



WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

Danvers Department of Public Works Fall 2019



DANVERS TACKLES RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

Danvers DPW partnered with our hauler, JRM, in July 2019 to help reduce "contamination" in curbside recycling. A Recycling Sticker was created and JRM directed its staff to sticker any contaminated recycling bin, check off the contaminants present and leave the load curbside. DPW staff in the field followed JRM's recycling truck and left DPW's Recycling Guide at stickered residences.

As a result of the recycling contamination sticker program, approximately 1,200 residences had contaminated recycling bins left curbside in July. Numbers dropped significantly after the first week and decreased by 90% at month's end. Due to education efforts in the field, office and through media outlets, there were only 7 repeat violations in July.

Based on survey results, Danvers' main recycling contaminant is **'plastic bags, wrap and film'**. Residents were educated that these items can be recycled for free at local retail stores in bins they provide. Many residents bagged recyclables instead of putting them loose in recycling bins. **Recycling in bags** is Danvers second most common contaminant. Other common contaminants included rigid plastic, food or liquid in recyclable containers and Styrofoam.



Based on JRM's contamination survey results at the material recovery facility (based on volume), paper recycling contamination decreased from a reported high of 35% down to 10% in July, while contaminated comingled recycling decreased from a high of 45% down to 15%. In the month of July, we had a recycling rate of 29.55% compared to an average rate of 25.80% from April to June.

Danvers DPW staff will continue to educate our residents and work with JRM to decrease contamination in our recycling stream to ensure the quality of our loads is high enough for recycling to be turned into new product.

FALL EVENTS

Check out the Town of Danvers website, Facebook and Twitter over the coming weeks for more details.

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK—Saturday, September 14 from 10AM-1PM—Beverly High School. 100 Sohier Rd

Test drive electric cars from major manufacturers, including Nissan, Tesla, BMW, Toyota, Chevy, Kia, and others; speak with local EV owners about living with an electric vehicle and check out their personal cars; get information about Danvers Drives Electric charging incentives. Come and check it out!



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY—Saturday, September 28 from 8AM-noon



Household hazardous waste (HHW) drop off will be at the Transfer Station, East Coast Road. Danvers is now part of a Reciprocal HHW Program. Participating communities hold "Open" events throughout the year and reciprocal communities can send their residents to any event. Non-residents must pre-register and pay a fee. Commercial vehicles will be turned away. For a complete list of HHW accepted and dates for Open events, please refer to the Town website.

ELECTRIC DIVISION OPEN HOUSE—Thursday, October 10 from 4PM-7PM

In celebration of Public Power Week, the Electric Division is having an Open House at 2 Burroughs Street. Please come and see demonstrations on **our brand new Safety Town Electric Village**. This "Electric Village" will demonstrate a variety of contact hazards with overhead and underground service in residential areas. The model is powered by a transformer that puts out 10,000 volts which will produce dramatic arcs when contacts are made. You can also take a ride in a bucket truck, check out some Plug-In Electric Vehicles, decorate a cookie, learn about Dig Safe and enjoy some giveaways. Parking will be available by Mill Pond.



ZERO WASTE WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27 from 9AM-1PM

Bring clothing, shoes, linens, household goods, paper to shred, electronics, rigid plastics and metal to the High School parking lot at 60 Cabot Road. Bottle & Can Drive for Boy Scouts both days. Danvers Residents only.

FALL 2019 ROADWORK



The Town's road improvement projects are funded by a State grant program called '**Chapter 90**' and supplemented by **Town funds**. The Danvers DPW is expected to pave the following **roads** (subject to change): Massachusetts Avenue, Laurel Street, Fowler Street, Hampshire Street, Lawrence Street, Avon Road, Crane Street and the east section of Ledgewood Drive. **Sidewalks** will be paved on Laurel Street, Fowler Street and Hampshire Street.

THANK YOU PEAK SAVERS!

Danvers Electric rolled out year five of the **Peak Savings Program** this summer as a way to encourage residents to conserve energy when high usage is expected. In addition to the residential program, the Town runs two commercial programs and two generators to reduce our electric usage during the expected annual capacity peak. Reducing our annual capacity peak helps to keep rates low.

As of this printing date, we hit our annual peak on July 30 from 5PM – 6PM. Your Save Energy steps, combined with the other programs, saved us 3,460 kilowatts with an estimated capacity savings of \$260,000!!! Our programs continue to grow, and this year Danvers entered residents into raffles for a 1 in 25 chance to win a \$25 credit to your electric bill as an incentive. To date, 82 residents have already won this year! Not enrolled? Sign up today at www.PeakSavingsProgram.com. Thank you so much for doing your part to conserve energy and help keep rates low!

PROJECT UPDATES

Smith School

If you haven't taken a ride by the Smith School work site yet, you may want to before school starts. The area for the new school, where the small soccer field and former playground area were, has been cleared and excavated, and one can now visualize where the new school will be located. Temporary power and new electric poles were added, play structures were moved to create a new play area and parking plans were modified to cause as minimal an impact on the upcoming school year as possible. Foundation work on the new school will begin later this fall.



Highlands School Roof

The Building Division took on the project of replacing the roof at Highlands School this summer. It was discovered that there were multiple old roofs below the existing one and many damaged gypsum planks which needed replacement. Interior roof replacement work included removing and replacing all suspended ceilings, renovating infilled skylights, painting, improving lighting in certain areas and getting the school clean and safe for the upcoming school year.

DPW NOTES & EVENTS

- The Town is in search of a **Christmas Tree** to place in Danvers Square. If you are a Danvers resident with a tree that would be suitable for donation, please contact the DPW Office at 978-777-0001 x3011 with a brief description and an address/location of the tree.
- Danvers is at **Level 4 Outdoor Water Use Restriction Level** as of this Newsletter printing date:
Outdoor lawn & garden watering by sprinkler allowed on Tuesday & Saturday ONLY from 7PM—10PM. Hand watering is allowed anytime.
- **Yard waste** collection will take place Town-wide on your trash/recycling day the weeks of September 8, October 20, November 3 and 17 and December 1.
- **22 Gallon Recycling bins** (\$5), **32 Gallon Wheeled Recycling Carts with Lids** (\$40) and **Compost Bins** (\$25) are available for sale at the DPW at 95 Hobart St from Monday—Friday from 7AM-3PM. Check only.
- **Public Power Week** is October 6-12.
- **Town Hall will be closed** on Columbus Day-October 14, Veteran's Day-November 11, Thanksgiving-November 28 & Christmas-December 25. Trash & recycling pickup will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week after these holidays.

Town of Danvers/DPW
1 Sylvan Street
978-777-0001

Public Works
95 Hobart Street
978-762-0231

Business & Electric Divisions
2 Burroughs Street
978-774-0005

Transfer Station
East Coast Road
978-774-5172