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In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Dedham Boards and Committees are Embracing All Options

The Massachusetts State of Emergency officially ended on Tuesday, June 15th at 12:01 a.m., and ending with it were various provisions and relief opportunities put in place by Governor Charlie Baker in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Among those was the Open Meeting Law (OML) provision to allow for public meetings to occur in a virtual setting; an adaptation that resulted in a measurable increase in civic engagement and participation across Dedham boards and committees. As seen in many other communities in the Commonwealth, by allowing the public to attend via phone or via the internet (using platforms like Zoom and Microsoft Teams), more people were able to attend and interact with local volunteers and elected officials. The positive response and increased attendance motivated officials here in Dedham and across Massachusetts to petition local legislators to extend this OML provision because adaptation to a virtual platform proved to be not only successful in the continuation of municipal government processes, but it showed that productive and efficient business can



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occur in a virtual setting and bring more voices to the conversation.

As signed by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021, Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 officially extends the pandemic-related OML provision (in addition to others) to allow virtual public meetings until April 1, 2022.

Dedham boards and committees are testing out creative hybrid meeting options (using Facebook live or special meeting camera technology), and many are embracing the return to in-person activities by hosting public meetings in the new spaces available at Town Hall. Additionally, some boards and committees have opted to continue holding meetings over virtual meeting platforms.

Dedham is teaming up with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the City of Framingham, and the Town of Randolph to develop a hybrid meeting model and best practices guide that will enable any community, board, and committee to leverage technology in a way that enhances community engagement, promotes participation, and builds on the momentum gained over the past year through virtual meetings.

No matter the format or platform, the message remains the same here in Dedham: **all are welcome to attend and participate.**

Visit our website calendar at www.dedham-ma.gov to find meeting agendas, materials, and other important information. We are looking forward to seeing you at a future meeting!



JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 6:00 pm Planning Board 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	2	3
4	5	6	7 <u>Select Board</u>	8	9	10
11	12 5:00 pm Design Review Advisory Board	13 7:00 pm Dedham Square Planning Committee	14 7:00 pm Planning Board	15	16	17 9:00 am Cardboard Recycling Day!
18	19	20	21 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 7:00 pm Planning Board	29	30	31

*[*Please visit the Town’s website for additional information on all events.](#)*



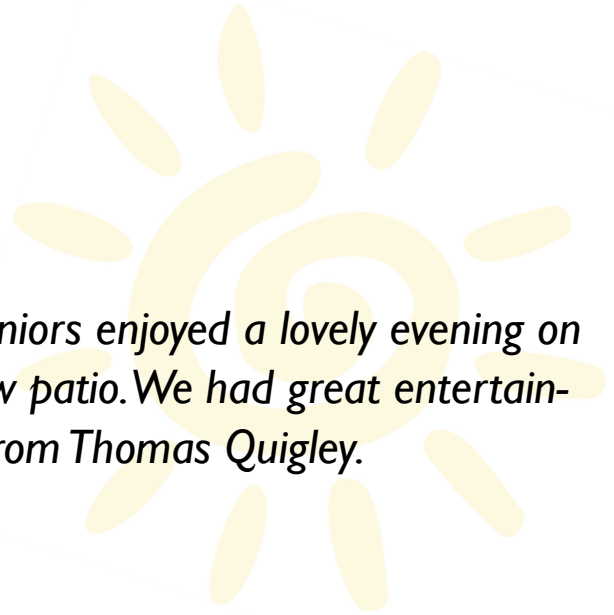
Council on Aging



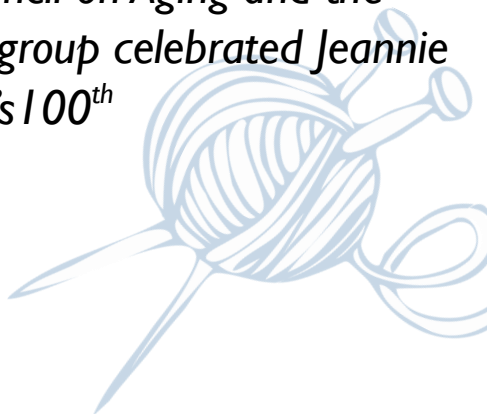
The Dedham Council on Aging is excited to announce that we will have a **SHINE Counselor** back at the Ames Senior Center beginning in August 2021, please call 781-751-9495 for appointments!



Our Seniors enjoyed a lovely evening on our new patio. We had great entertainment from Thomas Quigley.



The Council on Aging and the knitting group celebrated Jeannie Petrolini's 100th



**Happy
BirthDay!**



**DEDHAM POOL
"JUJU'S PLACE"**

**SIGN UP FOR
SEMI-PRIVATE
FAMILY SWIM!**

*Residents \$50
Non-Residents \$70
(10 people per group)*

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
12:00-1:00PM**

*sign up online at
dedham.activityreg.com*

**1 Recreation Road
Dedham Ma
02026**

**questions?
call (781)-461-5991**



Dedham Police Department



Officer Flint Awarded Valor Plaque

Officer Flint Award: On March 9, Officer Flint was attacked by a suspect with a knife while responding to a breaking and entering incident. This incident demonstrates how situations can turn dangerous fast. Officer Flint is a veteran officer. He is skilled at communicating with people. Thankfully, other officers were present when Officer Flint was suddenly attacked. A less lethal device was effectively deployed to bring the situation under control and the suspect taken into custody without anybody suffering serious bodily injury. The body armor that Officer Flint was wearing absorbed the attack and prevented potential serious bodily injury from being inflicted. We are most thankful that Officer Flint was not injured and that he was quickly back on duty serving the community. On June 17, 2021, our body armor vendor, Armor Express, presented Officer Flint with an Award of Valor plaque.



Dedham Police Department

Police Ice Cream Line. Please Cross!



Copsicle: On June 11, 2021, Officers Sullivan and Cronin along with Ruby arranged for the Chelsea Police Department Copsicle to visit the Dedham Middle School and Early Childhood Education Center to provide an end of the school year treat for the students.



This visit made for one cool afternoon!



Dedham Police Department



Summer Fit Club Is Back!

In partnership with the Dedham Public Schools, Officers Cawley and Jason Sullivan will oversee open gym time at the Dedham High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 3:30 PM – 10:00 PM and Thursday’s from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM. The gym and weight room will be available for exercise, basketball, volleyball, etc. Make it a productive summer, stay in shape, prepare for fall sports and have some fun. This program is open to all Dedham Public School students entering 9th through 12th grade this upcoming September.



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Training and Intervention Procedures

On June 14, 2021, School Resource Officer Sullivan and Carol Read of Needham presented Training and Intervention Procedures (TIPS) for liquor licensees in Dedham to promote responsible beverage service and sales. TIPS training is a requirement for servers under Dedham’s rules and regulations for alcoholic beverage licensees. This is important training for servers to know what to look for when checking an identification card and to know what to look for to avoid overserving along with best practices in how to discontinue service when necessary.



Dedham Police Department

More Summer Fun!



2021 Middle School Summer Program

On Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm until 8:30pm all students entering 6th through 8th grade are invited to join Officer Cronin and members of the Dedham Parks and Recreation staff at Churchill Park for some outdoor games and activities. Some of the games and activities will include

- Kickball
- Spikeball
- Dodgeball
- Corn hole
- Basketball
- 4 Squares
- Wiffleball
- Pickleball

We look forward to you joining us and [please check the parks and recreation website to preregister](#) (to help plan and organize).



Engineering Department



Elm Street & Rustcraft Road Sidewalk Improvements Project

MassDOT held their Public Information Meeting for this project on April 28th, 2021. The meeting notice was posted a few weeks in advance on the Town's website, social media platforms and The Dedham Times. The public information meeting provided a brief overview of the project including the construction timeline and traffic impacts. For those that missed the meeting and would like to view the presentation material, please visit the Town's webpage at <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/engineering/projects/elm-street-rustcraft-road-roadway-reconstruction>. The Town will also be using this webpage to place information regarding the project as it progresses. We hope to include construction updates and photos of the project from start to finish. The contractor should be starting construction in the next few weeks once Eversource has finished relocating their electrical utility. If you have any specific questions regarding the project please contact either of the following MassDOT RE Field Office Personnel:

- Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us
- Laura Montiel, Resident Engineer, Laura.montiel@dot.state.ma.us

2021 Wet Weather Sewer Inspections

In March, the Town awarded the 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company (NWM). As part of the contract, National Water Main is responsible for this year's wet weather inspections. The wet season in MA typically runs from March through May when the groundwater is at its highest. This allows us to inspect our sewer mains to observe if any of the groundwater (Infiltration) is entering the sewer system. Infiltration does not belong in our sewer system as it reduces the capacity at which our sewer mains can handle wastewater and it also costs all of the Town's sewer customers, through your sewer bill, to have this clean water transported and treated by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We will use this information to create a workorder for National Water Main to line these leaking sewer mains to keep the infiltration out our sewer system under this same contract.

Engineering Department (*cont.*)



2021 Infiltration Sewer Rehabilitation Project

As part of the 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract, NWM has started rehabilitating the Town's public sewer mains and manholes that were identified in past wet weather sewer inspections as having infiltration. The project is estimated to remove approximately 62,000 Gallon Per Day (GPD) of infiltration exclusively through trenchless technologies. For our public sewer mains, the project will involve the installation of about 4,600 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) and about 15 linear feet of short liners. For our public sewer manholes, the project will involve the exterior grouting and interior cementitious lining of about 650 vertical feet of manholes. The work for this project is spread out throughout the entire Town and is scheduled to be completed before December 31, 2021.

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

The Engineering Department will be utilizing this Twitter account to post information related to our stormwater system and what we all can do as a Town to improve the water quality of waterways and natural resources.



CARDBOARD RECYCLING DAY RETURNS!

The Dedham DPW team will be hosting
Cardboard Recycling events every 3rd
Saturday, now through November 2021

Dates:

- July 17, 2021
- August 21, 2021
- September 18, 2021
- October 16, 2021
- November 20, 2021

Times:

9:00 AM to Noon

Location:

DPW Cardboard Dumpster
55 River Street
Dedham, MA 02026



Gather your flattened cardboard boxes and bring them to the DPW Cardboard-Only dumpster. Staff will be onsite to direct you when you arrive. No other recyclables will be accepted at this event. For more information, contact DPW at 781-751-9350.

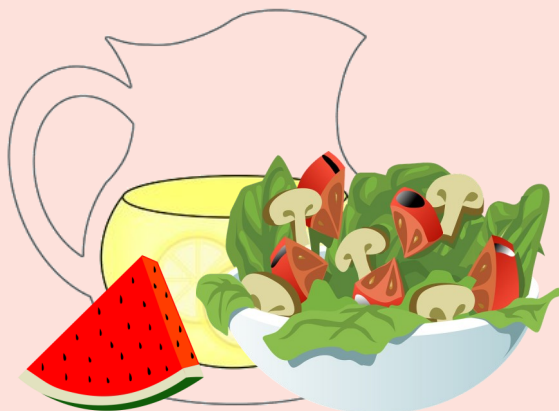


Human Resources Department

Annual Town Wellness Cook-out

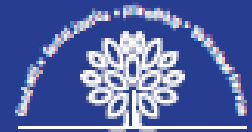
Each year the West Suburban Health Group gives the Town of Dedham funding to use for wellness programs. Due to the pandemic, we had limited programs this year. We were happy to offer Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As Memorial Day approached, it became apparent that we would be able to offer our annual Wellness Cookout. We were thrilled to have such great weather and such a good turnout. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of the helpers who made this day a success! We received a lot of valuable information from our wellness surveys.

We look forward to an upcoming year of health and wellness!



ARTS@ENDICOTT

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2021



Presented by: **DEDHAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB**

WEDNESDAY EVENING
 July concerts - 7 pm; Aug. concerts - 6:30 pm



**7/7 DEDHAM COMMUNITY BAND
 DEDHAM COMMUNITY CHORUS**
 Dedham School of Music

7/14 ROY SCOTT BAND
 Big Band
 Wegmans

7/21 THE BARDS
 Irish Favorites
 The Norfolk & Dedham Group

7/28 EXIT 17
 Classic Rock
 Dedham Savings

8/4 LOS SUGAR KINGS
 Cuban Roots-Jazz-Rock-Reggae Fusion
 Dedham Cultural Council*

8/11 BOSTON BAKED BLUES
 Blues/R&B
 Dedham Cultural Council*

*Endicott Estate, East St. Dedham
 Free and outdoors. Bring chairs or
 blankets. July concerts begin 7:00 pm.
 August concerts begin 6:30 pm.
 Due to COVID safety concerns, there
 will be no food vendors or raffles this year.*

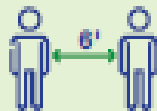
*Donations to our concert fund and
 non-perishable food items for the
 Dedham Food Pantry gratefully accepted.*

For additional information,
 visit djwc.org;
[facebook.com/artsatendicott](https://www.facebook.com/artsatendicott);
 or email artsatendicott@gmail.com

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



STAY HOME IF
 FEELING SICK



IF UNVACCINATED, TAKE
 APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS



LEAVE PETS
 AT HOME



DON'T CLIMB ON
 TREES OR PORCHES



GARRY-IN, GARRY-OUT
 TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU

Icons made by Freepik from www.flaticon.com



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



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




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

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

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

 Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us

 Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us





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