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Keep Dedham Safe

A message from the Dedham Board of Health

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

The Board met on this date and noted that Governor Baker extended the closure of all non-essential businesses and the stay at home advisory to May 18th.

The Board voted to mandate the wearing of face coverings, as noted below:

Employees of all businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and whenever they are within six feet of a co-worker or a customer. Please see personal protective equipment guidelines and recommendations at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

- Members of the public entering any business, work site, or government building must wear a face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana, over their nose and mouth.
- Members of the public entering a restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth.

Residents, visitors, and members of the general public entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex of greater than two (2) units must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces and must exercise social distancing in these spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

- Residential and commercial building complexes shall post signage.



Photo by Sean Browne

The Board again wishes to remind the public to properly dispose of gloves and masks at all public locations.

MAY 2020

Public meetings are being postponed or held remotely. The state's Open Meeting Law has been modified to enable local governments to carry out essential functions during the COVID-19 outbreak per the governor's emergency order. Please refer to [the Town calendar](#) to join a public meeting remotely by using the links or dial-in instructions published in the meeting's agenda.

From the Assessor's Office:

The Town of Dedham has authorized a local option to extend the due date of Real Estate Property Tax Exemptions & Deferrals from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Exemptions include Elderly, Veteran, Blind and Widows.



May is National Mental Health Month.

Here's a reminder to be gentle, to be kind; to the planet, to each other, and to *yourself*.

Here are some tips from the [CDC](#) on coping with stress during these times:

- **Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories**, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- **Take care of your body.** Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals. Exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep.
- **Make time to unwind.** Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- **Connect with others.** Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

Conservation Department

Native Plants for Sustainable Landscaping

Bloom Period	Common Name	Botanical Name	Flower Color	Max Ht	Water Needs	Notes
					Low, Med, High	All species are perennials, unless otherwise noted. Max height is an average, individual plants may vary.
Forbs						
Early	Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	yellow	3	H	Host plant for black swallowtail butterfly; shallow nectaries attract small beneficial wasps, bees, and flies
	Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	pink	3	M	Shade-tolerant; provides important spring food for mining, cuckoo, mason, sweat, bumble, and small carpenter bees
Early-Mid	Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	blue	3	M	The attractive flowers of this unique iris relative are frequented by bumble bees and other pollinators; shade tolerant
Mid	Blue vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue	5	H	A preferred nectar plant for bees, butterflies, hover flies, and bee flies; choose <i>Verbena stricta</i> for drier soils
	Narrowleaf mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	white	3	L-M	This and related species have fragrant foliage and nectar-rich flowers, very popular with butterflies, beetles, and more
	Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	pink	5	M-H	Host plants for monarchs, lovely fragrance attracts insects of all kinds, at drier site use common or butterfly milkweed
	Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	purple	4	M	Hawk moths, hummingbirds, and long-tongued bumblebees (such as <i>Bombus pennsylvanicus</i>) are common visitors
Mid-Late	Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	white	5	H	Flat-topped clusters of fluffy, nectar-rich flowers attract many kinds of insects; tolerant of partial shade and wet soils
	Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	ref	4	H	Striking, scarlet-red tubular flowers attract hummingbirds and swallowtail butterflies
	Field thistle	<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	purple	6	M	Distinct from invasive, non-native thistles; an important plant for butterflies and bumble bees; grows as a perennial or biennial
	Wild golden glow	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	yellow	7	H	Long bloom period; shade-tolerant, visited by bumble bees and other pollinators; seeds provide food for birds
Late	Bottle gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	blue	2	M	This unique fall flower is almost exclusively pollinated by bumble bees, which pry the petals apart to climb inside
	Calico aster	<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	white	3	M	The shallow nectaries attract more insect diversity than some larger-flowered aster species; tolerant of partial shade
	Grey goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	yellow	2	L	Excellent for poor soils where little else will grow; one of the latest blooming goldenrods; visited by many pollinators
	New England aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	purple	6	M	One of the latest fall-blooming plants; frequented by honey bees and pre-hibernation bumble bee queens
	Wrinkleleaf goldenrod	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	yellow	3	M-H	Goldenrods are frequented by beneficial solitary wasps, pollen-eating soldier beetles, bumbles bees, and much more
Shrubs / Trees						
Early	Highbush blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	white/ pink	12	M-H	Well-loved by humans and also provides food for mining bees, mason bees, and long-tongued bumble bees
	Pussy willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	yellow	15	M-H	Silky grey catkins open into flowers that provide spring forage for bees; host plant for mourning cloak butterflies
	Raspberry, blackberry	<i>Rubus spp.</i>	white	4+	M	Hollow canes/prunings make excellent nest sites for cavity-nesting bees; flowers are pollinated by many kinds of bees
Early-Mid	American bass-wood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	cream	60	M	Also called the "bee tree" for its abundance of very fragrant, nectar-rich flowers which are extremely attractive to bees
	Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	white	8	L	Deciduous shrub with attractive foliage, peeling bark, and white flowers; loved by birds, bees, and butterflies
Mid	New Jersey tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	white	4	M	A magnet for many species of flies, wasps, bees, and butterflies; slow-growing and prone to deer browsing
	Virginia rose	<i>Rosa virginiana</i>	pink	6	L	Foliage is used by leafcutter bees; flowers provide food for many pollinators; exceptional leaf coloration in the fall
Late	Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	white	12	H	Host plant for numerous moths and butterflies; pincushion-like flowers are very attractive to butterflies and bees

Why Native Plants?

Native, or indigenous, plants are plants that have evolved in the North American landscape prior to European colonization. Native plants are adapted to a particular region's climate and soils. Native plants have formed complex interrelationships with our local wildlife over thousands or millions of years of evolution. They provide food and shelter for our wildlife and insects that sustain the food web of our ecosystem.



One of the reasons monarchs are declining is because they require native milkweeds for their larva to develop. When monarchs lay eggs on the invasive, non-native swallow-wort, a plant which is also in the milkweed family, larva are unable to survive.

Because native plants are well-adapted to our local landscape, they require little watering once established, and far less fertilizing. Reducing our carbon footprint and preserving water, our most vulnerable natural resource.

Manicured lawns provide space for recreation and their well-kept appearance appeals to many people. Today, lawns in the US cover more than 63,000 square miles—roughly the size of Texas. Dominated by non-native species of turfgrass, these lawns require a staggering amount of water, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, and labor to keep them groomed and tidy. The environmental and economic costs are significant.

If you want to do something good for the environment, consider naturescaping, a landscaping method using natural features rather than trying to adapt non-natives to your yard.



Converting a portion of your lawn to native plants, and replacing non-natives with natives, is a cost-effective and ecologically sound approach that offers a host of environmental, financial, and aesthetic benefits.

Bringing native plants back into the garden is critical to preserving biodiversity and protecting against climate change. It's time to say goodbye to manicured landscapes and embrace naturescaping!

For More Information:

www.xerces.org/pollinators-northeast-region

www.audubon.org/native-plants/

www.grownativemass.org/resources/nurseries

According to the U.S. National Wildlife Federation, the average suburban lawn receives 10 times as much chemical pesticide per acre as farmland.



Tips for Starting a Native Landscape:

- Start small. Work an area that is manageable for a season – there is always time to expand!
- Start with healthy soil. Test your soil so you know what nutrients you need. (www.ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory)
- Add compost and leaf mulch to build up healthy soil organisms, which will break down materials into vital nutrients for plants.
- At the end of the growing season, amend the soil with leaf mulch from leaves in your yard. This will protect the plants over the winter while continuing to provide nutrients for plants and soil organisms. You can provide habitat for overwintering beneficial insects by leaving 18 inches of stems in place.
- Plant the right plants in the right place. Grouping plants with similar needs will allow them to thrive without lots of maintenance.
- Plant with successive bloom periods for beauty and benefits all season long.
- Water wisely. All plants need water to get established, but native plants will require far less once they are established.

96% of North American birds raise young on insects, mostly caterpillars; healthy bird populations depend on healthy insect communities. According to an American Forests article authored by entomologist Doug Tallamy, non-native ornamentals host 29 times fewer caterpillars than native ornamentals. Our native oaks support over 500 species of butterflies and moths; the Asian ginkgo supports 5.



Council on Aging

We at the COA are still very involved in dealing with the immediate needs of the seniors in town; Food Pantry, services through our senior service group, HESSCO (Meals on Wheels), and getting people groceries and prescriptions.

Since social isolation is a sad reality for almost all of us, and seniors even more so, we are looking at several ways to try to help reduce the loneliness many feel.

We have started a project with the Dedham Youth Commission to ask Middle and High School students to submit a piece of art, a card, or a story or letter, and we will be distributing the offerings to the seniors.

Starting next week, we will be doing programming on Dedham Cable TV, primarily in the 11:00 am time slot. We hope to have fitness, entertainment, and discussion programming. We also have a Zoom discussion next Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 11:00 am, with Dedham Police Chief D'Entremont. Everyone is invited to attend, and you can rsvp to TJoyce@Dedham-MA.gov for the call-in number. We expect that discussion will also be running on Dedham TV.

We want all seniors to know they can call the Council on Aging for assistance with any issue. Just call our number, leave a message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. 781-326-1650.

Looking forward to seeing all our friends again whenever it's safe to do so! We miss you all!

Sheila Pransky, Director

Endicott Estate

Dedham Food Pantry Needs Community Support

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

Run entirely by volunteers and funded entirely by contributions, the Dedham Food Pantry was established in 1990 with the mission of **ending hunger in the Dedham community.**

The Dedham Food Pantry remains open to provide food to those Dedham residents in need. New clients can come to the pantry on Saturday mornings from 8:30am to 10:30am and bring along proof of residency. For more information or for curbside pick-up and home delivery go to dedhamfoodpantry.org



The Food Pantry has seen a tremendous spike in the number of people coming to the pantry for help during this time of crisis. While they are NOT accepting food donations at this time due to the inability to determine if containers have come in contact with the virus, they are in need of financial contributions. Please consider making a difference in our community by supporting the food pantry.



Interesting fact:

“Just a Farmer” - Katherine Endicott, chosen by New York Dress Institute as Boston’s Best dressed woman, is listed in the street directory as a “farmer”. She supervises her family’s 24-acre estate in suburban Dedham.

Published in the Linton Daily Citizen, Linton, Indiana on January 10, 1949.



SUSTAINABLE DEDHAM

HEALTHY. RESILIENT. TOGETHER

April 22nd marked the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is a day to celebrate mother earth and this year's theme is climate action. Here are some ways Dedham's Environmental Department and Sustainability Advisory Committee have been working to make a more sustainable Dedham.



Retrofitted street lights to LEDs using \$430,000 in Green Communities funding resulting in energy and money savings for the Town.



Designated a Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness Community (MVP) by Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)



Installed a dual port electric vehicle charging station at the keystone parking lot in Dedham Square



Recognized by MassRecycle for Dedham's innovative School composting and recycling program



Implemented a Green Municipal Aggregation program offering residents 5% renewable energy over the state average, as well as an opportunity for 100% renewable



Created a Pedestrian and Bike Plan for the Town guiding the implementation of bike lanes and sidewalks

MAJOR MILESTONES



Installed 2 solar arrays on the High School and Town Hall. Created a renewable energy fund reserving revenue to improve energy efficiency in municipal buildings. Saving Dedham over \$420,223 in avoided expenses

Working to reduce plastic pollution through the unanimous passage of a plastic bag reduction bylaw at Town Meeting



Embarked on a 2 year planning process to create a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan with \$213,000 in MVP funding. Creating a roadmap to reducing Dedham's emissions and creating a resilient, sustainable community.

Follow Sustainable Dedham at   

Did you know?

Earth Day was the brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. His passion & concern for the health of the environment convinced President John F. Kennedy to go on an eleven state conservation tour in 1963.

Environmental Department



Stormwater Education and Outreach

Dedham is an MS4 (Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) community meaning it has a collection of publicly owned storm drains, gutters, grassy swales and other similar features that manage stormwater. These systems provide drainage of stormwater, but as stormwater flows over land it collects pollutants deposited on the land, such as oil from cars, dog poop not picked up by owners, and fertilizers. The water then travels from the streets to the storm drains and other systems, which lead to streams, rivers and oceans. For Dedham this means it impacts the Charles River, Mother Brook and Neponset River. Dedham is required to comply with the (MS4) Permit, as overseen by the EPA, which is comprised of six elements aiming to reduce pollution to water resources. Public Education and Outreach is one of the required elements that is key to reducing pollution as homeowners and business owners' activities have a significant impact on stormwater. The more we can do to educate residents and businesses about stormwater the cleaner our water will be.

What is stormwater and why should I care?

Stormwater is water that starts as rain, snow or ice melt that flows over a surface picking up debris, becoming polluted water, before flowing into a body of water such as a river, stream or ocean.

As the days warm and we are eager to get out for a paddle on the Dedham Water Trail (www.dedhamtrails.org) or a dip in the ocean, stormwater will impact the quality of those waterways you recreate in. What you do matters.



Dedham Trails Day Sprint & Splash 2019

What can I do to help reduce stormwater pollution?

Pick up after your dog. There is no poop fairy that will come and pick up after you. Those bags you leave by trees or along the trail do not get picked up. And the grates on the side of the road are stormdrains, they drain to our waterways, do not throw poop bags down stormdrains. Do your part to be a responsible dog owner and carry a bag and properly dispose of dog poop in a trash can.

Do not litter. This is simple. Litter makes its way into stormdrains and into our waterways harming marine life.

Reduce fertilizer use on your lawn. Fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorus that can cause fish kills and other hazardous conditions in the water. Before you fertilize learn more about what your lawn needs through <https://yourcleanwater.org/lawn/>.

And calculate the correct amount needed, if you do need to fertilize, with NSP Fertilizer Calculator <https://yourcleanwater.org/fertilizer-calculator/>.

Report oils spills at <https://yourcleanwater.org/report> or 781-575-0354 x300

What is the Town of Dedham doing to reduce stormwater pollution?

The Engineering Department worked with Neponset River Watershed Association to install 2 bioretention basins and 1 water quality swale. Below is a picture of the bioretention basin at Colburn Street.

Green infrastructure treatments like these reduce stormwater runoff. Other green infrastructure solutions include permeable pavement, green roofs and rain gardens. These infrastructure techniques capture and filter pollutants flowing in water. They have the added benefit of reducing heat island effect providing cooling, improving air quality and reducing flooding. All factors we will see more of with climate change.

A team of Department heads has been established to address stormwater pollution and to meet the requirements set forth by the EPA MS4 permit. This includes the Environmental Coordinator, Conservation Agent, Department of Public Works Director and Town Engineer. Each plays a role in addressing the elements outlined in the permit. The Environmental Department works to educate residents and businesses about stormwater pollution prevention through social media and web posts, articles like this in newsletters and in the papers, as well as through education and outreach at public events such as the Farmer's Market, Dedham Trails Day and other events.

Dedham is a member of the Neponset River Stormwater Partnership along with Canton, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, and Westwood. Together we are working to protect our waterways by reducing pollution, collaborating on practices which saves the Town money and meets our requirements.



Colburn Street Bioretention Basin

Dedham Facilities

Dedham High School Rooftop Unit Replacement



On Tuesday April 14th, 2020 the Facilities & Maintenance Department was able to schedule the replacement of three rooftop units at Dedham High School. The existing rooftop units are over 20 years old and in dire need of replacement. These rooftop units provide heat and air conditioning to portions of the High School building and this project was considered life safety work during the COVID19 pandemic. Back in November 2018, we had replaced the other three rooftop units, so these new 40+ ton units will serve for the next twenty years. A final rooftop unit that provides partial heat only to the High School kitchen and cafeteria, will be replaced in 2021.

Veterans Development Corp. of Norwell lifting one of three 40+ ton rooftop units

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE - FY20 Safer Schools and Communities Grant

On April 23rd, 2020 the Dedham Public Schools was awarded a Safer Schools and Communities “Local Equipment and Technology” grant of \$49,964.20 in state funding. These funds will be used to purchase eight Dedham Police radios to be used in the Dedham Public Schools for emergency communication. In addition, we will also be purchasing 36 new portable radios for daily internal communication within our schools. This grant also includes funds to replace the outdated burglar alarm systems at both Greenlodge and Riverdale elementary schools.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE - Pool Window Replacement Project

The week ending April 17th, 2020 the Facilities & Maintenance Department advertised the Pool Window Replacement Project Invitation for Bids in the Dedham Times, Central Register and COMMBUYS. The sealed bids are due on Friday May 8, 2020 at 11am. Due to lead times on manufacturing the windows, the replacement is scheduled for late September/early October 2020.

Anyone who is interested in bidding on this project can obtain plans and specifications by contacting Denise Moroney, Director of Facilities & Maintenance by email: dmoroney@dedham.k12.ma.us



Liebherr LTM1300 Crane weighing over 700,000 lbs. by Astro Crane of Boxborough

Dedham Parks and Recreation



COVID-19 UPDATE

In an effort to abide by the extended Stay at Home advisory issued by Gov. Baker on April 28th, ALL Town of Dedham facilities will remain closed until May 18th, unless we are advised otherwise. All Dedham Parks & Recreation programs will remain cancelled during this time. All programs that were scheduled to run during the shutdown of March 13th through June 22nd have been issued a department credit. Credits were issued on a full or partial basis determined by the number of classes that were cancelled by each program individually. These programs include the following:

- Bee Creative Art-tastic
- CreARTive Hour
- Full year Dance
- Spring Dance
- Karate
- Gymnastic
- PathFinders Track
- Parent Playtime
- Lifeguarding
- Stroke Clinic
- Winter Swim Lessons

Spring Swim Lessons

In addition to programs, all pool memberships will be extended by 2 months. All credits are available to view through your Parks & Recreation online account. If you wish to have your credit refunded by check please complete the participant refund request, [by clicking here](#). Please note any participant and/or family that has an outstanding balance will not be issued a refund check. Currently, there is no schedule change to any of our Summer Programs.

As a reminder ALL town playgrounds, parks & fields have been closed to the public. All trails & walking paths town wide will remain accessible for personal use only, while continuing to practice social distancing.

Please be advised that as new information from reliable sources is relayed to the Recreation Department, we will continue to update all of our participants of any program and/or facility cancellations.

Dedham Parks & Recreation is continuing to work closely with the local health department, Select board & Town Administrators office to continually monitor the evolving situation associated with COVID-19. It is highly recommended that all participants follow the following safety & hygiene precautions to help prevent any cold, flu and other respiratory viruses including COVID-19.

Please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) or [Dedham-ma.gov](https://www.dedham-ma.gov) for up to date information and specific guidance on how to prepare and take actions for COVID-19.

- Stay Home
- Social distancing
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least **20 seconds**.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean things that are frequently touched.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- If you are sick and avoid close contact with others. Do **NOT** share food, water bottles, utensils, or cups.

It remains our top priority to protect our participants, their families, our staff and volunteers. Due to the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, as well as the rapid developments both locally and statewide in relation to the virus, we will be updating our participants with information as needed.

Planning and Zoning

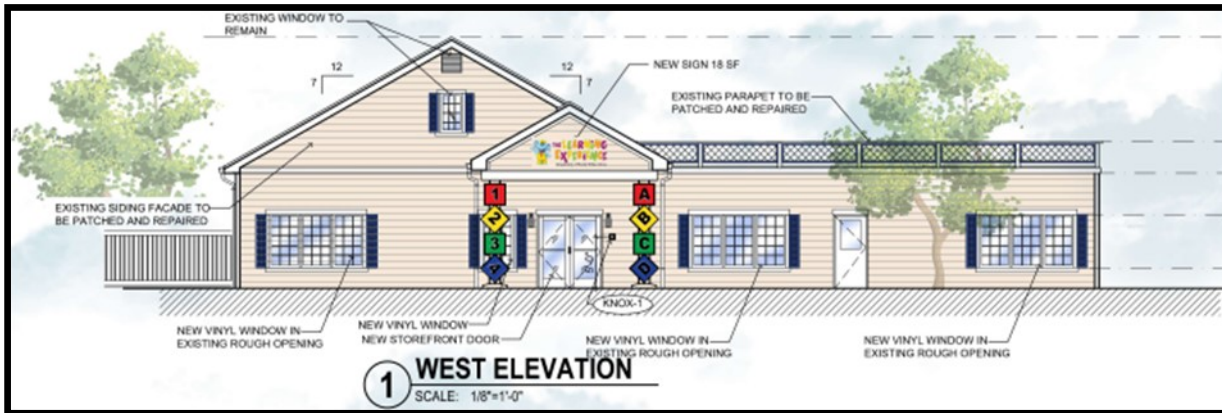
Recent Planning Board Approvals

960 Washington Street (The Learning Center) – +/- 19,655 sq. ft. child care facility, 27 off-street parking spaces and various site and landscape improvements.

601 High Street – Site improvements including ADA accessibility, resurfacing and restriping of parking area

306 Providence Highway (Lowes) - Outdoor display of landscape materials/products in the existing front parking area

155 Eastern Avenue (American Legion Post 18) - Site improvements including restriping of parking areas (118 parking spaces) and new landscaping



Proposed new Learning Center day care facility at 960 Washington Street

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

The Department and [Livable Dedham](#), in collaboration with AARP Massachusetts, will be holding a Virtual Community Conversation on May 7th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, to discuss ADUs as an option to enable residents more flexibility to age in the community.

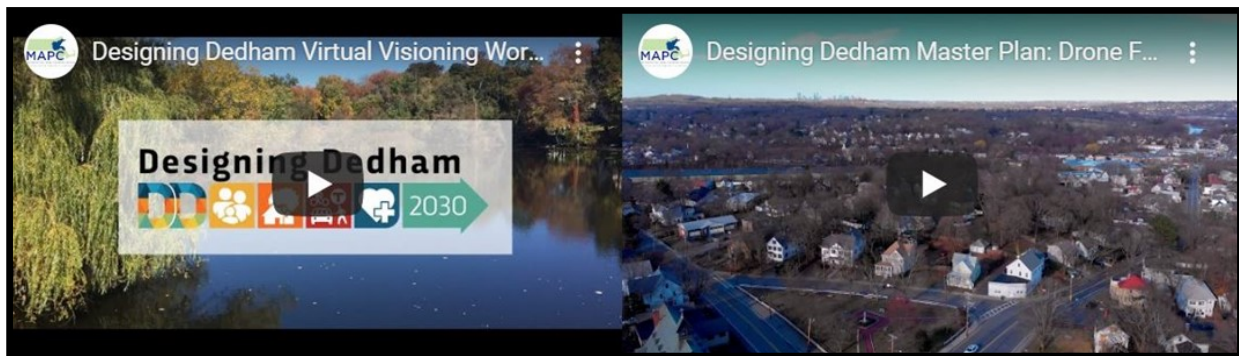
The event will discuss the existing regulations in Dedham regarding ADU's, how they are working in other communities, and what Dedham can do to help other residents who are interested in aging within their homes. This project aims at providing additional flexibility to homeowners; allowing for options that may create supplemental revenue sources; allowing aging in place on the property; and increasing long-term housing opportunities while balancing potential impacts to existing neighborhoods.

To RSVP for the Virtual Community Conversations event, click [here](#). For more information about ADU's, please visit [Accessory Dwelling Units](#) in the Planning and Zoning Department's Studies & Reports page.

Dedham 2030 Master Plan

On April 4th, the Town and the Master Plan consultant team, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), hosted a Virtual Visioning Workshop. Over 100 participants that joined the virtual presentation session and over 300 viewers joined via the Department's [Facebook page](#). For Dedham residents and stakeholders unable to attend the event, the presentation can be found here (added bonus of aerial Dedham drone footage!): [Virtual Visioning Workshop Presentation](#).

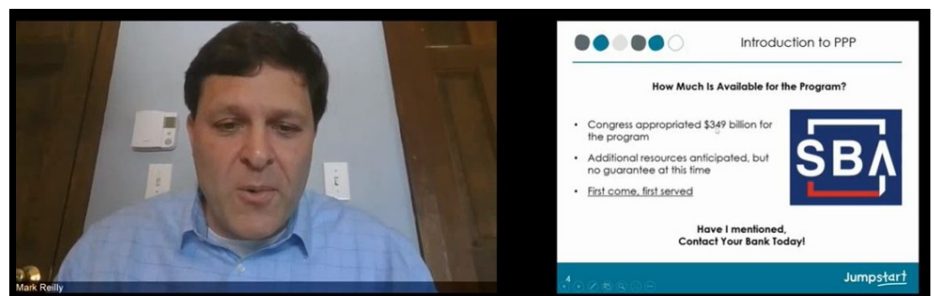
As part of the kick-off of the Master Plan process, a community survey focusing on visioning and overall priorities for the town was promoted during the months of March and April 2020. The survey received over **1,100 responses** from Dedham residents and stakeholders. This is a record for participation in the town! Information about the feedback from the Virtual Visioning Workshop, Initial Community Survey results, our new survey entitled [Designing Dedham 2030 Elements Survey](#), and more information on future events/meetings, can be found on the Master Plan's website www.designingdedham2030.org



Local expertise: Small businesses and employees get help dealing with the economic downturn

Two Dedham residents volunteered their time and legal expertise to provide online presentations about federal programs designed to help small businesses and workers address economic effects caused by the pandemic.

On April 17, Mark Reilly, an attorney and vice president of Policy & Government Relations at Jumpstart, gave an informational presentation about the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance, and other federal programs and resources.



The following Friday, attorney John Tocci provided an online presentation about the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, compliance with the law, employment transitions. Tocci, who manages the employment and litigation practice at Tocci & Lee, LLC, also share guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Labor for employers and employees.

Each presentation was attended by around 20 Dedham business owners and employees. Both presentations were followed by question and answer sessions during which Reilly and Tocci responded to specific questions from local operators and workers.

Video, presentation slides, and other materials from the presentations are available in the news feed on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Dedham Public Works

Some Tips From The Department of Public Works

Please remember to dispose of all gloves and face coverings in the trash. Do not discard these or any items on the street, sidewalks or anywhere except for a trash container. We have included a few links for trash and recycling guidelines. We have seen a significant increase in volume of trash and recycling the last 4-5 weeks.

DPW/Trash & Recycling webpage <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/environmental/how-to-recycle-in-dedham>, the program guide that is mailed out, and the Recycle Smart MA website <https://recyclesmartma.org>.

What are the top items that people **THINK** they can recycle that they can't?

- Plastic Bags
- Disposable Coffee Cups
- K-Cups
- Styrofoam
- Textiles
- Hangers (wire and plastic).

We have set the crosswalk buttons to automatic at the intersections of:

- Ames Court and High Streets
- Washington St and High Street
- Eastern Ave and High Street
- High Harris and East Street Intersections

Catch Basins are for storm water and not for pet waste or trash. Please do not dispose of anything in our catch basins.





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