

# HOLLISTON HOMETOWN NEWSLETTER

Holliston Town News | The Community We Call Home

## Important Dates:

June 1, Pride Flag, 6pm Town Hall  
June 3, Annual Trail Run, Blair Sq.  
June 10, Pride Event, Pleasure Point  
June 12, Strategic Plan Final Input

## Downtown Sewer Forums:

June 14, July 11, Aug 14

June 19, Juneteenth Holiday  
Beach Is Open; Camps Are Open  
July 22, Hazardous Waste Day  
Aug 1, Real Estate Bills Due



## Inside:

Strategic Plan Schedule ...2

Senior Fundraiser Prep ...2

Be A Scientist: July Heat Map 3

Grant Win: Public Art ...3

Finding Town Info ...4

Summer Events 2023 ...5

Public Safety Day ... 6

Business News ...7

Stay Connected ...8

## Holliston’s Future Is Bright

Ballot questions passed to address infrastructure, the need for a new DPW building and other priorities for the Town. As the needed Water Main Replacement projects begin on Norfolk, Central and Goulding Streets, voters authorized the installation of sidewalks to close gaps in the sidewalk network and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety.

Voters also supported a portion of the DPW Facility project to be financed with Excluded Debt (25%), per a financial model developed by a working group of Board/Committee members. The DPW Facility is proposed at 20 Cross St., known as “Axton-Cross”, which is set to come out of Land Court soon. For more information, [click here](#). To watch the “Ask the TA” show on projects, [click here](#). Many Town Meeting votes were in alignment with discussions about the strategic plan initiatives. Keep logging in, attending, and voicing your opinions throughout the summer to set the priorities of the Town-wide Strategic Plan.



## Clean Out & Donate To Annual Senior Center Fundraiser

The Annual Senior Support Foundation’s Fall Fair to benefit the Holliston Senior Center will be held on Sept. 9th, and there’s lots to do this summer to get ready!

This fundraiser is a GIANT YARD SALE that counts on your donations of gently used items. Donations will be accepted starting July 6th and continue throughout July and August:

**Drop off Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-1pm** with volunteers near the garage at the Senior Center.

All proceeds support the programs and services at the center throughout the year. Please visit us [online](#) or in person. We need volunteers too.

**[Read the latest Senior Center's newsletter online here](#)** or pick up a copy at the Senior Center.

You may be eligible for a home repair project! Call 508-429-0622.

## Holliston’s 5-10 Year Strategic Plan Timeline Share Your Vision For Future Holliston By 6/12

Have you shared *your vision for the future* of Holliston? Deadline is June 12, 2023. (see link below). Berry Dunn, the consultant, presented the preliminary environmental scan at forums in May and will



update with community feedback. For meeting information about [Envisioning Future Holliston Committee \(EFH\)](#) [click here](#). EFH Members have been working with Berry Dunn to connect with many groups and disciplines, including sustainability, diversity, economic development, the senior community and our students. Community Forums were hybrid and held in May at Town Hall, Senior Center and the High School, and all were well attended. The consultant has conducted dozens of stakeholder interviews and hundreds of people visited the Social Pinpoint website, created by the consultant to collect opinions from our residents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Social Pinpoint website to participate or visit the Town homepage! A final draft will be presented this fall, with a cost-benefit analysis.

## Downtown Sewer Project: Community Forums Planned for June, July & August

Join one of the three Community Forums to discuss the potential of adding sewers to the Downtown Village Commercial District. For sewer project [click here](#).

Wednesday, June 14 (6:30-8PM)

Tuesday, July 11 (3:00-4:30PM)

Monday, Aug 14 (9:30-11:00 AM)



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

## Grant Win: Regional Trail Placemaking Uses Public Art



Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) awarded Holliston a \$10k grant to install a public art piece to inspire visitor traffic off the rail trail. This special grant program invests in Regional Rail Trail Placemaking for economic development and growth. Towns are leveraging their Rail

Trail by attracting recreational visitors to stop and spend dollars off the path. Studies show that public art, when strategically placed, can guide visitors off the rail trail toward businesses. Public art brings a community together and welcomes newcomers and visitors. MAPC will lead the grant project this summer with a committee, and hold a workshop to learn how to initiate future public art projects. An artist and location will be selected, and the art installation is planned for November.

## Do You Have a Holliston Memory? Share Your Story By June 23



Present and former residents are sharing their memories from the 1950's to today! What brought you here? Funny memory? Favorite place? Family background? Stories will make up a website and book. Submit your stories to <http://hollistonstories.com>.

## What's Historic In Holliston?

The Historical Commission wants to know what you think! Take this survey to help the commission understand what the community thinks are important places in Holliston. To Fill Out The Survey [Click Here!](#)

**WHAT'S HISTORIC IN HOLLISTON?**

The Historical Commission wants to know what you think!

Take our survey to help us understand what the community thinks are important places. Questions? Email [zarrellis@holliston.k12.ma.us](mailto:zarrellis@holliston.k12.ma.us)

<https://forms.gle/F1NTyMWEim59Xx9t8>

**Be a Street Scientist in July Volunteers Needed!**

Join a Heat Mapping Study and collect data for a Climate Action Plan! Around July 13, drive or navigate a route (AM or PM) in high heat areas to collect temps and humidity. You will help our region plan future relief strategies. Organized by Framingham State University with Framingham, Natick & Ashland. [Click Here!](#)

Holliston Parks & Recreation  
Spring/Summer 2023

Registration opens 2/1/2023 at 10am - [hollistonactivity.org](http://hollistonactivity.org)

## SUMMER EVENTS, CAMPS & MORE!

The Town of Holliston's Recreation Department is ready for another phenomenal summer season in Holliston! All residents, and especially kids of all ages, enjoy the parks and beaches that make Holliston a very special place. Make new friends and see old ones! Check out page 5 for more!

Pre-registration, [click HERE](#) to register. [Summer Brochure Here!](#)

# CONNECT WITH US



## Stay Informed: Keep Track of Projects

Roads will be repaved after water mains are replaced, sidewalks will be built, and infrastructure projects will continue. The Woodland St. bridge will be under repair for the foreseeable future. How will you keep track? Follow the Town of Holliston on Facebook, and [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the projects page often. News can be found on the homepage, and when you subscribe to this newsletter, you will also receive news.

## Try ‘Subscribe’ Feature On Town’s Homepage

You can now receive email alerts when your favorite committee meets. 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

Visit the [Building Department webpage](#) here.

## Need Assistance? Call Or Click For Help

Report a pothole? Streetlight out? Click [HERE](#) or call 508-429-0608.

## 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 for: 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 and 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, outreach and Town Meeting notices.

**News a Click Away:** [Parks & Recreation](#) [Library News](#) [Senior Center Newsletter](#)  
[Public Schools Newsletter](#) [Youth & Family Services](#) [Town of Holliston News](#)

**DPW Reminders: Woodland Street is CLOSED to Lowland Street until further notice.**

**Free Recycling Stickers are available at the Treasurer/Collector’s office at Town Hall.**  
Open every Saturday 8-3 for leaves, brush, metal cardboard, TV’s, computers and light bulbs.

# SUMMER 2023 IN HOLLISTON



**JUNE 1: PRIDE FLAG RAISING** at Town Hall at 6pm.  
**JUNE 10: PRIDE PICNIC** at Pleasure Point (Lake Winthrop) at 4pm. Come celebrate Holliston Pride!  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on Pride events!

**JUNE 3: ANNUAL TRAIL RUN BY FRIENDS OF THE HOLLISTON TRAILS** Meet at Blair Square!  
 8:30-11, Register at [HollistonTrails.org](http://HollistonTrails.org)



**JUNE 17: Newcomers & Neighbors (HNN) Annual Touch-a-Truck Fundraiser & Food Truck Festival** at Sam Placentino Elementary School. HNN is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization that coordinates charitable, civic and recreational events. Check them out at [hollistonnewcomers.org](http://hollistonnewcomers.org).



**HOLLISTON SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8PM AT GOODWILL PARK (with TC Scoops Ice Cream)**

- June 27** - Johnny Cash, songs & stories with Matt York
- July 11** - The Big Chief
- July 18** - The Kim Place Band
- August 1** - Knock on Wood (For kids! National Night Out with Holliston Police Department)



**JULY 12-15: LION'S CLUB CARNIVAL** This large fundraising effort presents food tents, rides, and ends with fireworks every year. For more information [CLICK HERE!](#)

**JULY 22: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY 8AM- 12** Adams Middle School. Clean Harbors will accept the majority of household items. For more information [CLICK HERE!](#)



## VISIT LAKE WINTHROP BEACH THIS SUMMER!

Weekday staff begins after school closes. [Click Here for all Beach Info:](#) Passes can be purchased online at [PURCHASE BEACH PASS](#), Town hall, or 1750 Washington St. (by appointment). (Stoddard Beach is open to all; closed during weekday-morning camp).



**CAMP PATOMA AT STODDARD PARK, CAMP GOODWILL & TENNIS CAMP - [CLICK HERE.](#)**

## Fire, Police & DPW Shined at Holliston’s First Public Safety Day - Hundreds Attended



### PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS CORNER

#### Public Safety Day - Officers Emphasize Importance of Teamwork with Fire



At the Public Safety Day Touch-a-Truck event, officers explained how the all-wheel rescue vehicle is used by both Police and Fire rescue crews. This collaboration of resources and rescue personnel is a source of pride for both departments. **[Click here for Police website.](#)** Follow us on Twitter at @HollistonPolice **[Click here for Fire website.](#)** Follow us on Twitter at @HollistonFD

## Holliston Fire Department Updates

Two Fire officers were sworn in as Deputy Fire Chiefs: Lieutenant Alan Greendale and Captain Michael Gulla. The Town approved an Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director position (to be filled this summer), which will manage the transition from BLS-level service to ALS delivery service model. [Click here](#) to watch the “Ask the TA” show on Fire.



### VISIT THE LIBRARY ~ SUMMER READING & MORE!

Teen Zone Anime Club: 3-5pm (6/27, 7/24, 8/21)  
 Teen Mega Book Club: 4-5pm (6/6, 7/11, 8/8)  
**Adults:** Mon Morning Book Club, 11-12am (1st Mon)  
 History Book Club: 10:30-11:30am (3rd Mon)  
 Mystery Book Club: 11am-12pm (1st Tues)  
 Movies are 3rd Tues of the month 12:30-3:30pm  
**For more info - [CLICK HERE!](#)**

# SHOP, EAT & STAY LOCAL

## Bird & Bear Collective Birthday Celebration Shares New Biz Buzz

What a way to celebrate a business birthday! Bird & Bear Collective (pictured below in a famous downtown building) celebrated by including businesses and makers in and around Holliston to join



in a weekend celebration of events to entertain the public - a ribbon cutting event, a tap room event, and a first of its kind, a Downtown Outdoor Market on a stretch of lawn at the beginning of the downtown area. The Downtown Market did just that - brought businesses together and customers galore! Downtown businesses enjoyed customers staying, shopping and strolling



the downtown area! There is an overwhelming response to this becoming an annual event! #hollistonma #shoplocal



## T.C. Scoops Brings the Ice Cream to Holliston's Summer Concert Series at Goodwill Park!

T. C. Scoops opened in Holliston this spring and will be featuring all of your favorite flavors at the Summer Concert Series at Goodwill Park! Concerts and ice cream will be happening every Tuesday night 6:30pm - 8pm. (See page 5)



## 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](mailto:ahernt@holliston.k12.ma.us).

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

# INSIDER: TOWN HALL



## A BIG THANK YOU ...

TO ANNE KELLOGG, DPW Highway's one and only Administrative Assistant, who worked in this role for over 30 years. Anne supported highway operations and has a wealth of institutional knowledge. The past few weeks she has trained Taylor Borelli, who applied and was hired internally from the Clerk's office. Congrats Taylor!

## AND WELCOME ...

Youth & Family Services and HDAAC's New Grant Coordinator Zoe Moreau. Zoe will be based at 1750 Washington St. with Youth & Family Services, but you'll also see her out in the community and in the schools sharing substance abuse resources and holding events. Go Zoe!



## ~ KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TOWN OF HOLLISTON ~

HOLLISTON HOMETOWN is published quarterly by Town staff. To ensure you have the very latest information, we publish this as a PDF with links and additional contact information. This newsletter is also compatible with translator apps in any language.

**Subscribe** to HOLLISTON HOMETOWN quarterly newsletter and News [CLICK HERE](#).

**Read Past Issues:** [CLICK HERE](#). Or visit our website homepage.

**Contact:** Kathleen Buckley, Assistant Town Administrator, [ATA-HR@holliston.k12.ma.us](mailto:ATA-HR@holliston.k12.ma.us)

**Important Town Links:** <https://www.townofholliston.us/town-links>

**Schools:** <https://www.holliston.k12.ma.us>

### Follow us on Social Media:

Facebook: Town of Holliston



Twitter: @HollistonTA