


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** November 17, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** City Council  
Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer  
Dori Zaleznik, Chief Administrative Officer

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

<b>Monday</b> <b>11/20/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Working Group, 4:00 p.m., Room 204</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11/21/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>West Newton Square Enhancements Project, Drop-in at L'Aroma Café, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>11/22/17</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11/23/17</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY - CITY HALL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>11/24/2017</b>	

- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Working Group:** On **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m., the Crescent Street Working Group will meet in Room 204 to discuss next steps in terms of the Site Plan Approval process, and to prepare for its upcoming presentation to the Community Preservation Committee, where the Working Group will provide the CPC with critical project updates. To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive project updates, go to [www.newtonma.gov/crescentst](http://www.newtonma.gov/crescentst). **Contact Amanda Berman** at 617.796.1147 or [aberman@newtonma.gov](mailto:aberman@newtonma.gov).
- **West Newton Square Enhancements Projects:** Drop-in to meet with the project team on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. and **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at L'Aroma Café at 15 Spencer Street, West Newton. See the nearly complete design and hear about the next steps for getting the project to construction! [www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq](http://www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq)
- **Zoning Redesign:** Join the conversation at "Cracking the Code: Understanding Zoning for Homeowners" on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Newton Free Library. Discussion topics will include massing, additions, accessory buildings, garages, fences and retaining walls. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at [www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning](http://www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning). Have more questions or ideas? **Contact us at** [zoningredesign@newtonma.gov](mailto:zoningredesign@newtonma.gov) or **617-796-1120** with questions.
- **Needham Street Area Vision Plan:** The Planning Department is seeking community members to serve on an Engagement Group for the development of a vision plan for the entirety of Needham Street. To learn more about the Vision Plan process and to **apply by November 19<sup>th</sup>** to be on the Engagement Committee, visit [www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet).
- **1294 Centre Street:** On **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** a Neighborhood Meeting will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at 1310 Centre Street (Lutheran Church of the Newtons). Conceptual plans for the

redevelopment of this property and an adjacent rear property are available at [www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet). Sign-up for project [updates](#) online.

- **Community Preservation Committee:** The sole item on the agenda for the CPC's special meeting on **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in Room 204 is an [update on the Crescent Street affordable housing and playground expansion project](#), with a request to submit an off-cycle full proposal for an additional \$2,640,000 in CPA funds for final design and construction. This item was rescheduled from the regular CPC meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The full agenda and pre-meeting packet are online under [Committees & Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#) at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa). For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1144.
- **Zoning Redesign:** Join the conversation at “Housing for Whom? Zoning, Affordability and Fair Housing” on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Newton Free Library. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at [www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning](http://www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning). Have more questions or ideas? **Contact us at** [zoningredesign@newtonma.gov](mailto:zoningredesign@newtonma.gov) or **617-796-1120** with questions.
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- **Village Enhancement Projects:** To review materials and stay up-to-date on the **West Newton Square Enhancements Project** and the **Walnut Street Enhancements Project**, visit the respective project websites at [www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq](http://www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq) and [www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet).