

HOLLISTON HOMETOWN NEWSLETTER

Holliston Town News | The Community We Call Home

Important Dates:

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- Sept 3 Free Concert, Blair Sq
- Sept 10 Farms Day 10am-4pm
- Sept 15 TM Warrant Closes
- Sept 17 Historical Society Harvest Fair 10am - 4pm
- Sept 18 & 19 Strategic Plan Community Forums
- Sept 22 Public Art Workshop
- Sept 23 Celebrate Holliston
- Oct 7 Downtown Market
- Oct 16 Fall Town Meeting

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Final Stage of Strategic Plan Discussion & Development

Your input is needed to finalize the Town's Strategic Plan. Several ways to weigh in ...

In-Person Community Forums will be held in Upper Town Hall: September 18th at 12 - 1:30pm and at 6pm - 7:30pm.

Virtual Only Forum will be held September 19th at 12 - 1:30pm. Meeting and zoom information can be found on the page of [Envisioning Future Holliston Committee \(EFH\) click here.](#)

Online Social Pinpoint website - created by the consultant Berry Dunn to collect your ideas, thoughts and priorities. To view the document and leave your comments, please visit the Social Pinpoint website [CLICK HERE](#) or visit the Town homepage! Residents, students and business owners have been logging in, attending forums and voicing opinions throughout the summer. (continued on page 2)



Senior Support Foundation's Annual Fundraiser is Sept. 9

The Senior Support Foundation's Fall Fair benefits the Holliston Senior Center - from programming and monthly breakfasts to special events. All summer, dozens of families have donated gently used items for this **GIANT YARD SALE held at the Senior Center on Sept. 9th, 9am - 3pm.**

- Yard Sale - treasures, clothes, frames/artwork, collectables
- Gently Used Books
- Crafts/Sewing
- Refreshments, baked goods, produce, plants
- Silent Auction

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

SENIORS & VETERANS - YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS -

Visit or call the Assessor's office for an application at 508-429-0604.

Final Strategic Planning Forums (continued)

The consultant Berry Dunn is compiling information gathered from surveys, forums, interviews and website discussions, to set the priorities of the Town's Strategic Plan and the Downtown Sewer Feasibility Project.

Berry Dunn will present the working document at the community forums and listen to further discussion and input from residents, students and business owners. 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. Berry Dunn is expected to present a final version at Fall Town Meeting on Oct. 16, 2023.

Public Art To Attract Visitors To Area Shops - All Welcome To Attend MAPC Workshop 9/22

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) awarded Holliston a \$10k grant to install a public art piece to inspire rail trail users to stop and visit.

Holliston's Public Art Advisory Group (right) welcomes interested residents, business owners and students to **attend a workshop on Friday, Sept 22 at 9am-2pm (lunch included) in Upper Town Hall.** To



learn more about this project and future installations **[CLICK HERE!](#)** Studies show that public art, when strategically placed,

can guide visitors toward businesses. An artist and location will be selected with the MAPC team (left). The installation is planned for early spring. To register, email Kathleen at ATA-HR@holliston.k12.ma.us.

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new members; recap of last year and planning for the year ahead, and reconnecting - over food of course. All are welcome! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of our new Youth Action Team (YAT), inviting middle and high school students looking to make a positive impact in Holliston, while learning leadership skills, public speaking, the harms and effects of substances, and so much more. [CLICK HERE](#) **FOLLOW US: @hollistondaac**

News From Youth & Family Services

- **Women's Empowerment & Wellness Group**
- **College Mental Health & Wellness Initiative**
- **Community Action Fund**
(CAF/Families in need)

As fall sports and schools get back into action, activities in our parks and green spaces increase as well. Please remember to treat these spaces and the people around you with respect. Please take your trash home and use trash receptacles. To keep up with projects [CLICK HERE](#). To learn more about all the fall programs and registration [CLICK HERE](#)!

FINDING YOUR SERVICES



Fall Town Meeting Information (10/16)

Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 7pm in the High School Auditorium. The last day to register to vote to participate in Town Meeting is October 6, 2023. To register to vote, please [Click Here](#). Visit the Town Clerk page [HERE](#) or call the Clerk's office at 508-429-0601.

Try 'Subscribe' Feature On Town's Homepage

You can 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: Community Notification Alerts



Sign up with Blackboard Connect to receive Town notifications. [CLICK BLACKBOARD PORTAL HERE](#). Blackboard allows us to deliver voice, text and email notifications to

alert you to urgent bulletins about water quality, law enforcement activity, outreach and Town Meeting notices.

News a Click Away: [Parks & Recreation](#) [Library News](#) [Senior Center Newsletter](#)
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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.

'LEAF SUNDAYS' OPEN Nov., Dec., Jan. (Except Dec. 24)

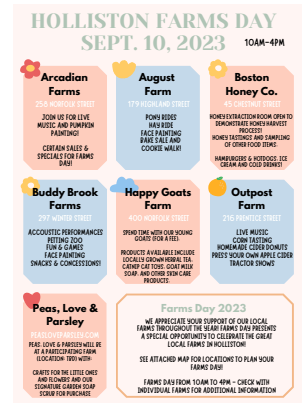
COMMUNITY FUN IN HOLLISTON



FREE CONCERT! Sunday, Sept 3rd, 4:30 - 6pm The Big Chief Band will play at the newly renovated Blair Sq. at the pavilion. Bring a blanket and folding chair, and your patronage at all our local food/ice cream shops is appreciated.

FARMS DAY! Sunday, Sept. 10th, 10am-4pm

Visit 7 Holliston farms for fresh air, fresh food and family fun! Each participating farm is planning loads of fun - animals, games, food and more! **CLICK HERE** for more on every participating farm and a map to plan your day!



HOLLISTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL FAIR! Sunday, Sept. 17th, 10am-4pm

(Rain Date 9/24) Visit our Old Fashioned Country Fair! Antiques, Crafts, Foods and homemade pies, auctions and more! **CLICK HERE** for more information!



CELEBRATE HOLLISTON 2023! Saturday, Sept 23th, Downtown and Blair Square! Visit celebrateholliston.com Join the festivities at Goodwill Park & connect with the HOLLISTON community.

DOWNTOWN MARKET! Saturday, Oct. 7th

Back by popular demand - Businesses and makers stretch out along the lawn at the entrance to our downtown area. Music, food trucks & more. Strolling and shopping throughout the downtown is a must!



NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS: Saturday, Nov. 1st

HNN's first Comedy Night Fundraiser at the Pinecrest Golf Club organized by Phil Gillespie of Cheap Laughs Comedy. **CLICK HERE** for info on Thanksgiving fundraiser & Great Pumpkin Trail Walk TBD in October!



Holliston Welcomes Assistant Fire Chief

We are pleased to welcome our new Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director to the Town of Holliston. Assistant Chief Brian Kelley was sworn in this week and is excited to meet the Fire Department team!

Cooking With Caution

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to Fire Prevention." Simple but important actions can be taken to keep yourself and those around you safe.

- **Be on alert!** If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the room, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and remain at home; use a timer as a reminder.
- Keep anything that can catch fire-oven mitts, wooden spoons, towels or curtains-away from the stovetop.
- **If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight it**, on the stovetop smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turn off burner. Oven fires, turn off heat and keep door closed.
- **If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire... JUST GET OUT!** When you leave, close the door behind you and dial 911 from outside.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS CORNER

Holliston's Junior Police Academy Inspires



Holliston High School students explore their passion for law enforcement careers in this annual summer program, run by Holliston's outstanding police officers. It includes State and Local professionals who come to Holliston to introduce kids to the profession.

[Click here for Police website.](#)

[Click here for Fire website.](#)

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Travis Ahern answers your questions on 'Ask The TA'
Check out shows on future planning for Fire & Police - and so much more! Do you have a question about government?

Email 'asktheta@holliston.k12.ma.us' **[Click Here For Programs](#)**

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SHOP, EAT & STAY LOCAL

Our Stretch Along the Rail's East Coast Greenway Is Drawing Visitors



Four cyclists traveling from Montreal, Canada to New York City made their way to Coffee Haven for a break on their ride along the East Coast Greenway. Another was spotted traveling from Maine to Times Square - loving the Holliston section! Holliston is a welcoming destination for all visitors to our rail trail, from around the region and beyond. Local businesses benefit from the growing popularity of the rail trail, which continues to increase since joining the East Coast Greenway. If you are interested in being a host for those looking to stop over during their travels along the Greenway, register at [WarmShowers.org](https://www.warmshowers.org) which provides a list of host

sites where travelers can stay. We have a long history of hosting international visitors through the French Immersion and other programs. To find out more about the East Coast Greenway, [CLICK HERE!](#) Local businesses, keep us posted on foot (and 2-wheel) traffic!

Bringing a Fall Boost To Downtown! Downtown Market Is Back - Sat, Oct. 7th

The Downtown Market is back - after a big success on the stretch of lawn at the beginning of the downtown area this spring - folks are asking for MORE! The event features businesses and makers in and around Holliston, food trucks and family fun! It brings businesses together and customers can stay downtown to shop and stroll! And lots of social-izing! #holliston #shoplocal!



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



ASSESSOR'S MESSAGE

Representatives from Patriot Properties will conduct routine home inspections throughout the fall. DOR requires us to inspect homes every 10 years and we have about 350 to visit. You will receive a postcard if your home is up for inspection and can refuse the request. The entire process takes 10-15 minutes with an exterior photo. Patriot employees will be wearing Town of Holliston photo ID.



NEW CLERK STAFF

We welcome our new Assistant Town Clerk, Kevin Sanderson, who comes to us from Walpole's Town Clerk and Select Board offices. Administrative Assistant Lisa Bachiocchi has experience from the Clerk's office in Milford and Staples.

Town Events At-A-Glance & Related Links

HDACC & YOUTH ACTION KICK-OFF [Click Here.](#)

9/7, 6-8pm

TOWN MEETING
WARRANT CLOSES 9/15

STRATEGIC PLAN FORUMS
9/18 & 19

[Meeting Info Click Here.](#)
[Online Participation Here.](#)

PUBLIC ART WORKSHOP
9/22, 9am - 2pm Upper Town Hall

FALL TOWN MEETING
10/16, 7pm High School

VOTER REGISTRATION for FTM 10/6 [Info Click Here.](#)

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