



FEBRUARY 8, 2022

# UPDATES FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

WINCHESTER, MA

## Town Clerk Updates

- The Town Election is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at Winchester High School.
- Annual census forms have been mailed to all residents and are due within 30 days of receipt. Applications for the 2022 Transfer Station permits can be found at the bottom of the census. Completed forms should be returned to the Clerk's office along with payment when you return the census.
- Dogs over the age of six months are required to be licensed annually by April 15th. You can register your dog online or visit the Town Clerk's website to download a form and mail it in.

## Spring Town Meeting

The Spring Town Meeting warrant closes on Friday, March 11th. The Select Board will need to vote the final Town Meeting warrant no later than Monday, April 4th. The first night of Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25th.

## New Charging Stations

Winchester has been awarded a grant totaling \$103,712 to install four DC Fast electric vehicle charging stations at two locations in town: two at the Jenks Lot, and two in the DPW visitor parking area. These charging stations, which provide a "gas station-like" experience for EV drivers, charge EVs at a rate seven times as fast as traditional Level 2 EV charging stations. These will be the first DC Fast charging stations in Winchester.

## COVID-19 Testing

Testing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th from 3:00 to 5:00pm and Wednesday, February 16th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Minding Your Mind: Just Talk About It with Jon Mattleman and Wes Woodsen, February 9 at 7:00pm.**  
Please join us next Wednesday, February 9th, at 7pm as we welcome back our friend Jon Mattleman and meet Young Adult Speaker Wes Woodsen from Minding Your Mind. You may know family members and friends who are facing mental health challenges right now. Registration link on the website.
- **Valentine's Day Traditions in Boston: Anthony Sammarco, February 15, 7:00pm at the Jenks Center.** Join Anthony Sammarco as he explores Valentine's Day traditions from Ancient Rome with the pagan festival of Lupercalia to Ester Allen Howland "Mother of the American Valentine.
- **Peggy Orenstein, author of "Girls and Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape", February 16, 7:00pm, virtual.**  
Inspired by her New York Times best seller, Orenstein will focus on her work with high school and college girls to reveal how they understand and negotiate the new rules of physical and emotional intimacy.

More events and information can be found on the Town's Community Calendar on our website.

## Important Construction Update Regarding Construction Activity Wedgemere Station

Eversource construction crews will return to resume construction activity for the Mystic to Woburn Line Project. Please know that Eversource remains committed to prioritizing public health as well as the health of employees and contractors.

Starting Tuesday, February 8th, crews from Middlesex Construction excavate through the Wedgemere parking lot. On Monday, February 14th, crews from Middlesex Construction and Angelica Boring will utilize a horizontal boring method called “jack and bore” to install the underground transmission line beneath the Wedgemere Station railroad tracks.

When working under or near railroad tracks, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) requires work to be performed non-stop until completion. As a result, the jack and bore process underneath the tracks, requires a continuous operation (24-hours a day). This will be performed by Angelica Boring and we estimate this to last up to seven days. Our continuous dewatering system will remain in place as the electrical conduit is installed under the tracks and while transitioning out of the excavated pits on each side of the Wedgemere Station.

While Angelica Boring begins the continuous, operation beneath the railroad tracks, crews from Middlesex Construction will excavate trench across the Wedgemere Station parking lot during regular work hours (Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

Construction activity will take place on the south side of Bacon Street in the Wedgemere parking lot and within a parcel of land between the railroad tracks and the Aberjona River.

We coordinate closely with the Winchester Police Department and town officials to maintain a safe and effective flow of traffic around project work areas. Parking will be restricted within some areas of the Wedgemere parking lot. Signage will be clearly posted in advance.

Project Website:

We also maintain a project website at <https://www.eversource.com/content/Mystic-Woburn-Project>.

### Contact Information:

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you have questions about this project, please call 1-800-793-2202 or email us at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com).

