



## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

### Town House

- I have been asked to lead a roundtable discussion at the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association Boot Camp on September 18th.
- Frank Gervasio has been asked to speak at the MA Association of Town Finance Committees (ATFC) Annual meeting to present the Budgeting 101 session.
- The MA Department of Public Health has notified us that COVID-19 tests will be available to the Town for distribution.
- It is EPA Septic Week! In partnership with the Neponset River Watershed Association, the Town will participate in a social media campaign to raise awareness of septic systems' effects on the environment.
- The Town House in collaboration with TSARC will participate in the Black Earth Composting Program.

### Water and Sewer Rates

- The Board of Water and Sewerage held a public hearing on Monday, September 10, 2024. The board voted for a 5% increase to water rates and a 4% increase to sewer rates.

### Land Use Department

- Land Use Director, [Maria De La Fuente](#) hosted the Three River Interlocal Council (MAPC) at the Medfield State Hospital/Bellforge Arts Center for their monthly meeting.
- Currently in the process of interviewing potential candidates for the Conservation Agent/Environmental Planner position.

### Town Clerk/Election 2024

- Important Dates:
  - **October 26, 2024 at 5:00PM** is the **LAST** day to register to vote for the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024. If you have a question about

your voter status please check here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

- Early Voting will take place from October 21st to November 1st (See attached) at the Medfield Town House. Please use the rear entrance and take the elevator to the 2nd floor.
- If you requested a *Vote by Mail Ballot*, please return the ballot to the Medfield Town House by **8PM on November 5, 2024**. You may use the drop-off box on Janes Avenue behind the Town House or a drop box on the first floor of the Town House
  - WE CAN NOT ACCEPT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AT THE POLLS

## COA

- Conceptual site plans have been developed for the COA Garage and presented to the Council on Aging Board. The next step is to present to the Select Board, Permanent Planning and Building Committee, and begin the development of bid specifications for construction
- We invite you to attend the Center at Medfield's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health and Wellness Fair on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome. Connect with various agencies and organizations that provide a broad range of services for seniors. Learn about senior living facilities, home modification services, home care services, Veterans resources, aging resources, technology and more. There will be free vision screenings, blood pressure checks and flu shots available (limited quantity). There will be free drawings and giveaways from vendors! We hope to see you!
- Shredding Truck to visit The Center on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bring your sensitive documents to safely shred in an effort to heighten awareness about identity theft. District Attorney Michael Morrissey invites you to bring your boxes, bags and bundles of sensitive documents, including credit cards and identification cards to the Medfield Senior Center on October 18<sup>th</sup> and pull your car up to the shredding truck. You can load these into the shredder yourself or we will assist you. **This is a free service for all Medfield residents.**

## **Parks and Recreation**

- The Hinkley Playground Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting was a huge success! Thank you to Hinkley Helpers, Parks and Recreation, Select Board, Public Safety, and everyone who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday.

## **Board of Health**

- The local risk level of EEE in Medfield remained classified, by the MA Department of Public Health, as **“Low.”**
- The local risk level of West Nile Virus in Medfield remains classified, by the MA Department of Public Health, as **“Moderate.”**

You can check the Risk Level Maps here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update#risk-maps->

## **Medfield State Hospital**

- VHB Engineers are working on the conceptual designs for the following intersections per the HousingWorks Grant. We anticipate these will be ready for review in mid-October.

### **Harding/North**

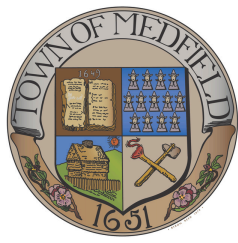
1. Option Traffic Circle
2. Option Giving North St. the ROW (right of way)
3. Option Giving Harding St. the ROW

### **Harding/West**

1. Option Giving Harding St. the ROW
2. Option Giving West St. the ROW

### **Harding/Hospital**

1. Option Giving Harding St. the ROW (validate this is not a beneficial option)
2. Option Giving Hospital Rd. the ROW



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 9:00 AM TO 12:00PM	22 12:30PM TO 7:00PM	23 9:00AM TO 12:00PM	24 9:00AM TO 12:00PM	25 9:00AM TO 11:00AM	26 11:00AM TO 5:00PM
27	28 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM	29 9:00AM TO 7:00PM	30 9:00AM TO 4:00PM	31 9:00AM TO 4:00PM	1 9:00 AM TO 12:00PM	

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