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COVID-19 Vaccination in Our Community

Two town wide vaccine clinics were held on February 6 and 18. The clinics were well organized and successfully provided more than 400 doses of vaccine for those 75 years of age and older. Special thanks to the Health Department and the many volunteers for their continued efforts in planning for and conducting the vaccine clinics.



A special thank you to the seniors who have braved the winter elements to attend the clinics.

**Effective the week of March 1st, the state will no longer provide first dose vaccines for individual municipal clinics. Municipalities will receive second doses to ensure that those residents who have received their first dose at a Town clinic, will be fully vaccinated.*

We continue to encourage residents to submit questions and concerns to the Board of Health at dedhamboardofhealth@dedham-ma.gov





MARCH 2021

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.

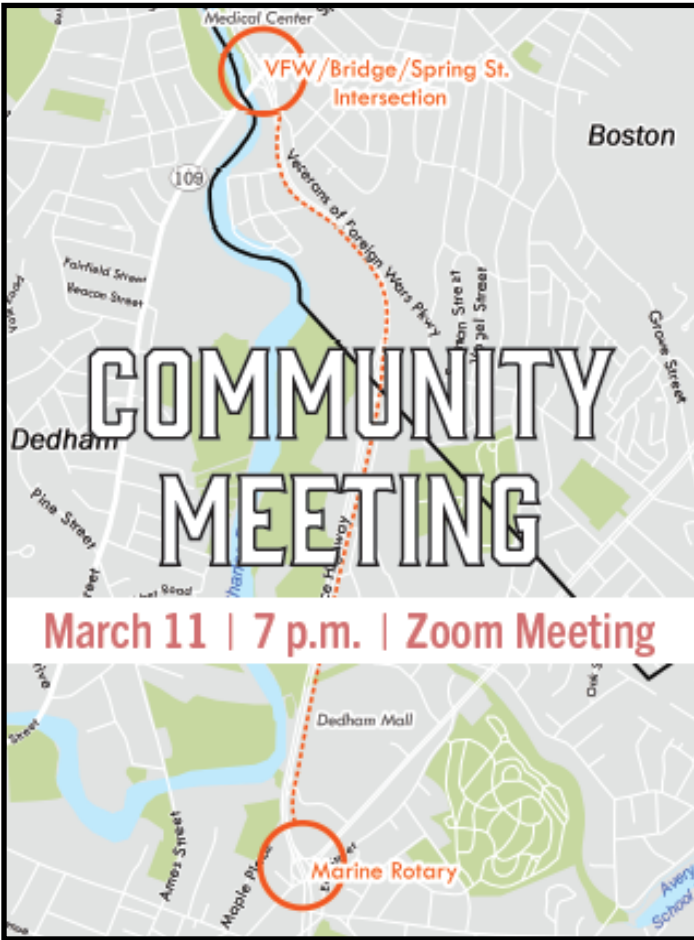


Assessor's Department

Important Tax Information



- Deadline for filing personal exemptions and tax deferrals is **April 1st**.
- 4th quarter tax bills will be **mailed out on March 31st** and are due **May 1st**.
- Income and Expense statements were mailed **February 26th** and are due **May 3rd**.



The Town of Dedham and City of Boston are developing a transportation action plan to improve mobility for all along the VFW Parkway/Providence Highway corridor—buses, bikes, pedestrians, and vehicles. Tune in to listen, learn, tell us what should be improved, and brainstorm opportunities for the future of this important corridor.

Register at: <http://mapc.ma/VFWProvidenceStudyKickoff>








Designing Dedham, Together!

FREE
Raffle
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Governance, Community Facilities and Services, and Land Use

Tuesday March 30

6:30 pm -9:00 pm

Tune in at:

Community Facilities and Services
6:45 pm

Governance
6:45 pm

Land Use and Zoning
7:45 pm

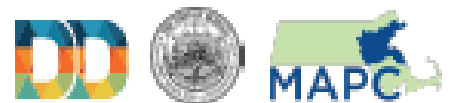
Share your ideas about community facilities and services, governance, and land use in Dedham. Join us for one or two of the topics at the times listed.

Join us for an open house exploring three topics of the Designing Dedham 2030 Master Plan. We will focus on governance, community facilities and services, and land use and zoning during this fun, informative and interactive virtual event.

Register for the event at: <https://bit.ly/DD2030-03-30-21>



If you need assistance contact Michelle Tinger at (781) 751-9244 or mtinger@dedham-ma.gov



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Town of Dedham Awarded Grant from MassDOT for Outdoor Dining Platforms

The Town of Dedham has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) as part of the Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program to reinstall ADA-compliant outdoor seating in Dedham Square.

The Town of Dedham is one of 21 municipalities to receive grant funding through this program and the total investment by the MassDOT to support these 21 projects is over \$3.2 million. Following the success of temporary outdoor seating areas in the Dedham Square during the summer of 2020, the Town of Dedham will use this grant funding to reinstall custom ADA-compliant seating platforms in the same locations in Dedham Square. The platforms are designed to extend the sidewalk, creating a level, accessible surface for outdoor dining.

Using the same footprint and on-street parking spaces as in 2020, these platforms will provide safe and adequate space to ensure social distancing measures can be maintained at local restaurants. The platforms are designed to be temporary in nature to enable the Town to adjust the application as needed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and public health requirements. While providing these additional seating options for local restaurants, these platforms encourage safe mobility across all modes of transportation in the area and promote outdoor recreation and local commerce.

The MassDOT Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program was created in June 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact it has had on daily life. With respect to mobility and transportation, the need to ensure adequate, safe space for social distancing has become paramount and of primary focus by the MassDOT. This grant program encourages municipalities across the Commonwealth to identify ways in which they quickly can creatively meet the needs of residents and provide for safer outdoor recreation and community engagement. To date, the MassDOT has allocated \$10 million to this program.

Facilities & Maintenance



Dedham Public Safety Building Project

Excavation has continued through the winter. The Project is now ready to start foundation work. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021.

1. New underground utilities completed and backfilled (1/7/2021)
2. Excavation continues in the snow (1/28/2021)
3. Hauling away excavated soil (2/22/2021)
4. Excavation nearing completion, ready to start foundation work (3/2/2021)





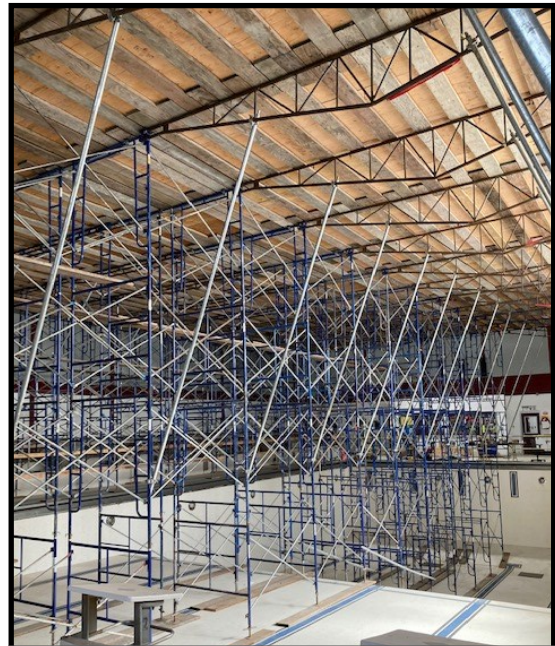
Facilities & Maintenance

Mucciaccio Pool Building– HVAC System Renovations

The Pool was drained and scaffolding erected inside the building to allow for interior work to proceed. New supply and return air ductwork are being laid out and installed in advance of new heat recovery unit (HRU) arrival. HRU tentatively scheduled to ship 3/8/2021, weather permitting.



1. New exterior ductwork mains being installed



2. Scaffolding setup below platform and into pool below



3. View of platform above scaffolding



4. New mains being installed inside Pool Building

Facilities & Maintenance

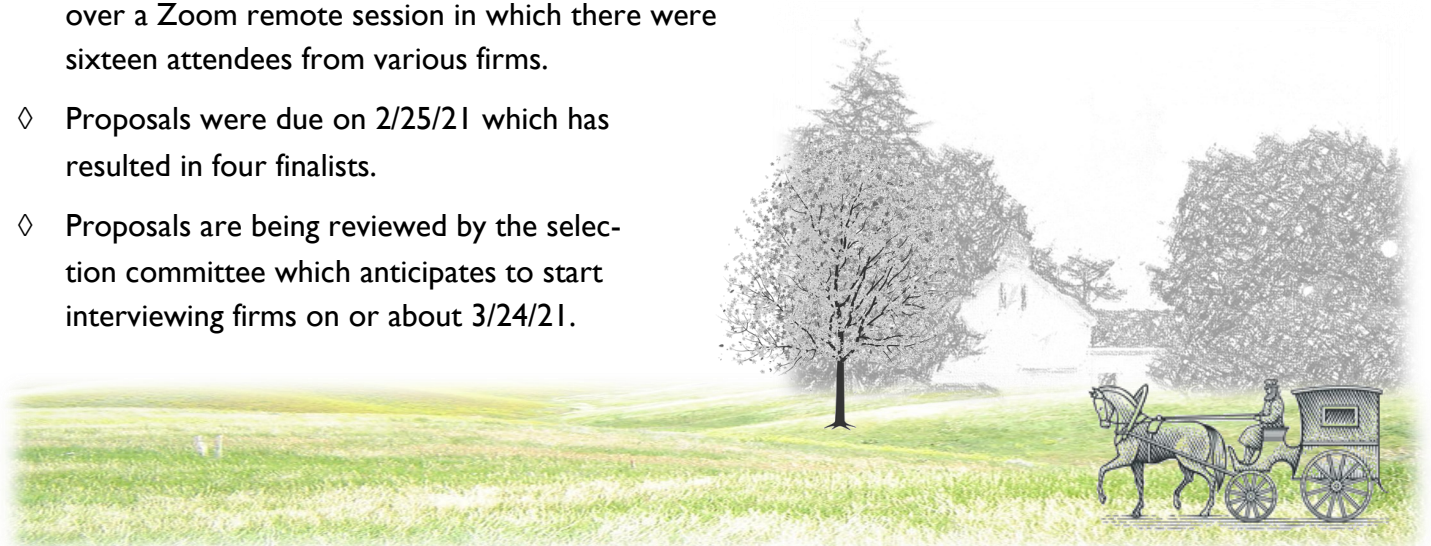
Endicott Estate Barn Reconstruction



Photo of former barn structure taken by photographer Geoffrey E. Melhuish dated 8/4/2000

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued for Design Services to begin the reconstruction process of the Endicott Estate Barn.

- ◇ The RFQ was Issued on 2/3/21 and resulted in twenty-nine firms showing interest and requesting a copy of RFQ.
- ◇ An informational/briefing session was held on 2/9/ 21 over a Zoom remote session in which there were sixteen attendees from various firms.
- ◇ Proposals were due on 2/25/21 which has resulted in four finalists.
- ◇ Proposals are being reviewed by the selection committee which anticipates to start interviewing firms on or about 3/24/21.





Facilities & Maintenance

No Heat in Rear Wing of Greenlodge Elementary School

On Monday morning February 8, 2021 we lost heat to the rear wing of the Greenlodge Elementary School due to corroded underground heat supply pipes. Due to the lack of heat, it was necessary to close the rear wing and relocate classes or move to remote learning. The Facilities staff and consultants rallied to identify solutions to bring temporary heat to the six classrooms and Library to prevent freeze-ups of the uninvent heaters and plumbing in these spaces, all while overnight temperatures were in the teens. We removed a window to feed flexible ductwork from a rented Frost Fighter Heater into the building and fans were placed in the hallway to direct heated air throughout the rear wing. A 1000 lb. propane tank was installed inside the dumpster fence enclosure to fuel the portable heater. We appreciate the Building Department inspectors and Fire Department staff approving the plan for the temporary heater installation as well as the permanent boilers installation with very short notice. (see photo below)



PORTABLE HEATER

PROPANE TANK

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No Heat in Rear Wing of Greenlodge Elementary School (cont.)

After obtaining a DCAMM waiver on Wednesday February 17th for the emergency procurement, PJ Kennedy was contracted to install two new high efficiency Lochinvar 400,000 btu boilers in a supply room that also houses the network server equipment. Our asbestos contractor needed to remove the asbestos flooring prior to any work being done as well. The existing heat supply lines were cut and capped and the new boilers, pumps and expansion tank were all installed in four days during the latter part of the February vacation week, which was a Herculean task to say the least!



We successfully started up the new boilers on Sunday February 21st and all went well with inspections, so students and staff were able to return to in-person learning on Monday February 22nd. Since these photos were taken the pipes have been insulated, a fire separation wall is being constructed, and Siemens sensors were installed to monitor the boilers remotely. In the Spring, we will install a new gas line to feed the boilers and we can remove the temporary propane tank from the dumpster enclosure.

Job well done! A huge thank you to all involved in this successful emergency project.

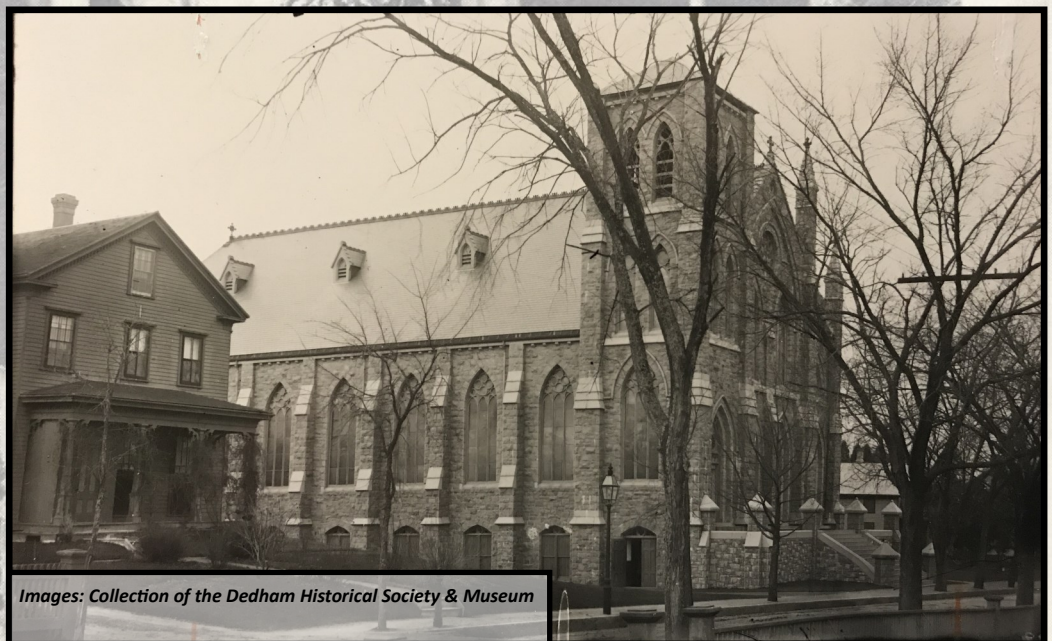
Dedham Historical Society & Museum

**Free Third Thursday Webinar
St. Mary's Church: Building a Community
Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

On May 15, 1843, eight people attended the first Catholic Mass in Dedham. It was held at the Slattery House and celebrated by Father James Strain of Waltham. As the town's Catholic population grew, largely from an influx of Irish mill workers emigrating due to the Potato Famine, the community needed a place of worship. This webinar, presented by Jack Hoell, will discuss the construction of what is now St. Mary's Church, the struggles of the parishioners to earn acceptance, and how other residents of Dedham bonded together to help build a monument to the beliefs of the Catholic community in town.

To register, click on the Registration link [here](#) or use the QR code with your phone; or visit the Dedham Historical Society and Museum website by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Call 781.326.1385.



Images: Collection of the Dedham Historical Society & Museum

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Dedham Police Department

Commendation for Excellence in CIT

Officer Jason Sullivan



Officer Jason Sullivan has been a police officer in Dedham for 8+ years. Officer Sullivan has gotten involved in several efforts to support members of the community as a Police Officer for the Town of Dedham. When District Attorney Morrissey solicited officers to be trained as Naloxone trainers for their Departments and communities during 2014 to help address the opiate epidemic, Officer Sullivan attended the training and subsequently trained all Department members in recognizing overdoses and the administration of nasal Naloxone. The training provided by Officer Sullivan allowed for the Department to deploy nasal Naloxone resulting in officers successfully administering this life saving drug and reversing overdoses many times. Officer Sullivan continues to be available for training and he tracks nasal Naloxone administrations as well as the Department supply of this drug. During the fall of 2016, he attended the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training hosted by the Brookline Police Department.

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Commendation for Excellence in CIT Officer Jason Sullivan (cont.)

He has attended monthly mental health stakeholder meetings. These meetings discuss situations in the community with individuals experiencing either mental health or substance problems. Officer Sullivan has conducted follow up visits with community members as a result of these meetings. Officer Sullivan has been one of the Department's School Resource Officers since May of 2018. In this role, Officer Sullivan constantly works with and builds relationships with youth in the community and Dedham Public School staff. He is a resource, mentor and pillar of support for youth and their families on a daily basis. He took on the role of Community Resource Dog Handler during January of 2020 and hosts the Department's dog at his home. This involves training and care for the dog. Officer Sullivan and our Community Resource Dog provide a calming presence for community members in crisis as well as an outreach tool to engage members of the community. The Town of Dedham was awarded a Drug Free Community grant which led to a restructuring of the Town's Coalition on Substance Abuse. Officer Sullivan has since represented the Department as a Youth Action Team Leader as part of Dedham's Organization for Substance Awareness. To educate liquor license holders, Officer Sullivan became a T.I.P.S certified instructor and has conducted training for local liquor license holders. He represents the Department as a point of contact maintaining data and conducting overdose follow up visits as part of Norfolk County's Outreach program. In this role, he along with either a recovery coach or the Town's Public Health Nurse provide resources and encouragement for those in the community who are struggling with substance mis-use.



To view a list of local support groups and resources, visit the [Town's website here](#).

Dedham Police Department

Hybrid Cruiser Joins Fleet of Police Vehicles



On February 24, 2021 the Police Department deployed its first hybrid police vehicle. This is a police package vehicle designed to meet the needs of an emergency response vehicle. We estimate that these vehicles could realize a savings of up to 1,500 gallons of fuel annually when used in a 24 hour per day capacity.



Dedham Police Department



Protect Your Vehicle Against Catalytic Converter Theft

Several reports of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles have been received recently. These thefts have generally been from vehicles parked in commercial parking lots, but any gas powered vehicle could be victimized. It is expensive to repair a vehicle after having a catalytic converter cut away and stolen. These items are targeted for the metals they contain which can be sold as scrap metal. Some guidance to protect your vehicle provided from insurance industry sources include: park in well lit-areas, park inside your garage if you have one, park in a way which makes it more difficult for a person to get under your vehicle (e.g., close to curbing), etch your vehicles VIN number on the catalytic converter, if you have a car alarm which can detect vibrations-configure this feature, install motion lights and park within range of such lights, install a security camera to cover the area where you park. You could also ask your mechanic about ways to weld or attach equipment to make it harder to remove a catalytic converter.

And as always, be observant and call 781 326-1212 if you observe any behavior which may indicate such activity.





Dear Friends and Supporters:

2020 certainly brought many challenges for our committee but with the commitment of our loyal volunteers and our dedicated landscaping staff we not only maintained but managed to avoid drought damage to 42 beautiful planters and 50 Sponsor a Spot locations all throughout town. We are so grateful to the business and resident sponsors who certainly showed their “civic pride” with their continued financial support. We hope you agree Dedham never looked better!

As we begin to plan for our 2021 planting season, believe it or not we need to start ordering now, we have opportunities for you to sponsor and support our efforts. Our popular Blooms Program delivers beautiful flowerpots to Dedham Square, Oakdale Square and East Dedham Squares. Sponsoring a planter, your name or company name can be included on the signage. It is a wonderful way to remember a loved one and makes a great Birthday gift for the person who has everything!

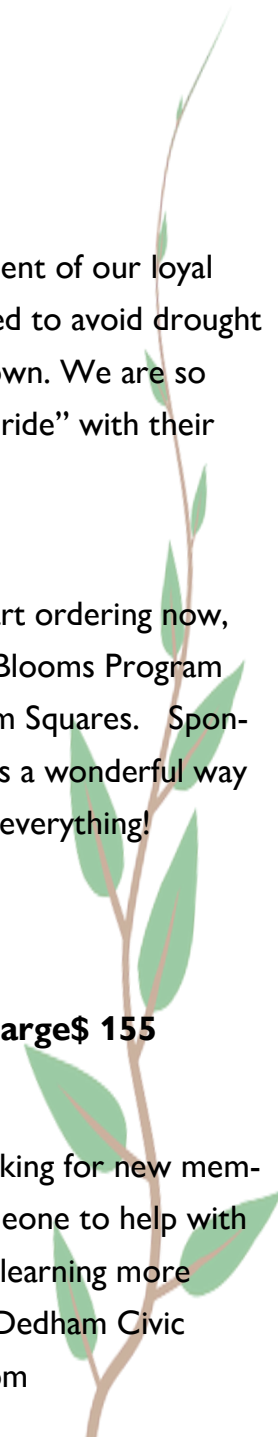
Three pots sizes are available, and the costs are:

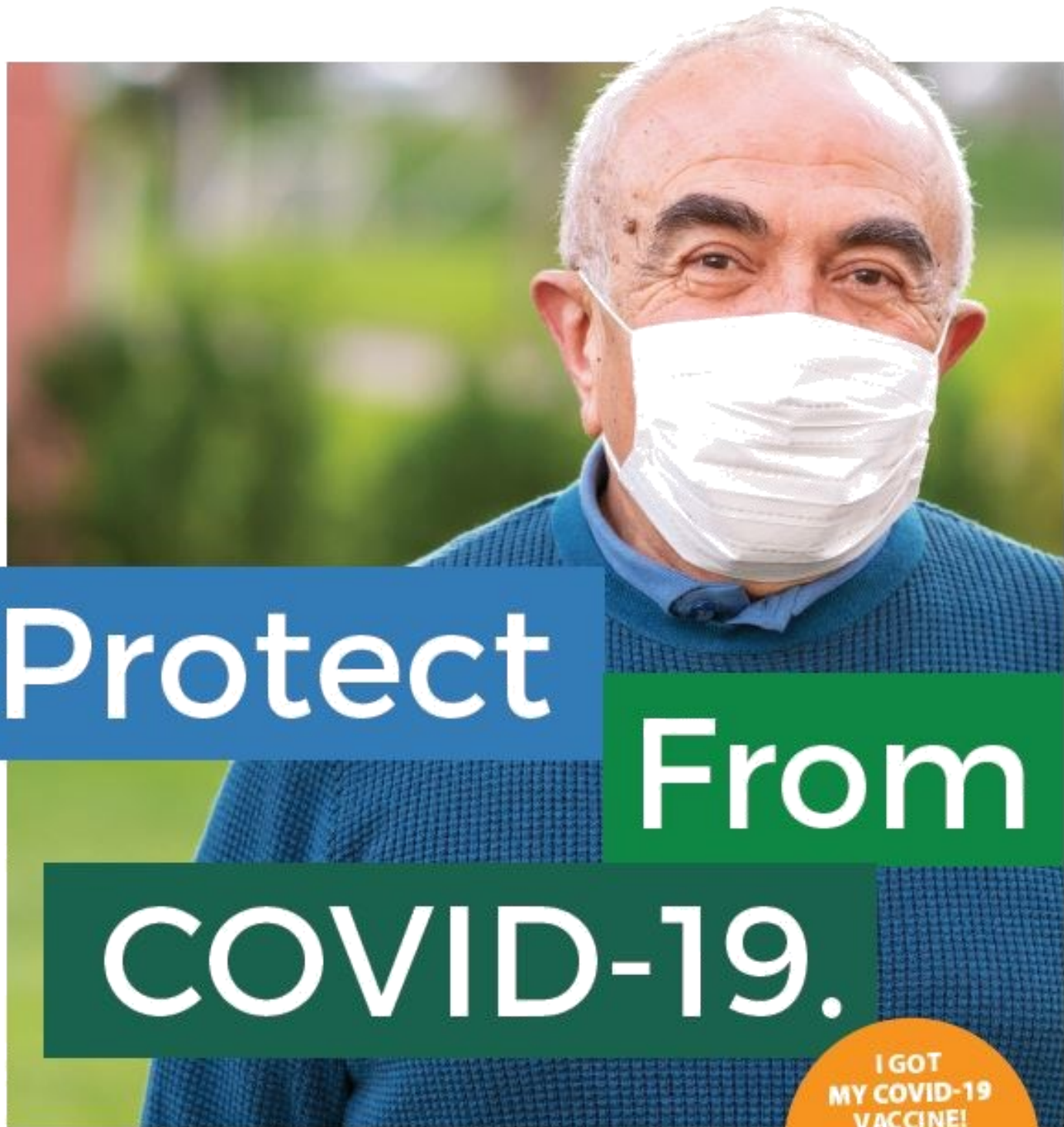
Small \$ 125

Medium \$ 135

Large \$ 155

Our committee has been meeting monthly through Zoom and we are actively looking for new members. We need someone to take us to the next level on social media and for someone to help with the administrative day to day work. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the volunteer positions, sponsoring a Blooms pot or just a bit more about Dedham Civic Pride, please call: Amy Black at 781.727.9054 or email dedhamcivicpride@gmail.com





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Getting a COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection.



A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.
Learn more: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

Engineering Department



2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract

A bid opening for the Town's 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract was conducted on 2/4/21. The apparent low bidder was National Water Main Cleaning Company from Canton, MA with a bid price of \$899,123.70. The work under this contract includes emergency cleaning services, cleaning & inspection services, wet weather cleaning and inspection services, trenchless repair (lining) services of sewer mains with observed infiltration and rehabilitation of sewer manholes with observed infiltration. We are finalizing the contracts and anticipate sending out a Notice To Proceed by the first week of March. The work under this contract will start in March and is to be completed by December 31, 2021.

2021 Private Infiltration Removal and Investigation Contract

An Invitation For Bids was sent out in February for this contract. The bid opening is set for Thursday, March 4 at 10:00 AM. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The work under this contract includes the lining and repair of private sewer laterals that have been previously observed as having infiltration. Additional investigations for private sewer laterals where equipment could not access will also be conducted under this contract. The work under this contract is anticipated to start in April and is to be completed by December 31, 2021.

This contract is a collaboration between DPW and Engineering.

Engineering Department



CY2021 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Contract

A bid opening for the Town's CY2021 Asphalt Paving & Resurfacing Contract was conducted on 1/5/21. The apparent low bidder was Rochester Bituminous from West Wareham, MA with a bid price of \$792,087.50. The work under this contract includes various forms of asphalt paving and resurfacing including but not limited to full depth reclamation, grading and compaction, cold planning, paving, installation of bituminous and granite curbing, installation and repair of bituminous and concrete sidewalks and other miscellaneous work. The contractor will be repairing the roadways listed in the approved CY2021-CY2022 Road Program under CY2021. The Notice To Proceed was executed on 2/3/21 with a contract start date of 3/1/21. The work is to be completed by December 31, 2021.

To view the roads approved for CY2021, please [click here](#).

Please find and follow the Engineering Department 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.



Town Clerk

Town Election



Spring Annual Town Election will be held **Saturday April 10th**
Polls will be open **7:00am until 8:00pm.**

Specimen ballots will be posted in all seven pre-cincts and on the Town Clerks webpage once available.



Currently there will be No In Person Early Voting of Vote by Mail options for this Town Election (Subject to Change).

If Voters are unable to make it to the Polls the day of the election they can request an Absentee Ballot by mail.



- **Monday March 8, 2021 last day to withdraw as a candidate from Town Election by 5:00pm, Drawing of ballot positions for Candidates for all offices 6:00pm**
- **Monday, March 22, 2021 Last day to register to vote for the Town Election by 8:00 pm.**
- **Tuesday April 6, 2021 last day to apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail**
- **Saturday April 10, 2021 Spring Annual Town Election**

Town Clerk

Dog Licenses Are Now Being Accepted



- All dogs, ages six months and older, **must** be licensed.
- Annual dog licenses are issued starting in February
- The license period runs from Feb until May 1 .

The Town Hall is Currently Closed to the Public, the Town Clerks office will be providing dog licenses by mail only or you can drop off your payment/information in the Drop Box located in the rear of Town Hall.



Please provide a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate showing the expiration date and proof of spaying/neutering (if applicable and not already on file).

Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if using the mail-in registration option.

There are fees included in licensing:

Male/Female	\$15.00
Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00
Kennel License	\$75.00
Replacement Tag	\$1.00

You can also get a dog license by mail.

Information will be included on the [Town Census Form](#).

For any questions regarding dog licensing please contact the Town Clerk's office, 781-751-9200.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Department of Public Works

Snow and Ice



We are recovering from an 86-hour storm event that dumped 7" of snow over that time period but was a major salt user for the safety of our roads and parking lots. The DPW uses a liquid organic brine that we mix with our salt, but it can also be applied directly to the roads and it is non-corrosive. This product is a beet juice derivative, but I wouldn't drink it! We moved to this product last year because our equipment was being eaten by chemicals and the life expectancy is dropping by 8 years on some vehicles. At the end of every season there is always street signs, directional signage and other signs that have been hit and knocked down and in need of replacement. If you see a sign that is knocked over and needs to be repaired, please email or submit a service request form on the Town Website. The DPW appreciates all your help and efforts to keep our roads and sidewalks clear during and after snow events. If you have a sidewalk in front of your home please remove the snow from it to provide pedestrians a safe route to walk on.

Roads and Sidewalks

Our road contractor, Rochester Bituminous, has been awarded the job and we are in the process of scheduling the road work now. We will give written notice thru door flyers on the status of your road or you can email Joe Flanagan at Jflanagan@dedham-ma.gov This will once again be an active year for our department, and we are anxious to get started.



Department of Public Works



Shared Street Cedar Street Project

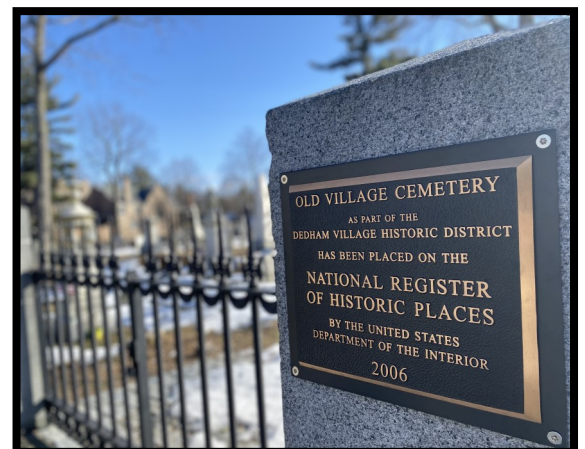
We were awarded \$286,000 last fall for the Cedar Street Sidewalk project and we will be working on this project beginning in April. The project was delayed last fall due to Covid-19 issues. This grant is for granite curbing and a concrete sidewalk on one side of Cedar Street from Madison Street to Circuit Road. There currently is no sidewalk in this location. No private land takings were required to make this sidewalk happen. We want to thank all the homeowners for their extended cooperation on this project.

Eastern Ave Complete Streets

We will be bidding this job in March and construction should hopefully begin in late April. We were awarded \$400,000 dollars for new granite curbing and sidewalks along Eastern Ave from East Street to Rte. 1. We will also be installing two rain gardens and upgrading the stormwater system in Eastern Ave. This project also had three RRFB crosswalk upgrades. One was at Eastern Ave by the American Legion Parking Lot, the other at Barrows and East Street and the other at Clark at East Street.

Old Village Cemetery

We will be bidding the Howe Family Lot ornamental fencing restoration and this project should begin in early May with a completion date sometime in late Fall 2021. Our grounds work on this Historic site will continue in April.



Department of Public Works

Stormwater

We clean catch basins every day above 40 degrees. Please refrain from dropping dog waste into catch basins. They are not sewers and not made for trash. These basins flow to our wetlands and this is a resource we need to protect. Dog waste in plastic bags collects in the basin and in pipes that causes blockages in our system.



Please properly dispose of your pet waste.

We will begin our street sweeping program in the next couple of weeks and please keep your catch basin free of debris!

Stay connected with our Twitter @DedhamDpw and our Facebook page for all the latest updates on construction, solid waste and recycling, stormwater, projects.



Department of Public Works

Recycle Day



We are working with the Sustainability Committee on a Date in April to have a recycle day at the Dedham Middle School. Please follow our social media for more updates.

Solid Waste and Recycling: Please read recyclesmartma.org for Recycling information. It is a changing world, and our trash and recycling are changing also. What used to be recycling 5 years ago now is not.

Do you know that the black plastic containers (commonly used for take-out) used for food are not recyclable? They are plastic but they are not recyclable. Throw them into the trash. We need to learn more as a community to properly recycle, reduce, reuse.

You will see more information about this topic in the coming months.



Smart Recycling Guide

Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts





Metal



Food and Beverage Cans
empty and rinse



Plastic



Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs
empty and replace cap



Glass



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Paper & Cardboard



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes
empty and flatten

NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

Recyclopedia: Can I recycle it?

Use our online search tool at: RecycleSmartMA.org



RecycleSmartMA.org

All recycling programs in Massachusetts accept the items pictured above.

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Dedham Dog Park

The Dedham Dog Park is the perfect place to let your favorite k9 run free with other dogs off leash.

Currently the Dog Park is open and no membership is needed. We will be reinstating the memberships at some point. When we do everyone, including current memberships, will need to get a new access card. We will post this on our website here and everyone will have one month notice to pick up their new card.

Please visit [our website here](#).

Park is located at [269 Common St](#).





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