

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of April 19, 2022



BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Curbside yard waste collection began on Monday, April 18th. Yard waste is collected on your regular recycling day. Read more on page 3.

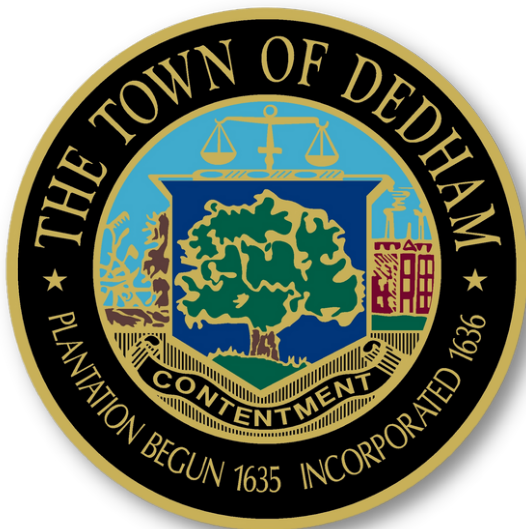
TOWN MODERATOR AND VOLUNTEERS HOST TOWN MEETING FORUM MONDAY, APRIL 25

All are invited to attend an public forum on Monday, April 25 to discuss how Town meeting is prepared and run and possible areas of improvement. Read more on page 3.



TOWN SHARES FIRST ISSUE OF NEW FINANCIAL NEWSLETTER SERIES

The first issue in a new, informational series about municipal finances is available on the Town website. Read more on page 4.





POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SURVEY RE: POLICE SERVICES

The Dedham Police Department is asking for a few minutes of your time to provide valuable feedback about current and future police services. Read more on page 4.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

The Public Safety Building project team is continuing to finish the exterior stonework and roofing while working on interior features. Read what to expect this week on page 5.



PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

View this week's schedule, review posted agendas, and find out how to attend upcoming events and meetings on page 6.



BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Following the regular, bi-weekly recycling schedule, yard waste collection will begin on Monday, April 18 (green recycling week). Yard waste collection will happen on your normal recycling day.

A copy of the bi-weekly recycling collection schedule is available on the Department of Public Works (DPW) [Recycling & Trash website](#). The recycling schedule is based on your street address. The full street listing, organized by week and day, is available on page 2 of the [January 2022 to June 2022 Collection Schedule](#)

Click on the calendar to the right to enlarge and download a PDF copy

The DPW has provided the following information to help you prepare yard waste for curbside collection:

- **Accepted Items:** Leaves, grass, and other easily raked material will be collected. Branches and small brush must be less than 3-inches in diameter and cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled and tied for collection. (Larger branches should be cut and disposed of through a private contractor).
- **How to Prepare for Collection:** Place items in paper yard bags (available for purchase at grocery & home improvement stores) or loose in open barrels placed at the curb on your regular recycling day.
- **Items/Materials Not Accepted:** No plastic bags. Do not mix yard waste and household items. Do not place dirt inside the collection bags or open barrels.
- **Capacity:** There is a weight limit of 50 (fifty) pounds for each bag/barrel of yard waste.

Those with additional questions about yard waste collection are asked to contact the DPW at [781-751-9350](tel:781-751-9350).

TOWN MODERATOR AND VOLUNTEERS HOST TOWN MEETING FORUM MONDAY, APRIL 25

Town Moderator Dan Driscoll and a team of volunteers will be hosting a public forum on **Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall** to gather suggestions and feedback that may help to continue to improve Town Meeting preparations and logistics. All are welcome to attend and participate in this discussion.

The forum will begin with a brief introduction by the Town Moderator before breaking into smaller groups for facilitated dialog to ensure each suggestion is heard and recorded. The meeting will conclude with a final large group discussion to share the notes and feedback from the smaller groups, and to hear from participants about how they feel this process was executed.

If you are interested in participating in this public forum, please arrive at Town Hall before 7:00 p.m. to sign in at the registration table. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your comments with the Town Moderator, please email Dan Driscoll at djdriscoll29@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dedham High School**. Visit our 2022 Spring Town Meeting website (www.dedham-ma.gov/2022SpringTM) for materials and resources, including a copy of the warrant articles, past Finance & Warrant Committee meeting recordings, budget presentations, and the final Town Meeting warrant book (when available). Final meeting details and logistics will also be shared on this website and will be emailed to subscribers.



**January 2022 to June 2022
Trash/Recycling Calendar
Now Available**

TOWN SHARES FIRST ISSUE OF NEW FINANCIAL NEWSLETTER SERIES

As an informational resource to residents, the Town of Dedham has released the first issue in an updated financial newsletter series dedicated to providing background and context for local budget processes. The first issue, **now available on the Town of Dedham website**, and was prepared through the collaborative efforts of the Town Manager, Finance Director, Public Information Officer, and former Select Board member Mike Butler.



Cover of First Issue (click to open full newsletter as PDF)

“Mike had taken the lead on past issues of the Town Financial Newsletter in 2017 and 2019 that helped to facilitate great dialog between elected officials, Town staff, and residents about municipal finances,” said Town Manager Leon Goodwin. “We wanted to take his examples as inspiration and broaden the educational aspect as we work through the current budget season, leading up to Spring Town Meeting in May.”

The newsletter series will be released on a weekly basis, and has been structured to provide definitions of financial terms, information about the budget development process, who is involved, sources of revenue and expenditures, tax rates and how they are set, how Dedham compares to surrounding communities, and the series also includes an issue that takes a closer look at the Robin Reyes Fund.

To download a PDF copy of the newsletter, please use the link above, or visit www.dedham-ma.gov/Finance and select “Financial Documents” in the left column.

POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SURVEY RE: POLICE SERVICES



The Dedham Police Department is conducting a community survey related to police services. This survey is being conducted in order to gain community insight related to customer service, crime-related perceptions, community concerns, and police services. Responses to this survey will be anonymous.

Previous surveys from the Police Department were conducted in 2013, 2016, and 2019. Results from these surveys provided valuable information to the Dedham Police Department and created a baseline for future surveys.

All residents, business owners, and visitors to Dedham are invited to complete this survey. It is important for the Police Department to obtain input from the community which we serve.

The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. By completing this survey, you will provide the Police Department with information that can be used to guide future programs and activities of the Police Department. Further, information related to individual neighborhood concerns can be identified so that the proper resources may be dedicated to the proper areas of Town. The results of this survey can be used as a catalyst for continued improvement. The survey will be open for input by members of the community until **April 30, 2022**.

Use the links below to access the online survey and the printable document to fill out and mail:



Online Survey (desktop and mobile-friendly)

PDF Survey (to print and submit by mail)

Please complete and return to the Dedham Police Department, 600 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026, Attn: Chief d’Entremont.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

What to expect April 18, 2022 (Monday) through April 22, 2022 (Friday):

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Crews will be installing the footings for new traffic signals this week and **Bryant Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Tuesday, April 19, 2022 through Thursday, April 21, 2022 between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM.**
- Crews will continue the mechanical, electrical, fire protection system, and plumbing installations this week.
- Piping throughout the entire building will continue to be insulated this week.
- Installation of the exterior stone (Shouldice) will continue along the south side of the building.
- Crews will continue to install the brick veneer along the northwest corner and south side of the building and will continue to build the staging along the north side of the building.
- The anticipated delivery date of the elevator is the third week of April.
- A date has not yet been set for placement of the generator pad and transformer pad. The project team will provide updates when available.
- Installation of the base and foundation for the cell tower is underway and will continue this week. Final permit to complete this work is pending.
- Expect periodic entrance and exit of large trucks at the project site entrance, located at the intersection of Washington Street and Bryant Street. Please expect minor traffic delays at this intersection.
- No additional traffic impacts (other than listed above) or pedestrian impacts are anticipated during this week.

Project Team Contact Information:

- Immediate issues or concerns, please contact the Dedham Town Manager's Office at **781-751-9100**.
- For general questions or concerns, please contact the project team at **psb@dedham-ma.gov**
- For more information about the Public Safety Building Project, please visit the project website at **www.dedham-ma.gov/psb**
- Download our **project team contact information flyer** on the project website.

Public Viewing Area:

If you want to stop by to check out the progress, stand by the picnic table outside the north entrance to Town Hall. This spot provides a great view into the project site and is outside of the project boundaries. Worth a visit!

Construction Hours:

- Crews will be onsite:
 - Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Click on the image below to enlarge



Caption: Photo of the active construction site taken from the north side of Town Hall on Friday, April 15, 2022.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

Agendas and event information are linked below. Meeting information is also available on our website calendar

Wednesday, 4/20/22:

- **Parking Ticket Appeals - Public Hearings** at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall
- **Dedham Retirement Board** at 11:00 a.m. via Hybrid
- **Building, Planning, and Construction Committee** at 4:00 p.m. via Hybrid
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- **Sustainability Advisory Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, 4/21/22:

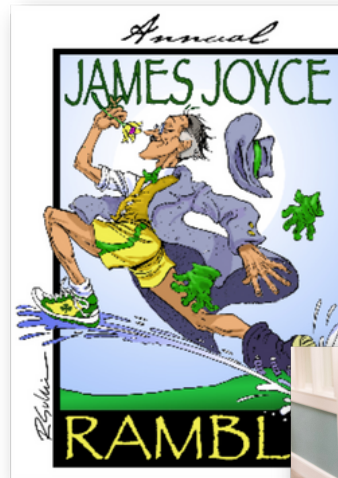
- **Council on Aging** at 5:00 p.m. via Hybrid
- **Conservation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, 4/23/22:

- **Oakdale Square Alliance Spring Clean Up** at 9:30 a.m. at the Oakdale Common

Sunday, 4/24/22:

- **James Joyce Ramble 10K** at 11:00 a.m. at the Endicott Estate



Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 4/19/22.
Don't forget to check out the **Dedham Public Library events calendar** and the **Dedham Public Schools calendar!**

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

The Town of Dedham strives to keep residents and visitors informed of Town projects, local government processes, meetings, and community events and is focusing on timely, sustainable, and consistent communications in 2022 and for years to come.

We currently use a variety of communication platforms and tools that enable us to share important information and encourage engagement with local departments and staff. We regularly review the effectiveness of these tools to help us continue to improve and reach as many people as possible.

We encourage you to sign-up to receive updates and notifications using the tools below:



Email Notifications

Visit www.dedham-ma.gov/subscribe to sign up today!



Social Media

Follow @DedhamThrives for Town-wide updates and notifications on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram



Find us on Nextdoor!

Dedham residents can sign up to join Nextdoor for free and follow the Town of Dedham for news and updates



CodeRed

Sign up for [CodeRED notifications](#) to receive emergency alerts



Dedham TV

The Town of Dedham maintains a strong collaborative relationship with Dedham TV who broadcasts public meetings, community events, educational specials, and more!



Local Media

The Town of Dedham is pleased to work closely with local news outlets like the Dedham Times and Patch to share updates and important news in print and online.