


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: December 22, 2017
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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 12/25/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Hall Closed—Christmas
Tuesday 12/26/17	
Wednesday 12/27/17	
Thursday 12/28/17	



Happy holidays everyone!



- **Highlights of Newton transportation improvements in 2017** are published online here <http://conta.cc/2p1CXdS>. Since launching [*Newton-in-Motion: A Transportation Strategy for Newton*](#) in April, we have made progress on several priority actions including beginning work on a **Street Design Guide** for Newton. Look for events in early 2018 or email ssikka@newtonma.gov with any ideas, comments, or questions.
- **28 Austin Street:** the next Liaison Committee meeting is **Wednesday, January 10, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205 in City Hall. Pre-construction phase work will start in January 2018. Construction to begin in earnest in March. Go to www.newtonma.gov/austinstreet for more information and to sign up for occasional email updates.
- **Needham Street Corridor Project:** **Massachusetts Department of Transportation** is hosting public meetings at the Saco-Pettee Building, **156 Oak Street**, Newton on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) and **Friday, January 12, 2018** at 8:00 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.). This project proposes roadway reconstruction and transportation safety improvements including new pavement, sidewalks, traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle lanes and stormwater management. City staff will also provide an update about the Oak & Christina Intersection project. Email needhamstreet@newtonma.gov to sign up for occasional project updates.
- **Needham Street Area Vision Plan:** Community Engagement Group is meeting on **Monday, January 22, 2018** and **Monday, January 29, 2018** at the Barry Price Center, 27 Christina Street from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there will be a portion of the agenda available for public comment. To review materials, sign up for email updates, and to stay up-to-date on the Needham Street Area Vision Plan, visit www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet

- **Zoning Redesign:** Join the next event in our series, “A Parking Lot for Goldilocks: Zoning for Just the Right Size”, on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning. Have more questions or ideas? **Contact us** at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov or **617-796-1120** with questions.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The agenda for the CPC's first meeting in 2018, on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018** includes **PUBLIC HEARINGS** on the two off-cycle proposals below. The proposals will be available by **December 22, 2017** on the program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, under [Proposals & Projects –Pending](#). Written comments on these proposals must be received by **Monday, January 8, 2018** to be included in the pre-meeting packet, but additional comments will of course also be accepted at the hearings themselves:
 - [Crescent Street](#) [Auburndale/West Newton] (affordable housing and community playground/park), \$2,575,000 in additional CPA funding for final design & construction
 - [Jackson Road/Haywood House new senior housing](#) [Newton Corner] (Newton Housing Authority), \$2,500,000 in CPA funding

For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson** at aingerson@newtonma.gov or **617.796.1144**
- **Newton-Needham Transportation Survey:** The Newton-Needham Regional Chamber is assisting the 128 Business Council on an initiative that aims to improve transportation directly benefiting Newton and Needham residents, businesses, employees and customers. As a first step, they are surveying commuters in the Newton and Needham area. **Take the survey! Win a \$40 Amazon gift card!** <https://128bc.org/surveys>
- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project:** To view the most recent concept design for the housing project and to sign up to receive project updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst. **Contact Amanda Berman** at **617.796.1147** or aberman@newtonma.gov.
- **1294 Centre Street:** Conceptual plans for the redevelopment of this property and an adjacent rear property are available at www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet. Sign-up for project [updates](#) online.
- **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 and www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet.