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Construction work commences at old Town Hall site

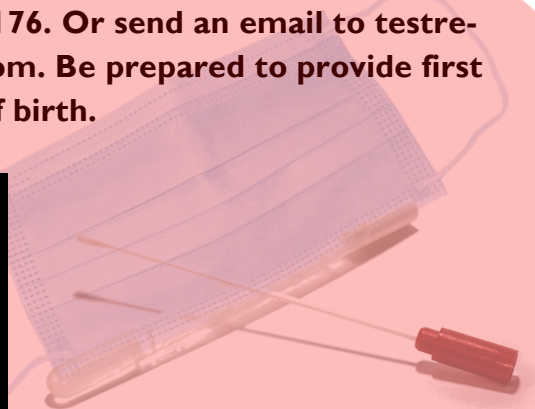
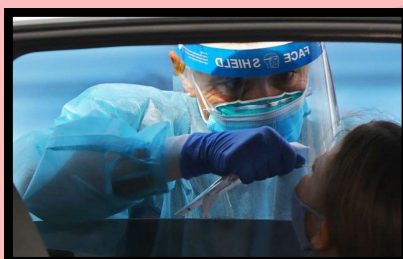
The old Town Hall site, located at 26 Bryant Street, will be cordoned off in the coming days for public safety reasons.

Construction crews will be installing barriers, fencing, and other security measures so that demolition and abatement can begin on Monday, October 5. The sidewalk on the south side of Bryant Street, in front of the old Town Hall, will be closed for the duration of the project.

Town Hall departments are now located at 450 Washington Street. Because of the pandemic, the new Town Hall is not yet open to the public. However, staff members are working on site.

Did you get a Covid-19 test at Endicott Estate?

Get your results by phone or email. Call Transformative Health Care: (617) 765-0176. Or send an email to testresults@fallonambulance.com. Be prepared to provide first and last name and date of birth.



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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.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, dedhamcovid19.com, for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts.

Locally, residents are always encouraged to contact the Dedham Health Department at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns.

By continuing to practice social distancing, regular handwashing, and wearing a face covering, we can ensure that our return to the new normal is not delayed.



Conservation Department

Massachusetts officials urge residents to keep an eye out for spotted lanternflies .

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources is warning residents to keep an eye out for spotted lanternflies, an invasive pest that may have been unintentionally imported and planted in several parts of the state.

State officials on Friday announced that two dead specimens of the spotted lanternfly were recovered in the towns of Milford and Norwood.

The pest is said to have been brought into Massachusetts on materials shipped from Pennsylvania counties that are currently under a spotted lanternfly quarantine.

Officials say they also recently learned that nursery stock with spotted lanternfly egg masses and adults may have been distributed across the state.

Anyone who has received goods or materials, such as plants, landscaping materials, or outdoor furniture from a state with a known infestation is urged to carefully check for signs of the spotted lanternfly.

As of Friday, the lanternfly has been detected in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Residents are being asked to take a photo or collect the lanternfly specimen, and report any potential sightings of the pest using MDAR's online reporting form. <https://massnrc.org/.../pestFAQsheets/spottedlanternfly.html>

Residents should look for large, gray insects, about one inch long, with black spots and red underwings, or inch-long, rectangular yellowish-brown egg masses covered with a gray waxy coating.



Photo Credit: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Dedham Fire Department

Sound the Alarm!



The Dedham Fire Department welcomed seven new members this past year with 7 little ones (6 girls and 1 boy) born within 12 months of each other.

Congratulations to our local heroes and their beautiful families!

Dedham Police Department



During August, Traditions of Dedham organized and conducted a “Lobsterfest” in support of the Dedham Police Department’s School and Community Resource program. This event generated a donation in the amount of \$1,830 in support of school and community programs. Some of the events supported by our School and Community Resource program over the past year included a Dedham Middle School ski trip, holiday season coffee at Dedham Housing Authority senior housing and the Council on Aging, Toys for our Town holiday toy drive, the annual Bike Rodeo, as well as the donation of Dedham High School golf team shirts and Hal-

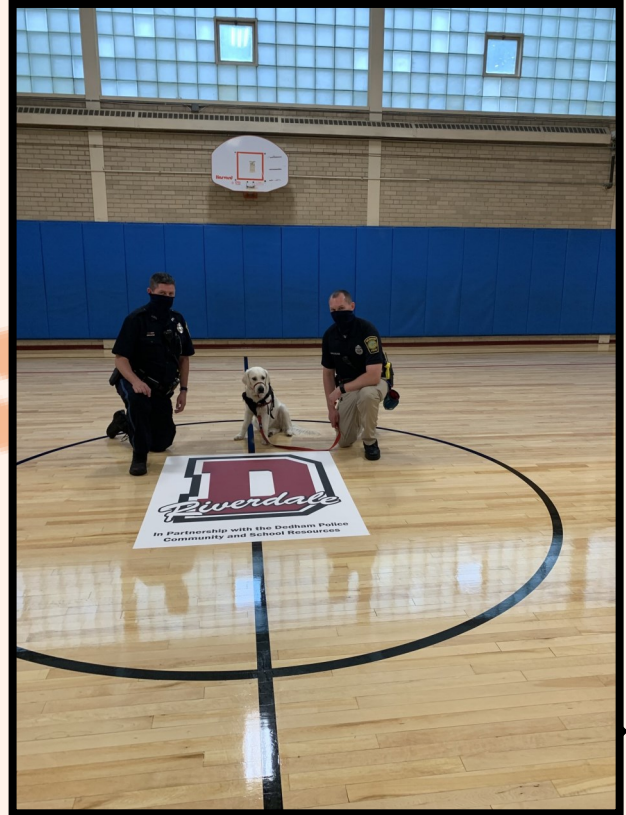
loween safety items for the community. The Dedham Police Department is most appreciative of Traditions, their staff and residents and all those who participated in this event.



Dedham Police Department



School Officers Sullivan and Cronin along with Ruby are seen here at the new center court logo placed on the gym floor at the Riverdale School. The logo was provided by the Dedham Police Department School and Community Resource program to support school and community pride! #gofidog



The Dedham Police Department recently completed the distribution of 750 reflective zipper tags. These tags were obtained through a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant awarded to the Department through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Increasing the visibility of pedestrians makes walking throughout the community safer. This is the second year that the Department distributed these reflective zipper tags in the community through the same grant funding. The Department's School and Community Resource Program purchased these same zipper tags for distribution through the Dedham Public Schools last fall.



Engineering Department

Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvements Project Update

Construction for the Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvements Project began in on Monday, 6/22. The project started at Station 48+86 (near #105 Rustcraft Road) with the excavation for and installation of the new 10" force main. As of 9/30, the contractor has installed approximately 4,600 LF of the 10" force main. Construction is now off of Rustcraft Road and onto the property of AvalonBay (250 Station Circle) within the Town of Dedham's Sewer Easement. The contractor is tentatively scheduled to do the repaving of Rustcraft Road within the limits of this project in the first half of October. Portions of Rustcraft Road will be shut down and detours set up during this phase of work. Police details are out each day directing traffic around the work site.



For more detailed information regarding this project and to get week to week updates on project schedule, please visit the Town's website [here](#).

Stay Up To Date!

The Engineering Department is now on Twitter. Please find and follow us on Twitter at **@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.



Veteran's Services



Welcome Joe Hamilton, VSO

Town Manager Leon Goodwin has appointed Joe Hamilton to the position of Veterans Service Officer (VSO).

The VSO works to deliver essential services to the veterans and dependents residing in Dedham and provides referrals and assistance to a range of benefits, such as the G.I. Bill, a home purchase program, and the local property tax exemption.

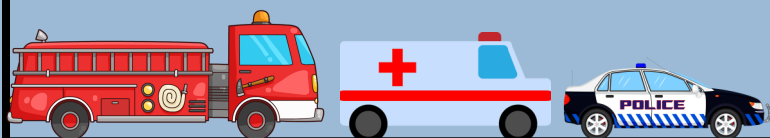
Hamilton enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1999 and served until 2004. Hamilton is a member of the American Legion Post 18, where he is the current commander. He has coached baseball in Dedham for 16 years, the past six years at Dedham High School.

"I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to work with and help veterans in the community I grew up in and love," Hamilton said.

Hamilton joined Town staff in June. He can be reached at 781-751-9264 or jhamilton@dedham-ma.gov



**October 28th is National First Responders Day.
Thank you all for all that you do!**



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day



Date: 10/03/2020 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Department of Public Works

55 River Street Dedham, Massachusetts 02026

COVID-19 Guidelines: All residents are required to wear face coverings and must follow Social Distancing guidelines.

Waste will only be accepted from a vehicle. Residents must stay in the vehicle at all times, absolutely no walk-ins allowed. Staff will remove items from trunk or back seat.

Please have proof of residency (driver's license) accessible before entering the drive-thru line.

Costs:

There is no cost for hazardous waste for residents just proof of residency.

Television and computer monitors will cost \$20 per unit for disposal, cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Dedham.

Accepted Items

- Oil-based Paint
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Vehicle Oil
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Household Chemicals
- Mercury Thermometers
- 1-pound Propane Cylinders
- Rechargeable Batteries

Items that **WILL NOT Be Accepted**

- Latex Paint
- Fire Extinguishers
- Motor Vehicle Batteries
- Appliances
- Tires
- Propane Tanks

For more information please call the Health Department, (781) 751-9220.

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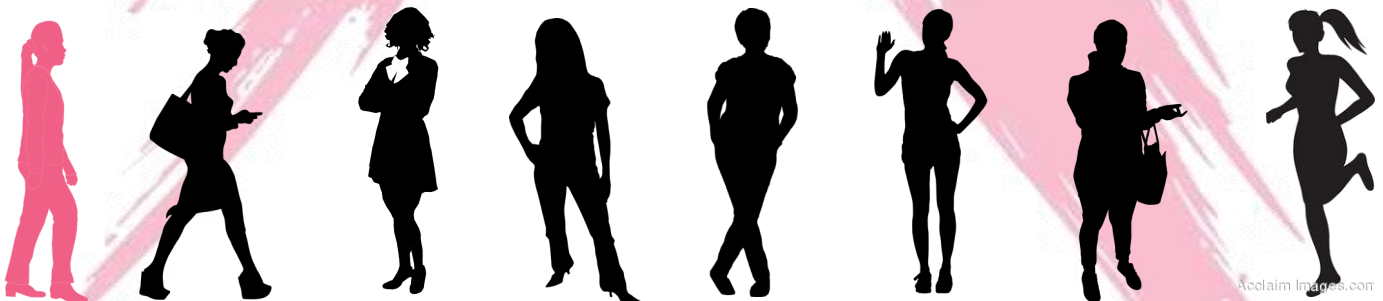
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- In 2020, an estimated 276,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the U.S. as well as 48,530 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.
- 64% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage (there is no sign that the cancer has spread outside of the breast), for which the 5-year survival rate is 99%.
- This year, an estimated 42,170 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S. Although rare, men get breast cancer too. In 2020, an estimated 2,620 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in the U.S. and approximately 520 will die.
- 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime,
- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers.
- It is estimated that in 2020, approximately 30% of all new women cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer.
- There are over 3.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.
- On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States.

Get Involved.

Visit [nationalbreastcancer.org](https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)

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

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