

HOLLISTON HOMETOWN NEWSLETTER

Holliston Town News | The Community We Call Home

Important Dates:

- Fall Town Meeting Oct. 17
- Pre-Town Meeting Forum Oct. 3 (Hybrid & Upper Hall)
- EFH Survey Forum Sept. 14
- Bike/Listening Tour Sept 18
- Celebrate Holliston Sept. 24
- Register to Vote By Oct. 29
- Elections Sept. 6 & Nov. 4



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Welcoming All Residents To Fall Town Meeting Oct 17th

Fall Town Meetings are interesting-perfect for first-timers!
 The Town schedules most of its Capital Planning questions for Fall Town Meeting (FTM), which will be held at the High School at 7pm on October 17, 2022. This year, residents attending FTM will be asked to vote on several critical projects. For these project study reports, click here. The results of our recent Town Survey will also be presented at Town Meeting. Please attend the survey **public forum on Sept. 14th.** It helps to brush up on local issues, and we've provided lots of ways to catch up. You can come to the Pre-Town Meeting Forum Oct. 3, which will be hybrid or **Watch Community Forums here. For the Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting, Click here.** (Continue Page 2)

Holliston Awarded Coveted Drug Free Community Program Grant To Benefit Youth & Family Services (See Page 3)



Seniors, Watch Your Mail In Coming Weeks To Fill Out Our Survey

Our Senior Center, in collaboration with UMass' Gerontological Institute, will send postcards in a few weeks, then surveys by mail to all seniors ages 55+ to 100+ to find out what is important to you.

ANNUAL SENIOR SUPPORT FOUNDATION'S FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, Sept. 10th 9am-3pm

MEET YOUR ASSESSOR: TAX WORKSHOPS AT THE CENTER

[Click here for event info.](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 11am
 Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 11am

Read the latest Senior Center's newsletter online here or pick up a copy at the Senior Center.

Elections: Everything You Need To Know

Visit the Town Clerk's Office or call with any questions at **508-429-0601**.

Visit our [WEBSITE HERE](#).

Fall Town Meeting Highlights

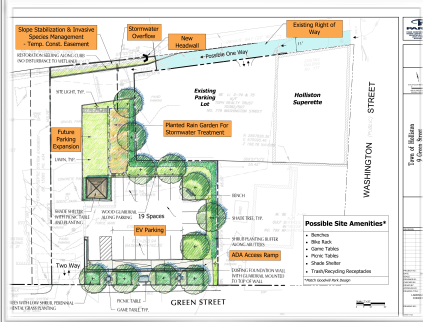
FTM 2022 will present information and potential next steps for your vote on many projects and studies that were approved by prior Town Meetings. The Town continues to leverage state and federal funding opportunities for these projects, and grant opportunities will be discussed. TM Articles scheduled, include:

- Organizational Evaluation of Fire & Ambulance and Dispatch Service Models
- Feasibility/Site Review for DPW Facility
- Cost Benefit Analysis of Reconstruction or Removal of Town-Owned Dams
- Horizontal Infrastructure Projects - Water, Roadways & Sidewalks
- Envisioning Future Holliston Vision Statement Based on Surveys

Economic Development Projects To Monitor



Many of the topics to discuss and vote on at Fall Town Meeting could potentially increase business in our downtown area. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is one to follow, [click here](#), to understand each project and the impacts. [For Public Forums, click here](#). The Wastewater Feasibility Study is critical to potentially deliver the infrastructure necessary for various businesses. The 9 Green Street Project (left), is partially supported by MassDOT Shared Streets, and will provide much needed public parking and community spaces to the



downtown area. [Subscribe here to Project Updates](#), and [review all project study reports HERE](#). Watch for EDC's business forum!

CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR? START WITH **[THE TOWN HOMEPAGE!](#)**

Holliston Sustainability Initiatives Make An Impact

Holliston’s Sustainability office focuses on increasing clean energy, reducing waste and adapting to climate change impacts. The department collaborates with other municipalities, the Commonwealth and other stakeholders to implement sustainable, cost-efficient practices that reduce our carbon footprint. Holliston has seen an uptick in participation this year.

The Town’s Facebook page, and the Town website, are great ways to follow tips and programs. Two programs, the Town’s Electric Aggregation and the Commonwealth’s Mass Save, are worth considering as ways to save money and reduce your carbon footprint. The Community Choice Power Supply Program explains how your electric bill is broken up into two parts - you have to pay Eversource for delivery, but you can choose your supplier. This state website lists suppliers providing service in Town along with rates. If your electric bill lists “Nextera Engysv MA-Town of Holliston” as your supplier, you are already part of the Town’s Aggregation program. If you would like to opt-in, CLICK HERE. For more information, contact Matt Zettek or please click here.

Holliston Wins \$625k Drug Free Community Grant

The Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC), which is overseen by Youth & Family Services, won this very competitive grant - only one of six in Massachusetts, and one in 50 in the US. The grant provides funds to strengthen relationships with local community partners and implement programs to reduce youth substance use rates. It will be distributed over the next 5 years. Contact Jackie Winer, LICSW at 408-429-0620 or email at hdaacoalition@gmail.com and visit our website for programs HERE.

Call for Stories: Historic Project Celebrates Holliston’s 300th

Holliston will celebrate its Tricentennial in 2024 and we are asking present and former residents to share their stories about events and memories from 1950 to date. We plan to produce a book and website where we can archive the material for people doing genealogy research. We hope people will participate whether they have been here for a few months or a long time. Contact Mary Greendale at mmgreendale@gmail.com.

News a Click Away

- [Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Library News](#)
- [Senior Center Newsletter](#)
- [Youth & Family Services](#)
- [Public Schools News](#)

JOIN OUR BIKE & LISTENING TOUR OF NORFOLK STREET!

Sunday, September 18th from 3:00 - 4:30pm. Pre-registration is required so click HERE to register.

Riders will stop at a variety of points along the route to share experiences from riding the route. Riders will have the opportunity to learn more about the activities and programs offered at Stoddard and Patoma Parks.

This guided event will be accompanied by public safety officers. Riders will be asked for feedback on experiences and impressions on the following: public parking, road surface conditions, traffic conditions, signage.

For more information and a map of the route, **click HERE!**



CONNECT WITH US



New 'Subscribe' Feature On Town Website

You can now receive email alerts when a topic on the website has an update. Simply "Subscribe" to the issue concerning you on the Town website! Visit the Town homepage and look for our new "Subscribe" tab. [CLICK HERE to view this feature!](#)

Working On Your Home? Building Permits Online

Fall weather inspires home projects! Larger home projects may require a building permit. It is important that you work with your contractor and the Town to learn the building requirements. Permit applications are online for residential and commercial projects. Visit the [Building Department webpage here.](#)

Public School Parents!

There's a School Newsletter too, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Convenient Ways To Pay Town Bills

The Town's Online Bill Paying Services are available to pay bills on time, safely and securely. [PAY BILLS LINK HERE.](#) Payments can also be made by mail or in person at Town Hall or using the secure drop box at the side door.

- Motor Vehicle Bills (regular and demand bills only)
- Personal Property & Real Estate Bills
- School Payments (Cafeteria, Athletic, Tuition, Student activities)
- Board of Health fees, Beach Stickers, MLCs, Trash & Recycling Stickers, CPR, Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates
- Dog License Renewals
- Water Bills

Sign Up For Community Notification Alerts

Sign up with Blackboard Connect to receive notifications from the Town. [CLICK BLACKBOARD PORTAL HERE.](#) Blackboard allows us to deliver voice, text and email notifications to alert you to urgent bulletins about water quality or law enforcement activity, as well as outreach and Town Meeting warrants. If your email or phone changed, please update.



Need Assistance? Call Or Click For Help

If you need to contact the Town to report a pothole, Streetlight out, Town-owned tree down or traffic, contact us on the website at ['Contact Us' link here.](#) Residents are also welcome to call Town Hall at (508) 429-0608.

DPW Reminder: KEEPING UP WITH FALL LEAVES PREVENTS FLOODING

If there is a street drain in front of your home, please clear off the leaves. RECYCLING CENTER: Open every Saturday 8-3 for leaves, brush, metal cardboard, TV's, computers and light bulbs.

Fall in Holliston: Upcoming Events



Senior Support Foundation's Fall Fair ~ Saturday, Sept. 10th, 9-3! Annual Fundraiser at the Senior Center - Bake Sale, Crafts, Books, Special Finds, Lunch & More!

Holliston's Bike & Listening Tour of Norfolk St. ~ Sunday, Sept. 18th, 3-4:30 Guided Tour; Feedback welcome! (See page 3 for details) [Register Here!](#)

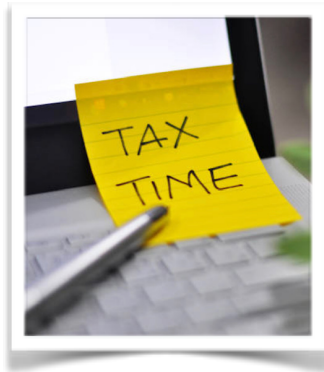


Farmer's Market at Blair Square ~ Continues through September to October 2, Sunday's 9:30am - 1pm [For more info, Click Here!](#)



Meet the Town Tax Assessor: Workshops at the Senior Center. [CLICK HERE.](#)

- *How Are My Property Taxes Calculated?*
Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 11 am
- *Do I Qualify For Any Tax Relief?*
Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 11 am



Veteran's Benefits Forum ~ Oct. 22 at 10am, Italian American WW Veterans Post in Milford. Many service providers will attend. Call our District Office in Holliston for more info. 508-429-0629.



Save the Date
Celebrate Holliston
September 24, 2022
RAIN DATE OCTOBER 1, 2022

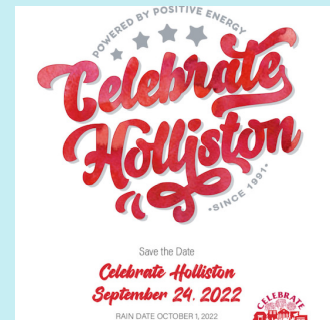
Celebrate Holliston 2022 ~ See below for details!
Saturday, Sept. 24th, 9-3 (Rain Date Oct. 1)

Open Studios at Holliston Mill Studios ~ Nov. 5 & 6, 11am - 4pm Features: Guest artists, musical talent and beer/wine tasting! Visit the Mill's website for more! 24 Water Street [CLICK HERE!](#)



CELEBRATE HOLLISTON! A FUN-FILLED DAY TO RECONNECT

Saturday, Sept. 24th! This is an annual event that everyone looks forward to each fall! There are so many ways to celebrate - make a float and march in the parade, show-off your chili recipe in the chili contest, and join the games at Goodwill Park! **Rain Date: Oct. 1**
Parade at 9am, starts at Placentino School Parking Lot
Field Day at 10-3, Goodwill Park
Chili Contest at 11am, Masonic Lodge



For all the information you need to make this a fun-filled day for the entire family, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Fire Prevention Week: October 9th - 15th



This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape". The focus of this campaign is to reinforce the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. In

addition, this October represents the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the nation's longest running public health observance on record. According to the National Fire Prevention Association:

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all family members, including those with disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home. They should be interconnected, so when one alarms, they all alarm.
- Know at least two ways out of every room. Make sure doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place - and practice every year.

Learn about Fire Prevention Week at www.nfpa.org/fpw.

Public Safety In Fall:

October: Holliston Police Department's Annual "Pink Patch Project" honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 29th: Annual Pumpkin Patrol Kids Halloween event

Week of Nov. 7: Hosting Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS CORNER

Making New Friends in the Sun with Cool Treats



Cops & Pops...& Smiles!

Community Policing means so much to our police officers, who are focused on building strong relationships with all of us living and working in Holliston. The summer heat inspired a few great events to help everyone cool off. Officers handed out popsicles to elementary school kids, and scooped ice cream at the senior center for seniors.

[Click here for Police website.](#)

Follow us on Twitter at @HollistonPolice

Travis Ahern answers your questions on 'Ask The TA'

Do you have a question about government, Town Meeting, the budget, a project or something you have always wanted to know but don't know who to ask? Email 'asktheta@holliston.k12.ma.us'.



[Click Here For HCAT Program Listings](#)

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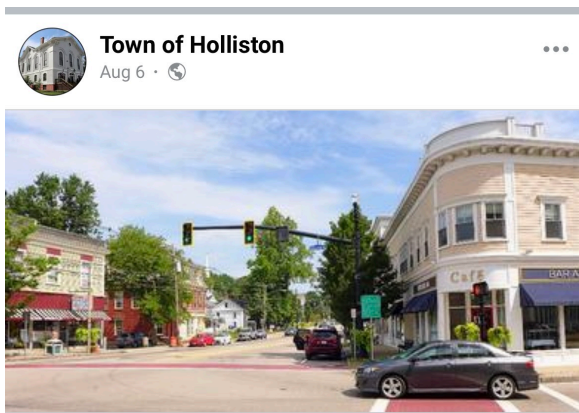


SHOP, EAT & STAY LOCAL

Holliston Businesses Continue To Make An Impression On Visitors!

Have you ever thought that Holliston’s home-town ‘feel’ is so charming, it could actually be in a Hallmark movie? Well, Holliston businesses are so friendly to visitors, VisitingNewEngland.com ([Read Here](#)) names Holliston one of the NE towns that *should be in a Hallmark Movie!* (Below left)

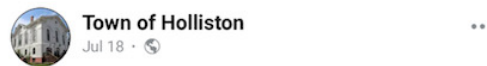
The Metrowest Daily News names Holliston a ‘must-see’ town along the Rail Trail! Visitors day-tripping to Holliston are making an impact on businesses, and the Rail Trail is a big draw. [Read the Metrowest Daily News article here.](#) Follow the Town’s social media as we continue to repost and retweet news to support our local businesses. Visit [Community Profile Page](#) for Holliston news.



VISITINGNEWENGLAND.COM

Charming New England downtowns that would look great in a Hallmark movie

These small towns have charm, character, histor...



Day-tripping to Holliston on a hot summer day? Of course! The Holliston Rail Trail is one of the coolest spots, and it’s in the news! Whether you are walking or biking, Holliston Trails are getting lots of attention for their beauty, convenience and the wonderful stops our local businesses are offering along the way.

Check out the Milford Daily News Article about the Holliston Rail Trail:



METROWESTDAILYNEWS.COM

Discover great places to eat along these MetroWest bike paths

Three great options for bicycle trail riding and fu...



BUSINESSES LOOKING TO OPEN IN HOLLISTON?

Let us provide all the information you need when considering a brick & mortar business in Holliston! We are business-friendly, and are always available to meet with business owners. Start with these links and the Town Administrator’s office, Travis Ahern at ahernt@holliston.k12.ma.us.

[Community Profile](#) and [495/MetroWest Holliston Profile 2022](#)

INSIDER: TOWN HALL



CONGRATULATIONS...

Congrats to Holliston’s Principal Assessor, Kevin Rudden, for receiving the 2022 Wilson Award from the Massachusetts Assessors’ Association! (Pictured here with Travis Ahern, Town Administrator (left) and (right) retired Holliston Assessor, Kathy Pierce).



BEST WISHES TO OUR TEAM MEMBERS RETIRING...

Diane Lynch, Assistant Clerk, Planning (left) & Jackie Napolitano, Assistant Clerk, Water (rt)

We are grateful to both of these key team members for helping to train the new staff we are welcoming to Holliston!

~ KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TOWN OF HOLLISTON ~

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