

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

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RE: Friday Report

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Our Department's weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 9/5/16	Labor Day – City Hall Closed
Tuesday 9/6/16	
Wednesday 9/7/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 211
Thursday 9/8/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 211

- **Affordable Housing Rental Opportunity:** Two and three bedroom apartments are available for rent at 54 Taft Avenue. The two units have a preference for homeless families. Application deadline for this lottery is **September 12th at NOON** and are to be **submitted to Metro West CD**, 79-B Chapel Street, Newton, MA 02458 or fax 617-923-8241 or email to robyn@metrowestcd.org. To download the application and for additional information [Taft Ave Newton Info Packet and Application](#) . **Questions can be directed to Robyn at 617.923.3505 X4.**

- **Massachusetts Department of Transportation:** The Massachusetts DOT will be conveying a public hearing on **Monday September 12th**, in the War Memorial Room, Newton City Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. The proposed changes include changes in the toll collection gantry locations and rates through the implementation of all electronic tolling (AET) along the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Metropolitan Highway System. MassDOT has announced that AET will "go live" on October 28, 2016. For more information, please contact **Donny Dailey at 617-945-4272** or Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us.



- **Fair Housing Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 7th** at 8:00 a.m. in Room 211 to have a discussion with Dolores Acevedo-Garcia , Brandis University, topic to be determined and organizing a Fair Housing educational event. **Contact Malcolm Lucas** at 617.796.1149 or mlucas@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The CPC's next meeting is **Thursday, September 8th**, at 7:00 pm in City Hall Room 204. All items on this agenda are committee business, including election of officers for 2016-17 and a review of program finances. The full agenda and pre-meeting packet will be online by September 2nd under [Committees &](#)

[Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#) on the program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa. For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.

- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. The following locations will be discussed: **Wetland permit issues:** 27 & 55 Boylston Street, 56 Greenwood Street, and 55 Grace Road; **Conservation Area decisions** will include the restoration of Norumbega Conservation Area; **Issues around Town decisions** will include 56 Farwell Street and tree health; A detailed agenda can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp. **Contact Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or jsteel@newtonma.gov.
- **Housing Strategy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** The Newton Housing Strategy Report was released on June 23rd and marked the beginning of a housing conversation series and community engagement with members of the Newton community. Information on our webpage, www.newtonma.gov/housingstrategy, includes links to the FAQs, a “factbook” about the housing strategy as well as the full report. Comments or questions are welcome and can be sent to housingstrategy@newtonma.gov.
- **New Parking Payment Application – Passport:** The City of Newton has launched a new parking app called Passport that allows an alternative payment method for parking meters throughout the City. Watch for new decals on meter stands indicating you will now have the option to pay by phone using an app called Passport. **For more information, go to** www.newtonma.gov/parking.