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Dunstable?

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Annual Town Meeting and Budget Recap

Thank you to all the residents who participated in Dunstable's Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Your engagement is essential to the strength of our community and local government.

Town Meeting Highlights

All articles on the May 12, 2025, Town Meeting Warrant were approved. The meeting included articles that demonstrate a commitment to responsible planning, community investment, and future readiness. Highlights include:

- **FY26 Operating Budget**: Voters approved the proposed FY26 budget, which relies on a Proposition 2½ override to support town and school operations.
- **Financial Planning**: Funding was authorized for both the General Stabilization Fund and the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund to maintain long-term financial health.
- **Capital Improvements**: Investments were approved for highway department equipment, a new police cruiser, public safety equipment, and lighting improvements at the library.
- **Larter Field Improvements**: A planning and engineering article passed to support field stabilization efforts and future upgrades at Larter Field.
- **Accessibility Commission**: Residents voted to establish a Commission on Accessibility, reinforcing the Town's commitment to ADA compliance and inclusion.
- **Floodplain Bylaw Amendment**: A revised bylaw was adopted to maintain FEMA compliance and protect local property in flood hazard areas.
- **Veterans Tax Exemption**: The Town increased the local option property tax exemption for veterans, aligning with updated state law and expanding support for those who served.

You can view the full presentation and article explanations here: https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/atm2025.

Town Election Results

The Annual Town Election was held Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Full results are available here: https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/election-results.

Highlights:

- **Road Commissioner (3-Year Term):** Mathew Morton re-elected with 418 votes
- **Constable (3-Year Term)**: Jon Crandall accepted the position via 47 write-in votes
- **Proposition 2½ Override:**
  - Yes: 534
  - No: 355
  - Blanks: 8

With the override approved in Dunstable, the Town's FY26 budget is currently balanced. However, the override failed in the Town of Groton, requiring them to revise their budget. Groton has scheduled a Special Town Meeting for Monday, June 23, 2025 to adopt an adjusted FY26 budget. Once finalized, Dunstable will gain clarity on its final school district assessment for FY26.

Thank you again to everyone who took part in shaping Dunstable's future through Town Meeting and the election process.

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Greater Lowell Health Alliance Mini-Grant awarded to Dunstable

Grant Funds Dunstable Senior Wellness Initiative

The Town has received a $3,000 grant from the Greater Lowell Health Alliance to support the Dunstable Senior Wellness Initiative.

The Dunstable Senior Wellness Initiative aims to enhance the health and well-being of older adults in Dunstable by providing free and accessible group exercise programs and increasing access to healthy, locally sourced foods. In collaboration with the Greater Lowell YMCA and Tully Farm, this initiative is offering seniors structured fitness activities, fresh farm products, and educational resources, including healthy recipes and demonstrations, incorporating nutritious foods into daily meals.

The Greater Lowell YMCA is providing two new exercise classes free of charge for senior residents – Mondays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM is Barre Fusion and Tuesdays from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM is Zumba Gold! Tully Farms is hosting a once-a-month Farmers Market at the Library during the Senior Lunches.

The Dunstable Senior Wellness Initiative is aimed to address health disparities among the town's senior population by promoting physical activity and access to nutritious foods. With the support of the Greater Lowell Health Alliance, this program is hopefully enhancing the quality of life for Dunstable's older adults, fostering a healthier, more vibrant community.

If you haven't participated, it's not too late! This initiative is expected to run through the end of July.

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the YMCA

Union Building restoration slated to begin this month

The restoration of the Union Building is set to begin this month – no earlier than June 18. The start date was set to avoid disruption while school is in session. The Town's architects, Gienapp Architects, developed design and construction documents which were bid in March. The Town received two proposals.

Pappas Industries was the low bidder coming in at $655,000. In total, for both design and construction the Town anticipates spending approximately $760,000. This amount is $372,150 lower than initial estimates for the project. You may recall, the 2024 Annual Town Meeting approved $200,000 from the Historic Preservation Allocation of CPA Funds and to borrow $932,150 for a total of $1,132,150.

Along with the exterior work, the Town is not getting set to develop a Request for Qualifications for the interior design of the building. As you might recall, the Town received a $50,000 Underutilized Properties Grant to help fund the interior design along with the $150,000 from the School District.

The exterior restoration is planned to be completed by the end of August before the start of school.



Block Party Scheduled for Friday, June 20

Kick off summer with us! Join your neighbors for an evening of food, drinks, local art, games, and live music at our Old-Fashioned Block Party on Friday, June 20 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM at and around the grounds of Town Hall.

Thanks to a Massachusetts Cultural Council Projects and Festivals Grant in the amount of $2,500, the Town is able to host this event. The lineup so far includes food from Dinner Made Simple and Lalos Mexican Food Truck, and Tully Farm Ice Cream. Adult beverages will be available from Nashoba Club Pizza and Taproom (no pizza), and we have a variety of music, arts, and entertainment lined up.

Please share the Facebook invite with your friends, neighbors, and family: https://www.facebook.com/share/16UhCKtZYK/?mibextid=wwXIfr.

We can't wait to celebrate with you and the community. Bring your friends and family. We hope to see you there!

Mass Cultural Council

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

The Town is in the process of updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP), an important document that will help guide the Town's conservation and recreation priorities for the next several years. Updating this plan ensures that Dunstable remains eligible for state grants that support land preservation, park improvements, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

To help the Town accomplish this, Dunstable has been awarded a $20,000 Planning Assistance Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

This grant will support the Town's efforts to update our Open Space and Recreation Plan, ensuring we continue to protect our natural resources, preserve open space, and expand recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

The state has recently allowed communities to extend their existing OSRP by updating only the Action Plan portion of the Plan. Because the Town's OSRP expired in March, we have taken advantage of this option and have successfully extended our existing plan for a maximum of 3 years while we continue our collective work to update the OSRP in a more comprehensive manner.

The Town has held a kickoff meeting to review the plan, accomplishments, and to begin discussions on future goals and priorities. The Town also issued a resident survey seeking feedback from the community.

We are now hosting a second public forum remotely over Zoom on Wednesday, June 25 from 6 PM to 7 PM. This interactive event will give residents an opportunity to learn about the OSRP planning process, review draft goals for open space and recreation, and provide feedback on future priorities. The forum is open to all. Please register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QGEHAoIzSzGK2JjzTgYW3g.

For more information, to view the presentation, or to access survey results, please visit dunstable-ma.gov/osrp-update2025.

MassDEP recognizes Dunstable Water Department

The Dunstable Water Department has received one of the highest scores in the Small Community Systems Category as part of the 2025 Public Water Systems Awards Program, presented by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

This award recognizes the Town's continued commitment to providing safe, high-quality drinking water to residents and highlights the hard work of everyone involved in maintaining our public water system.

Special thanks go to the Dunstable Water Commissioners for their leadership, the Pepperell Water Department for their ongoing support in managing and maintaining our system, and staff!

Congratulations to all on this well-deserved honor!

Join the Town Administrator for coffee and conversation!

Join Dunstable Town Administrator Jason Silva for casual coffee and conversations at Farmhouse Cafe on Pleasant Street! This is a great opportunity to discuss any local issues and hear directly from the Town officials.

This month's coffee will take place on Thursday, June 19 at 10 AM. Jason looks forward to seeing you there and don't forget, he's buying! Mark your calendars and bring your questions and ideas!

Welcome to Theresa O'Leary - the Town's New Treasurer/Collector

After a thorough and collaborative search process with the Town of Pepperell, we are excited to announce the appointment of Theresa O'Leary as our new shared Treasurer/Collector.

Theresa comes to us from the Town of Acton, where she has built a wealth of experience. Since joining Acton in 2017, she has steadily advanced through several key roles including Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Deputy Treasurer/Collector, Interim Treasurer/Collector, and ultimately, Treasurer/Collector. In addition to her on-the-job experience, Theresa is a graduate of the MMA/Suffolk University Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management program and holds certification from the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association as both a Treasurer and Collector.

We're confident that Theresa's expertise, professionalism, and collaborative spirit will make her a fantastic addition to the Dunstable Town Hall team. Her first day was Thursday, June 5.

We also want to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank Bonnie Ricardelli, who has admirably stepped in during this interim period. Bonnie's deep knowledge, steady leadership, and positive presence have been essential throughout this transition. We're incredibly fortunate to have someone of her caliber on our team. Not only does she keep operations running smoothly, she makes paying taxes feel like a friendly visit! Thank you, Bonnie, from all of us!

Please join us in welcoming Theresa and showing our appreciation to Bonnie for her outstanding service.

Town receives first PFAS settlement funds

The Town received its first settlement payment in the amount of $66,029.56 from Napoli Shkolnik, the Town's Counsel for the Class Action Suit against PFAS manufacturers. This amount is 20% of our total gross award from 3M. If this is the case, our total award from 3M should be approximately $330,147.80.

By the end of the summer, the Town expects to receive another payment, this time representing approximately 50% of the total award from 3M or $165,073.90. Following that, the Town will receive several disbursements over time for the balance of the funds.

The Town has been notified that we will be receiving similar payments before the end of the year from DuPont, BASF, and Tyco, as well.

The Town plans to hold these funds in a Special Revenue Fund, as authorized by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. To expend these funds requires Town Meeting approval.

Police Station improvements close to complete

The improvements to the Dunstable Police Station are nearing completion, making another important investment in our public safety facilities.

Thanks to a $45,000 state budget earmark secured to support the project, the Town has been able to undertake much-needed upgrades to the building. The funds are being used specifically to replace the aging windows and exterior doors at the police station. These enhancements will improve energy efficiency, improve conditions, and the overall appearance of the building.

Following a competitive bid process, the Select Board awarded the contract to the low-bidder, FRG Contractor Corp for a total project cost of $44,235. Work began earlier this spring and is expected to wrap up shortly.

The Town extends its thanks to the state delegation for supporting and securing this earmark.





Get Involved! Join a Town Board or Committee

Dunstable needs YOU! Volunteer today!

The Select Board is preparing for annual board and committee appointments and reappointments. Now is the perfect time to step up and serve. We're looking to fill vacancies and welcome new voices across a wide range of committees.

Have a passion for the Town?
Want to help shape the future of Dunstable?
Ready to give back and make a difference?

We have opportunities for residents of all backgrounds and interests whether you have a few hours a month or more time to give, the town could benefit from your experience, expertise, insight and commitment.

Submit your interest now! Interested? Send an email to select-board@dunstable-ma.gov.

Recognizing our dedicated volunteers and employees

Making a Difference is a peer-to-peer employee and volunteer recognition program

The Town has created a program, Making a Difference, a peer-to-peer recognition program each month to recognize and acknowledge the amazing work taking place within the walls of Town Hall, and outside of Town Hall, to make a difference in our community.

Many volunteers and employees have been recognized through this program, nominated by a colleague, a volunteer member of a board or committee, or a supervisor to recognize the difference they are making in the community.

For the months of February, March April, and May the following employees have been celebrated through this program:



February
Tiffany Naughton
Elizabeth Sappet
Karen Debrecini
Sue Fayne
Jason Silva
Suzanne Wall
Highway Department

March
Alice Sniezek
Sandra Murphy
Patrick Kerrigan
Ron Mayer
Dave Tully
Highway Department

May
Pettee Family
Elizabeth Sappet
Jason Silva
Sue Fayne
Loreene Robson

Town awarded grant to develop Emergency Action Plan for Woodward's Mill Dam

The Town of Dunstable has been awarded a technical assistance grant through a newly established program offered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). This initiative provides support and technical resources to municipalities and private owners of regulated dams across the Commonwealth.

Through this program, Dunstable is receiving expert assistance from Stephens Associates to develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Woodward's Mill Dam, one of the town's historic and infrastructure assets. The EAP will be a vital, formal document designed to outline clear procedures to follow in the event of a dam-related emergency such as a potential or actual dam failure, severe flooding, or other hazardous conditions that could threaten downstream life, property, infrastructure, or natural resources.

The creation of an EAP is an important step in ensuring public safety and proactive emergency preparedness. It will include detailed protocols for notifying local emergency management officials, mobilizing appropriate resources, and coordinating response efforts to protect the community. In addition, it will identify areas at risk, outline roles and responsibilities for key personnel, and recommend communication strategies for effective public alerts.

Still need to make your trash payment? There's still time!

If you haven't yet renewed or signed up for Dunstable's Town Trash and Recycling Program, don't worry—there's still time! But don't wait too long—the deadline is approaching, and a $30 late fee will apply to any payments received after it passes.

Annual Program Cost: $360

How to Pay:
You have several convenient options to make your payment:

- Online: Visit www.dunstable-ma.gov
- By Mail: Send a check to 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827
- In Person: Stop by Town Hall (Mon-Thurs, 9 AM - 5 PM) with cash or check
- Drop Box: Use the secure, 24/7 drop box located outside Town Hall

Visit www.dunstable-ma.gov or email jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov for more information. Avoid the late fee make your payment today and enjoy uninterrupted trash and recycling service all year long!

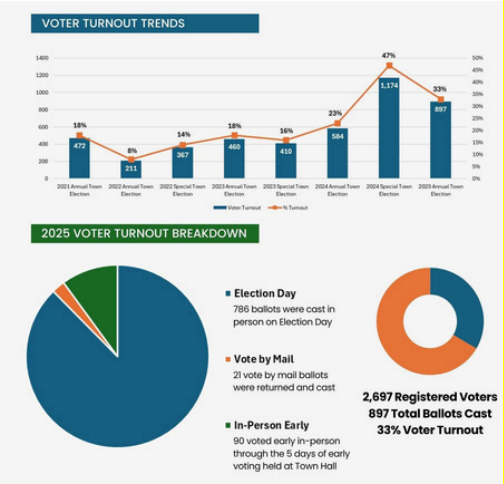
Strong Voter Participation in 2025 Annual Town Election

The Town of Dunstable held its Annual Town Election on May 20, 2025, with a voter turnout of 33%. Out of 2,697 registered voters, 897 ballots were cast marking one of the highest participation rates for an annual election in recent years.

A closer look at the numbers shows that the majority of voters, 786, cast their ballots in person on Election Day. Another 90 voters took advantage of early in-person voting offered over five days at Town Hall, while 21 residents returned their ballots by mail.

The chart illustrates voter turnout trends over the last several years, highlighting a notable increase in civic participation, especially when compared to the 8% turnout during the 2022 Annual Election. While the 2024 Special Town Election saw a peak 47% turnout, this year's Annual Election continues the positive trend in voter engagement.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in shaping Dunstable's future through your vote!



What You Do on Your Lawn Matters — For Our Water and Our Community

Did you know that how you care for your lawn can directly impact our rivers, streams, and even our drinking water? Remember, simple changes to your lawn care routine can go a long way in protecting our local environment.

Here are four easy ways to care for your lawn while also helping to reduce harmful stormwater runoff:

- **Water Wisely**: If your footprints stay visible after walking across your lawn, it's time to water. But don't overdo it. A deep, occasional soak is better than frequent shallow watering.
- **Mow Smart**: Leave your grass a little taller and let the clippings stay on the lawn. They'll help feed your grass naturally and reduce the chance of runoff into storm drains.
- **Fertilize Responsibly**: Always test your soil before adding fertilizer. Too much fertilizer doesn't just waste money, it can wash into waterways and pollute them.
- **Go Native**: Consider planting drought-tolerant native plants. They need less water, support local wildlife, and help stabilize soil to prevent erosion.

Every yard, big or small, has the potential to make a difference. By thinking blue and acting green, we can all help keep Dunstable's water clean and our community healthy.

To learn more about protecting water resources through smart lawn care, visit thinkbluema.org.

Stay updated on what's happening in Town

Stay updated on what's happening in the Town of Dunstable and the work of your local government! There are many ways to stay informed:

- Sign-up to receive email notification on our website, www.dunstable-ma.gov/subscribe, provide your email in the appropriate fields, and check off any notices you would like to receive.
- Follow us on Facebook: @dunstablema and Instagram: @townofdunstable
- Subscribe to our Youtube Channel: @townofdunstable3179
- Follow us on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/town-of-dunstable/
- Follow us on NextDoor at Town of Dunstable

Turtles Crossing!

Don't forget! As the weather gets warmer, turtles are coming out of hibernation. Many of our brook area roadways have turtles trying to safely cross the pavement. Please be alert and aware as you drive around Town!

Library Repairs Underway

Exciting improvements are coming to the Dunstable Public Library!

Designed by Emerald Design Build, the Library Repairs and Renovations Project was recently bid out, with proposals due on April 10. After careful review, the Town awarded the project to A.T.E. Painting, the lowest qualified, responsive bidder, with a total bid of $39,900.

The scope of work includes replacing the library's aging soffits, fascia, window trim, and one exterior door. These repairs will help preserve the building while ensuring it remains weather-tight and sound for years to come.

We appreciate your patience during construction and look forward to unveiling a refreshed library exterior soon!





Zoning Board to hold Public Hearing on MCO Cottage Rentals Proposal

On Thursday, June 5, 2025, the Dunstable Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled to hold the first public hearing at Town Hall to review a Comprehensive Permit application submitted by MCO Cottage Rentals Dunstable, LLC. The application, submitted under MGL Chapter 40B, outlines a proposed housing development at 164 Pleasant Street (Map 12, Lot 49-1), referred to as "MCO Cottage Rentals Dunstable."

The project includes 48 single-family rental cottages situated on approximately 28.51 acres in the R1/MUD District. Of the 48 units, 12 are proposed as affordable rentals, with the remaining 36 available at market rate.

Unfortunately, the ZBA wasn't able to open the hearing due to Board attendance. The hearing will be rescheduled and will provide residents a chance to learn more about the development and share their feedback directly with the Board.

Public input plays a vital role in the Chapter 40B review process, and community participation is strongly encouraged.

The full application and site development plans are available online:

- Full Application Submittal:
- https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4361/f/pages/full_submittal_-_less_site_development_plans.pdf
- Site Development Plans (April 7, 2025):
- https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4361/f/pages/zba_submittal_-site_development_plans-_april_7_2025.pdf

For more information, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 649-4514 or by email at townclerk@dunstable-ma.gov.



T-Mobile Cell Tower on Town Water Tank Progresses

The Dunstable Planning Board held a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:35 PM at Dunstable Town Hall to review an application submitted by T-Mobile. The proposal involves the installation of telecommunications equipment on the Town Water Tank located off Pleasant Street.

As part of this arrangement, the Town has entered into a lease agreement with T-Mobile, which includes a $30,000 payment to the Town in the first year of the lease. This payment will increase annually by 3%, generating ongoing revenue to support the water department services and infrastructure needs. The hope is that this new revenue will also help stabilize Town water rates.

This hearing was open to the public, and residents were encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their feedback. The Planning Board continued the hearing to their next scheduled meeting.

Upcoming Recreation Programs

Summer and Fall Fun with Dunstable Recreation and COA

Food Truck Fridays, 5 - 8 PM

Mark your calendars for this summer favorite, with delicious food and themed entertainment:

- July 25 – Dog Show
- August 8 – 80's Night
- September 12 – Yoga on the Field

Camp Massapoag Scary Double Feature Movie Night

Join us on August 23 for a spooky movie night under the stars!

Oktoberfest and 5K – October 11

Celebrate fall with a festive Oktoberfest and the Dunstable Dash 5K! All proceeds benefit Dunstable Recreation and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Register here: runsignup.com/Race/MA/Dunstable/DunstableDash

Council on Aging Updates

Stay in the loop! The Council on Aging now offers a Weekly E-Alert with events, updates, and resources for local seniors. Sign up here: dunstable-ma.gov/subscribe

Special Senior Luncheon – July 30

Enjoy a summer BBQ with music and trivia hosted by nationally known radio DJ Barry Scott of The Lost 45s! Featuring original hits from the 1940s to the 1980s! To register, sign up at a senior luncheon or email CRaffoni@dunstable-ma.gov

We hope to see you at these upcoming events! Stay engaged, stay active, and enjoy all that our wonderful town has to offer.

Beach Days at Camp Massapoag!

Looking for the perfect way to cool off this summer? The Town of Dunstable is excited to offer Beach Days at Camp Massapoag, providing residents a chance to enjoy this beautiful local treasure.

Time: 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Location: Camp Massapoag

- Saturday, June 28
- Saturday, July 26
- Saturday, August 23

These special beach days open public access to Lake Massapoag, giving residents of all ages the chance to swim, relax, and enjoy the peaceful natural setting. Bring your sunscreen, pack a picnic, and enjoy a day at the lake!

A heartfelt thank you to the Greater Lowell YMCA for partnering with the Town to make these days possible! Their continued support helps connect our community with outdoor recreation and healthy summer fun.

Celebrating Dunstable: Volunteer Appreciation Night

On Friday, March 14, 2025, the Town of Dunstable proudly hosted a Volunteer Celebration Night to honor and thank the many residents who give their time and talents to serve our community.

Held at Town Hall, the event brought together volunteers from across town boards and committees for an evening of appreciation, refreshments, and connection. Whether serving on long-standing boards, lending a hand at community events, or supporting one of our many local initiatives, each volunteer plays a vital role in making Dunstable the special town it is.

During the event, Town officials offered remarks acknowledging the value of public service and the importance of civic engagement. Attendees enjoyed light fare and appreciation gift bags while taking time to reflect on shared accomplishments over the past year.

Dunstable depends on its volunteers and the event was a small way for the Town to say thank you for the countless hours volunteers give to the community. Volunteer service in Dunstable ensures that local government works for everyone.

Thank you to all who joined us and most importantly, to all who serve. Your contributions truly make a difference.







PFAS Update: Plume grows around high school

The Towns of Dunstable and Groton continue to monitor and respond to the expanding PFAS contamination issue affecting parts of both communities in the area of the Groton Dunstable Regional High School. A recent communication from Apex, the engineering firm managing the PFAS Mitigation Project, outlined updates regarding the scope and scale of the contamination plume and raised new challenges for future infrastructure planning.

According to Apex, the PFAS plume has continued to grow, extending along Groton Street toward Route 113, and crossing over Kemp Street. In Groton, the affected area now includes Raddin Road, Hawtree Way, and Reedy Meadow Road. While Phase 2 of the current mitigation project already includes plans to extend a new water main up Groton Street, the additional neighborhoods identified were not previously included in the scope of work.

To support decision-making, Apex has provided a comprehensive analysis of potential infrastructure improvements needed to connect these additional properties to the water system. This includes cost estimates for both installing new water lines and the alternative option of installing and maintaining individual Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) systems for each impacted property. While the analysis reflects a worst-case scenario, it outlines the scope of the problem and the potential capital and long-term operational costs facing the towns.

An updated map from Apex now identifies all currently impacted properties. The Licensed Site Professional (LSP) analyzed the PFAS testing data to help determine the source of the contamination and clarify each town's potential responsibility for mitigation with limited results.

In light of these developments, officials from Dunstable and Groton will be meeting with representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The goal of this meeting is to review the latest data, better understand the towns' obligations, and collaboratively develop a plan to address the growing contamination in a responsible and sustainable way.

The towns remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining transparency throughout this process. Residents in or near the affected areas are encouraged to stay informed and attend public meetings. If you have questions, please contact Jason Silva at jsilva@dunstable-ma.gov.

Coming This Fall: Dunstable's Citizens Academy Returns!

We're excited to announce that the Dunstable Municipal Citizens Academy will return this fall! Following the success of last year's program with ten residents participating and positive feedback we're bringing it back and building on what worked well.

The Citizens Academy is a free, interactive program designed to engage residents, demystify how local government works, and foster stronger community connections. Over the course of several weeks, participants will meet town staff and learn firsthand about the departments and services that keep Dunstable running.

Each session will focus on a different area of town government, including:

- Public Safety (Police, Fire, Emergency Management)
- Budget & Finance
- Library, Recreation & Community Services
- General Government and Town Administration

You'll hear directly from the people who do the work, ask questions, and gain insight into the challenges, responsibilities, and day-to-day operations of your local government.

Tentative Schedule:
The program is expected to run from early September through mid-to-late October, with weekly evening sessions, typically hosted at the Dunstable Public Library. Exact dates and details will be announced later this summer.

Who Should Participate?
Anyone interested in learning more about their town government, whether you're a longtime resident or new to Dunstable. Whether you're considering volunteering, serving on a board, or just want to be a more informed resident, this program is for you!

Stay Tuned:
We'll be opening registration later this summer, so keep an eye on the town website and social media pages for sign-up information and finalized details.

In the meantime, if you're interested in participating, please email Jason Silva at jsilva@dunstable-ma.gov. In order for the program to run, a minimum of 10 residents must register to participate.

Let's keep building a stronger, more connected Dunstable together!



Dunstable launches Community Power Program to offer stable rates, renewable electricity option

The Town of Dunstable has launched Dunstable Community Power, a municipal electricity aggregation program designed to provide residents and businesses with more stable and potentially lower electricity supply prices, along with increased access to renewable energy options.

What Is Dunstable Community Power?

Dunstable Community Power is a municipal electricity aggregation program that allows the town to purchase electricity in bulk from a competitive supplier on behalf of its residents and businesses. This approach aims to offer price stability and consumer protections. The program is authorized under Massachusetts law and regulated by the Department of Public Utilities.

Electricity Supply Options

Participants in the program will have two electricity supply options:

- Dunstable Standard: This default option offers the lowest price available through the program.
- Dunstable 100% Green: This option provides 100% of electricity from renewable sources and is available by request.

Residents currently on National Grid's Basic Service are automatically enrolled in the Dunstable Standard option unless they choose to opt out or select the 100% Green option. Those with private electricity supply contracts are not eligible for automatic enrollment but may request to join the program.

Benefits

- Fixed Pricing: The program offers fixed electricity supply prices until December 2026, providing protection against seasonal price fluctuations.
- No Service Interruption: National Grid will continue to deliver electricity, handle billing, and address power outages, ensuring seamless service for participants.
- Consumer Flexibility: Participants can opt out of the program at any time without fees or penalties.
- Renewable Energy Access: The 100% Green option supports the growth of clean electricity on the local grid.

Enrollment and Participation

Eligible residents received a notification in the mail prior to automatic enrollment. To manage participation, change supply options, or opt out, residents can visit the program website at www.DunstableCommunityPower.com. The website also provides tools to compare Dunstable Community Power prices with National Grid's average prices.

Conclusion

By launching Dunstable Community Power, the town joins over 200 Massachusetts communities in leveraging collective buying power to offer residents and businesses more control over their electricity costs and environmental impact. The program reflects Dunstable's commitment to providing consumer-friendly energy solutions and supporting renewable energy initiatives.

Dunstable Community POWER

Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society Upcoming Events

June 21 – Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. 52nd Annual Strawberry Festival Little Red Schoolhouse Enjoy the best strawberry shortcake made from local strawberries, homemade biscuits, and real whipped cream. Find many vendors and crafts on the field.

August 9 – Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Chores to Chalkboard in conjunction with the DRLT Farm Days Little Red Schoolhouse A unique hands-on program in which children experience "kids jobs" they might have had to master in 1798 – such as weaving, two-man sawing, and tin smithery.

September 20 – Saturday, 7 p.m. The One-Room Schoolhouses Little Red Schoolhouse Susan Fineman, a schoolhouse historian, tells the story of one-room schoolhouses and what students might experience.

Dunstable Rural Land Trust Upcoming Event

June 21 - Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. The Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) hosts an annual Art & Music Festival at McLoon Barn in Dunstable, Massachusetts. This annual event coincides with the town's Strawberry Festival, offering attendees a day filled with local art, live music, and community festivities.



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27th Annual Dunstable Summer Concert Series

Get ready, Dunstable! Summer is coming up fast, and so is one of the community's most beloved traditions! The 27th Annual Dunstable Summer Concert Series kicks off on Wednesday, June 25, and will run every Wednesday evening through July 30 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on the Town Common. (Rain dates are Thursdays!)

This year's lineup brings back crowd favorites and high-energy performers sure to keep your toes tapping:

- **June 25 – Band from U.N.C.L.E. (50s–60s rock & roll, rhythm & blues)**
- **July 2 – Stomp 'N Holler (country, blues, and classic crossovers)**
- **July 9 – FiddleFire (boogie-woogie, country, blues)**
- **July 16 – Delta Generators (blues, roots, R&B, Americana & rock — plus it's Vehicle Night!)**
- **July 23 – Rampage Trio (high-energy rock & roll)**
- **July 30 – Bush League (classic rock cover band)**

Free and family-friendly, these concerts are a perfect way to unwind midweek, enjoy some great tunes, and gather with friends and neighbors.

Food vendors include Dinner Made Simple and LAS Lemonade LLC, serving up delicious meals and refreshments so you can picnic and enjoy the music.

A huge thank you to the Dunstable Summer Concert Series Committee for their hard work, passion, and dedication in organizing this treasured community event each year. These concerts wouldn't happen without their time and energy!

Want to help? Volunteers are always welcome! Reach out at dunstablesummerconcerts@gmail.com to get involved.

Follow updates at: facebook.com/dunstablesummerconcerts

Come out and celebrate summer in Dunstable. We'll see you on the Common!

New Disabilities Commission Approved - Volunteers Wanted

At the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved creating a local Commission on Disabilities to help make Dunstable more accessible and inclusive.

The Town is now seeking volunteers to serve on this new board. If you're interested in helping improve access and support for residents with disabilities, please email select-board@dunstable-ma.gov.