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# March 2022

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## Town Elections on April 9, 2022

The annual Town of Dedham Elections are fast-approaching and ballot positions have recently been set. To view a preview of the upcoming ballot, please visit the Town Clerk's website, using the link below:

### TOWN ELECTION BALLOT POSITIONS

#### Voter Registration

If you have not yet registered to vote in the upcoming election, there is still time! The deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022. To register, please use one of the options below:

- In-Person: Stop by the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to register in-person. The Office is open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, too.
- By Mail: Download and complete the [Mail-In Voter Registration Form](#) at home and mail to the Town Clerk's Office at 450 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026
- Online: Visit the [Massachusetts Secretary of State website](#) to register to vote online.

#### Voting Precincts and Polling Locations

To lookup your voting precinct and polling location, please visit the [Elections and Voting page](#) on the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' website (also linked below) and fill in your home address for instant access to this information and more.

[WHERE DO I VOTE?](#)

# TOWN CALENDAR

## Public Meetings & Community Events

Agendas and Event materials are linked, where available

### March 1st - March 5th

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| <b>3/1/22:</b> <a href="#">Board of Library Trustees</a><br><a href="#">Blue Hills District School Committee Meeting</a> | <b>3/2/22:</b> <a href="#">DRAB</a><br><a href="#">School Committee</a>                             |
| <b>3/2/22:</b> <a href="#">Active Transp. Working Group</a>  | <b>3/3/22:</b> <a href="#">Board of Library Trustees</a><br><a href="#">Conservation Commission</a> |

### March 6th - March 12th

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| <b>3/7/22:</b> <a href="#">Board of Registrars</a><br><a href="#">Listening Session - Parking Meters</a><br><a href="#">Open Space &amp; Recreation Committee</a><br><a href="#">Dedham Square Planning Committee</a><br><a href="#">Dog Park Committee</a> | <b>3/8/22:</b> <a href="#">DOSA - Dedham Organization for Substance Awareness Quarterly Meeting</a>                   |
| <b>3/8/22:</b> <a href="#">VFW Recreation Access Study Info Meeting</a>   | <b>3/9/22:</b> <a href="#">Planning Board at 6pm at Town Hall</a><br><a href="#">Select Board at 6pm at Town Hall</a> |
|   | <b>3/10/22:</b> <a href="#">Select Board at 7pm via Zoom</a>  |

### March 13th - March 19th

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| <b>3/14/22:</b> <a href="#">Parks &amp; Recreation at 7pm</a>   | <b>3/16/22:</b> <a href="#">ZBA at 7pm</a><br><a href="#">School Committee at 7pm at Avery School</a>                               |
| <b>3/15/22:</b> <a href="#">Dedham Housing Authority at 5pm via Zoom</a><br><a href="#">Board of Health at 5pm</a><br><a href="#">Candidates Forum 2022 at 7pm via Zoom</a> | <b>3/17/22:</b> <a href="#">Conservation Commission at 7pm via Zoom</a><br><a href="#">Bylaw Review Committee at 7pm via Hybrid</a> |
| <b>3/16/22:</b> <a href="#">BPCC at 4pm via Hybrid</a><br><a href="#">Finance &amp; Warrant Committee at 6:30pm via Hybrid</a>  | <b>3/19/22:</b> <a href="#">Cardboard Recycling Day at 9am at DPW Dumpster</a>  |

### March 20th - March 26th

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| <b>3/21/22:</b> <a href="#">Finance &amp; Warrant Committee at 6:30pm at Town Hall</a> | <b>3/23/22:</b> <a href="#">Parking Hearings at 9am at Town Hall</a><br><a href="#">Planning Board at 6pm</a> |
| <b>3/22/22:</b> <a href="#">Finance &amp; Warrant Committee at 6:30pm at Town Hall</a> | <b>3/24/22:</b> <a href="#">Select Board at 6:30pm</a>  |

### March 27th - March 31st

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| <b>3/28/22:</b> <a href="#">Finance &amp; Warrant Committee at 6:30pm at Town Hall</a> | <b>3/29/22:</b> <a href="#">Finance &amp; Warrant Committee at 6:30pm at Town Hall</a> |
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Please visit the Town website and subscribe for email updates about future meetings and events: [www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe)

# DEADLINES

## Important Dates

### Assessor's Office

<p><b>April 1, 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for filing Residential Exemptions &amp; Tax Deferrals for FY22</li> <li>• FY22 4th Quarter Tax Bills will be mailed out</li> </ul>
<p><b>May 2, 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 4th Quarter Tax Bills Due</li> <li>• FY23 Income and Expense Forms are Due for all Income Producing Properties</li> </ul>

Please contact the Dedham Assessors Office at **781-751-9130**, or visit their office at the Dedham Town Hall (450 Washington Street, 2nd Floor) if you have any questions.

### Town Clerk's Office

**Don't forget  
the rabies  
certificate!**

All dogs, ages 6 months and older, must be licensed in Dedham. The annual licensing period runs from February 1st to May 1st.

All licenses are issued by the Town Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by dropping off an application with payment in the drop box at rear entrance to Town Hall.

#### **DOG LICENSE CHECKLIST:**

- Up to date rabies vaccination certificate
- Spay/Neuter Certificate (If not on file)
- Payment in cash or a check
- Self-addressed Stamped Envelope (if filing by mail)

#### **FEES:**

- Male (unaltered): \$15
- Spayed Male: \$10
- Female (unaltered): \$15
- Spayed Female: \$10

**Thanks, Max!**



# Youth Commission Summer Programs

The Dedham Youth Commission provides social, educational, recreational and health programs to the young people of Dedham. Spaces are filled on first-come, first-served basis.

Brochures and applications for each program are linked below:

## **College Bound Summer 2022**

**July 11th to July 22nd**

College Bound is a summer program for Dedham Middle School students who are currently in Grade 7 going into 8th grade in the Fall of 2022. The goal this program is to excite students about college, expose them to various careers, encourage them to lead healthy lives, and to 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 Computer Animation 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 conduct community service.

## **Tom Clinton Community Service Scholars Program**

**August 2022**

What can you do for the betterment of the Dedham Community? In the spirit of Tom Clinton, we encourage Dedham 8th Grade students to develop and facilitate community service projects that are original, creative and have a big impact on the Dedham community.

## **Journey 2022**

**July 25th to July 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

JOURNEY is a one-week positive youth development program for incoming 7th grade students (7th Grade students during the 2022/2023 school year). Students will participate in team building activities, field trips, recreational activities, and healthy habits workshops. 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.

## **Launch 2022**

**August 1st to August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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.

# Health Dept. Staff Highlight

## Department

### **Dedham's Public Health Nurse to Speak on Panel**

The American Nurses Association of Massachusetts has invited Jessica Tracy, Public Health Nurse for the Town of Dedham, to participate in an upcoming webinar as one of the event panelists.



**Commonwealth Challenges: Conversation Between Public Health & School Nurses** will be a virtual webinar on May 5, 2022.

\*Also participating are DPS Dir. of Health Services Maria Antonuccio and DPS Nurse Kate Duckworth.

### **About the Webinar:**

While the pandemic has emphasized the critical roles of the Public Health Nurses and School Health Nurses in improving population health, it also identified the need for the nursing population to better understand the impact of and more highly value these specialty practices.

COVID-19 added additional responsibilities to these roles and a broader understanding of the complexity and continued value they bring to the profession and public health is needed.

### **About the ANA of Massachusetts:**

ANA Massachusetts is the premier organization representing the interests of the Commonwealth's more than 130,000 registered nurses. We are the largest voluntary professional nursing organization in the state, with members who practice in settings ranging from acute care to community health, from the bedside to the boardroom. Since 1896, ANAMASS members have helped define, regulate and improve nursing to the benefit of nurses and patients in Massachusetts. ANAMASS is at the forefront of advocating for our profession and improving the quality of health care for all.

# ENGINEERING

# Engineering Department Updates

## The Engineering Department is on Twitter!



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.

### 2022 Wet Weather Inspections

The wet weather inspections for 2022 are set to begin this month. This work will be handled by the Town's contractor, **National Water Main Cleaning Company**, under our existing 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract. 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 work order for National Water Main to line these leaking sewer mains to keep the infiltration out our sewer system under this same contract.

### Town-wide Flow Monitoring Project

The Town has hired **Weston & Sampson Engineers** to assist in the Town-Wide Flow Monitoring Project.

We will be installing approximately 24 flow meters throughout the Town's sewer system at strategic locations. The data collected from the flow metering is then used by Weston & Sampson to rank the areas throughout Town that are contributing the highest amounts of inflow & infiltration into our wastewater system and to update our existing Hydraulic Sewer Model to determine if our sewer system has any capacity issues that may need to be addressed. We will use the results of the project to develop our next 5-year investigation program for wet weather inspections.

### Department Annual Report

Every year the Engineering Department provides the Town Manager and the Select Board with an update on all the projects the department has been involved with the previous year. Our annual report for 2021 can be found using the link below:

[2021 Annual Report](#)

### MassDOT Project: 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](mailto:Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us)
- Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, [Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us)

POLICE



# Dedham Police Dept. Updates

## Dedham Police Welcomes New Police Officer

We are pleased to welcome **Officer Will James** to the Department. Officer James completed the Municipal Police Training Committee 22-week police academy at Plymouth on February 18, 2022. He is currently in field training with veteran Officers Joe Ellis and Dave Connolly.

Officer James is a 2012 graduate of Dedham High School. After high school, Officer James enlisted in the United State Marine Corp. He served as a Marine for 7 years. During his service with the Marines, Officer James received numerous honors including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), Certificate of Appreciation, Letter of Appreciation and Expert Rifle Qualification Badge. Officer James was Honorably discharged from active duty as a Sergeant.

During his time at the police academy, Officer James assumed a leadership role serving as a Squad Leader.

We look forward to Officer James's contributions to the Department and the community.



## 2022 Citizens Police Academy

The Dedham Police Department is pleased to announce that we are planning to host the Department's 11th Citizens Police Academy. This is an informational program designed to provide citizens of Dedham with an inside look at the inner workings of a modern police department. This will be an interactive forum which will allow for the exchange of information between police officers and citizens. Citizens of all ages are invited to attend. This is a unique opportunity for citizens and officers to build trust and understanding related to policing services in Dedham. There is no cost to attend this program.

Participants will be presented with information from Dedham Police Officers, E911 Dispatchers and civilian personnel. Material related to E-911, crime prevention, juvenile issues, alcohol enforcement, regional law enforcement councils, court procedures, the Sex Offender Registry, firearms and firearms licensing, narcotics, crime scene investigation, traffic issues, motor vehicle law, animal control and more will be discussed.

This will be a 9-week program. The Academy will meet once per week on Tuesday nights starting at 6 pm at the Endicott Estate. Each session will last up to 2 hours. **The Academy will run on the following Tuesday nights: April 12, 19 and 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, and June 7.**

Those interested in attending should contact Chief Michael d'Entremont, 600 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026 or email

[mdentremont@police.dedham-ma.gov](mailto:mdentremont@police.dedham-ma.gov) to express your interest in participating. Please call **781 751-9304** with any questions.



Photos from 2021 Academy



POLICE



# Dedham Police Dept. Updates

## Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety in Dedham

**“Over the past year, we have seen a growing number of motor vehicle crashes in Dedham that involve pedestrians or bicyclists, and some have resulted in a loss of life,” said Police Chief Michael d’Entremont. “As the Dedham Police Department, we are charged with protecting this community and as a community partner, we want to ensure residents and visitors are informed and empowered to travel safely throughout this town.”**

Beginning this week, Officers from the Dedham Police Department will be visiting areas throughout Town where pedestrian and bicyclist crashes have occurred in the past, at intersections along major roadways during commuting hours where many bicyclists and pedestrians travel, and additional locations along Providence Highway, Washington Street, High Street, East Street, and Bridge Street where the greatest number of crashes generally occur. Specific dates and times will be posted on social media and on the Town website. While handing out the reflective bands, Police Officers will use this time to connect with members of the community to share life-saving safety tips and advice when traveling on and along the roadways.

**“While we are handing out reflective bands to the community, we will also be posting and sharing educational materials to supplement this effort and work in tandem to create safer environments,” said Chief d’Entremont. “It is opportunities like this that enable us as a department to interact with members of the community and have conversations that may end up saving a life.”**

Click on the infographics below to enlarge

**DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS**

### Let's Share the Road

**Before You Ride**

- Check your equipment
- Always wear a helmet
- Review your routes
- Check for loose clothing and tie shoelaces
- Wear bright clothes

**While You Ride**

- Use your hand signals
- Obey traffic laws - Act like a car
- Look before turning
- Make eye contact
- No phones/headphones
- Bikes must have front white light and rear red light/reflector for use between sunrise and sunset (MGL Ch. 85, Section 11B(8))

**Behind the Wheel**

- Keep at least 3 feet between you and bicyclists
- Always look behind and in both directions before turning, changing lanes, and backing out of parking spaces
- Turn to look before opening car door
- No phones/headphones while driving

**DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS**

### It Takes Two

The safety of pedestrians and drivers requires teamwork.

**1 PEDESTRIANS**

- Wear bright, reflective clothing and carry a flashlight at night
- Cross at designated crosswalks
- Make eye contact with the driver
- Keep your eyes up and phones down
- Remove headphones
- Do not cross from between cars

**2 DRIVERS**

- Stop for pedestrians at every crosswalk and intersection
- Come to complete stop before turning right on red
- Look in all directions before making a turn
- Keep your eyes on the road at all times (No phones)

**DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS**

**BE SAFE**

- Use designated crossing areas
- Take the time to cross safely
- Stop, look and listen before crossing a street
- Use sidewalks

**BE SMART**

- Watch for drivers turning at roadway and driveway intersections
- Wait for pedestrian crossing signals
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Remove distractions, headphones and earbuds
- Stay off of cell phones

**BE SEEN**

- Wear high visibility clothing
- Wear reflectors
- Carry a flashlight
- Walk facing traffic

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**Twitter:** [@DedhamPD](https://twitter.com/DedhamPD) and [@DedhamThrives](https://twitter.com/DedhamThrives)

**Facebook:** [@DedhamThrives](https://www.facebook.com/DedhamThrives)

**Instagram:** [@DedhamThrives](https://www.instagram.com/DedhamThrives)



# Dedham Police Dept. Updates



## Fraud and Scam Alerts - Phishing Scams

The Dedham Police Department regularly shares helpful information and resources to warn residents about scams and how to protect themselves. The United States Federal Trade Commission has prepared the following information about Phishing Scams:

**Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. But there are several things you can do to protect yourself.**

### HOW TO RECOGNIZE PHISHING

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful.

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. They may:

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information
- say you must confirm some personal information
- include a fake invoice
- want you to click on a link to make a payment
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund
- offer a coupon for free stuff

### HOW TO REPORT PHISHING

If you got a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you give can help fight the scammers.

**Step 1:** If you got a phishing email, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org).

If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726).

**Step 2:** Report the phishing attack to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

### FOUR STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHISHING

- 1.** Protect your computer by using security software. Set the software to update automatically so it can deal with any new security threats.
- 2.** Protect your mobile phone by setting software to update automatically. These updates could give you critical protection against security threats.
- 3.** Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication. Some accounts offer extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log in to your account. This is called multi-factor authentication. The additional credentials you need to log in to your account fall into two categories:
  - Something you have — like a passcode you get via an authentication app or a security key.
  - Something you are — like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face.

**Note: Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.**

- 4.** Protect your data by backing it up. Back up your data and make sure those backups aren't connected to your home network. You can copy your computer files to an external hard drive or cloud storage. Back up the data on your phone, too.

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# Dedham Police Dept. Updates



## Autism Awareness Patches For Sale in 2022



Again in 2022, the Dedham Police Department will be selling specially-designed Dedham Police patches to support the Dou Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

As part of the Autism Police Patch Program, this patch has been designed to increase awareness and acceptance of Autism. The Flutie Foundation reinvests contributions into safety programs focused on keeping people and families affected by Autism safe in their community.

In 2021, the Dedham Police Department raised \$1,800 in patch sales and a check was presented to the foundation in May 2021.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a patch last year, and we hope to contribute again in 2022.

Updates and information about patch sales will be shared on the Town website and on social media.

### SUBSCRIBE AND FOLLOW US

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 Instagram: [@DedhamThrives](https://instagram.com/DedhamThrives)

# A Message from the Animal Control Officer

## Poison Awareness and Our Pets

With the onset of Spring comes house cleaning, yard work, and the increase in family pet activities. March is nationally recognized as Poison Prevention Awareness Month and serves as a good reminder about some of the everyday household products that have the potential to cause serious health situations for our pets.

These products include (for all pets):

- **Household cleaners** - Especially those which are concentrated, such as toilet bowl cleaners and drain cleaners
- **Medications** - Such as Ibuprofen and naproxen (Found in Advil, Aleve, over-the-counter cold, cough, and allergy medicines, and in some antidepressants, such as Effexor and Cymbalta)
- **Xylitol** - Sweetener that is often used in sugarless gum, candy, and can be found in other common food items and products, such as peanut butter, toothpaste, syrups, pudding, and barbecue sauces
- **Cocoa Mulch, gardening mulch** - It contains Theobromine (also found in edible cocoa products)
- **Rodenticides** - Such as mouse poison
- **Chocolate** - Particularly dark chocolate and baking chocolate

For cats:

- **Lilies and all plants in the Liliium genus** - Including Easter Lily, Tiger Lily, Orange Lily, Canada Lily. (Did you know?: There are about 115 distinct Liliium species!)
- **Flea and tick treatments** - Specifically made/prescribed for dogs



A complete list of pet toxins can be found on the ASPCA website at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)

\*If you suspect that your pet has ingested a toxic substance, take your pet to your nearest emergency animal hospital and/or call the 24/7 Animal Poison Control Center Helpline, immediately at **855-764-7661**.

## When to Call Animal Control

Our local Animal Control Officer is here to protect animals and us. If you encounter an animal and you feel unsafe, if you witness an injured animal, or have other animal-related questions, please call the Dedham ACO at **781-751-9106**. When in doubt, call. This may save the life of the animal and yourself.