



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Civic Ready

- Please sign up at <https://www.town.medfield.net/1841/Alerts-Notifications> for emergency notifications from our *CIVIC READY* Alert System.

Town House

- Met with Geoff Sauter, President of the Friends of the Dwight Derby House, to discuss their ongoing projects. He informed us that the DDH is providing tours Monday thru Friday by appointment.

Spoke with Peggy Sue Wertherstein, Medfield Historical Society, regarding an electrical project they would complete utilizing the recent legislative earmark.

- The legislative earmark for DDH, MHS, and Grist Mill is not available to the Town yet. We are awaiting notification from the state.
- Select Board attended a site visit for the proposed 40B at 87 Plain Street put on by MassHousing. Kat Miller, of MassHousing will conduct an information session on **October 7, 2024, from 2-2:30 PM on Zoom**. This info session is open to the public.
- The Select Board is invited to attend the groundbreaking of Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School on **Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM**.

West Street/Route 27 Intersection

- Beta Engineering will be on-site gathering traffic data on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

Treasurer/Tax Collector

- Georgia Colivas, Treasurer/Tax Collector has reported to the Select Board that an auction is scheduled for October 25, 2024, at 12:00 PM, for the property located at 114 Causeway Street. The property was taken into tax

title in 2015 for non-payment of real estate taxes and the Town recently received final judgement for foreclosure on the property. The link for the auction and more information on the property can be found here:
<https://www.zekosgroup.com/auctions/detail/bw128172>

Police Department

- *Coffee with a Cop* is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 11 AM to 2 PM** at Starbucks.

Fire Department

- The first Collective Bargaining Session was held on September 16th, next session is on October 8, 2024.
- Chief Carrico has been notified that we have received a SAFER Award to hire additional paramedics. Chief Carrico will attend the **October 15, 2024**, Select Board Meeting to provide additional information on the award.

Land Use Department

- We would like to welcome our new Conservation Agent, Finn Kelly, who will begin working for us on October 17th. Mr. Kelly comes to us from the Town of Yarmouth.

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

CENTER at Medfield

- We invite you to attend the Center at Medfield's 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair on **Wednesday, October 16th** 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 18th** 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 18th 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.**

Board of Health

- **Free Covid Tests Available**

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the U.S. Postal Service has reopened COVIDtests.gov as of today, so that households across the country can order four additional over-the-counter COVID-19 tests for free. These tests are intended for use throughout the 2024 holiday season to detect currently circulating COVID-19 variants. Clear instructions are included on how to verify [extended expiration dates](#).

These efforts complement ASPR's ongoing distribution of free COVID-19 tests to long-term care facilities, low-income senior housing, uninsured individuals, and underserved communities. Through this community organization distribution program

and the home-ordering program, ASPR has provided a combined total of more than 1.9 billion COVID-19 over-the-counter tests.

As the fall and holiday seasons will create increased close proximity gatherings of people, the Administration remains committed to helping Americans access tests to help so that, if they develop a respiratory illness, they can learn whether it is due to COVID-19 and then make the best choices about seeking medical care and reducing risks to family, friends, and co-workers. To order four free, over-the-counter COVID-19 tests, visit COVIDtests.gov.

- 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->