are encouraged to apply through the Dedham Public School's HR job listings link: <https://dedhamps.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

TOWN OF DEDHAM PER DIEM CUSTODIAN

The duties of a custodian in the Dedham Facilities & Maintenance Department are to maintain the school and town buildings inside and outside. The candidates should have custodial experience as well as a basic skills in performing preventive maintenance on buildings including working knowledge of basic electric, plumbing, carpentry and the use of maintenance tools and equipment. This position reports to the Building Department Head or Principal as well as the Director of Facilities. The Per Diem Custodians work as temporary employees on an as needed basis with no benefits.

GENERAL DUTIES: Cleaning of various sections of the building, including corridors, offices, classrooms, toilet areas, auditoriums, gymnasiums, lunchrooms, and any function rooms. Cleaning shall include, without being limited to, vacuuming, sweeping, dusting, washing, stripping, painting, sealing, and waxing floors; washing windows, interior and exterior glass, tile paint, and Venetian blinds; cleaning filters and ventilators; and cleaning light fixtures and replacing light bulbs.

Keeping check on operation of heating-cooling and ventilation systems, fire alarm systems, emergency light systems, water filtration systems, burglar alarm systems, pneumatic temperature control systems, plumbing systems, electrical systems, including responsibility for minor repair of the foregoing.

General operation or the building maintenance of proper heating and cooling temperature.

Securing building at night, setting up rooms for meetings, and opening and inspecting the building in the morning.

Cutting grass, trimming shrubs, and shoveling snow as required on approaches to the building (not to include parking areas), and watering of landscaped areas, turfing and raking.

Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

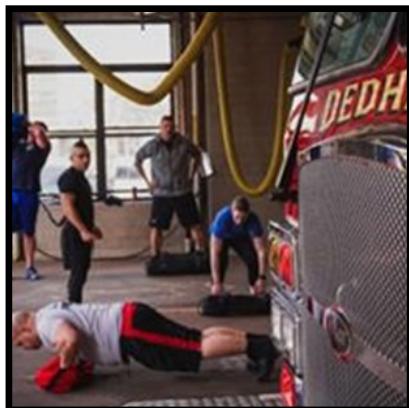
1. Three (3) years caretaking, maintenance, or custodial experience.
2. Education or experience in plumbing, electricity, lawn care, painting preferred.
3. Ability to work independently and contribute positively to a team environment.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Moderate to heavy physical effort is required to perform these duties. The employee is frequently required to walk or stand for extended periods of time, sit, speak, hear and use hands to operate equipment. The employee occasionally lifts objects weighing up to 50 pounds. Ability to operate a motor vehicle. A satisfactory pre-employment physical and CORI check is required. Fingerprinting is required for all school employees.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL A RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO: **Denise Moroney, Director of Facilities**, dmoroney@dedham.k12.ma.us

Fire Department

Firefighter Health & Wellness



“Our Firefighters are our most valuable assets and we need to invest in them”

- Chief William Spillane

In 2017 the Dedham Fire Department began its journey with O2X, a company founded by a group of former Navy SEALs whose mission was to close the gaps in Tactical Athlete and First Responder training.

Today, the Dedham Fire Department’s Health & Wellness program is strong... it is driven to address firefighter’s Physical Conditioning, Nutritional and Mental Wellness needs.

O2X has provided the foundation for our program. Firefighters are provided with individual body movement analyses and body composition analyses on a bi-annual basis. Based upon their results, firefighters are provided with personalized physical conditioning and nutritional plans that guide them to succeed.

Along with the measurable impacts like decreased body fat and increased muscle mass, the department has also noticed a significant decrease in personal leave due to injury and illness.

Dedham Firefighters are committed to this initiative and strive to get **1% Better Every Day!**

Human Resource Department

Job Opportunities

Planning Department

Community Planning & Engagement Specialist

The Town of Dedham is seeking qualified candidates for a Community Planning and Engagement Specialist for its Planning Department. The Community Planning & Engagement Specialist is responsible for administrative, analytical, project management and public engagement work related to land use, zoning and other community development matters; all other related work, as required. Working under the general supervision of the Town Planner, the position performs responsible duties requiring a considerable knowledge of departmental operations, State regulations, town policies and the exercise of independent judgement and initiative, particularly in situations not clearly defined by precedent or established procedures. The employee is required to attend evening meetings, two planned per month and others unplanned, and to work extra hours to meet potential deadlines.

Council on Aging

Instructors

In anticipation of moving into a new Senior Center, The Town of Dedham Council on Aging is seeking instructors in a variety of course areas such as fitness, painting, arts and crafts, creative writing, poetry, music appreciation, caregiver support, line or other group dance, cards and game instruction, or any other subject areas that might be enjoyed by community members who are 55 years old and older.

Courses may be offered weekly, monthly, occasionally, or as one-time programs. Search is for volunteer and paid positions.

Bus/Van Driver

The Town of Dedham Council on Aging is seeking a Bus Driver responsible for driving a 10-passenger, handicapped-accessible bus and operate a chair lift to provide safe, efficient transportation to elderly and disabled citizens on shopping and other trips. The driver may also be asked to assist passengers with carrying packages and boarding or exiting the bus/van. Driver must have Valid Driver's license, and an excellent driving record along with certification or willingness to be certified in CPR and Standard First Aid.

Parks & Recreation

Seasonal

Park Maintenance

Dedham Parks & Recreation is seeking seasonal park maintenance. These positions will perform a variety of maintenance duties pertaining to the overall operation of grounds and facilities located in the Parks, Recreation Center, Town Pool and other Town of Dedham locations. The purpose is to support the department's operational responsibilities in key areas such as facility, grounds and sports field maintenance, providing a safe, professionally maintained and aesthetically attractive facilities, parks and green spaces in the Town of Dedham. *Deadline to apply: 4/30/2020*

Summer Counselor

Dedham Parks & Recreation is seeking seasonal energetic and enthusiastic individuals who love working with kids! Candidates are responsible for the daily playground activities including sports, games, theme days, aquatics, arts, education, nature and weekly trip. Candidates will supervise groups of children, ensuring all participants experience a safe and fun camp experience. Candidates must love working with children, being outside and enjoy the summer playground experience! *Deadline to Apply: 4/17/2020*

Human Resource Department

Tennis Instructor

Dedham Parks & Recreation is seeking a seasonal part-time tennis enthusiast. Candidates will instruct youth group tennis lessons. Candidates should have an outgoing personality, professionalism and willingness to have fun with students while creating a safe learning environment. Duties will include providing accurate records and organizational skills to develop youths group drills, excellent communication and customer service, assist with court maintenance.

Deadline to Apply: 4/17/2020

Part-Time

Lifeguard

Dedham Parks & Recreation is seeking lifeguards. The lifeguard will provide aquatic safety & supervision of the town pool and town aquatic events. Lifeguards will provide instruction in classes and programs based upon guidelines and standard operating procedures set by the American Red Cross. Performing duties may include greeting participants, verbal class instruction and equipment/pool setup and cleaning related to the pool and locker room.

Water Safety Instructor

Dedham Parks & Recreation is seeking seasonal Water Safety Instructors. The WSI will provide aquatic instruction in classes and programs based upon guidelines and standard operating procedures set by the American Red Cross. Performing duties may include greeting participants, verbal class instruction and equipment/pool setup and cleaning related to the pool and locker room.

Please visit <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/human-resources/job-opportunities> to learn more about these great opportunities and to learn how to apply.

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TOWN OF DEDHAM ELECTION WORKERS

The Town of Dedham Clerk's Office is seeking applications to work at polling locations throughout the town in the upcoming 2020 elections.

March 3, 2020

April 11, 2020

September 1, 2020

November 3, 2020

\$12.14 - \$15.35/hr depending on the position assigned on Election Day

Training will be provided

Election Worker Duties & Responsibilities

- Provide excellent customer service to Dedham citizens
- Responsible for supervising and monitoring the work of the other election officers
- Prevent interference with the voting process
- Ensure that all required materials are available
- Assist voters, and oversee the accurate completion of all election forms
- Keeps a record of all facts relating to the election proceedings and notes any unusual happenings during the conduct of the election
- Check voters' names at the Check-In and Check-Out tables
- Handing ballots to voters
- Process absentee ballots

Election Worker Requirements:

- Be registered to vote in Massachusetts and at least 18 years of age
- Be available to work Election Day in shifts ranging from 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Have great customer service skills and efficiency

Fill out the Election Worker Application and return it to the Town of Dedham Clerk's office.

Dedham Town Hall

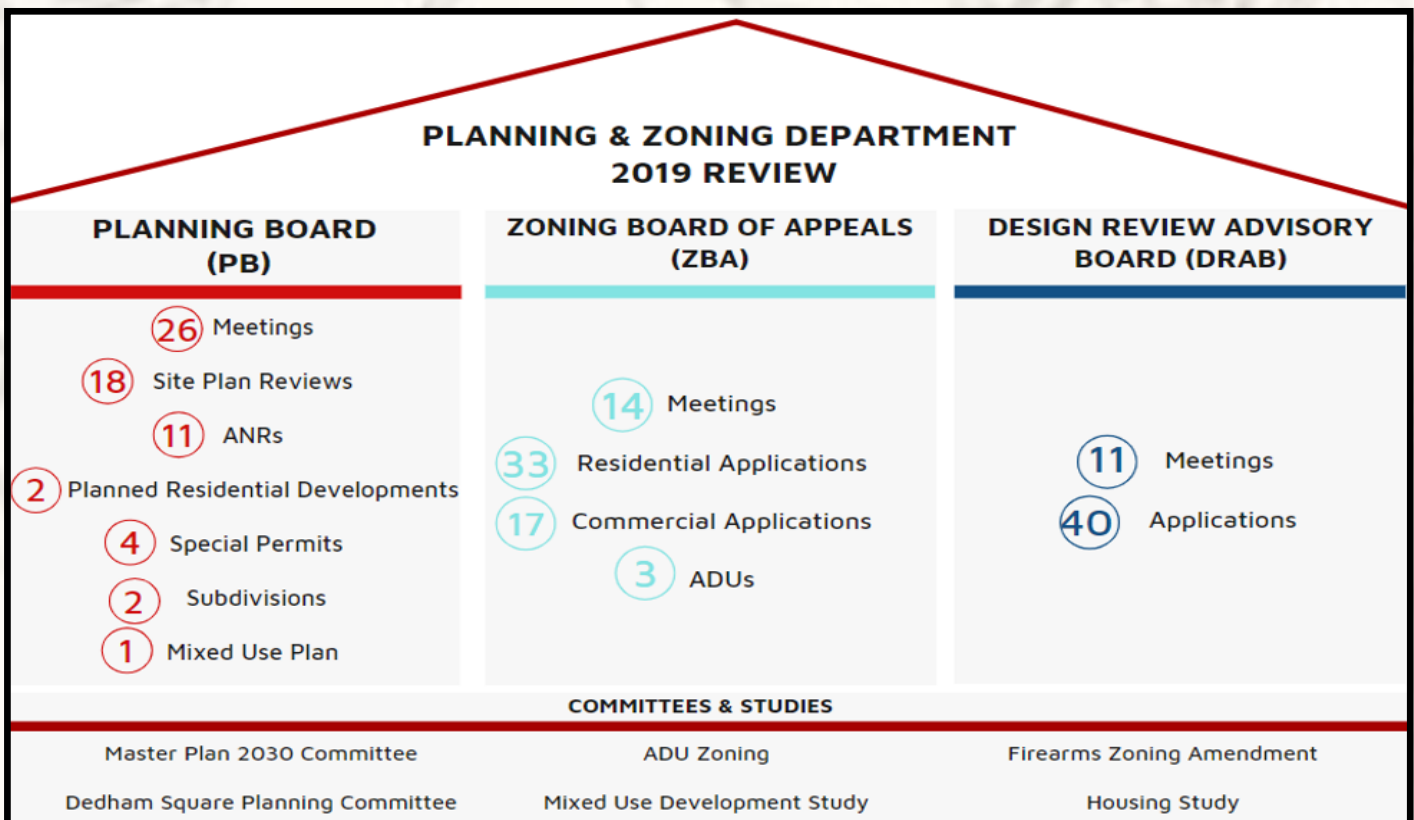
26 Bryant St

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Planning & Zoning Department

2019 Department Review

The Planning & Zoning Department is pleased to provide the following 2019 review:



Planning Board Update

The Planning Board held a public hearing on January 22, 2020 regarding a proposed Planned Residential Development (PRD) consisting of 30 single family dwellings. As part of the proposal, 42 acres of the 62-acre project would be preserved as protected open space. “Anyone who has questions, comments or concerns has a right to be heard”, said Planning Board Chairman John Bethoney. “The Planning Board takes the neighborhood’s feedback seriously in determining whether the proposed project’s benefits outweigh its negative impacts.” The Planning Board continued the public hearing to February 5, 2020 for discussion regarding design and traffic impacts. As part of the PRD process, a PRD requires approval from Town Meeting.



Proposed Lower Street Planned Residential Development (PRD)

Mother Brook Community Meeting

Nearly 200 people crowded the auditorium of the Mother Brook Arts & Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 21, for a presentation about the industrial and architectural history of the Mother Brook, which was constructed circa 1636. Judy Neiswander of the Historical Commission provided an overview of the historical survey of the corridor that passes through East Dedham and introduced the Christina Volpe of Heritage Consultants, who shared photographs and maps of the area, along with historical details of the people and buildings that were at the heart of Dedham's economy for 300 years. Over the past 18 months, the consultants have been studying the surviving features of the five mill "privileges," the first phase of a larger effort to bring national recognition to the Mother Brook. For more information, please visit: [Mother Brook Corridor Study](#)



Town of Dedham/MAPC Tour

The Planning Department and Dedham 2030 Master Plan Committee co-chairs Jessica Porter and Sarah MacDonald hosted a tour of Dedham for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on December 17, 2019. MAPC was selected as the consultant team to assist the Planning Board and Town with development of the next Master Plan. In addition, MAPC will work with the 17-member Committee toward ensuring a robust community engagement process. For further information on the Master Plan process, please visit: [Dedham 2030 Master Plan](#)



Town of Dedham / MAPC Master Plan Intro Tour

Police Department

Student Gunstock Ski Trip



The Dedham Police Department School and Community Resource program will once again be sponsoring a ski trip for Dedham Middle School students to Gunstock Ski Resort on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020. Student skiers and snowboarders, accompanied by Dedham Police Officers and Dedham Middle School staff, will depart from the Dedham Middle School at 6:00am. The anticipated return time will be 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Interested students should contact School Resource Officer Jason Sullivan at 781-751-9300 or inquire in the main office at the Dedham Middle School for more information. Space is limited, please sign up right away for a memorable day of fun on the slopes!



Officer Sullivan with Dedham Middle School Students on the 2019 Ski Trip.

Sustainable Dedham

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **March 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm** for the Sustainable Dedham Climate Action and Resiliency planning meeting at the Italian American Club, 21 Allen Lane. Snow date Thursday, March 12th. The Town of Dedham has received funding from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) through their Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) to create a comprehensive plan to address Dedham's greenhouse gas emissions and impacts of climate change on our community. At this meeting we will discuss details on specific strategies, prioritize goals and identify actions and discuss implementation.

Your participation in this plan is critical to its success. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by emailing Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator at vleclair@dedham-ma.gov. To stay up to date on the latest developments in sustainability follow Sustainable Dedham on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





**Do the
right thing
and *always*
pick it up!**



It's Your Responsibility as a Dog Owner

When you walk your dog, make sure to carry a plastic bag with you so that you can pick up the waste and dispose of it in a trash can (and never in a storm drain).

Dog waste carries high levels of harmful E. coli bacteria and other pathogens. When dog waste is left on the ground, the bacteria and pathogens can wash into storm drains and enter local waterways, which impacts recreational opportunities, like swimming, fishing, and boating.

It's a Really Big Deal

Dogs produce a lot of waste, which over time, can pose a health threat to swimmers, wildlife, and water quality.

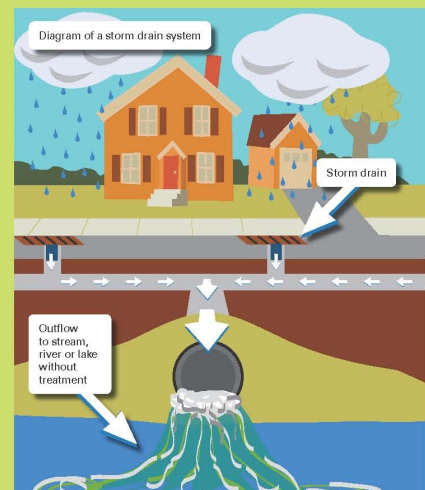
The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it to swimming and shell fishing.

Fecal waste-contaminated water can cause people to have serious health problems.

Deliberately leaving pet waste on the ground is not only unpleasant and unhealthy, it's often punishable by fines.

Picking up after your dog is the right thing to do. It reduces the spread of disease and helps protect our local water resources.

Learn about steps we're taking to help prevent stormwater pollution in the community at YourCleanWater.org



Youth Commission

Holiday Gift Giving Program

The DYC's Holiday Gift Giving Program was another huge success this year! Thanks to a myriad of organizations and individuals, we were able to guarantee that over 400 kids, ranging from toddlers to high school seniors, had an amazing Christmas season. Thanks to our sponsors, each kid received gifts and clothes, but also the peace of mind that their community cares for them! Some of our major sponsors include the following: Gifts for Kids, Dedham Medical, Dedham Polo Club, St. Lukes, St. Pauls, St. Johns of Damascus, Dedham Savings, AliMed, Waldron H. Rand & Company, Parks & Recreation dept, Library Staff, Human Resources dept, and the Dedham Patrolman Association.



DYC Youth Coordinator Greg Cabral poses with Allison Rothwell and Julia Willis at Waldron H. Rand & Company, PC.

Internships/Community Service Opportunities

The Middle School Action Team is open to all middle school students and meets every Monday at 2:35 PM in the DLL at the middle school. As part of this team, students develop and implement activities, workshops and events for their peers. Currently, the students are planning a Wellness Day Celebration & Conference for teens, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th. Stay tuned for more details regarding registration and schedule. Interested students are always welcome to join us on Monday afternoons.

For high school students, there is still time left to apply for our annual TLT2 Project internship. Interns will work together to create and perform two separate drama skits that will be presented as a school assembly for Kindergarten students and 5th grade students at the Early Childhood Education Center in March 2020 and Riverdale and Avery Elementary School in June 2020. TLT² Project interns will also facilitate a discussion with students after the drama skit is performed. If you are interested in becoming a TLT² Project Intern, please submit a one page essay, highlighting your interest (drop essay off at Youth Commission office or send via email), to Angela Osei-Mensah, LICSW, at the Youth Commission by **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to email (aoseimensah@dedham-ma.gov) or call Angela at 781-751-9193. This is a paid internship with compensation up to \$500.



Angela Osei-Mensah and the TLT2 interns addressing a group of students at Oakdale School

Youth Commission

Community Events

The next monthly Middle School Activity Night is scheduled for Friday, February 28th at 7:30 PM at the Dedham Community House. Last month's event, a gameshow night with prizes, had over 50 students in attendance! They had a great time playing "Minute to Win It," "Family Feud," and "Musical Bingo." Sponsored by the DYC, DOSA and the Dedham Community House.

On April 2nd, 2020 from 6 PM – 8 PM at the Endicott Estate, the Dedham Youth Commission will be hosting an Open House event and you are invited! Please join us for light refreshments and snacks and learn about DYC programs and initiatives. We will focus on ways you can individually or organizationally support Dedham Youth through volunteering and/ or financial sponsorships.

Looking for a family friendly and fun activity to do during April vacation? Looking to see your kids have the biggest smiles ever? If so, we have the event for your kids and you! Come on down to the Motherbrook Arts & Community Center on Wednesday, April 22nd for the CHARACTER DAY EXPLOSION!

At this event, all your favorite kid's characters will be attendance to party and celebrate with you! 10 CHARACTERS are already confirmed: Elsa, Anna & Olaf from Frozen. Woody, Forky & Mr. Potato Head from Toy Story. Chase, Everest & Sky of Paw Patrol. Daniel Tiger from PBS. There will be games, activities, photobooth, candy, live DJ & Dancing! Search the event on Eventbrite for more details and to register. Proceeds benefit Dedham children and families.

Summer Programs

Registration forms are now available for our award-winning middle school aged summer programs. College Bound is scheduled for July 6th – July 24. College Bound is open to Middle School students who are currently in Grade 7 going into 8th grade in the Fall of 2020. The goal of College Bound's 3 week summer program is to excite students about college, expose them to various careers and encourage them to lead healthy lives and become leaders in their communities. During the first week of the program, students will live at Regis College and experience the life of a college student. Students will learn how to live with a roommate, participate in Science and Critical Thinking courses, write essays, share ideas during class debates, play games, attend career panel discussions, and enjoy nightly dance and karaoke parties. Students will also eat three delicious and nutritious meals a day in the cafeteria. During the second week of the program, students will participate in college tours and field trips. During the third week, students will partner with Ripples of Hope and conduct community service projects in Dedham.

Journey is scheduled for August 3 – August 7th. Journey is a one-week positive youth development program for incoming 7th grade students. During this one-week journey, students will be encouraged to challenge themselves, take risks, become leaders and keep a journal of their development and experiences. Activities include a zip lining trip to Gunstock NH, a ninja warrior obstacle course and a workshop with an improv/acting group in Boston (to name a few).

Launch is scheduled for August 10th – August 14th. Launch is a one-week positive youth development program for incoming 6th grade students. Students will participate in team building activities, field trips, recreational activities, healthy habits workshops and community service projects. Through these experiences, students will gain new friends and become more comfortable and confident going into middle school. As always, all our summer programs are free of charge and open to Dedham residents.



College Bound students participating in our nightly guest speaker panels.



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Town Hall Talk will be published monthly and will be available on the [Town website](#).

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